

games. Try your hand at the "comments."

C. W. L.—See first part of answer to R. F. P. in regard to problem 167. Your solution however differs from R. F. P.'s. Kt—K7 will not do for 168 if black plays R x Kt.

This is one of the most brilliant examples of the great Lloyd's work. The sacrifice of the queen to prepare a safe retreat for the white king is a beautiful idea well carried out.

White—K at QKtq; Q at QR7; R's at QKt4 and KB sq; B's at K4 and KKt6; Kt's at Q2 and KR8; P's at QB5, QB7, K2

Black—K at K4; Q at Ksq; R's at KKt6 and KR7; B's at QBsq and QKt7; Kt's at KKtq and KR4; P's at Q2, K2, K3, K6, KKt3;

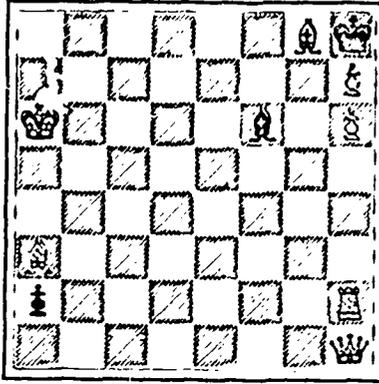
White to play and mate in four moves.

END GAME.

The game-ending given a fortnight ago with its solution appears below.

White must get rid of the black bishop at any cost.

Black 3 pieces.



White 7 pieces.

1 Q—QRsq 1 B x Q
2 R—QKt2 2 B x R
3 B x B (mate).

Solved by B. M. R.

N. B. Solutions will in all cases appear at the end of two weeks.

CITY CHIMES.

TROTTERING MATCHES AT THE RIDING GROUNDS.—The Halifax Driving Club are to be congratulated on the perfect success of their third annual meeting at the Riding Grounds on the Queen's Birthday. Thousands of spectators filled the grand and public stands, crowded the carriages and waggons that lined the course and were posted at every point of vantage. The programme of six events was carried out in its entirety, and the first introduction of the dash system added a new and exciting feature to the sport. St. Patrick's band discoursed a long programme of stirring music in their usual excellent style, livening up the waits between events, which were very short, and delighting the very large crowd in attendance. Amongst the horses were many old favorites, but a new comer, Topsy's Baby, a beautiful bay mare, by Allie Clay, owned by Jas. W. Currie of Bedford, astonished every one by her superb trotting and by the ease with which the little mite (she is small but perfect in form) carried off the three-minute match from her big competitors. She gives every indication of becoming, the coming trotter of the Maritime Provinces and may yet take rank with the best on the continent. Promptly at two o'clock the horses were called out for the first race—the three-minute class—in which there were five entries—all the horses appearing. The first heat was easily won by Topsy's Baby in 2.53½. Chieftain, b. g., owned by Thomas Rockett, coming in second with Millionaire third and Katie Connor fourth, Mariner being distanced. In the second heat Topsy's Baby won again in 2.48½ with Chieftain second and Katie Connor third. This gave first money to Topsy's Baby, second to Chieftain, and third was divided between Katie Connor and Millionaire. The match was for a purse of \$100. The 2.25 class for pacers, one and a half mile dash, for a purse of \$50, was won by Sam Slick in 4.25. There were three entries in this race, Tom and Pilot; Boy breaking badly, and an amusing feature was the breaking of Sam Slick, who had the race in hand just before he passed the wire thus coming in on a gallop. As the other horses had all broken very badly, he was given the match however, Tam coming in second and Pilot Boy third. The free-for-all class—trotters, mile heats, 2 in 3, for a purse of \$150, was prettily won by Stranger, driven by that veteran jockey Al Slipp, in two straight heats—time, 2.41—2.37½. He was closely pressed in both heats by Gadstone, owned and driven by Frank Hill, but several unfortunate breaks lost him the match. The 1½ mile dash, 2.40 class, trotters and pacers, was taken by Claude P. blk. g. owner S. Caldwell, driven by Frank Hill, time, 4 minutes. Hill was fined five dollars for persisting in having his horse sponged after every false start, and C. P. R., owned and driven by R. Megeney, came in second, after a plucky effort to regain ground lost by a bad break. His driver was also 50 pounds over weight. The 2.45 class, trotters and pacers, 1½ mile dash, for a purse of \$50, was taken by Barbara's Pride, b. m., owned by G. C. Hartlen and driven by Slipp—time, 4.04½, Claude P. was a good second. In the 2.50 class of trotters and pacers, 1½ mile dash, purse \$50, there were six starters. It was a close and exciting contest at first between four of the horses, but finally settled down to a test of endurance between Barbara's Pride and Topsy's Baby. An unfortunate break or two by the latter gave the dash to Barbara's Pride in 4.04 with the little mare close at her heels. This closed a perfect afternoon's sport, and the crowd dispersed for home all expressing satisfaction with the fair manner in which the judges had performed their duties. The judges were John Mullane, A. Lamphier and Frank Power, John Mullane acting as starter. On a telegram from St. John Earl was not allowed to start in the free-for-all class.

