

"They have been paying out more anchor-chain," says the rough voice from out of the mackintosh; "it is likely to be a nasty night, and we are going to lower the topmast now. I want you to be so kind as to tell Fred to leave out some whisky and some bread and cheese, for John thinks of having an anchor watch."

"The bread and cheese and whisky Fred can get at any time," says she. And she adds with some warmth, "But you are not going to stay on deck on such a night. Come in here at once. Leave your mackintosh on the steps."

Is it that he looks at that draught board! It is Mr. Howard Smith who is playing with Mary Avon. The faithless Miranda has got another Ferdinand now.

"I think I would rather take my turn like the rest," he says, absently. "There may be some amusement before the morning."

And so the black figure turned away and disappeared; and a strange thing was that the girl playing draughts seemed to have been so bewildered by the apparition that she stared at the board, and could not be got to understand how she had made a gross and gigantic blunder.

"Oh, yes; oh, certainly," she said, hurriedly; but she did not know how to retrieve her obvious mistake.

To be continued.

## VARIETIES.

**POPULATION OF THE GLOBE.**—The whole earth is reckoned to have upon it 1,303,989,255 human beings, with an area of rather more than 54,000,000 of square miles. Asia is, of course, the most extensively peopled—780,000,000 inhabitants to 18,885,630 square miles. Next comes Europe, with 313,740,333 inhabitants to 3,825,328 square miles; then Africa, 128,000,000 to 11,587,000; then America, 85,848,922 to 16,402,934; then Australia and Oceania, with a total population of 3,500,000, representing very slightly more than one inhabitant to every square mile.

**THE COST OF MODERN ARMIES.**—A detailed comparison by a Paris paper of the cost entailed by modern standing armies show some very curious results. Amongst the Great Powers England stands pre-eminent for the extravagance of its expenditure, the annual cost of each man in the army being £130, while for the Indian Army the cost per man is about half. Next, but at a long interval, comes Austria-Hungary, with an expenditure of about £51; then France and Germany, the latter of which countries spends just £43 per annum per man. The other two Great Powers each spend a little less than Germany, but the difference is extremely small. Italy appears to pay just under £40, and Russia just over £38, which is not very much more than a quarter of the expenses required by the British soldier.

**THEODORE HOOK.**—One evening, in the early days of the Garrick Club, Mr. Planché had given an imitation of Edmund Kean, and Theodore Hook had been singing some of his wonderful songs, when Hook offered to set the young dramatist down at Brompton Crescent, on his way to Fulham. It was a bright summer morning, and the sun was shining magnificently as they passed Hyde Park Corner, when Hook said, "I have been very ill for some time, and my doctors told me never to be out of doors after dark, as the night air was the worst thing for me. I have taken their advice. I drive into town at four o'clock every afternoon, dine at Crockford's or wherever I may be invited, and never go home until this time in the morning. I have not breathed the night air for the last two months."

**A RICH DOG STORY.**—A blind beggar was in the habit of frequenting the Point des Sts. Peres, France, where he used to station himself with a clarinet and a very intelligent poodle. Contributions poured freely into the little wooden bowl which the dog held in his mouth. One day the blind man, who had reached an advanced age, was not to be seen. He had fallen ill. His companion, however, continued to frequent the accustomed spot, and the passer-by, to whom he was familiar, understood that his master was unwell, and touched by his fidelity, dropped their pence into his bowl in increased numbers. The beggar went the way of all flesh, an event which the wily poodle carefully kept to himself until he also became an absentee from the Pont des Sts. Peres. The poor animal was found lying dead in a cellar near his former master's abode, a sum of 20,000 francs in bonds of the Orleans railway being discovered under the litter on which he was stretched.

**GLADSTONE AND BEACONSFIELD.**—The contrast between Lord Beaconsfield and Mr. Gladstone is in nothing more marked than in the matter of costume. Mr. Gladstone's get up is as *negligé* as Lord Beaconsfield's is *recherché*. He is apparently turned out by careful hands, and a rose is not unfrequently placed in his button-hole by some one before he leaves Downing-street, but in the excitement of business he soon gets crumpled and creased, and by midnight he is as dowdy as Mr. Forster. The Premier has the misfortune to be one of those men who never look dressed. His coat hangs upon him as it would upon a clothes-horse. But, to do him justice, the matter is one about which he does not seem to greatly care. Lord Beaconsfield is always particularly careful about his hat. In the very heat of debate he assiduously watches over it, so that its glossy surface may not sustain the smallest ruffling, and even in the

House of Lords, where no bustle prevails, he invariably places it under the table as far as he can reach, to be out of harm's way.

