

"AH, SI JEUNESSE SAVAIT!"

A. C. GORDON, IN "THE CENTURY" BRIC-A-BRAC.

Had youth but known, some years ago, That freckled-faced small girls could grow In most astounding way, To lovely women, in whose eyes The light a man most longs for lies— Ah, si Jeunesse savait!

Had youth but known—my youth, I mean— That you would walk as regnant queen Of hearts in this new day— That elfin locks could change to curls Softer than any other girl's— Ah, si Jeunesse savait!

Had youth but known the time would come When I should stand, abashed and dumb, With not one word to say, Before you, whom, in days gone by, I'd tease until you could but cry— Ah, si Jeunesse savait!

I little dreamed in those old days Of undeveloped winning ways To wile men's hearts away— When, wading in the brook with you, I splashed your best frock through and through— Ah, si Jeunesse savait!

Your pretty nose—ah! there's the rub—I used to laugh at once as "snub," Is now nez retroussé; Upon the one-time brown bare feet You wear French kids now, trim and neat— Ah, si Jeunesse savait!

The brief kilt-skirt, the legs all bare, The freckled face, the tangled hair— These things are passed away: You are a woman now, full grown, With lovers of your very own— Ah, si Jeunesse savait!

You'd plead to be my comrade then, With tearful big brown eyes—Ah, when, My winning, winsome May, Will words like those your lips between Come back again! No more, I ween! Ah, si Jeunesse savait!

Time turns the tables. It is meet, Doubtless, that I here at your feet Should feel your scepter's sway— Should know you hold me 'neath your heel— Should love you, and should—well, should feel: Ah, si Jeunesse savait!

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

All communications intended for this Column should be addressed to the Chess Editor, CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS, Montreal.

J. W. S., Montreal, P. Q.—Papers to hand. Thanks. M.J.M., Quebec.—Letter received. Thanks.

The paper warfare which is being carried on between Messrs. Steinitz and Zukertort at the present time is one of those things which we would like to see banished from chess altogether.

A good fight over the board, even if it should lead to defeat, is all the fighting chessplayers ought naturally to look for, and this can be had without any ill-tempered, irritating remarks on either side.

Messrs. Steinitz and Zukertort have acquired so much renown by their talents, that the chess world would much rather know that they were engaged in a contest, which would result in the production of useful specimens of their skill, than that their time was being wasted on unnecessary wrangling. However, now, that so much has been said, we suppose an encounter will ultimately be brought about; and should all the preparatory grumbling lead to a more earnest desire on the part of each antagonist to gain the supremacy, no one after that will have any reasonable cause to complain.

Of the three well known chessplayers whose deaths have been recently noticed in the chess journals of the day, Mr. Boden seems to have been the most distinguished.

The other two, Mr. Burden and Mr. Janssens, were, however, according to all accounts, well known to the frequenters of the great chess resorts of London as very strong players.

In opposition to the opinion of Mons. Delannoy, who strives to show that the royal game is conducive to longevity, each of the three above mentioned players died at a comparatively early age, Mr. Boden being 55, Mr. Burden 52 and Mr. Janssens 59.

We publish in our Column to-day a game of chess played recently in London, Eng., between the Rev. W. Wayte and Mr. A. P. Barnes.

Mr. Barnes in his journey from the United States to England passed through Montreal and Quebec, and visited the chess club of each of these cities. The off-hand games he contested with several of the members of these clubs are no doubt still fresh in the minds of these gentlemen, and we imagine that they will feel some gratification in seeing a specimen of Mr. Barnes' play with one of the magnates of the great metropolis.

NEW ZEALAND.—The handicap tourney at the Wellington Chess Club terminated in favour of the well-known English player and problemist, Mr. C. W. Beubow; the second prize taker being Mr. Anderson.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury Chess Club was held on 4th October, the President, Mr. H. J. Tancored, occupying the chair. The report showed the club mustered forty-five members, and an average attendance being twelve. Two tourneys had been played by members during the year, and a third was in progress. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £13 18s. 8d. Mr. D. R. Hay, formerly the chess champion of Dunedin, is now residing in Christchurch.

A chess club, numbering twenty members, has been formed in Kaipoi, in Canterbury. A match between the chess clubs of Leithfield and Christchurch was arranged to come off on the same evening.—Chessplayers' Chronicle.

