

THE WILLOW.

AN EASTERN LEGEND.

[Of the legends which cluster around the Crucifixion, perhaps the most familiar is the tale of "The Wandering Jew," but there are many others. The tradition which suggested the following sonnet, is akin to the one which derives the red breast of the robin from a drop of blood falling on it when the bird sought to withdraw one of the crown of thorns; and it is not unlike the other legend that the aspen had never shivered until its wood was taken to make the cross.]

Lofty and tall, unbending and upright,
Beside a spring, there stood a willow tree,
Its young leaves rippling like the verdant sea,
Before the breeze and in the morning light.

The rabble ran towards Golgotha's height;
And walking in the midst of them were three;
And two were thieves, and one was He
Who was to die for men to all men's sight.

A soldier broke a willow branch to urge
Them on, and smote Him with a willow thong,
As up the hill the slow procession crept.

Then, when it saw its branches used to scourge
The Man who bore His cross amid the throng,
The guilty willow bowed its head and wept.

J. B. M.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

Solutions to Problems sent in by correspondents will be duly acknowledged.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Papers and letter to hand. Thanks.

Student, Montreal.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 319.

E. D. W., Sherbrooke, P. Q.—In Problem 329, if White's R moves to Q7 Black's K moves to K3.

Solution of Problem No. 316. Correct.

Although there is great interest shown in the game of chess in many parts of the civilized world, there are few where more is done in connection with the game in a quiet, yet effective way, than in Scotland.

The late great contest between the chessplayers of the West and the East of that country led to a large muster of amateurs, sixty-nine in number, who met together in Edinburgh, for the purpose of testing their skill over the chequered board. Thirty-seven of these were from the city of Glasgow, and the remainder were belonging to Edinburgh, and other eastern parts of the country. The result of the contest was in favour of the western players, who scored 454 games to their opponents' 174. In speaking of chess in Scotland, it may be well to mention that the match recently contested at Glasgow for the West of Scotland silver challenge cup, between Mr. Junkie and Sheriff Spens, terminated after a hard fight in favour of the latter player. We hope to be able to give the score of one of the games of this contest in a future column.

Through the kindness of our correspondent, J. W. Shaw, Esq., of Montreal, we have received a copy of the Australian paper, the Adelaide Observer, dated March 10th, 1881, which has an excellent chess column, replete with that sort of matter, as regards news, problems and games, which is especially delightful to the lovers of the royal game.

The annual meeting of the Chess Club held at the Port Adelaide Institute furnished intelligence respecting its proceedings during the year which must have been gratifying to its members, and we have reason to believe that similar chess societies are equally successful in other parts of the Colony.

Two things were spoken of in the report which are deserving of particular notice, and we recommend them to the consideration of our Canadian players. The one was, the good attendance of the members of the club, and the other, the wonderful improvement in the quality of the play.

Mr. Gossip, it appears, is about to issue a new and improved edition of the "Theory of the Chess Openings." The work will include end games and will be published at a reasonable price. Mr. Gossip's work has been highly spoken of by those who are the best able to give an opinion of its merits.

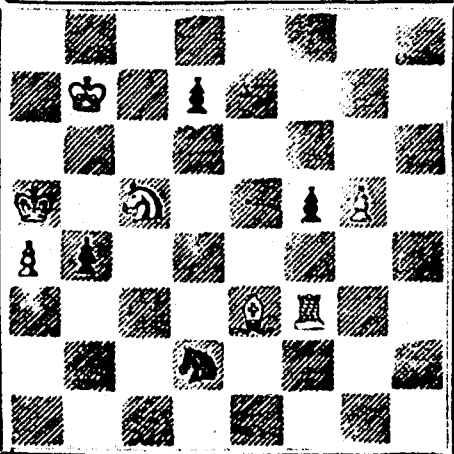
As we go to press we learn that the Book of the Fifth American Chess Congress is, at last, out; subscribers will be supplied without further delay. After all, the Book of the Paris Congress of 1878, is yet "forthcoming" and comparatively speaking, the American Congress Book has forthcome with commendable promptitude.—Turf, Field and Farm.

In the match between the St. Louis amateurs and Mr. Mackenzie, the latter, up to date, May 2, has won ten games and drawn one.—Globe Democrat.

PROBLEM No. 331.

By D. W. Clark.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

GAME 458TH.

THE CHESS MATCH AT ST. LOUIS.

(From the Globe Democrat.)

Eleventh game in the match between Messrs. Judd and Mackenzie.

(Roy Lopez Knight's Game.)

White.—(Mr. Judd.)