THE LYCEUM.—The Boston Comedy Company has drawn good audiences at the Lyceum this week, and the plays put on have apparently given every satisfaction to the patrons of this place of amusement. Mr. Webber seems to have endless resources as far as new plays are concerned and changes his programme nightly. "Arrah-Na-Pogue" was given at the matinee on Wednesday and "The Relief of Lucknow" in the evening, both of which were well performed to crowded houses.

WELL WORTH THINKING OF.—A suggestion that some kind of a reception should be given to the fleet while it is stationed at Halifax has been approved of by two of the city daily papers. There is little doubt that such a reception intelligently planned, would pay, at least indirectly. As the British squadron has been lately receiving so much popular attention in the United States, representatives of some, if not all, the great New York and Boston dailies would undoubtedly be detailed to attend the ceremony, if they were invited in a proper way; and our charming climate, scenery, and summer pastimes, as well as our resources, would be incidentally advertised to an extent that would repay the cost tenfold. Besides Halifax is the summer headquarters of the fleet which has just proved of such drawing interest to our neighbors, and this special attraction of ours would be made more widely known all over the continent. But independently of its promising business aspect, some act of hospitality to the officers and men of the fleet would be both graceful and fitting. By their display of British naval efficiency and good discipline, of British hospitality and pluck, they have deeply impressed our neighbors and smoothed the way for better political relations and trade arrangements. In doing so, they have rendered a service to the Empire and Canada, which we, who bear none of the general expenses of the navy or the special expenses of the naval review, should be disposed to recognize in a generous spirit. Any representative citizen who may take the initiative in promoting a fit entertainment for the fleet will be acting in the interests of the city, as well as performing an imperial function.

A SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR.—The success of the Dolls' Carnival and bazaar at the School for the Blind, held on Wednesday and yesterday, exceeded the highest expectations of the promoters thereof, although their expectations were most sanguine. From ten o'clock on the morning of the 24th until ten at night, the rooms and halls of the lower floor at the School were filled with people young and old, and the fair maidens, who, arrayed in most fetching costumes, waited upon the visitors, had a busy day. Upon entering the assembly hall a gay scene met one's eye. Turning to the left the first attraction was the carnival of 100 dolls. These were viewed with much interest by the children, who found many of the characters of their favorite fairy tales and nursery rhymes represented. In the centre of the hall a thriving trade was done in candies, liquid refreshments, etc., while at each side long tables filled with fancy work and toys and beautifully dressed dolls proved very tempting to the young folks, and I fear depleted the pockets of many of the grown-ups. The platform was taken up with a jewelry booth, a bran tub, wheel of fortune, the old lady who lived in the shoe, who disposed of her numerous children whenever opportunity offered, and a little "Robin Hood" selling bows and arrows. It must have been a man or woman utterly devoid of heart who could fail to enter into the enjoyment of the children as they freely expressed their genuine delight at the many novel and pretty things they found at every turn. After having seen all the attractions in the assembly hall the crowd stops to hear to what the hall boys are calling: "This way to the local doll show, 5 cents," "Performing toys this way, 5 cents." Let us go to the first room and see what we can see, said my friend, and to the local show we went. Here were the treasured babies of the little mothers who had kindly loaned them for the occasion. Big dolls, little dolls of every station in life, the stately bride, dressed in silks and laces, the pretty infants, ladies and gentleman from Japan, etc., etc. A large wax doll lying in a box was one of the features of this room, it being a relic of a by-gone generation. The young lady in charge assured us that it was 70 years since it was purchased in Paris. But perhaps the best exhibit in the room was a pair of twin babies, who sat in a cot playing contentedly with their toys. These "real live dolls" were loaned by the Infants' Home and were much admired. "Tommy," a tiny darky boy, also excited the interest of the people. One of the young girls of the school exhibited a large collection of the work done by the blind girls and made several sales. By the sale of these articles the girls make all their pocket money, and are thus given the satisfaction of being in that respect independent. Two little girls who are deprived of sight were making the pretty bead work, much to the pleasure of the children, who enjoyed watching the nimble fingers. And now to the performing toys, stopping on the way to patronize the peanut stall and the fruit booth. A cow and calf, making very natural sounds as they turn their heads, a beautiful lady doll that cries, says papa, mama, kicks its chubby feet and performs other baby like antics, a walking doll, and an orchestra of monkeys dispensing sweet music when turned by a crank (the young man who manipulated the handle will not take this to himself I trust). These with the judge delivering a lengthy address to an invisible jury, and a host of brownies make up this interesting side show. And now with a visit to the refreshment room, where ice cream, salads, delicious tea and coffee and innumerable dainties are dispensed by a bevy of maidens, we are through our tour of inspection, and feel well pleased. The ladies of Halifax have taken hold of this entertainment with their characteristic energy, and have met with gratifying success. To the lady with whom the affair originated, and who has formulated and put into practical shape her plans, much credit is due, and since her object is attained, the raising of a goodly sum of money for the Home Teaching Fund of the School for the Blind she will feel well repaid for her trouble. The Home Teaching Fund deserves the hearty assistance of all who have it in their power to render such in any form, and it is hoped that in the various other places throughout this province, New Brunswick and P. E. Island, in which the carnival is to be shown in connection with local entertainments, success corresponding to that of the Halifax fair will be met with. The carnival is one of the attractions at a bazaar and tea in Dartmouth to-day.

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