

HUMOROUS SCRAPS.

SYMPATHY is like blind man's buff, because it shows a fellow-feeling for a fellow-creature.

ON week days you buy your music by the sheet; on Sunday you can have it by the choir.

LOVE is a thing of four letters, yet sometimes, in a breach of promise case, hundreds are produced.

A YOUNG lady, who has been studying finance, wants to know if the day rate of gold affects the nitrate of silver.

YOUNG lady (at the post-office).—"If I don't get a letter by this mail, I want to know what he was doing Sunday, that's all.

"HUSBAND," said the wife of a young clergyman, "read me one of your sermons; I feel dreadfully wakeful to-night, and wish to sleep."

A TEACHER, who in a fit of vexation, called her pupils a set of young adders, on being reproved for her severe language, explained that she only referred to those who were just beginning their arithmetic.

"I ALWAYS have two trustworthy beaux at hand," said a good-natured spinster to her niece.

"Why, where are they now, aunty?" asked the niece. "Here; my elbows." And she placed her arms akimbo.

A MAN left a bony steed on Main street last Saturday, and, coming back a short time afterwards, discovered that a funny youth had placed a card against the fleshless ribs bearing the notice, "Oats wanted—Inquire within."

THE most confiding woman lives in Providence. She went to an auction, and, knowing the prevalence of thieves at such places, asked a nice-looking man to take care of her pocket-book, containing eighty-five dollars. He is still taking care of it.

"I SHOULD be glad to accommodate you," said an Iowa damsel, to whom a young Bostonian had proposed, "but I'm partially engaged already. There's ma, though, who's only thirty-five, and wishes to marry again, and I think she is just now without an engagement." The young man took the first train east.

THE Philadelphia Item suggests that if they would give whiskey away, nobody would care to drink it. This seems highly probable, and ought to be tried. Doubtless it is the experience of most of us that no man is willing to drink, even by invitation, unless he pays for it.

"A MAN who was buried at Denver eighty-one years ago, was exhumed the other day and found to be petrified. His grandchildren have made arrangements to exhibit the stone at ten cents admission." This is a nice story to send circulating through the newspapers. Where was Denver eighty-one years ago?

A TOMBSTONE in the Yazoo, Miss., cemetery bears the following inscription:

"Here lies interred Priscilla Bird, Who sang on earth 'till sixty-two; Now up on high, above the sky, No doubt she sings like sixty, too."

WHAT a horrible idea is the following, considering the present sensible temperance movement:

"If ever I marry a wife, I'll marry a landlord's daughter; And then I can sit at the bar, And drink old Bourbon and water."

A MODEST young husband sent the following message over the wires to friends in this city the other day: "See ninth chapter of Isaiah, sixth verse." The dusty old Bible was hauled down in an instant, and the above chapter and verse were hunted out and found to explain all. The verse reads, "For unto us a child is born—unto us a son is given."

A YOUNG Transatlantic lady recently issued invitations for a party, and, as usual, inscribed thereon the invariable "R.S.V.P." One young man did not come, but sent his card with "D. S.C.C." Meeting him in the street shortly afterwards, the young lady asked him what the mysterious four letters meant. "What did yours signify?" rejoined the young man. "They were French for 'Answer, if you please.'" "Oh, then mine was English for, 'Darned sorry can't come.'"

"WHEN at Massachusetts," writes a correspondent of a contemporary, "I heard a characteristic story of a simple-minded deacon, one of the Pilgrim Fathers. The worthy man was in the habit of drawing his salary in silver every Saturday afternoon, and dispensing it among the poor people on the way home from the treasury—half a dollar to one, a quarter to another, and so on, until he had not much to bring back to his wife. She, mindful of the old saying that charity begins at home, and not at all relishing being mulcted of her dues, instructed the treasurer, when giving her husband his salary, to tie it up in a handkerchief with so many and such tight knots that he could not dispense it in dribbles as heretofore. On arriving at the first house, he fumbled for a long time with the handkerchief, but it resisted his endeavors. 'Dear friend,' said he to the occupant, 'it is evident to me that Providence intended the whole of it for thee; and, so saying, he gave the handkerchief to her, and went home to his wife empty-handed.'

OUR PUZZLER.

86. DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

Dame Nature with our varied forms Bedecks herself with care: With her we ever fill the place Of jewels rich and rare.

- 1. In every army it is seen— By ensigns there 'tis borne. 2. A wreath of this the victor gets, His forehead to adorn. 3. If up this mountain you would climb, To Turkey you must go. 4. This is a tree that may be found Where rippling streams do flow. 5. The title of a magistrate This one will then describe. 6. Upon the banks of this we try To snare the finny tribe. 7. This is an ill, that you must own In every town does rage; It comes alike to rich and poor, To youth, and to old age.

87. ARITHMETICAL QUESTION.

A sum of money is to be divided in the proportion of 3, 4, and 5, so, that 1/3 of the first, 1/4 of the second, £51 0s. 3d., will make it 1/2 of the whole. Find the sum and share of each.

