

CITY CHIMES.

SEPTEMBER 1ST.—The summer, our beautiful summer, is swiftly passing. To-day we date our letters September 1st, that is those of us who do not forget and write August instead, and we are forced to realize that the best of the summer is gone. At a meeting held this week in a city church the beauty of the floral decorations was greatly enhanced by the addition of some brilliantly colored autumn leaves. Pleasing as the effect doubtless proved the bright color of these leaves could not but suggest the coming of the "melancholy days." However we have yet some five or six weeks, possibly more, of delightful weather, and we who are privileged to enjoy the fine and bracing climate of this city on the shores of the broad Atlantic should determine to lose no opportunity of making the most of the bright days while they last. The gardens are in their glory now, the foliage of the forests, deep green with here and there a flaming branch, is very beautiful, the harbor, basin and arm offer tempting attractions to pleasure seekers, and altogether the present month in Halifax may be looked upon as one of the most enjoyable of the twelve.

QUIET TIMES.—News this week is very scarce. With the exception of private social amusements, which I do not venture to discuss in this column, there is really nothing going on. Picnics, boating, a few small and early dances, with tennis and other sports have taken up the leisure time of the fun-loving young people, and public entertainment has not been in evidence at all. Families who have been rusticated are returning to town and opening up their city homes, so that the olive branches may be seen in their places when schools and colleges reopen. Several Halifaxians are leaving this month for a trip to the World's Fair, having deemed it wise to wait until the cooler breezes blow in Chicago before leaving Halifax. Probably in a few weeks social life in our midst will be more active than at present, for the sake of those of us who are expected to find interesting events constantly occurring it is sincerely hoped that it will.

It seems that it is not many months since I read or heard that, it being against the law for boys under sixteen years of age to use tobacco, the police had been instructed to arrest any young lads found smoking on the streets. Passing through George, Hollis or Granville streets any afternoon one would find it hard to believe that a law was inscribed on the pages of our statute books to the effect that small boys are forbidden to use tobacco. Tiny boys, some not more than eight or nine years of age, perchance even younger, ho'd firmly between their lips the sickening cigarette and quarrel over pennies to purchase a "pick of cigs." It is a shameful sight and should not be overlooked by the lfy police officer who struts past the youthful offenders without a glance in their direction. Pale faces and stunted bodies, weak mental development and other bad habits are the direct results of this evil practice among the newsboys and other lads of Halifax, and the prospects for a coming generation of strong, able-bodied, clear headed citizens are not encouraging. The carelessness on the part of the police authorities in this matter may seem a small thing, but it cannot be disputed that if it is worth while making a law it is right that it be enforced. If not let it be repealed but not openly broken. The physical and moral health of the boys who are to be the men of the near future is of no minor importance.

Another law that must surely be openly disregarded, and the transgression thereof winked at by the authorities, is that which forbids the selling of liquor to Indians. It is certainly a picturesque scene which meets the eye of the market-goer in Halifax on Saturday morning, and the red man, with his dusky spouse and bright little papoose, selling well-made baskets of many designs, attracts no small amount of attention, especially from strangers, to whom the picture presented is unique. What graphic pen pictures have been painted of the Halifax market people and what a prominent place in the foreground the Indian holds every one who peruses the New England and Upper Canada papers knows full well. Possibly the gifted writers of these interesting articles would be not a little surprised could they behold these same picturesque Indian men and women after the market is over reeling homewards or lying in a state of utter oblivion to their surroundings, the babies wailing piteously while the mothers unconsciously slumber on in their disgraceful sleep. This is not an overdrawn account of what has become a common scene on market days, and yet it is against the law to sell liquors to Indians. Is the law not a wise and practicable one? Is it impossible to discover the offenders? Why is this thusly?

WHAT TIME WILL IT GO AGAIN?—The situation is improving. The State House clock has resumed operation.—*Boston Traveller*. Methinks many Halifaxians would consider the situation very much improved if the market clock had resumed operations. The motionless clock which meets the citizen who had grown accustomed to glance at the time o'day when passing the post office never loses its forlorn expression, and the need of a time-piece in that portion of the city continues to be a very much felt want.

