

EDWARD BULWER, Lord Lytton, derived his name from the old Danish name Bolver or Bolverk. One of his ancestors, a Norman soldier called Bolver, settled in Norfolk, and was, according to Norman custom, named Bolver de Dalling, the latter being the name of his estate. Later, the family followed the fashion reigning in the old Danish part of England, and took up again the old Scandinavian family name.

A PAMPHLET replete with information on "The Algoma District," with particular reference to its resources, agricultural and mining capabilities, has been issued by the Ontario Government under instructions from the Commissioner of Crown Lands. It is accompanied by a map of the Province of Ontario, exhibiting the counties and districts and the unsurveyed portions of northern and north-western Ontario.

IN the June Century President Eliot, of Harvard, will attempt to answer the question, "What is a Liberal Education?" In the July number, ex-President Woolsey, of Yale, will write of "Honorary Degrees." Co-education and the study of Greek will be discussed in later articles, and Mr. Arthur Gilman, manager of the Harvard Annex for women, will conclude the series with a paper on "The Collegiate Study of Women."

MR. HARRIS'S new book, "Mingo, and Other Sketches in Black and White," to be issued by Osgood about the end of the present month, will be made up of "At Teague Poteet's," re-published from The Century, "Blue Dan," and another hitherto unprinted story, besides the sketch that gives its title to the book, and which appeared originally in Harper's Christmas. David Douglas, of Edinburgh, will print an English edition of the book.

AN antiquarian in France has found a document, dated 1644, indicating a curious survival of pagan superstition. It is an order from some ecclesiastical authority that a hole in the lower part of the altar in the Church Saint-Jean du Marillais be closed, in order to stop the practice of the peasants of putting the heads of their children into it for some fancied benefit. He connects this custom with a superstition relative to dolmens with holes.

BISMARCK is guarded as closely when he goes to the Reichstag as is the Czar when he appears in public. Police agents, in plain clothes, are posted all along the way from his house and even in the chamber itself, and no one—not even a regular government employe—is admitted to any part of the building without special permit. As soon as the Chancellor reaches his desk, attendants place before him half-a-dozen well-sharpened pencils and a large glass of Moselle wine.

HOUGHTON, MIFFIN & Co. have nearly ready the first contribution to their "American Men of Letters Series" which fixes the generic signification of the term "men," namely, 'Margaret Fuller Ossoli,' by T. W. Higginson; 'Captains of Industry,' by James Parton; 'The American Horsewoman,' by Mrs. Elizabeth Karr; 'Government Revenue, especially the American System,' by Ellis H. Roberts; and a new translation of the 'Odyssey,' by Prof. George H. Palmer, which will be awaited with great interest."

M. GOUNOD is preparing a very valuable work on the Great Wagner. It is to be divided into three parts (1) The Man, (2) The Artist, (3) The School. It will lead to much controversy, as doubtless the life, character and works of the latter will be pretty severely handled by the French master. There was never much love lost between the two composers. Wagner, in his heart of hearts, could never quite forgive Gounod for having achieved an immoral operatic masterpiece with Goethe's "Faust" for his subject.

THE "Greek Question and its Answer" are amusingly stated in a pamphlet by Assistant-Professor Dyer of Harvard College. He shows the absurdity of confronting boys of twelve or thirteen with the choice of Hercules, of forcing upon them at this tender age an unalterable determination to cultivate language or science as chosen branches; and he points out how they must all alike be grounded in the fundamental rudiments. And how, he asks pertinently enough, can men who are ignorant of both Greek and modern languages talk about the "superior training power" of the latter?

HERE follows an extract from a letter from Dr. Schliemann, dated Tiryns, April 11th, 1884: "Three cheers to Pallas Athena! In fact I have succeeded here in a wonderful way, having brought to light an immense palace with innumerable columns, which occupies the entire upper Acropolis of Tiryns, and of which the floors and all the walls are well preserved. . . . Of paramount interest are the wall paintings, which my architect and collaborator, Dr. Dörpfeld, is now copying with the same colours. Of the very highest interest are also the vase paintings with the most primitive representations of men and animals. The plan of this wonderful prehistoric palace can be made with great accuracy, and it will excite universal amazement, for nothing like this has ever turned up. . . . The capital found is of the most ancient Doric order ever discovered."

