

ECHOES FROM LONDON.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* states that the order for the issue of the "frontier medal," with a clasp for "Jowaki," is to be issued at once.

According to a metropolitan directory, £4,250,000 was raised in London last year for charitable objects. This is more than one pound for every man, woman and child in the capital.

The Beaconsfield Club is progressing very rapidly. The new building will be very shortly ready, and the club will begin the campaign against Liberalism, which is its principal object.

The freedom of the City of London is to be presented to Sir Rowland Hill, in acknowledgment of the great social and commercial benefits that country has derived from the adoption, in 1840, of his system of uniform penny postage.

The Strand Theatre, by a mere coincidence, has had the following droll sequence of plays on its bill. A few months ago *Sweethearts* was produced, followed by *Engaged*, then came *Married*, and now the piece that all London is flocking to see is called *Engaged*.

It is stated that the venerable lime trees of which the Well Walk, Hampstead, is composed, and which are connected with the memories of Dr. Johnson, Charles Lamb, S. T. Coleridge, and John Keats, will be spared. The trustees of the Wells Charity have rescinded a resolution for their removal.

The Empress Eugenie is described as leading the quietest and most monotonous of lives at Chislehurst. She prays, she drives, she embroiders, and sometimes she plays whist in the evening. She is still handsome, her beautiful golden hair shining royally above her plain black dress. She was, is, and will be, a rare woman.

SOMEBODY wants to know if the South Kensington Museum is safe from fire. The question is starting after the Birmingham catastrophe; and the answer given is that the new portion is safe. But a great deal of the old temporary building is still left, and that is composed mainly of wood, and is lighted thrice a week with gas. It is surely time that somebody paid a little attention to a question so important.

Mr. De Jongh, the eminent flautist of Manchester, has recently patented an invention that is likely to prove valuable to theatrical managers all over the world. It is a mechanical contrivance for the ticket-boxes of theatres, which will, it is said, be an infallible check upon the money received, and therefore render the petty speculation, which is unfortunately so common, impossible. Mr. Irving has been the first to adopt Mr. De Jongh's invention, and will shortly test its efficacy at the Lyceum.

At the time of the so-called "run" on the London and County Bank on Friday week, there proved to be in the strong-room of the bank in Lombard street no less a sum than £2,000,000 in bullion. In order to guard against the possible effects of the scare on the 130 county branches of the bank, extra supplies of cash were despatched to them by the trains from London on Friday night. On Saturday morning sixty telegrams were received at headquarters in London from the county managers stating that the extra remittances were quite uncalled for.

We are often behind other nations, and, indeed, in the commissariat generally so; but so pleased are the Germans with the reports they have received of the new soup and condensed meat rations just being issued to our men in Afghanistan that they have ordered a sample for inspection by the Crown Prince to be sent to Berlin at once, by Count Seckendorf, the equerry to his Imperial Highness. This is a little flattering, for although the makers call themselves by the German name Kopf, they are in reality two English officers of the army.

A NEW form of amusement in country parishes since the passage of the Marriage Notice Act has been for the young people to quiz the names displayed on the church door, and the happy expectants have to run the gauntlet of groups of gazing neighbours thus engaged. Sensitive couples will appreciate the feelings of the registrar of a quiet country town not fifty miles from Kent who has, out of respect for the feelings of the fortunates who happened to be first on his board, seeing that the Act does not specify particularly which side of the office door it is to be hung on, been pleased to put it up on the inside.

A GOOD illustration of the difficulties attending London journalism is given by the fact that the other day all but one morning newspaper were hoaxed on the subject of the co-operative movement. A contributor sent in some copy to every paper, purporting to be the report of a great meeting said to be held near Oxford street by the tradesmen of the district.

The text of speeches delivered and resolutions passed in them all seemed quite regular, and nearly all the journals printed it. Inquiry goes to show that no such meeting ever took place, and that the whole thing was an invention.

