## THODGHTS IN SADNESS

While sorrowfully berwailing many inevitable things, cormpletion comes and rand inevitable of the rugged structure of our thoughts, and we begin
to look forward with an easier heart, trusting and preparing for some noteworthy decision. As -yet, in ruminating on probable chances, nothing
occurred to us of so plausible a front as that we occurred to us of so plausible a front as that we
might eagerly move forward to an amicable position. The winter was still regnant, and out of splenetic mourn mulneess and sad naughter there was generated an utterly silent moodiness; shades of dreaminess hovered near, though, health was far from illness. Yet if a social position be rotten in its tendencies, can even con-
tinued sulmmission make it delightful A time tinued sulmission make it delightful \& A time
waits for our energies, to snatch for us the precious hours of watehful care, summer freshness tolerates no miserable regularity. The first taste then of sacred liberty will be sweetened by the
exquisite consciousness of having no restrained exud daily motions to perform, and though in and daily motions to perform, and though in
settling into something liberal and promising, we may adopt ret ular affairs, surely a restle:s period is now not distant. Called from a valueless work of easy saljection, we will perceive a something of abjectness, a bitter tante of humil-
ity will be in the mouth ity will be in the mouth. Freed from the severely rude dignities of precedence, taken never again for one of a series, but alone-so
shall we proceed unto a reputation. Whether shall we proceed unto a reputation. Whether
in the couning years, blissful obscurity will heal in the coming years, blisful obscurity will heal and greatuess will invite us to unrest, we can-
not determine ; but come what may, it $\mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{s}}$ in. not determine; but come what may, it is in-
fallibly certain, that from henceforth we must refuse to despair, and that in all cases of all grades never to acknowledge the supremacy of appearances, but to direct loss into placid gain,
to heed no false murmurs of foes, but to be to heed no false murmurs of foes, but to be
grandly lifted up unto soberness, unto industrigrandly lifted up unto sob
ous knowledge of all life.