A GOOD TIME COMING.—A social event of the near future is the ball to be given by the Free Masons of the city in honor of the ladies who so materially assisted at the recent Fair. This will no doubt be as much of a success in its way as the Fair proved to be. It is interesting to observe the number of cliques which can be represented at a Halifax function such as the Masonic ball promises to be. Surely no other city of its size can produce such a number of "sets" as the old garrison city, which we all in our hearts love dearly, but in which we cannot but see much to condemn. The feeling of snobocracy is noticeable even in the little children, who in

school or at play scorn their mates who are not in their "set," and it continues to be shown throughout the whole social life of our city. However, the Masonic ball, while necessarily including many sets, will undoubtedly be well managed and be a very enjoyable entertainment. CHRS.

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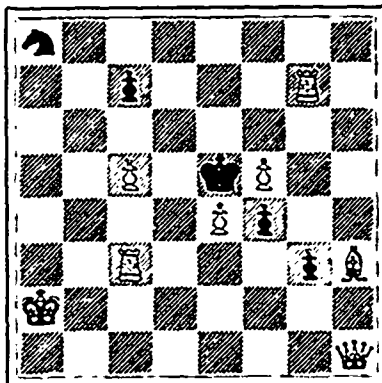
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SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 193.

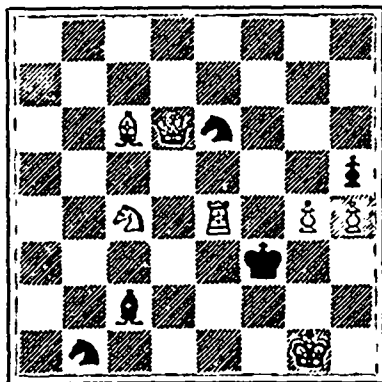
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 194.
Q—KB7

PROBLEM 197.
Black 5 pieces.



White 8 pieces.
White to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM 198.
Black 5 pieces.



White 7 pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME 180.

HISTORICAL CONTESTS.
Shang-Hai v. Che-Foo.

There are many ways of deciding war without having recourse to bloodshed, many ways of settling disputes without dealing blows, and many ways of quelling differences without taking up arms. But who would have thought that the feud that existed in the Flowery Kingdom between those imposing cities, Shang-Hai and Che-Foo, would be settled by a game of Chess. Yet, on turning over the pages of the *Celestial Empire* of June 15th, 1876,

we find that not only was such the case, but that the moves of the identical game played are recorded. The moves, continued for several years, were transmitted by a postal system, and resulted in the complete subjection of Shang-Hai. The game being a curiosity, we include it in our series of historical contests, and give it herewith:—

WHITE.	BLACK.
Shang-Hai.	Che-Foo.
1 P—K4	P—K3
2 Kt—KB3	P—Q4
3 P tks P	P tks P
4 P—Q4	KKt—B3
5 B—Q3	B—Q3
6 B—K3	Castles
7 P—KR3	KKt—K5
8 P—KKt4	P—KB4
9 P tks P	QB tks P
10 P—QR3	Q—KB3
11 B—K2	Kt—QB3
12 P—QB3	

The opening has been conducted rather timidly by the first players, and the Che-Foo has in consequence obtained a great advantage in position.

QR—Ksq
KKt tks QKt

The best move. If 14 Kt tks Kt, then black takes with his QR white's QB, and should the BP take the rook, white is mated in a few moves. If 14 Q or B takes Kt, then white must lose a piece.

15 Kt—KKt5	B—K5
16 Q tks B	B tks KR
17 R—KKtsq	Kt—K2
18 Q—KKt2	P—QB3
19 Kt—KB3	Kt—KB4
20 B—Q3	Q—K2
21 P tks Kt	Kt tks B
22 K—QB2	Q tks Pch
23 R—KBsq	QR—K2
24 Q—KKt4	P—QK'4

A clever attempt to turn the table.
P—QR4

Q tks correct.
25 B tks KRPch K tks B
26 Kt—Kt5ch Q tks Kt

Correct and decisive. If the king had retired to KKt square, white could have won as follows: 26. .K—Ktsq; 27 R tks Rch, K tks R; 28 Q—B5ch, K—Ktsq best; 29 Q—KR7ch, K—Bsq; 30 Q mates.

27 Q tks Q	R tks R
28 Q—KR5ch	K—Ktsq
29 Q—KK'6	R—K7ch

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