IN reference to the recent "scare" in Lombard street, a correspondent recalls to mind the anecdote of the "run" upon Child's bank upwards of two centuries since, when that now celebrated firm would have had to succumb to the sudden pressure brought to bear upon it, but for the fortunate circumstance that Neil Gwynne happened to call, and learning the state of affairs straightway went off, and collecting all the plate, jewels, and specie she could lay her hands upon, returned with the treasure to the bank, where she deposited it—a display of confidence which so restored the equanimity of the other customers that the alarm at once ceased, and the bank was saved.

ANOTHER phase of club life is announced. It is cheap, the subscription being 2s. 6d. a year. The circular says it is "to promote sympathy and mutual help among men who, though engaged in the same great work, yet from the special nature of their duties are in danger of an injurious isolation—to give the younger clergy the opportunity of freely discussing matters of practical interest in parish work; and also by uniting in prayer and seeking a deeper spiritual life to aim at effecting, in however small a degree, the healing of divisions, and the building up of the Church of Christ." To carry out these apparently laudable designs, all the junior clergy in London and its neighbourhood have been invited to join. The Bishop of London is President.

THE peerage comprises at the present time no less than 580 members, including 5 royal dukes, 28 dukes, 33 marquises, 205 earls, 37 viscounts, and 252 barons. The creation of the dukes vary from Norfolk in 1483 to Westminster in 1874, of the marquises from Winchester in 1551 to Aberavenny in 1876, of the earls from Crawford in 1395 to Cairns in 1878, of the viscounts from Hereford in 1549 to Cranbrook in 1878, and of the barons from Le Despencer in 1251 to Norton in 1878. Of the baronetage there are no less than 862 members, of whose baronetcies 33 were created by James I., 81 by Charles I., 101 by Charles II., 16 by James II., 19 by Queen Anne, 10 by George I., 26 by George II., 40 by George III., 40 by George IV., 47 by William IV., and 153 by Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

THE Government will take measures as rapidly as possible to facilitate telegraph communication with the Cape. The want of a wire to Africa was severely felt during the Ashantee War, and now that we have trouble in Zululand the impossibility of communicating by telegraph with England is felt to be a serious affair. The London newspapers are also in great difficulty about getting news, and some two or three have arranged for long telegrams to be forwarded from Madeira so long as the war lasts, the material for these messages coming from the Cape by steamer. One paper offered to share part of the expense of a wire, if the war were likely to assume greater proportions, on certain conditions. A similar offer was made by the same paper during the Ashantee War.

THE enterprising proprietor of one of the popular restaurants has recently instituted what he calls "The Dinner of the Golden Sausage," the great attraction of which is the insertion in every thirtieth sausage designed for his guests of a small gold coin, which becomes the property of the individual to whose lot it chances to fall. It is quite a study to observe the guests seated round the numerous tables, each accommodating thirty persons, all of whom are moving their jaws most cautiously. Of those favoured with fortune some are unable to conceal their satisfaction, while others try to convey the coin unperceived from their mouths to their pockets. As a matter of course, everyone is obliged to masticate his food slowly, instead of bolting it in the national fashion, otherwise the tiny coin might slip down his gullet unawares.

IN one of the by streets opposite Whitehall, a man had recently taken up his stand, and was entertaining a little crowd of people with the performance of some tame canaries, cats, rats, and white mice, when an elderly gentleman stopped to witness the vagaries of this happy family. His remarkable face was "sickly o'er with a pale cast of thought." He seemed greatly amused with the performances of the strangely assorted artistes on the table, especially when a large cat, of ferocious aspect, sat down upon its tail and took in its paws a little flagstaff, from the top of which a white mouse brought down the Russian colours. Next, the manager of the entertainment took up a canary, and assuring his patrons that the bird would collect money from those who might be inclined to give, passed it round for the purpose. The quiet, faintly-smiling gentleman already mentioned held out a silver coin, which the bird took into its beak with an audible chirp. After this the gentleman chuckled, and, turning round, crossed Parliament street, and disappeared in Downing street. The happy family had had for its patron a British statesman of world-wide renown, whose name it would be superfluous to mention.