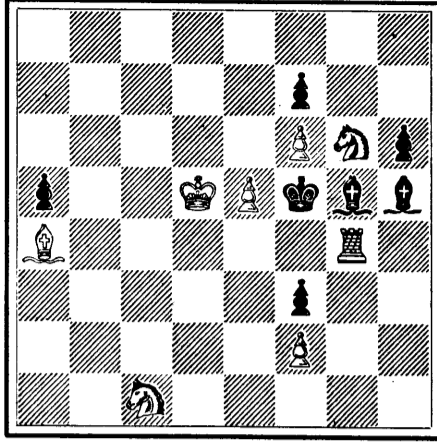
La Vie Moderne, a beautifully-illustrated journal, has just started a chess column under the editorship of M. Rosenthal. It contains games carefully, but never tediously, annotated, problems by the best composers, and news of the latest and freshest nature.—Dramatic News.

The third annual meeting of the Ontario Chess Association was announced to begin yesterday in Guelph and closing to-day. Ontario has over twenty chess clubs, the strongest being those of Toronto, Hamilton and Guelph.—Cincinnati Commercial, Feb. 13.

From the Quebec Chronicle we learn that the chess match by telegraph between the Toronto and Quebec Chess Clubs began on Saturday, February 26th, at 8 a.m. Twelve players were chosen on each side. All the games were adjourned at midnight. Play will be resumed on Saturday, March 4th, when several games will, very likely, be brought to a close.

PROBLEM No. 371.

By G. C. Heywood. BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Solution of Problem No. 369.

- White. Black. 1. K to Q8. 1. Any. 2. Mates acc.

GAME 499TH.

(From Land and Water.) CHESS IN LONDON.

One of two games played recently at the Divan, between the Rev. W. Wayte and Mr. A. P. Barnes, who, as we have mentioned on previous occasions, is not only a most able player, but the best analyst American Chess possesses.

(Sicilian Defence.)

- White.—(Mr. Wayte.) Black.—(Mr. Barnes.) 1. P to K4. 1. P to Q B 4. 2. Kt to KB3. 2. P to K3. 3. Kt to QB3. 3. P to QR3. 4. P to Q4. 4. P takes P. 5. Kt takes P. 5. Kt to QB3. 6. B to K2. 6. B to Kt5 (a). 7. Castles (b). 7. B takes Kt. 8. P takes B. 8. K Kt to K2. 9. P to QR4. 9. P to K4 (c). 10. Kt takes Kt. 10. Q P takes Kt. 11. Q takes Q ch (d). 11. K takes Q. 12. B to R3. 12. B to K3. 13. KR to Q sq ch (e). 13. K to K sq. 14. P to Q B 4 (f). 14. R to Q sq. 15. R takes R ch. 15. K takes R. 16. R to Kt sq. 16. B to B sq. 17. R to Q sq ch. 17. K to K sq. 18. B to Q6. 18. P to B3. 19. B to B7. 19. K to B2. 20. P to B5. 20. R to K sq (g). 21. B to B4 ch. 21. K to Kt3. 22. R to Q3 (h). 22. P to R3 (i). 23. K to B sq (j). 23. Kt to R2. 24. B to Q6. 24. Kt to Kt3. 25. B to K B7. 25. R to Q sq. 26. B takes Kt ch. 26. K takes B.

Drawn game (k)

NOTES.—(Condensed.)

- (a) Black has no very satisfactory move here. 6 Kt to B3, 7 Kt takes Kt, Kt P takes Kt, 8 P to K5, Kt to Q4, though considered theoretically tenable, does not yield a feeling of peace and comfort. 6 B to K2 means a retarded development, while 6 P to K Kt 3 imparts weakness. 6 K Kt to K2 is liable to both charges. (b) Very much better than 7 Q to Q3, which last named move seems indeed rather destitute of point. (c) Against the principle of the opening somewhat, and it also implies the abandonment of castling. However, there is this to be said, that simplifications give the best chance of drawing in inferior positions. (d) 11 B to R3 would be also good. (e) 13 P to R5 would give White a tranquil advantage. (f) P to R5 has still claims. Nevertheless the text move, and indeed Mr. Wayte's whole line of play about here, has a direct purpose, looking far ahead, and creating a position of much embarrassment for Black. (g) A natural looking move, such as anyone might make at first sight, but it should cost him the game if continued as intended, by 21 K to Kt3, while obviously unsatisfactory with 21 K to B sq, or 21 B to K3. The correct play is 20 P to R3, 21 B to B ch, K to Kt, 22 R to Q8, K to R2, and we doubt there being more than a draw for White. (h) Mr. Wayte points out the win he had here, viz. 22 R to Q8. The position as it up thereby presents a most remarkable appearance. Black might then at once resign. (i) Leaving the aforesaid win still on. Both parties are evidently engrossed by the same line of play. Possibly Black saves the game by the second oversight, for 22 Kt to Kt sq is not a very reassuring res. (j) As last note implies, R to Q8 would win. Even results are now to be expected. (k) The companion game between the same players was also drawn.

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