88. ENIGMA.

I am a being, but am never seen, And only by my actions am I known; I lay the tall tree on the village-green, And fifty towers to earth by me are thrown; I swell the organ's pitch and powerful tone; I shake the banner in the face of foes; I roar like thunder, or like grief I moan; I bear o'er mountain tops the winter snows; In man himself I dwell, I'm hot or cold; I bring destruction on my pestle wings; Can enter in the strongest aërial hold; And carry water to the purest springs; I'm like all men in speaking—harsh or kind; And, like a treasure, am in bags confined.

89. DOUBLE ARITHMOREM.

- 50A and paaj (a town of Mexico) 1001 and ear, ant (a groupe of African isles) 1000 and oft torn (a town of France) 1050 and see leer (an English town) 5 and Egan's art (a town in Christiansand) 55 and poor sat (a town in Caucasus) 1 and spear (a town of Mexico) 150U and rat hen (a town of Switzerland) 152 try, hop on (a city of Hindostan).

The initials and finals, down, name two British portrait painters.

90. HIDDEN PROVERB.

Each line contains a word, Which, in due order placed, You'll see, as I declare, A proverb can be traced.

Ah, yes, 'tis well to see a noble mind Firm in an object—to assist mankind In ev'ry good or ill that man befalls! Toss'd on the sea of life, in wind and squalls, That soon may drive him to a hostile spot, Where cold neglect and blows may be his lot; No friend at hand—how hard must be his fate Should not one heart, at least, be free from hate; If this gives any aid to him in need, It does a good and truly noble deed.

91. SQUARE WORDS.

- 1. A fruit; a tree; a seat; a fruit. 2. A fruit; competent; a fruit; a sly look. 3. A plant; a man's name; a plant; animals. 4. A fruit; tolice; to incite; proper.

92. CHARADE.

My first is a bird, My second a plant; And summer fruit For total I want.

ANSWERS.

- 37. ENIGMA.—A dream. 38. SQUARE WORDS.— 1. STARE OLIVE ETNA TONER LINER TAIL ANKLE INDIA NILE RELIC VEILS ALEN ERECT ERASE 39. CHARADE.—Jack, door—Jackdaw. 40. RIDDLE.—Boots. 41. SQUARE WORDS.— 1. 2. 3. 4. ENARA ILMEN GARDIA SAIMA NOVEL LEAVE ALBERT ARMOR AVOID MADAM REGAL IMBUE REINE EVADE DRAMA MOURN ALDEA NEMEA ATLAS ARENA 42. ENIGMA.—A Lock—of hair; lock of a door or a chest; broken lock. 43. LITERAL CHARADE.—E, N, G, L, A, N, D. 44. CHARADE.—Steamboat. 45. DOUBLE ACROSTIC.—Sihokf, Kinsin, thus; SmolensK, IllmanI, KiankU, OxuS, King-te-tshIn, FouchoU. 46. REBUS.—Leopard, thus: Lupine, Edward, Orange, Pike, Arm, Robin, Duke. 47. CONUNDRUMS.—1. Because it makes one man many; 2. Because it turns mornng into mourning; 3. Because it's half an ox; 4. Because it turns looks into clocks; 5. Because it is of two. 48. CHARADE.—Ingot.

CAISSA'S CASKET.

SATURDAY, April 11th, 1874.

All communications relating to Chess must be addressed "CHECKMATE."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ALPHA, WHITBY.—We have not heard from you lately. How's Chess in your vicinity?

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM No. 49.

- White. Black. 1. K to B 6th 1. Any 2. Mate acc

Solved by L. S., Quebec, who pronounces this a "very pretty problem."

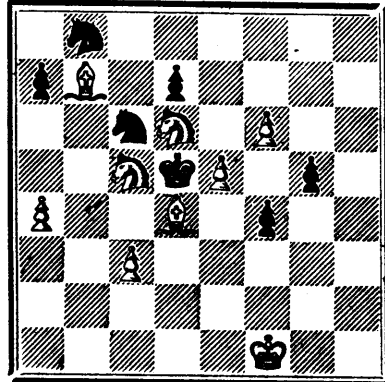
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM No. 50.

- White. Black. 1. Q takes Kt P 1. P takes Q 2. R to K 5th 2. P to Kt 5th 3. R to K B 4th, ch 3. B takes R mate

PROBLEM No. 57.

By ROBT. BRAUNE.

BLACK.

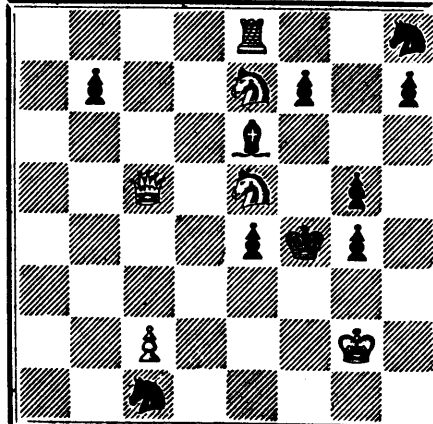


White to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM No. 58.