THE railing on the north side of the churchyard of St. Paul's Cathedral will be lowered, and a new gate formed at the north-east corner, by Chancery. On the south side the railing will be shifted within the churchyard so as to allow of the formation of a public footway on the outside. This is a convenience which will not fail to be appreciated by all pedestrians to whom the crossing of the road at this side has hitherto been attended with no small personal danger. The whole of the north-east, south-east, and south-west of the churchyard will be planted with trees and shrubs; the flower-beds and the customary accessories of the landscape garden will find their place in the development of the work. A fountain is to be erected to the north-west of the churchyard, which will probably be embellished with a statuette of St. Paul.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S. Montreal.—Thanks for several valuable communications.

Student, Montreal.—Correct solution of Problem No. 213 received.

W. A. Montreal.—Problem received. Many thanks.

R.F.M., Sherbrooke, P.Q.—Correct solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 210 received.

E.H., Montreal.—Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 211 received. Correct.

Annexed will be found two tables giving information connected with the condition of the Canadian Chess Correspondence Tourney, and we are sure that they will be looked over with much interest by every player in the contest. In their preparation they are much indebted to Mr. Shaw, the originator and conductor of the Tourney, of the success of which there can be no longer any doubt. Already, sixty-three games, out of a total of one hundred and five, have been concluded, leaving only forty-two still to be played.

This Tourney has been noticed in very favourable terms by Chess editors on both sides of the Atlantic, and in the last number of the *Chessplayers' Chronicle*, London, Eng., appears the score of the game in this contest, played between Mr. J. Henderson, of Montreal, and Dr. Ryall, of Hamilton, the former being the victor on the occasion. We hope to insert this game with the valuable notes in a future Column.

CANADIAN CHESS CORRESPONDENCE TOURNEY.

Continuation of list of games concluded. (From Jan. 1st, 1879, to Feb. 20th, 1879.)

No.	PLAYERS	WON BY
52	Black vs. Braithwaite	Braithwaite.
53	Gibson vs. Clawson	Gibson.
54	Wythe vs. Ryall	Ryall.
55	Ryall vs. Narraway	Ryall.
56	Foster vs. Clawson	Clawson.
57	Hicks vs. Gibson	Hicks.
58	Hicks vs. Murphy	Hicks.
59	Braithwaite vs. Narraway	Narraway.
60	Shaw vs. Saunders	Saunders.
61	Black vs. Gibson	Black.
62	Black vs. Wythe	Wythe.
63	Black vs. Murphy	Murphy.

Totals of games played to Feb. 20th, 1879:

NAME	GAMES PLAYED	WON.
W. H. Hicks	5	3
John Henderson	2	2
A. Saunders	2	2
J. W. Shaw	10	6
M. J. Murphy	6	5
C. A. Braithwaite	13	2
W. Braithwaite	8	6
Dr. J. Ryall	3	3
H. N. Kitchin	2	2
G. Gibson	4	3
J. E. Narraway	10	6
J. Clawson	10	4
J. T. Wythe	9	3
J. G. Foster	10	2
G. P. Black	11	3

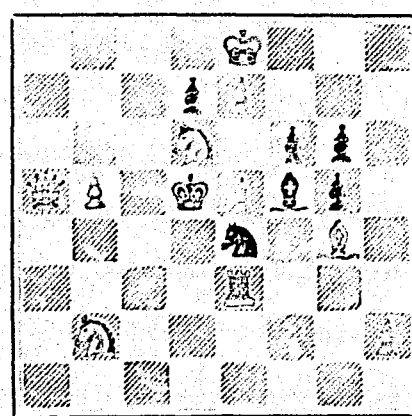
J. W. SHAW.
Conductor of Tourney.