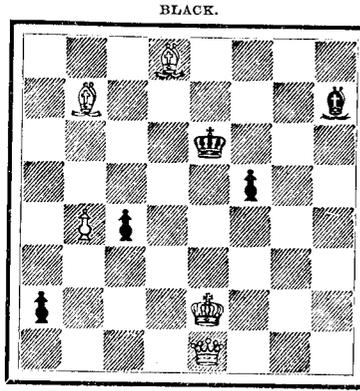
THE North-West Problem is beginning to produce its literature, and amongst the latest protests against the policy of the present Government is a pamphlet entitled "Manitoba and Confederation," in which the author, "Veritas Vincit," makes use of the following vigorous language:—

"I fearlessly assert that throughout British North America there are no more loyal people to be found than in the North-West, but their loyalty is to the head of confederation—the Crown—and not to a directorate chosen from the representatives sent to Ottawa by the confederated colonies; and while as solicitous of seeing the Dominion of Canada consolidated into a strong nation as the Eastern Provinces can be, yet the same self-interest which influences the people of those Provinces actuates those of the North-West, and while asking no special favours, no 'spoon-feeding' at the instance of the member for Cardwell, they demand that the interests of all the members of the Federal Union shall have due consideration—that those of one partner shall not be sacrificed for the advantage of the others, and that confederation exists for the common good, and not for the benefit of one or more, or for any party of politicians."

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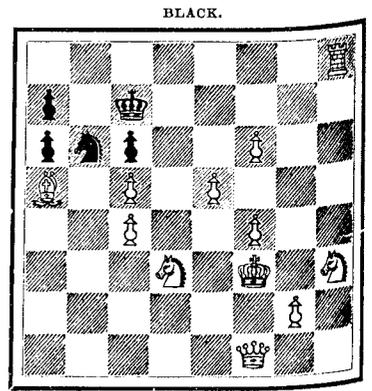
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PROBLEM No. 10. By Dr. S. GOLD, Vienna.



White to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM No. 11. By FRITZ PEIPERS, San Francisco, Cal.



White to play and mate in three moves.

END GAME NO. 2.

From game played in the Cincinnati Commercial Tourney, between E. B. Greenshields of Montreal, and J. E. Narraway, St. John, N.B.

White (Mr. Greenshields), K Q Kt 1, Q K 5, R Q 1, P's Q R 3, Q Kt 2, Q Kt 3. Black (Mr. Narraway), K Q B 3, Q K B 7, R Q B 1, P's Q R 3, Q Kt 4, Q B 4, K B 2. White to play and mate in nine moves.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 4.

1. B takes P; if Black 1. K takes P, then 2. Q takes Kt, etc., if 1. P K 3, 2. B B 6 ch, etc. If 1. Kt Q B 2, 2. Q K 2 ch, etc. If any other move 2. Q mates. Correct solutions received from E. B. G., Montreal. "A difficult problem, though first move cuts off a strong defence for Black." F. W. M., Detroit.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 5.

1. P takes Kt ch 1. K B 2, 2. B Kt 5, 2. B takes P, 3. P K 8 becoming a Kt ch 3. B takes Kt mate. Correct solutions received from E. B. G., Montreal; A. D. F., Peterborough; F. W. M., Detroit.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

L. C. C., Arnprior.—Am very much obliged. Will send them copies. No. 4 is a good 3 mover. See solution above. E. B. G., Montreal.—Thanks for inclosure which we use. There is another method of proceeding at 4th move. W. G. B., Montreal.—It undoubtedly will be. T. P. B., Detroit.—Thanks. Have written you. Use two of these inclosures to-day. J. B. H., Ottawa.—Your kindness fully appreciated. E. B. G., Montreal.—Try the 5 mover again. It will solve. G. H. T., Buffalo.—Much obliged. Will use information. Proposed match would be popular here.

GAME NO. 6.

Chess in Montreal. Played during the Champion's recent visit to that city.

Table showing chess moves for Game No. 6, with columns for White and Black players and their respective moves.

NOTES.

- (a) The Dr. probably tried this for a change. K 2 is the only sq. for the B in this opening in almost every variation. (b) This move followed presently by P to Q 4 gives White a very strong position, so strong in fact as to render Black B to B 4 a very weak move. (c) P to Q 4 would be stronger. (d) White has played the last two or three moves very well. The Dr. threatened a fierce attack. (e) Kt K B 3 would perhaps be better. (f) Well played. (g) If Kt be captured, Black of course gains White Kt in return. (h) Winning the piece.

GAME NO. 7.

Played in the last World's Tournament in Berlin, 1881.

Cochrane Gambit.

Table showing chess moves for Game No. 7, with columns for White and Black players and their respective moves.

NOTE.

Winawer having in the first part of the tournament astonished the natives by playing a Muzio Gambit against no less a personage than Zukertort, in this game is treated to a dose of his own medicine by his fellow-countrymen.

THE TORONTO CHESS CLUB RECORD SUMMARIZED.—1870 to 1884.

Table summarizing the Toronto Chess Club record from 1870 to 1884, listing games won and lost against various opponents.

NEWS ITEMS.

In the 2nd class of the T. C. C. Tourney, Mr. John McGregor has won the first prize, Dr. Geo. W. Strathy coming second. In the 3rd class Mr. W. M. Klingner has won first prize, Mr. A. B. Flint being second.