

MY WIFE.

BY FREDERICK LOCKER.

My little wife is out beyond the burn, I see her parasol behind the fir. And here am I inditing verse to her Ere she return.

FROM OTTAWA.

The proceedings in the house during the past few days may be characterized as dull, flat, stale and unprofitable. The leader of the Opposition has been absent for several days, and his Lieutenant, Dr. Tupper, has been in command.

that the sufferings of the residents of New Campbellton have not their origin altogether in the fertile imagination of their representative. I was much impressed with the little debate which occurred on Mr. Christie's motion relative to Sabbath observance on our Pacific works.

HEARTH AND HOME.

WORDS OF WISDOM.—We can gain the greatest victories over ourselves. What wits we should be if we only uttered the bright things we think of when the occasion has passed!

LOSING FRIENDS.—Never cast aside your friends if by any possibility you can retain them. We are the weakest of spendthrifts if we let one friend drop off through inattention, or let one push away another, or if we hold aloof from one for petty jealousy or heedless slight or roughness.

A MISTAKE OFTEN MADE.—Boys and young men sometimes start out in life with the idea that one's success depends on sharpness and chicanery. They imagine if a man is able always to "get the best of a bargain," no matter by what deceit and meanness he carries his point, that his prosperity is assured.

REFINEMENT.—Refinement is not fastidiousness. It is not luxury. It is nothing of this kind. It is far removed from excess or waste. A person truly refined will not squander or needlessly consume anything.

ENCOURAGEMENT.—Whenever you can conscientiously encourage any one, do so. You would not leave those plants in your window-boxes without water, nor refuse to open the shutters that the sunlight might fall upon them;

no one knows" blights many a bud of promise. Whether it be the young artist at his easel, the young preacher in his pulpit, the workman at his bench, the boy at his mathematical problems, or your little girl at her piano, give what praise you can, for many a one has fallen by the way for the want of that word of encouragement which would have "stablished their feet."

A CLASS TO BE PITIED.—We are all familiar with that type of people known as the shabby-genteel—people who cannot bear to be thought poor. They must live like their neighbours, although these neighbours may be twice or three times as rich as themselves.

UTILIZE THE WIND.—As we cannot all have what we want in the way of music, perhaps the following information how to make the most of what all can get may be acceptable:—Double, twist and wax strong silk thread; tie a knot on each end; make two little wedges of soft wool, with the little end split up a quarter of an inch, and put one on each end of the thread, the knot keeping it from slipping through.

SPURGEON AND THE SHOEMAKER.—It is said of Spurgeon that in his pointed way he cried out from the pulpit, "There's a shoemaker. Last Sunday he sold shoes that amounted to ninepence, and there was fourpence profit on it."

WHY ADVERTISE?

People sometimes ask why does Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N.Y., spend so much money in advertising his family medicines, which are so well known and surpass all other remedies in popularity and sale.

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OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Letter received. Much obliged. Solution of Problem No. 168 received. Correct. Student, Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 164 received. Correct.

THE INTERNATIONAL CHESS MATCH.

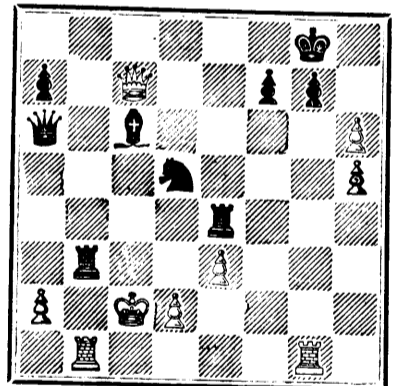
(From the Glasgow Evening News, Feb. 14, 1878.) We have the pleasure to inform our readers that, on the 5th inst., we received a copy of a game in which one of the British team had a decided winning advantage—no less than the gaining of his opponent's Queen; the pleasure was increased by receiving seven days afterwards a copy of another game, in which the British player has announced mate in six moves.

We learn from a recent issue of Land and Water that in the match between Mr. E. Thorold and Miss Rudge, at the odds of a Knight, two more games have been played, in both of which the lady was unfortunate. The score, as it now stands, gives Mr. Thorold eight, Miss Rudge eight, and no draws. Eleven games won by either side gain the victory, and, consequently, the contest is exciting considerable interest.

There appeared in the Hartford (Conn) Times, very recently, a problem by G. Reichhelm, to be solved in ninety-two moves. We recollect noticing some years ago a position by the celebrated Labourdonnais, which required eighty-one for solution.

The subjoined Problem is an interesting position which occurred recently in a game between Dr. I. Ryall and Mr. J. Henderson. White (Mr. Henderson) having the move, gave mate in four moves.

PROBLEM No. 165. BLACK.



White to play and mate in four moves.

CHESS IN CANADA. GAME 245TH.

A lively skirmish played at the Montreal Chess Club recently between Messrs. J. Barry and Saunders.

WHITE—(Mr. Saunders.) BLACK—(Mr. Barry.)

- 1. P to K 4 1. P to K 4
2. K Kt to B 3 2. Q Kt to B 3
3. P to Q B 3 3. K B to B 4
4. P to Q 4 4. P takes P
5. P takes P 5. B to Kt 3
6. P to Q 5 6. Q Kt to K 2
7. Kt to K 5 7. Q to Q B 3
8. K B to Q 3 8. Castles
9. Q B to K 3 9. P to Q 3
10. K Kt to Q B 4 10. B takes B
11. Kt takes B 11. Kt to Kt 3
12. Castles 12. Kt to K 4
13. B to Q B 2 13. P to K R 3
14. P to K B 4 14. Q Kt to K Kt 5
15. Kt takes Kt 15. B takes Kt
16. Q to K sq 16. P to Q B 3
17. P to K B 5 17. Q to Q Kt 3 (ch)
18. R to B 2 18. Q takes Q Kt P
19. Kt to Q B 3 19. Q to Q Kt 3
20. K to R sq 20. P takes Q P
21. P to K R 3 21. P to R 4
22. P to K Kt 4 22. B takes P
23. P takes B 23. P takes P
24. K R to B 3 24. P takes K P
25. Kt to Q 5 25. Q to Q Kt 7
26. B takes P (a) 26. Q mates

GAME 246TH.

Played recently in the Province of Ontario between G. Jackson, Esq. and Dr. —