PROBLEM No. 215.

Inscribed to the Editor of the Chess Column of the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.

By Mr. W. Atkinson, Montreal.

BLACK.



WHITE

White to play and mate in three moves.

GAME 343RD.

(From the Dramatic Times.)

A well fought game played some time ago at Simpson's Divan, between Messrs. Eccles and Macdonnell.

(Vienna Game.)

WHITE.—(Mr. E.) BLACK.—(Mr. M.)

1. P to K 4
2. Kt to Q B 5
3. P to B 4
4. P to Q 4 (a)
5. K to K 2
6. P takes P
7. K to B 2
8. P to Kt 3
9. P takes P
10. R to Kt 2
11. P takes Kt
12. B to B 4
13. Q to K 2 (ch)
14. R to K sq
15. P takes P
16. R takes B (ch) (d)
17. Q to R 6
18. R to B 3
19. Q takes Q P (ch)
20. Kt to R 3
21. Q to K B 4
22. R to K R sq
23. R takes Q (c)
24. K to B 2
25. K to Kt sq
26. B to B 3
27. Kt to K 4
28. K to Kt 2
29. Kt takes Kt
30. K to Kt 2
31. P to Q 5
32. K to Kt sq
33. Kt to Kt 2
34. K takes B
35. Q to K 5 (ch)

and Black resigned.

NOTES.

(a) The invention of this move to be followed by K to K 2 is claimed by Herr Steinitz. Its author may say of it as Touchstone said of Audrey: "A poor thing, but mine own."

(b) A simple but effective manoeuvre originated by Mr. Macdonnell, that expels this phase of the Vienna game from the list of sound openings. Analysis so far proves that White must now be content with a *reprise* for if he play K to B sq, Black continues with Kt to B 3 with a manifest superiority, and if he adopt the line of play in the text, he should not secure anything like compensation for the sacrificed Rook.

(c) P takes P, or B to Q 3 are both worthy of examination at this juncture.

(d) Apparently his best move.

(e) If White had played instead Q to Q B sq, Black would have won by Q takes B (ch), &c.

(f) Very well played indeed.

(g) A hasty move that loses the game in a few moves.

GAME 344TH.

CANADIAN CHESS CORRESPONDENCE TOURNEY.

Game between Geo. P. Black, Esq., of Halifax, N. S., and G. Gibson, Esq., of Toronto.

(Philidor's Defence.)

WHITE.—(G. P. Black.) BLACK.—(G. Gibson.)

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

NOTES.

(a) This and Black's following move are the beginning of an enterprise which speedily ends in discomfiture.

(b) All this is very plain.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 143.

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| WHITE. | BLACK. |
| 1. B to K R 3 | 1. P to Q 4 (a) |
| 2. B to K B sq | 2. Anything |
| 3. Mates accordingly | (a) 1. P to Kt 4, or K to Q 5 |
| | 2. K moves. |

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 211.

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| WHITE. | BLACK. |
| 1. B takes Kt | 1. Q to Q 2 |
| 2. B to K B 2 (ch) | 2. Q covers |
| 3. B takes Q mate | |

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 212.

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| WHITE. | BLACK. |
| K at K 2 | K at Q 4 |
| B at Q B 2 | Pawns at Q 2 |
| Kt at K 4 | K B 2, Q B 3 |
| Kt at Q 4 | and Q B 5 |
| Pawns at K B 4 | |
| K Kt 3, Q B 3 and | |
| Q Kt 4 | |

White to play and mate in two moves.

"WHAT ever shall I do with such a bad, bad boy," said a loving mother as she strove to impress on the mind of her six-year-old tow-head his manifold troublesomeness. "Oh, you let me alone, I ain't half as bad as I can be," replied non-impressible, and he gave his maternal ancestor a wink that completely upset her gravity.