**"FIXED" MESMERICALLY.**—Several well-known citizens were talking together recently in the billiard-room of the principal hotel in a large provincial town in the North, when a well-known conjurer and mesmerist came to see if the bill-poster had left any of his programmes. Two or three gentlemen began to poke fun at the professor, and intimated that there was some trickery in his performance. Finally the mesmerist professor stood upon his dignity, and offered to give a free exhibition then and there of his skill. He said that he would so place one of the party, when under his influence, that, when he had caused the subject to grasp his own nose, he could not leave the room without taking his fingers from his nose. The wager was accepted, and one of the party, an alderman gave himself up to the influence of the mesmerist, who placed him by the side of an iron column at the end of the room, told him to close his eyes, and made a few passes over his face. He then took the alderman's arm, brought it round the column, and put his nose between his fingers. After a few more passes, the professor said, "Now, sir, you cannot leave the room without taking your fingers from your nose." The victim opened his eyes and at once saw the point of the joke.

**THE ENGLISH JUDGE MAULE.**—His knowledge of English and French literature was remarkable to a degree. Italian and Spanish "he knew a little," a modest description of what in other men would be sound and satisfactory familiarity. One amusing department of letters he had at his finger ends, namely, Ana, those collections of quaint stories which fill shelves in the library. Some one having purchased a volume of these jests, which he boasted contained an unusual proportion of fresh material, Maule offered a wager that on hearing the first two lines of each anecdote he would complete the story; and used to relate with pleasant triumph how he had won his wager, without failing in a single instance. His memory was indeed prodigious, being stored with every kind of curious thing—passages from Greek, Latin and French poets in all kinds of metres, even strings of nursery rhymes, in this suggesting the power of Macaulay. No one could tell the story with such humor, and it is said that Lord Brougham declared he was the only man he would rather not encounter in conversation. One of his singular capacities was the picking of locks, in which craft he was a master, performing prodigies with no other instrument than a piece of wire.

**SPOHR.**—The following amusing incident once happened to Spohr, the composer, while on an excursion with a number of his pupils. "Arrived at Clausthal," he tells us, "our first care was to get rid of the unseemly growth of beard that had accrued to all during our journey, so as to reassume a civilised appearance. We sent, therefore, for a barber, and submitted ourselves one after the other to his razor. A comical incident arose out of this operation. We had all more or less a sore place under the chin from holding the violin; and I, who first sat down, directed the barber's attention to it, and begged him to go over it lightly. As the barber found a similar sore place under the chin of each that followed, his countenance assumed more and more the grotesque expression exhibited in the disposition to whistle and smile at the same time, while every now and then he murmured something inwardly. Upon being asked the reason, he replied, with a grave look, 'Gentlemen, I see very clearly that you all belong to a secret society, and you all carry the sign. You are Freemasons probably, and I am right glad that I know at last how that is to be discovered.' As upon this we all broke out into shouts of laughter, he was at first very much disconcerted; nevertheless we could not shake his belief."

**RULES OF DIET FOR JOURNALISTS.**—A journalist of twenty-five years' experience writes to the London *Standard* to warn his brother journalists against the *Standard's* advice of "two meals a day." He says: "I never could work for two hours after dinner, and therefore got into the habit of dining when my work was done—sometimes at 8, sometimes at 12 p.m. Some fifteen years ago this brought on a chronic liability to terrible attacks of neuralgic headache. The doctors told me never to fast more than four or five hours. I followed their advice, and though utterly shattered in health, and often terribly overworked, I have never since suffered from headache as I used to do when younger, stronger, and living on two meals a day. Men of brain-work are always tempted to overeat, for reasons which any doctor or physiologist can explain. And dinner—one heavy meal later in the day—is a serious mistake; dessert helps to render it fatal. 'Every man at 40 is a fool or a physician.' Let me advise my younger brethren to eat at least three times a day, to make a good breakfast, a moderate luncheon and a dinner not heavier than their breakfast, at least three hours before bed-time, if possible; to drink as little alcohol as possible and on no account to touch it till their work is done; never to smoke on an empty stomach, and never to eat too much at one time, as to feel sleepy or stupid afterward. I believe that, with these simple rules observed, they may keep as much health as is compatible with unnatural hours and a most exciting life. I never knew a journalist indulge at all freely in alcohol who did not break down before he reached my age."