## Hitherto the sad reality of strife has not come

 sufficiently home to us; we lave dallied or spent the years according as they were given,and lately we have used them foolishly, deem. ing them of paltry. concern, and fit for little work. Comes now upon us the awful form of in.
dependence, which some have encountered much earlier than this, which we nieet only now by reason of hard circumstances. The responsi-
bility of wrorking and of supporing ourselves is sufficient to impress us deeply and awfully with
what opens up before us Yo what opens upl before us. Yet why fear, though
we cannot turn back? Why reckon up days in single succession or the loneliness of long
periods? Chained, we repeat merely the same periods? Chained, we repeat meresy the sane
tale as of the past, besides proving endurances indeed accounted intolereable. Of a suretryit may
happen that regret at harshness will ensue ; such happen that regret at harshness will ensue ; such admits of no shuffing and stubborn activity will force the issues upon our hesitation. There is
nothing inviting in the drear nature of bare nothing inviting in the drear nature of bare as-
sertion ; we have unfolded no prospects $w h a t-$ soever; our anticipations range indefinitely boover, ourh all things, one fact alone can be grasped, namely, liberty's repudiation of slavery. Beyond that all is unsettled and improbable, many contingencies may arise, things impos.
sible to foretell at this moment-things furious, things pleasant-we do not aspire to learn the future. Let us remark that had we no cause for these propositions, we would not have made
such ventures ; but what with cause and crisis, with visions of nothingness and tool-working, we are stung into silent remonstrance, and $\varepsilon 0$ come to protest more audibly. Ineffectual will the summer be if we fail to signalize it by performing that of import which will ensure us, at least, if not what we aim at, at all events, the one piece of luck of-no return to similar trials. Strengthened by local features and hopeful as to
the ultimate tendency of the matter, we abide in the ultimate tendency of the fatel day.
quiet patience awaiting the
The ideal then is
The ideal then is blessed, but to go forth in loneliness of hrart secking for something better
than the present, is a task full of doubt, suffering and prrivation. There is of doubt, suffer-
anxiety when we thoughtully guan anxiety when we thoughtlully glance over the
echeme, but at every step we are confronted with grim foes, and the aimesess wandering that obtains for itself no hopeful change but darkness
and shadows of despair. Terrible crisis that it and shadows of despair. Terrible crisis that it
is I A stranger in a strange land, single and per-
plexed, viewing the life of one berett plexed, viewing the life of one bereft of fame as
that of useless, uuprofitable work we to do? Continually are we smitten by these
solemn thoughts waxing more desperte ploring aid in silence, seeing time slip amay and ourselves merely drifting on its tide. If to consent means but the abolition of our healthy expectation, how vile will it be to concur in the long-standing grievance e if to depart urgeth new terrors on us, how rash will it be to push
wildy out to sei wildly out to sea and trust the tempest ? The
case is hard, case shard, and in no wise lessened, nor do we
mitigate a single itein ; the gravity of the crisis
is such that we trent is such that we tremble when we observe the
continuance of the old brutal system. Who continuance of the old brutal system. Who,
indeed, shall be lifted into hope if he be gloomy without cessation? O, dumb agouy that this is ! O, endless folly and negligence ! If this be a
disease, गet it be removed, and be we restored to disease, let it be removed, and be we restored to
more perfect health! Sameness we are victims of, in that we obtain no thanks for submission
to thee. Oblivion to thee. Oblivion, thou art an enemy, if only to retort on us with open teaching. Nisery in-
tensified, ouly youth redeems us from the tensified, only youth redeems us from the curse
of counivance. To be placid still-to wait in. of conantly in deep anger, while the year matures
dignant
more nobly more nobly-such is our portion. And this
chall bo for ua to attend to ; then if nothing
reasonable, worthy, or changeable tarn up, let us cast ourselves to the winds, unprison ourselves wheresoever we may, but never retarn to
those who have blasted the excellence of beginning.
beginning.
Prosaic
distreaviness consumes us and " sharp distress" is agonising-still move the days and
we also ; but of this niserable we also ; but of this niserable posture cometh no
cbange. To be useful-this we earnestly pect and had looked for in spite of adverse things; but to be nominally useless is too straining, too severe a hardship at a responsible age,
and we cannot but feel that after such lengthe ness of viewless doinge we should such lengthiness of view less doings, we should be permitted
to attain a more blisfful repose to attain a more thissul reposes. Let it be re-
membered that though work in its fullest sense looms up formidably before us, we must attend to the remuneration and significance of labour.
Irksome is the observed dulness of of men's life Irksome is the observed dulness of men's life
days : nntroubled the faithfulness of their days ; introubled the faithfulness of their oc-
cupation- years are accumulated in service, and capation-years are accumulated in service, and
yet how little used are we to the hard severity. To begin thus youthfully to be hardened, in giving up the delicate excellence of fantastic dreams he is borne onward with the measured strength of the Reaper. The pain comes, not in the work itself but in the emptiness thereof; the unproftable usages of fornality ; the confinement of the would-be joyful time sower. With regard to our own case, it is galling exceedingly, to behold an
endless succession of hard-featured weeks; to be endless succession of hard-featured weeks; to be
deadened and revived, destroyed and resuscitated, and this in rising and falling movements and 0 , to be so inconmoded is worse. In my
opinion the evil that lies in clerkship is danker opinion the evil that lies in clerkship is darke