- 1. P to K 4
2. Kt to K B 3
3. B to Q Kt 5
4. B to Q R 4
5. Castles
6. P to Q 4
7. B to Q Kt 3
8. P takes P
9. P to Q R 4
10. B to K 3
11. R to K sq
12. Q Kt to Q 2
13. Kt to Q 4
14. B takes Kt
15. P to K B 4
16. B to K B 2
17. B to R 2
18. B to Q Kt sq
19. P to B 3
20. Kt to B 3
21. Kt to Q 4
22. P takes P (en passant)
23. P to K B 5 (c)
24. R takes B
25. B takes P
26. Kt takes R
27. Q to Kt 4 (ch)
28. Kt to Q 4
29. Q takes Q
30. R to K sq
31. P to Q R 5
32. R to K 2
33. K takes Kt
34. P takes B
35. K to K sq (f)
36. K to Q sq
37. K to B sq
38. R to K sq
39. R to R 8 (ch)
40. R to K sq
41. R to K B sq
42. P to K R 4
43. P to R 5
44. P to R 6 (ch)
45. K to Q 2
46. K to B sq

Black.—(Mr. Mackenzie.)

- 1. P to K 4
2. Kt to Q B 3
3. P to Q R 3
4. Kt to K B 3
5. Kt takes P
6. P to Q Kt 4
7. P to Q 4
8. B to K 3
9. P to Q Kt 5
10. B to K 2
11. Castles
12. Kt to Q B 4
13. Kt takes Kt (a)
14. Kt to Q 2
15. P to Q B 4
16. P to B 5
17. Kt to B 4
18. Q to Q 2
19. P to Kt 6
20. P to Kt 3 (b)
21. P to B 4
22. R takes P
23. P takes P
24. Kt takes R
25. R takes B (d)
26. B to B 3
27. K to R sq
28. Kt to Q B 4
29. Kt takes Q
30. Kt to Q B 4
31. Kt to Q 6
32. Kt takes B
33. B takes Kt (ch) (e)
34. R to Q Kt sq
35. P to Q B 6
36. P to Q B 7 (ch)
37. R to K B sq
38. R to K B 7
39. K to Kt 2
40. R takes Kt P
41. R to K Kt 5 (g)
42. R takes Q P
43. R to K R 5
44. K takes P
45. R to Q 5 (ch)
46. R to Q 8 (ch)

And wins.

NOTES.

(a) Black did not stop to consider the result of Kt takes K P, as he saw that the line of play adopted would give him a strong attack on the Queen's side.

(b) With the object of keeping the adverse K B, and consequently, the Q R confined as long as possible.

(c) This and White's next move are exceedingly well played, and free him completely from his constrained position on the Queen's side.

(d) Compulsory, we believe.

(e) These exchanges, on account of the advanced situation of the Black Pawns, are decisive in Mr. M.'s favour.

(f) If R R K sq the following variation might have occurred:

- 35. R to K sq
36. R to Q R sq
37. P takes P
38. R to Q Kt sq (best)
39. R to Q Kt 4
40. P to Q B 6
41. R takes R P
42. R to Q Kt 4 and wins.

(g) Had Black now captured the R P, White would have drawn the game.

SOLUTIONS

Solution of Problem No. 324.

- 1. R to B 8
2. Mate acc.
1. Any

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 327.

- WHITE. BLACK.
1. Kt to Q B 3
2. Mate acc.
1. Any

PROBLEM FOR YOUNG PLAYERS No. 328.

- White. Black.
K at K B 2
Q at Q B 6
R at K R 8
B at Q Kt 4
Pawns at K B 5 and Q 3
K at K Kt 5
B at R 2
Kt at K R 7

White to play and mate in two moves.



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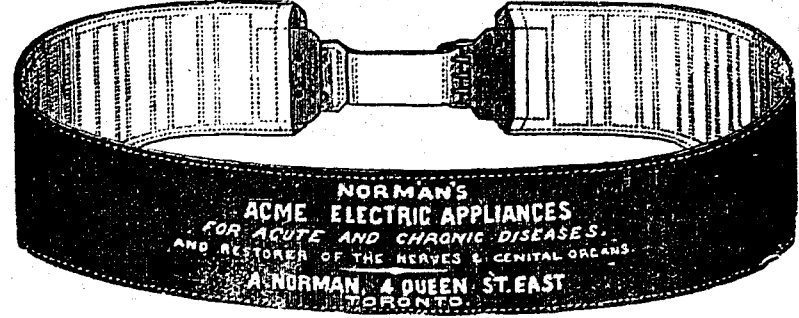
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