I believe that much good would be done if fish, peas, beans and cauliflowers were made to supplant a part of our meat diet, especially in youth; but on this point I speak from theory, not experience."

## THE GLEANER.

THERE are 61 churches in Montreal, valued at \$2,224,800.

IN forty years Montreal's population has increased five times, and is now 150,000.

AT a London bazaar a lady recently handed round her baby to be kissed by the visitors at 6d. each.

THE Princess Louise is expected to return to Canada for the winter season. She will probably sail about November 11.

THE Tower of London is now thrown open like every other museum, the beefeaters acting simply as custodians and sentries at various points in the building.

IT is estimated that, notwithstanding the heavy drain of troops for foreign service, there are available at home in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland no less a force than 60,000 of all arms.

THE Prince of Wales has set a good example of providence to his future subjects. His Royal Highness has for some time past been assured with the Prudential Assurance Company for £40,000, and pays a premium of £800 a year.

THE proposed tunnel through Mont Blanc is being seriously talked about in France, and the French Government have commissioned M. de Lepinay to draw up a report on the scheme. The estimated cost is £3,600,000, and the extreme length would be about eight miles.

THE last sensation in men's walking-sticks consists of a smooth, polished cane, surmounted by a handle in the shape of a ball, in either ivory or silver. The ball unscrews, or comes out after the fashion of a sword-cane, and discloses within a receptacle for cigarettes.

How many females find a means of gaining a livelihood by selling button-hole flowers in the streets of London, may be inferred from the fact that a few days since 2,000 flower girls were taken down to Southend by special train, that they might enjoy a holiday in the country.

A SUBSTANTIAL effort is to be made to satisfy the epidemic of curiosity still running its course in London about the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and her affairs. A biography of her ladyship is in course of preparation, which is to be illustrated by a portrait, and to be published almost immediately.

IT is now said that the Duke of Argyll may possibly receive the Garter. A veteran in politics, more than an amateur in science, the only great orator the Liberal party possess in the Lords, father-in-law of a princess and father of the Governor-General of Canada—he, the descendant of Scottish kings, has a claim second to none for the coveted decoration.

A MOVEMENT is on foot amongst Lancashire members to organize a combination within the House of Commons—a sort of Indian party, like the Irish party—to take special care of all affairs relating to India. The first part of their programme will be to secure an alteration in the Indian financial year, so that the Budget may be brought down early in the spring.

MRS. SUSAN J. HENRY, widow of the late Capt. Patrick Henry, last surviving grandson of Patrick Henry, of Revolutionary fame, died a few days ago in Washington. Mrs. Henry inherited property which was lost during the war. For a number of years she was a clerk in the treasury department, and at the time of her death had just received an appointment in the agricultural department.

WILLIAM F. DE HAAS, the well-known painter of marine pictures, and a brother of Mauritz F. H. De Haas, died on the 16th of July on board a Dutch steamer bound from the Azores to Rotterdam, Holland. He was buried at sea. His best known works are "Sunrise on the Susquehanna," "Fishing Boats off Mount Desert," "Evening at Halifax," "Naragansett Pier," and "White Island Light."

A NEW plan has been patented in the United States for moving cars on elevated railroads by means of skates or runners sliding along a smooth rail. It is claimed that this invention will avoid the jarring and vibration which are so destructive to both the fixed and rolling stock where wheels are used. The skates are each provided with a chamber for containing a lubricant and are fitted with wearing slips which can be readily removed and replaced when they are worn out. The inventor asserts that a train may be moved on the plain track with less power than is now required to move cars provided with wheels.