than as we picture it here ; better to be harled forth to the rudeness of the world than to be buffetted in a corner and quelled forever in remonstrance. The sorrow waxes indescribably eternal and excruciating; the heart is full of grief,
and is abandoned in its woefulness: notling and is abandoned in its woefulness; nothing
either to cheer or to encourage ascends the sky before us. Repining is both convenient and inconvenient in a late season ; but to conquer these agonies is impossible, unless we cut away with firm hand the noxions weeds and so escape whole
Intolerable is inaction at such an hour as this ; to choose is less difficult than betore, but to settle is the great question of dispute. True,
the first stages of this matter are slow and of forced movement; but how else proach an easier pooition? The first burden is taken away, the pathway is clear and now Whether aught meritorions shall roll from out the mysterious volume of future days, we ask and is nire a response. The event happens when
is no profitable as if summer were with us and fatigue assured. Yet it is hard to procure solution if we must take into account niceties and particulars, and it is by no means remote ; he occurrence of an independent era, so that we
are troubled with the menace of a movement should anything repressive thwart us. Complicated, too, appear all the indications and actions of a possible future that the mixed fortune that The true definition of ease is not found in the city, but where men toil least of all; as we go perchance of heart, but also of person. Excluded from the noise of the many, and reposing hermit-like in a forgotten retreat far from
the busy plodding world, who would not out the days of his sojourning and "bring his white hairs unto a quiet grave ?
Ah ! we are blinded by youth, by the desire for money and not for pure freedom, hence our
infelicitous lodging. Stand we but two month more and call this a farevall; abide we within bounds during the last portions of the dying year, then, though assenting to the rule of sert ship and manfully confessing our too highly praised season of imaginative splendour, we may depart, not as was projected, into the scenes of where, by relincuishing this terrible implemen of thought, we may securely provide for our selves, primarily and finally ; where we may in a
full existence prove the force of understading fun existence prove the force of understanding,
and fulfilling all doings, and grow into usefulness to all and entirely unto ourselves.
Clears the sky, but life is doomed to be quiet and our sulkiness finds no convenient repose. paid energies, and less forward as to indolence Novelty, though least seen ; attention, though at
present least assured, bring at least with the present least assured, bring at least with them
the pleasing feature of independence in toil, which once made fast, nobler heights may be looked to. Thus is it in men that they consent sonably, but the day of deceit reveals only harsh ness and regret. Duration is one enemy, however ; dullness another, and the third is not manting in conservatism, which denies assis-
tance in a waiting time tance in a waiting time. So hopeful were we,
that we lhad expected in some plausible way to depart vaguely from this accustomed place ; to the future to to be emancipe past in new acts of the future; to be emancipated from che long day least of all' the feebleness of the body. To change now were but to evoke disorder, if not deeper sentiments; for though it is manifest to any, that such a condition (namely, where subjection is joined to nothing.gain) is most enervating; to propose a second period of employment would stamp the liberality of the wild work and
render us more truly impotent. To be lifted render us more truly impotent. To be lifted gleam of sufficiency-we must essay the whole problem at all events for a trial time, and grudge
scone. cane. It is botter to be improved than to de.
scend from on high to low things-more excelman's evil intentions. If a man be set against us we have remedy; we need not regard either himself or his thunderings ; neither be mindfu! all matters of not frowns ; let us do for ousel waiting, we are sundered; by come resolute and stout-hearted. The end is fixed and faithfally limited; the beginning being vile, requires cleausing and renewing.
Deecided, yet sin thes whither whall we fee that of men is pain be realized to observe one set of men is painful, for they do but gather
during the hours of dullness, and they are conduring the hours of duilness, and they are con-
demned to city darkness and confinement, least promising of all. And yet in spite of this, they are neither miserable nor wholly despondent.
Again, there are those who are locomotive Again, there are those who are locomotive, and undoubtedly healthy, prove heavy physical tasks, and the actual body labour all expended on the soil, and they are not unrewarded. Doctors
and priests swarm all over ; there are votaries of almost everything under the sun ; yet where is the choice that we would elect? where the best must learn to abide peculiarities of any pro fession ; next we must industriously exert our forces so as to maintain ourselves cheerfully; and lastly, we must utilise ail our time to the utmost advantage. Naturally erratic, how im possible is it that we should participate in the feelings of the life-long seeker and grounded eclectic ; hov futile to derive any ordinary com unfold! Liberty, after two mere mont of vagrant thinking must arrive theugh to long deferred, and the ignoble policy of flat sub. mision, exploded in its prime, will have disap. peared. Then how unworthy of our desires will
we be if we do not build up such an enduring we be if we do not build up such an enduring
edifice of future repose as will lessen percentibly the wild ravings of these nondescript times. Comfortless will become the tendency of the ex pected life if, when we have leisure to deliberat We do not grasp for oursel ves the luxury of a pre drill our dormant follies and train thene into fascinating strength, of we will surely fall into horrible confusion and lasting disorder. 0 , may something flit across our path more serenely
charming than this insipid dreaminess and sour charming than this insipid dreaminess and sour philosophy: We would be greater than our
doubts, but we doubt too severely to be sound. Ithuriel.

