

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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ALBERT.—The Dred Scott case, which excited so much interest both on this continent and in Europe, was brought for final discussion before the Superior Court of the United States in 1856. Dred Scott, together with his wife and two children, had been held as slaves by a Dr. Emerson in the State of Missouri. After the death of Emmerson, Scott, with his family, claimed to be free, on the ground that they had resided for some time with their late proprietor on a free territory, so that having, as Scott alleged, been free in that territory, they could not now be held to slavery. The result of the litigation was that Dred Scott and his family were still held to be slaves.

ALPHA.—The paper you mention was discontinued some months since.

L. D. L.—It is legal but not advisable.

THOMAS CUSHING.—Machinery is largely employed in the manufacture of files.

LEX.—In the middle ages Ireland was designated "The Isle of Saints," on account of the rapid progress which Christianity made in that country, and the number of learned ecclesiastics which it furnished.

GEORGE B.—Edward Cocker, born in London about the year 1631 or 1632, was the author of an arithmetic which has served as the model of almost all school-treatises since published. The expression "according to Cocker" became common through its frequent use in the title pages of arithmetical treatises following his method.

D. H.—We are very much obliged to you for calling our attention to the matter.

C. K.—Professor Seeley of University College, London, is said to be the author of *Ecce Homo*, and we believe he has not denied the impeachment.

EMILY M.—Declined with thanks.

***—The lines "To a Mother on the death of her Child" are respectfully declined.

A. F.—We have no recollection of the letter, and think it almost certain that we did not receive it.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.—We have received from Messrs. Dawson & Bros. the May number of this magazine. It contains in addition to the lighter entertainment served up for its readers, a clever sketch of the Hon. B. Disraeli, and a well-written paper on the Cretan question. The recent visit of Ristori to our city will give additional interest to a lively sketch of the romantic career of that incomparable actress. The May number completes the thirty-fourth volume of the magazine.

MISCELLANEA.

Sir Philip Sydney said, "I am no herald to inquire of men's pedigrees; it sufficeth me if I know their virtues."

The largest and oldest chain bridge in the world is that at Kingtung, in China, where it forms a perfect road from the top of one lofty mountain to the top of another.

BOWLING.—Bowling is an old English game, and was very common as early as the thirteenth century. Charles I played at it, and it was a daily sport of Charles II, during his stay at Tunbridge.

ANCIENT MANUSCRIPTS.—The most ancient manuscripts are written without accents, stops, or separation between the words, nor was it until after the ninth century that copyists began to leave spaces between words.

CEMENT FOR STOVES.—When a crack is discovered in a stove, through which the fire or smoke penetrates, the aperture may be effectually and readily closed with a composition consisting of wood-ashes and common salt, made into a paste with water. Plaster this over the crack.

ORANGE SYRUP.—Select ripe and thin-skinned fruit; squeeze the juice through a sieve; to every pint, add a pound and a half of powdered sugar. Boil it closely, and skim as long as any scum rises; you may then take it off, let it get cold, and bottle it off. Be sure to secure the corks well. Two tablespoonfuls of this syrup mixed in melted butter make an admirable sauce for a plum or batter pudding, and it imparts a fine flavour to custards.

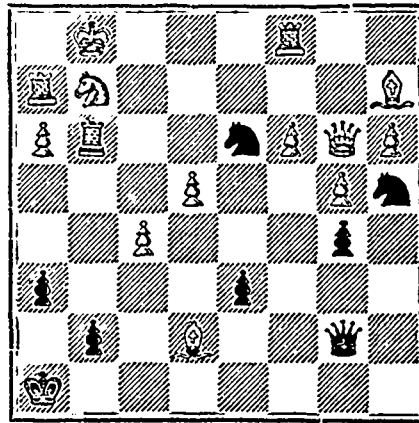
AN INDIA-RUBBER TONGUE.—A writer from Paris speaks of meeting a Parisian coachman, to whom misfortune had given a curious celebrity. Some time since a cancer in his tou, ue rendered amputation necessary. This operation was performed by the surgeon of the Hotel Dieu, who shortly afterwards replaced the lost tongue by one of india-rubber. Although the coachman cannot speak, he tastes, swallows, and smokes his pipe with apparent enjoyment. After eating he takes out his tongue—as one takes out a set of teeth—to clean it; and between his repasts he generally finds it more convenient to carry it in his pocket.

CHESS.

PROBLEM, No. 67.

End game between two Port Dover, C.V. amateurs, in which Black (Mr. G. D. Lawson) having to play, announced mate in five moves.

WHITE.



BLACK.

Black to play and Mate in five moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM, No. 65.

WHITE.

- 1 Kt to K B 5
2 Q to K 5 Mate.
(a) 1 Q takes P Mate
(b) 1 Q takes P Mate.
(c) 1 R to B 5 Mate.

BLACK.