## CAN'T PREACH GOOD.

No man can do a good job of work, preach a good sermon, try a law suit well, doctor a patient, or write a good article when he feels miserable and dull, with sluggish brain and unsteady nerves, and none should make the attempt in such a condition when it can be easily and cheaply removed by a little Hop Bitters. See "Truths" and "Proverbs," other column.

**WOMAN'S LOVE.**—Woman's capacity for loving endures while life lasts in her heart. Love in one form or another makes up the beauty of her life. It enters into all she does. Unlike men, women chiefly look for personal intercourse with those for whom they are working. If their interest lies among the poor, they are desirous of sympathetic, personal acquaintance with them; and very little good work of a lasting kind has been done by women without their own influence of love being brought to bear on the individual case.

## OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Papers received. Thanks.  
Student, Montreal.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 292.  
O. T., Montreal.—Shall be glad at all times to exchange with you.  
E. H., Montreal.—Correct solution received of Problem for Young Players No. 290.  
E. D. W., Sherbrooke, P. Q.—Solution received of Problem No. 292. Correct.

We have received the following table of the games concluded in the Hamilton Chess Correspondence Tourney, from the 1st of July to the 31st of August, 1880. It appears from this statement that forty-three encounters have been brought to a close, a number which, we think, will testify to the earnest manner in which the competitors have entered into the contest:

### HAMILTON CHESS CLUB CORRESPONDENCE TOURNAMENT.

Games concluded from 1st July to 31st August, 1880.

No. of Games	White	Black	Result
1	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn
2	Shaw vs. Narraway	Narraway	Drawn
3	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn
4	Shaw vs. Narraway	Narraway	Drawn
5	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn
6	Shaw vs. Narraway	Narraway	Drawn
7	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn
8	Shaw vs. Narraway	Narraway	Drawn
9	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn
10	Shaw vs. Narraway	Narraway	Drawn
11	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn
12	Shaw vs. Narraway	Narraway	Drawn
13	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn
14	Shaw vs. Narraway	Narraway	Drawn
15	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn
16	Shaw vs. Narraway	Narraway	Drawn
17	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn
18	Shaw vs. Narraway	Narraway	Drawn
19	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn
20	Shaw vs. Narraway	Narraway	Drawn
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25	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn
26	Shaw vs. Narraway	Narraway	Drawn
27	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn
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36	Shaw vs. Narraway	Narraway	Drawn
37	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn
38	Shaw vs. Narraway	Narraway	Drawn
39	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn
40	Shaw vs. Narraway	Narraway	Drawn
41	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn
42	Shaw vs. Narraway	Narraway	Drawn
43	Shaw vs. Narraway	Shaw	Drawn

We learn from Vienna papers that a National Congress will be held at Graz, Styria, in the beginning of next month. The entries for the chess tournament will be restricted to Austrian and prominent German players. H. I. H. Archduke Carl Ludwig has offered a valuable cup as chief trophy.—*Hartford Times*.

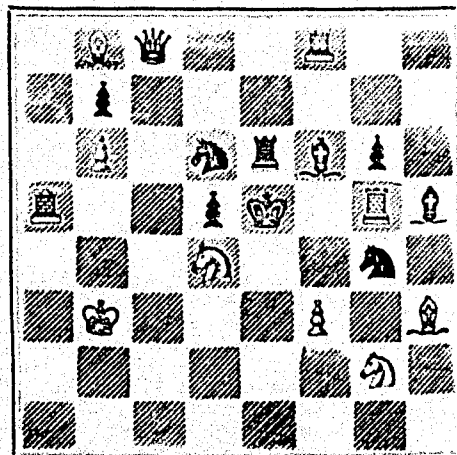
The Vienna Chess Club contemplates holding a grand International Chess Tourney in March, next year, in order to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the club's foundation.

The Hamburg Chess Club celebrated its fiftieth anniversary by a jubilee festival on the 8th and 9th of May. The banquet was presided over by Dr. Feil, the club's veteran President, and member of 41 years' standing, and much conviviality prevailed. A tourney on the pairing out principle, in which 29 competitors took part, resulted in the victory of Herr Bier.—*Chessplayer's Chronicle*.

### PROBLEM No. 294.

By J. H. Finlison, Huddersfield, Eng.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.