Education.-Many an unwise parent labours hard and lives sparingly all his life for the purpose of leaving enough to give his children a
start in the world, as it is called. Setting a young man afloat with money left him by his relatives is like tying bladders under the arms will lose his bladders and go to the bottom Teach him to swim, and he will never need the bladders. Give your child a sound education, and you have done enough for him. See to it
that his morals are pure, his mind cultivated, that his morals are pure, his mind cultivated, and his whole nature made subservient to laws
which govern man, and you have given what Which govern man, and you have given what
will be of mure value than the wealth of the Indies.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.
will So duly acknowledged.
to Correspondents.
J. W. S. Montreal.-Paper to hand. Thanks. Correot
solution received of Problem No. 272.
T. S., St. Andrews, Manitoba.-Many thanks for the
problem. Your solation of Problem No 270 is er the
problem. Your solution of Problem No. 270 is is correct;
patiso your solution of Problem for Youg Players No.
207.


E. H., Montreal. - Solution reo
Yuang Players No. $269 . \quad$ Correct.

We aee from the Scotch papers that tho mombers of
the Claagow Chess clut have purchaved a challenge












It is currently $\begin{gathered}\text { reported that Captain Mackenzie, who } \\ \text { for the last two meeks has been in Buaton hasi nearly, }\end{gathered}$

direct intormation on the subject.-Turf. Fiechl and
Farm.


PROBLEM No. 273.
By J. O. Howard Taylo


Notwithstanding that the following game and accom.



GAME 403RD.
"We Wive below the first game on record of the Evans
Gambit, whiche was played at Brugre, vet trean the
ingenious inrentor the eins inventor, Capt. Evans, antid Mr. M. Donnelli, Played in 1833, and in is is said that the idea of tha more,
whic






## notes.

(a) Taking the Kt $\mathbf{P}$ with $\mathbf{Q}$ wollà have been bad

Play. Kt to R 3 would have been safer.
(c) This is (c) This is very ingeniously conceived, for if Black
makes the very obvinus move of $K t$ takes $K$ K
 and also mates in two.
(ad This
been
Taser.
looks threatening, but $Q$ to $\mathbf{B} 3$ would have Sol-tions
In the diagram the $K$ on Black's King's 4 square should
be Black instead of White.




problews for
BLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAPERS, No. 270.
(For ihe Canadian Illustrated News.)

| By Thomas Sinc | drems, Manitoba.) |
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|  | Batqkts |
| Ktat C | Patins |
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| White to | in three |

## NIGHTCAPS.

A well-known London doctor writes as American physician, who, in order to induce sleep, recommends half a tumbler or a tum.
bler full of one of the lighter French red wines, either Claret or Burgundy, before to bed: "I am quite willing to allow that such
a ' night-cap,' should it effeet the desired end is better than any drug or clemicmical, and yet is is better than any drug or chemical, and yet is
not without objection. I have been in the havit of using for some time as a soporific, a most ad. mirawe and successful night-car,' agains a large number of cases, effects the desired end Immediately before getting into bed, or better still, when in bed, take a breakfast sup of hot
beef tea, that made from half a tea-spon beef tea, that nade from half a tea-spoonful of
Liebiy's Extract (Liebir Company's Extract of Liebig's Extract (Lievig Company's Extract of Meat) I find to be the best. This soothes and
settles the stomach, allays brain excitement and

