

never mutton. In that collarless, iceless hamlet, where the heat-shimmers wimpling over the prairie made one seasick, and the mercury freely disported itself up to 100 in the shade, meat must be consumed at once, or not at all. The frolicsome calf of the dawn, therefore, was often the veal of a score of families at noon, although we always managed to preserve ours, by a preliminary cooking, until night. On such rare days I made a sort of fête. I brought out my finest napery and laid the table myself with such small luxuries as I had in the way of silver and china. I even despoiled my adored verbena bed, and robbed the cypress vines of some of their burning stars, sending Amanda out upon the prairie to select the most graceful grasses to mix with them, much to that demoiselle's surprise, her first impression being that we wreathed ourselves with them and sang a sort of *Io-Baccio* chorus during our unwonted feast. Then when all was done, the vegetables ready to be "dished," the roast crisping in the oven, the custards luke-warming in a basin of tepid water, and S. looked for each moment, Amanda and I would arm ourselves with towels and rage about the "fore-room" like maniacs escaped from their cage, slapping, banging, till murdered flies lay about us in piles, and the atmosphere was as clear as that of insect-breeding prairies can ever hope to be. Then S. would come in with ever fresh delight at my little banquet, and we would dine, forgetting for a tiny season that "draw-backs" existed.

One day this programme had been carried out almost to completion. The raging of two maniacs had been performed to the satisfaction of the actresses and the annihilation of most of the audience. I heard S.'s step at the gate. Just then, fancying a peculiar and significant odor from the kitchen, I rushed out to discover the cause. S., too, upon entering, noticed the odor of a few drops of spilled gravy and dived directly down into the kitchen after me. I opened the oven door and gracefully invited him to "sniff." He sniffed once, twice; then sniffed no more! Chaos was let loose in the banquet-hall. Thence came the sound of heavy pounding, then a crash. It sounded as if all the china in the universe, as if the Celestial Empire, the flowery kingdom itself, tottered to its fall, and fell. Into chaos we rushed, to see my pretty fête dissolved like the baseless fabric of a dream, and my white table-cloth disappearing into the horizon like white sails upon trackless sea. "Ingersoll's colt!" was our rueful trio.

MARGARET BERTHA WRIGHT.

LAGER BEER.

I have finally come to the conclusion that lager beer as a beverage is not intoxicating.

I have been told so by a German who drank it all lite long, just to try the experiment, and was obliged to go home sober in the morning.

It is proper enough to state that this man kept a lager beer saloon, and could have no object in stating what was not strictly true.

I believed him to the full extent of my ability. I never drank but three glasses of lager in my life, and that made my head ontwist as tho it was hung on the end of a string, but I was told it was owing to my bile being out of place; and I that it was so, for I never biled over was than I did when I got home that nite. My wife tho I was goin to die, and I was afraid I shouldn't.

O, how sick I wuz. Fourteen years ago, and I can taste it now.

I never had so much experience in so short a time.

If lager beer is not intoxicating it used me mighty mean, that I know.

Still I hardly think that lager beer is intoxicating, for I have been told so, and I am probably the only man who ever drunk any when his liver was not plumb.

I don't want to say anything against a harmless temperance beverage, but if ever I drink any more, it will be with mi hands tied behind and mi mouth pried open.—Josh Billings.

VARIETIES.

A GOOD story is told of a Quaker volunteer who was in a Virginia skirmish. Coming in pretty close quarters with a Southerner, he remarked, "Friend, it's unfortunate, but thee stands just where I'm going to shoot;" and blazing away, down came the Southerner.

HERE is an illustration of the wonderful power of the electric light. In a letter from the commandant of an Argentine war vessel, it was stated that while she was lying six miles off shore, it was at a cottage two miles inland possible to read small print by the light of the electric beam from the ship.

STRAWBERRY CUSTARD.—Make nice boiled custard of a quart of milk and the yolks of five eggs properly sweetened. Boil till it thickens to the right consistency, take it off the fire, and put in the flavoring. Take a gill of sugar and a pint of ripe strawberries; crush them together and pass through a fine strainer. Take the whites of four of the eggs, and while beating them to a stiff froth add a gill of sugar, a little at a time. Then to the sugar and eggs add the sweetened strawberry juice, beating all the while to keep it stiff. This makes a beautiful pink float, which is to be placed on the top of the custard.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

W. H., St. Louis.—Letter received. Thanks.

THE GRAND VIENNA TOURNEY.

The latest scores of the leading players in the Vienna Tourney, which were enabled to publish in our Column last week, were very interesting, and no doubt highly gratifying to a very large number of amateurs on this side of the Atlantic.

Capt. Mackenzie, whose name stands first, is well known to many in Montreal, and his pleasant and courteous bearing during his sojourn in this city, two or three years ago, independent of his well known skill, will lead his friends to hope that he may be enabled to maintain, to the close of the great contest, his foremost position.

Chessplayers who are willing to undertake a passage across the great ocean in order to enter the lists with the strongest opponents that are to be found among European nations, deserve our admiration, if for their enterprise alone.

The following from Turf, Field and Farm, culled from Vienna and Berlin papers, will be read with interest:—

On the evening of the 9th the Vienna Chess Club gave a banquet in honor of the participants in the Tournament and the guests at the "Hotel Metropole," which was very animated.