- K takes Kt at B 5 or (a. b. c.)
K takes Kt at B 3.
P takes Kt.
P to K 7.

The following game, which we extract from the "Book of the First American Chess Congress," was contested between Paul Morphy and his uncle, Mr. Earnest Morphy, in November 1856. This beautiful specimen of the Evan's Gambit will amply repay the student for its examination:

WHITE, (Paul Morphy.)

- 1 P to K 4.
2 K Kt to B 3.
3 K B to Q B 4.
4 P to Q Kt 4.
5 P to Q B 3.
6 P to Q 4.
7 Castles.
8 Q Kt takes K B.
9 Q B to K 3.
10 Q to Kt 3.
11 Q takes B P.
12 P to K 5.
13 K R to K sq.
14 Q R to Kt sq.
15 K B to Q B 5.
16 K Kt to Q B sq.
17 Q takes Q R.
18 Q takes R P (ch.)
19 K R takes B.
20 R takes B P (ch.)
21 Q to Q B 6 (ch.)
22 Q R to Q Kt 8.
23 K R to K 7 (ch.)
24 R takes R (ch.)
25 R takes Q Mate.

BLACK, (E. Morphy.)

- 1 P to K 4.
2 Q Kt to B 3.
3 K B to Q B 4.
4 K B takes Kt P.
5 K B to R 4.
6 K P takes P.
7 K B takes B P.
8 Q P takes Q Kt.
9 P to Q 3.
10 K Kt to R 3.
11 Q to R B 3.
12 Q P takes P.
13 B to Q 2.
14 Castles Q R.
15 Q Kt to K 4.
16 B to Q B 3.
17 Kt P takes B.
18 K to Q 2.
19 K to K B 4.
20 K to K sq.
21 K to Q 2.
22 Q takes Q.
23 K to K B sq.
24 Q to K sq.

WITTY AND WHIMSICAL.

NEW BOOKS.

"Barney's Landlord," by the author of "Sir Jasper's Tenant."

"Merely a Brick," by the author of "Only a Clod."

"Deviating yet Straight," by the author of "Erring yet Noble."

A powerful new American novel—"Sally Ann Crow, or the Unfortunate Inquest," by the author of "Marian Rourke, or, in Quest of Fortune."

"Pure Butter," a Tale of Bygone Times, by the author of "Chastekard," a Tale of the Times of Mary Queen of Scots.

"The Daughter of the Water," by the author of "The Son of the Soil."

"Blind Man's Buff," by the author of "Hide and Seek."

"The Dilapidated Cow Shed," by the author of "The Ruined Homestead."

"The Boy in Blue," by the author of "The Woman in White."

"The Lucky Funeral," by the author of "The Fatal Marriage."

"As you like it," as the servant said when he drank his master's grog.

"A winter's tale," as the churchwarden said when the pauper asked for some coals.

THE NOSE.—Hearing a physician remark that a small blow would break the nose, a rustic exclaimed, "Well, I dunno about that. I've blowed my nose a great number of times, and I've never broke it yet."

A SURE TEST.—To ascertain if your gun is loaded, put your foot on the hammer, and blow into the muzzle, letting the hammer slip from under the foot, and descend with smart force on the nipple. If the gun is loaded, you will be notified of the fact.

It two hogsheads make a pipe, how many will make a cigar?

"NONE BUT THE BRAVE DESERVES THE FAIR."—No, and none but the brave can live with some of them.

You may wish to get a wife without a failing; but what if the woman, after you find her, happens to be in want of a husband of the same character?

THE SCHOLAR AS ACUTE AS HIS MASTER.—"Now, then, fast boy in 'rithmetic, how many white beans air there in ten black ones?"—Ten, sir, if you skin 'em," was the reply.

"Anything to please the child," as the nurse said when she let the baby crawl out of the nursery window.

John Phillip Kemble, while performing one evening, was interrupted by a baby crying, and in nervous excitement came forward to the footlights, and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, if the tragedy does not stop, the baby can't go on."

"How well he plays for one so young," said Mrs. Partington, as the organ-boy performed with a monkey near the door; "and how much his little brother looks like him, to be sure."

Mrs. Partington cannot understand either Mr. Gladstone or Mr. Disraeli, that they should be so anxious to pass a Bill in Parliament to give the people "universal suffering" and "vote by ballast." For her part she thinks there is suffering enough among the poor people, without making it universal. Reform indeed! they should reform themselves first, without thinking to reform the people.

Beware of women who seem very sweet.—Dealers in sugar-candy are not always candid.

A teacher said to a girl at school, "If a little naughty girl should hurt you, like a good girl you would forgive her, wouldn't you?"—"Yes ma'am," she replied, "if I couldn't catch her!"

A back-woodsman, finding himself one night in a theatre of a border town, where the music was somewhat interrupted by the crying of a baby, shouted out, "Stop them fiddles and let the child cry; I haven't heard such music these ten years!"