By VICTOR GORGIAS.

BLACK.



White to play and mate in three moves.

GAME NO. 25.

The following game was contested some years ago by M. Kolisch against the Chevalier St. Bon and M. Centurini in consultation. The notes are by Messrs. Whisker and Zukertort and we are indebted for them to the Westminster Papers:

EVANS' GAMBIT.

- White. Black. Kolisch. Allies. 1 P to K 4th 1 P to K 4th 2 Kt to K B 3rd 2 Kt to Q B 3rd 3 B to Q B 4th 3 B to Q B 4th 4 P to Q Kt 4th 4 B takes Kt P 5 P to Q B 3rd 5 B to R 4th 6 P to Q 4th 6 P takes P 7 Castles 7 Kt to K B 3rd 8 P to K 5th (a) 8 P to Q 4th 9 B to Q Kt 5th 9 Kt to K 5th 10 Kt takes Q P 10 B to Q 2nd 11 Kt to Q Kt 3rd 11 Kt takes Q B P 12 Q Kt takes Kt 12 B takes Kt 13 B to Q B 3rd 13 P to Q B 3rd (b) 14 B takes Kt 14 B takes B 15 R to Q B 1st 15 P to Q 5th 16 Q to K Kt 4th 16 Q to Q 2nd (c) 17 Q to K R 4th 17 P to Q B 3rd (d) 18 K R to Q 1st 18 B to Q 4th 19 P to K 6th (e) 19 Q takes P 20 Kt takes Q P 20 B takes Kt 21 Q takes B 21 Castles Q R 22 Q to Q R 7th (f) 22 P to Q B 3rd 23 R to Q Kt 1st 23 P to Q Kt 4th (g) 24 Q takes R P, ch 24 K to Kt 1st 25 Q to Kt 6th, ch 25 K to R 1st

- 26 B to Q B 5th 26 R to Q 2nd 27 R to Q 3rd 27 R to Q Kt 2nd 28 Q to R 6th, ch 28 K to Kt 1st 29 R to K 3rd (h) 29 B to K 5th 30 Q R to K 1st 30 Q to Q 4th 31 B to Q Kt 6th 31 B to R B 4th (i) 32 R to Q R 3rd 32 K to Q B 1st 33 R to Q B 1st (k) 33 B to Q 2nd 34 R to Q 3rd (l) 34 Q to K 3rd 35 R takes B (m) 35 Q takes R 36 Q to Q R 8th, ch 36 R to Q Kt 1st 37 R takes P, ch 37 Q takes R 38 Q takes Q, mate.

(a) Q B to Q R 3rd is a very strong move at this point; better it is considered than the one in the text. (b) Taking the Rook would have exposed them to a very formidable attack. To take one variation, suppose—

- 13 B takes R 14 Q takes B 15 P to K 6th 14 P to Q R 3rd

and gets a great advantage, play as Black may. If instead of 14 P to Q R 3rd the second player brings out his Q to K Kt 4th she is of course driven away by P to K B 4th; and if he move B to K 3rd, Q Kt to Q 4th is a sufficient answer.

(c) Having two pawns ahead, the Allies are willing to give up one. But White is too wary to take the K Kt P. Were he to do so Black would Castle on Queen's side and soon commence a strong attack by means of the open K Kt file.

(d) The Allies again offer a pawn in order to enable themselves to Castle.

(e) The Allies never recover from the effect of this fine move. The Queen is, in a manner, compelled to take.

(f) The Allies have Castled at last, but only in order to encounter a fresh series of troubles.

(g) This unpromising coup is really the only resource left the Allies. If they defend the Q Kt P with either Q or R, White checks at Q R 8th, and wins immediately. All this latter part of the game is admirably played by Mr. Kolisch.

(h) R to Q R 3rd would not have been of much avail, as the Allies could have moved their K to B 2nd.

(i) Black extricate their Bishop; but the relief is but very temporary.

(j) White now threatens Q to Q R 8th, ch., and on the Rook interposing, to take Q B P with Rook, checking and winning. The Allies accordingly defend their Q B P.

(k) Another fine move. If the Rook be taken White wins at once by checking with the Queen, followed by R takes P, ch.

(l) Notwithstanding the precaution, this long threatened manoeuvre comes off at last.

CAISSAN CHIPS.

Though not in the order at first intended we resume the publication of games.

A Correspondence tourney under the auspices of the Chess Editor of the Globe is progressing. Some of the games being worthy we shall select a few for reproduction in the Favorite.

Of twenty games played between the clubs of Cobourg and Port Hope, the players representing the former place succeeded in winning eleven. The match from the beginning was a very pleasant one and was conducted in a very friendly spirit, as all such matches ought to be.

M. T. A. Thompson contributes a quadruple problem in nine moves to the March No. of the Chess Review, but it is said, by the critics, to be "leaky."

A quadruple prob., in six moves, the composition of M. W. A. Shinkman, a few of whose fine productions have appeared in the Favorite, graces the title page of the Chess Journal for March. By the way, friend Brownson has greatly improved the appearance of the Journal lately.

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