The munificent donation of 1,000 florins (5,000 fr.) by the Emperor to the Tournament fund, has enabled the committee to increase the amount of the prizes. They are now as follows:—

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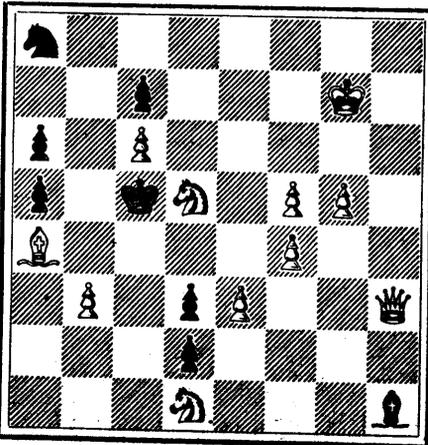
CHESS.

VIENNA, June 10.—The chess tournament during the past week has been disastrous for the American champion Mackenzie, he losing to Mason and Bird, and only drawing against Ware and Paulsen.

PROBLEM No. 385.

By Karl Koudelik, Prague.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 383.

- White. 1. Q to K Kt sq
- Black. 1. Any
- 2. Mates acc.

GAME 385TH.

VIENNA TOURNEY.

Played in the first round of the Vienna International Tourney, May 10 1882.

Rny Lopez.

White.—Captain Mackenzie. Black.—(Herr Winawer.)

- 1. P to K 4
- 2. Kt to K B 3
- 3. B to Kt 5
- 4. P to Q 4
- 5. Castles
- 6. P to K 5
- 7. R to K sq
- 8. Kt takes P
- 9. Q takes Kt
- 10. Kt to B 3
- 11. Q to K 4
- 12. B to Q 3
- 13. B to R 6
- 14. Q R to Q sq (f)
- 15. Q to B 3
- 16. P takes P en passant
- 17. B to B 4 (h)
- 18. K to B sq
- 19. B to Kt 3 (t)
- 20. P to Kt 3 (j)
- 1. P to K 4
- 2. Kt to Q B 3
- 3. Kt to B 3 (a)
- 4. P takes P
- 5. B to K 2 (b)
- 6. Kt to K 5
- 7. Kt to B 4 (c)
- 8. Kt takes Kt
- 9. Castles
- 10. Kt to K 3 (d)
- 11. P to Q B 3 (e)
- 12. P to K Kt 3
- 13. R to K sq
- 14. P to K B 4
- 15. P to Q 4 (g)
- 16. B takes P
- 17. B takes P oh
- 18. Q to R 4
- 19. Q takes B
- 20. Q to B sq (k)

- 21. K to Kt 2
- 22. Q takes B
- 23. R to K R sq
- 24. R to Q 6
- 25. Q to Q 3
- 26. K to B sq
- 27. R to Q 8 oh
- 28. Q to Q 6 (l)
- 29. R to Kt sq
- 30. R to Kt 8 oh (n)
- 31. Q takes Q
- 21. B takes P
- 22. K to R sq
- 23. R to K 2
- 24. P to B 5
- 25. P to B 6 oh
- 26. Q to B 4
- 27. K to Kt 2
- 28. Q to Kt 4
- 29. Q to Q B 4 (m)
- 30. K takes R
- Resigns

NOTES.

(a) We do not pretend analytically the merits of this defense; we merely say we prefer P to R 3. As a remarkable fact we have seen a great many games prematurely break down, this defense having been adopted; noteworthy among them being one at Berlin where Winawer defeated Dr. Schmidt in twelve moves.

(b) This is better than Kt takes P. (c) Had Black played the defense of 3 P to R 3, the White Bishop in the usual course would have retreated to R 4, and therefore, after Black's 7th move Kt to B 4, that Bishop would be attacked and compelled to move, thus giving Black time. Upon this fact we base our opinion that 3 P to R 3 is a good defense.

(d) The Knight is also disadvantageously placed on K 2. We think Black might have played P to Q 3 instead of Kt to K 3; it would have better developed his game.

(e) The very thing White wanted; he now brings his Bishop into activity at the cost of Black's time.

(f) Now White's superiority is established; R to Q sq is very good, it further weakens Black's Queen's file in combination with the Pawn on K 5. Black's defense therefore turned out badly.

(g) A desperate effort to force his cramped position, but risky, in view of the position of White's Rooks.

(h) Overlooking the palpable rejoinder of Black; a waiting move, such as P to K R 3, would have done good service to White.

(i) In case White should have made an effort to retrieve his lost fortunes by B takes Kt. B takes B and then retire his Bishop, Black would have a winning check with his B to B 5, but through the move in the text White also loses two Pawns, which defense turned out more fortunate for White than could be expected.

(j) White relied upon this move to regain the piece. (k) Surely Black had a straight road to victory by Q to R 6 oh and on Queen interposing exchanging. K to K 2 would have been too dangerous for White to venture on, after exchanging Queens, and Bishop takes Pawn, Black would be two Pawns ahead.

(l) White is playing well, and makes the utmost of his attack, while Black is evidently playing carelessly. (m) This loses the Queen; he might have played Q to R 5. White could not then have played B takes Kt, on account of Black's reply of B takes B, threatening B to B 5 oh.

(n) Highly ingenious. Black has no choice. If K to B 3, Kt to K 4 wins, or if K to R 4 R to R sq oh, followed by Kt to K 4 oh.—Notes by Mr. Gunsberg in Chess Player's Chronicle.



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