

ed at last. But that was all he could make her say. And so he let her go.

The next evening, in the moonlight, she drove him to Petoskey. He had messages to send and preferred to trust the telegraph office in the larger town. Returning they swung out along the country roads. The night was cool here on the hills, under the stars; the fan-shaped glare from their headlights, blurring the radiance of the moon, sent dancing before them swiftly-changing, distorted shadows of the dusty bushes beside the road. Topping a rise, they came suddenly

upon his birthplace. She had not designed coming to that place, but she had taken a turn at his direction, and now he asked her to stop the car. He got out and paced about, calling to her and pointing out the desirableness of the spot as the site for their country home. She sat in the motor, watching him and calling back to him.

The house was small, log built, the chinks between the logs stopped with clay. Across the road from it, the silver bark of the birch trees gleamed white among the black-barked timber. Smells of rank vegetation came to her

from these woods and from the weed-grown fields about and beyond the house. There had been a small garden beside the house once; now neglected strawberry vines ran riot among the weed stems, and a clump of sunflowers stood with hanging, full-blown heads under the August moon.

She gazed proudly at Henry's strong, well proportioned figure moving about in the moonlight, and she was glad to think that a boy from this house had become the man that he was. But when she tried to think of him as a child here, her mind some-

how showed her Alan playing about the sunflowers; and the place was not here; it was the brown, Kansas prairie of which he had told her.

"Sunflower houses," she murmured to herself. "Sunflower houses. They used to cut the stalks and build shacks with them."

"What's that?" Henry said; he had come back near her.

The warm blood rushed to her face. "Nothing," she said, a little ashamed. She opened the door beside her. "Come; we'll go back home now."

Coming from that poor little place, and having made of himself what he had, Henry was such a man as she would be ever proud to have for a husband; there was no man whom she had known who had proved himself as much a man as he. Yet now, as she returned to the point, she was thinking of this lake country not only as Henry's land but as Alan Conrad's too. In some such place he also had been born—born by the mother whose ring waited him in the box in her room.

(To be continued.)

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NOTES AND NEWS.

The Handicap Tournament of the Toronto Chess Club has been won by Mr. R. G. Hunter with a clean score of eight wins playing in the scratch class.

Mr. S. E. Gale has taken up his residence in Hamilton, having obtained a position with the Imperial Oil Co.

Mr. J. S. Morrison, Dominion champion, recently visited the Hamilton Chess Club and made a clean score on 7 boards in a simultaneous display.

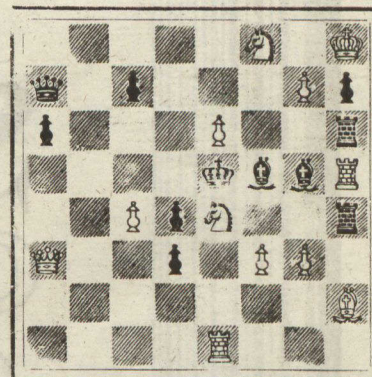
The Toronto Chess League Competition has been won for the second time by the Beaches Club. The Parliament Club held the issue in doubt till the last moment. The completed table will appear later.

PROBLEM No. 175, by G. W. Chandler and Comins Mansfield.

First Prize, Good Companions' Club.

(Black Bishop Tourney.)

Black.—Eleven Pieces.



White.—Twelve Pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Problem No. 176, by A. Ellerman.

First Prize, Good Companions' Club.

(Black Knight Tourney.)

White: K at KR2; Q at QB3; R at Q5; B at KR5; Kt at K3; Ps at QB7, K5, KB5 and KKt7.—Black: K at K2; R at QRsq, Bs at QR2 and KB3; Kt at Q2; Ps at QB4 and K5. Mate in two.

Problem No. 177, by W. B. Rice.

First Prize, Good Companions' Club.

(Black Queen Tourney.)

White: K at KR3; Q at QR8; Rs at QB6 and KR5; B at KR7; Kt at QKt5 and KB3; P at K5.—Black: K at Q4; Q at QB4; Ps at QKt5 and QB7. Mate in two.

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 173, by John McGregor.

1. Q—R8, K—Kt2; 2. Q—R8ch, KxQ; 3. B—K4 mate.

1.K—Q2; 2. Kt—Kt8ch, K—K3; 3. Kt—B7 mate.

1.K—Q4; 2. Q—B6; K—B5; 3. Q—B6 mate.

1.KxKt; 2. Q—QB8, P moves; 3. B—Q3 mate.

1.Threat; 2. Q—R8ch; K any; 3. B mates.

Problem No. 174, by C. W. Sheppard.

1. Q—K7, RxQ; 2. Kt—KB5 mate.