

THE GIANT.

(Translated from Victor Hugo.)

Brave Chiefs! in the land of the Giants I was born. My ancestors leapt o'er the Rhine stream in scorn; I was only a babe, when my mother, fond soul!

My Father, O Chiefs! was astonishingly strong. Now alas! he is weak, for his life has been long; His hair is like snow, and deep wrinkles appear.

But I will replace him; I scoff at all fear. I am heir to his steel bow, his axe and his spear. I alone can succeed the old man at his death.

I was merely a boy, when I opened a road O'er the snow peaks that form Winter's Alpine abode; My head, like a mountain that vapour enshrouds.

I fought with the storm, and my breath, as it streamed, Extinguished each flash of the lightning that gleamed. Or, bent upon sport, I would eagerly chase

From my grasp, which was merciless, nothing could save The hawk in the sky, or the shark in the wave; The bear, whose huge body my arms were thrown round.

These pastimes were only the frolics of youth. For manhood's ambition too trivial, forsooth; War now is my passion. I gloat o'er the fears

When the onset is glowing 'mid powder and blood, And the rage of the fight, like a turbulent flood, Sweeps hurriedly onward the warrior and horse.

Like a reaper alone 'mid the ripe waving corn, I stand, while the squadrons in battle are torn. When the roar of my voice is but heard to resound.

Stark naked I fight, for so dauntless I feel, That I scorn the protection of iron or steel; I laugh at your warriors, and void of all fear.

No ladders I need, when besieging a fort— To shiver the chains of a drawbridge is sport— Like a catapult formed of locomotive brass

But, Warriors! the day will arrive, when at length I must follow my victims, despoiled of my strength, Oh! leave not my corpse as a banquet for crows.

GEO. MURRAY.

ADELINA PATTI.

Adelina Patti is Italian by descent, a Madri-lene by birth, a Yankee by nurture. She was born very nearly thirty-eight years ago, that is on the ninth of April, 1843, receiving at her christening the euphonious names of Adelina Maria Clorinda.

For seven years she lived fancy free, and fewer stones were flung at her than at most ladies of her profession. Then followed the first great mistake of her life. Yet the Marquis de Caux was a fine-looking man enough, of courtly presence, and of agreeable manners.

the demeanor of the first lady in France. On one point their majesties were inexorable. The husband of Adelina Patti could not retain his post as imperial charaberrain.

The marriage took place in England, in the unsympathetic neighbourhood of Clapham. Patti called on Mr. Gye a few days before the ceremony, and lamented over the difficulties which she asserted the clergy put in her way.

The marchioness-elect was very anxious for Mr. Gye to be present at the ceremony, and pouted at his refusal. The fact is, Mr. Gye had made a rule, to which he inflexibly held, to hold none but strictly professional intercourse with the ladies and gentlemen whose services he engaged.

The remainder of poor Patti's domestic history is too well known. A year or two ago she learned to her cost what it is to be overpraised. She was actually hissed at Vienna, possibly because the Viennese are about the most immoral people in Christendom.

If the Viennese hiss, the English are too polite to do so; while, if raptured adoration is what Patti seeks, she has but to go to St. Petersburg, to be sure both of incense and roubles (gold). The Eastern question was once being discussed in a London drawing-room, when a gentleman who had lived long at St. Petersburg was appealed to for his opinion as to what Russia wanted.

Patti, if the truth must be told, is alieni appetens, sui profusa. She spends her money freely, and must, perforce, drive hard bargains with managers. But she is a charitable soul, and helps many a broken-down artist with a quiet manificence of which the world never hears.

After the play she is occasionally the life of a supper party. Though lacking the gift of wit, she enjoys it keenly in others, and has a lively

sense of humour. The secret of her charm lies perhaps in her animal spirits. She is gay, and makes others gay. At one of these entertainments Verdi was present, also Patti's dog, a diminutive English terrier.

INDIAN EDUCATION IN VIRGINIA.

The effort has been for a natural all-round growth rather than a rapid one. Books, of course, are for a long time of no avail and object-teaching, pictures, and blackboards take their place with every other device that ingenuity is equal to, often on the spur of the moment.

Nothing, however, can equal the charm of the printed page. It has the old mystery of "the paper that talks." "If I can not read when I go home," said a young brave, "my people will laugh at me."

The next day one of the girls came to her, exclaiming triumphantly, "I victory! I victory! Louisa Ballfield got mad with me. She big temptations. Fight her, I victory!"

STOCK-RAISING IN THE WEST.

The freedom to pasture cattle on excellent grazing land, together with an accessible market, are the main reasons why at present stock-farming is particularly profitable. The first of these conditions is precarious, and it is evident that in ten years there will not be much good range left east of the Missouri River.

For instance, as a practical case, there is a cattle man of Council Bluffs who is said to own 100,000 head of cattle in Idaho. He has a range of sixty square miles of land not worth one cent to the acre for agriculture, yet affording excellent pasture for cattle.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

- J. W. S., Montreal.—Papers to hand. Thanks. E. D. W., Sherbrooke, P. Q.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 320. We have replied to your card by post.

In the issue of the 14th of the month it is stated that there is no hope of a chess match taking place between Montreal and Toronto, although the club of the former, at their recent social gathering, voted unanimously to challenge the club of the latter to a telegraphic contest.

We think it is but fair that these two statements should not be allowed to pass unnoted, as they may be easily set right, and we are anxious to show our contemporary that he has been misinformed by some one who did not take pains to give the whole of the particulars.

In the first place, we are enabled to state that at the social gathering mentioned above, no challenge to the Toronto Club's club had been authorized by those present, inasmuch as no regular meeting having been called, several members of the club were absent, and therefore the Secretary would not have been justified in acting under such irregular proceedings.

THE CHESS MATCH AT ST. LOUIS.

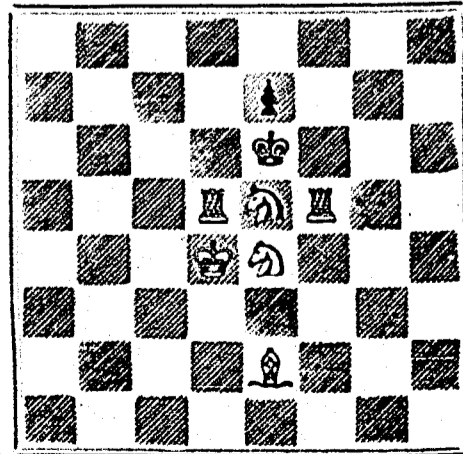
The fourth game—French defense—in the match between Captain Mackenzie and Mr. Judd, which was commenced Thursday, February 24, was concluded in the latter's favour last Monday, to which time it was adjourned on account of the Captain's visit to New Orleans.

There were no less than 1,600 competitors, all under twenty years of age, who entered for the first quarterly Solving Competition in connection with the "Boy's Newspaper," so that the Chess Editor must have had a very laborious task in making his award.

PROBLEM No. 322.

By C. H. Wheeler.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.