

RUDDER GRANGE. By Frank R. Stockton.
A CHANCE ACQUAINTANCE. By W. D. Howells.
WINTER SUNSHINE. By John Burroughs.

Three very popular books, published in a *bijou* "shilling edition" by David Douglas, of Edinburgh, N. B., and for sale by Messrs. Hart and Company, of Toronto. "Rudder Grange" is one of the funniest books written by that most engaging of American humourists, Frank R. Stockton. His style is inimitable, and in this work he surpasses himself.—"A Chance Acquaintance," by Mr. Howells, is naturally a very different book, but is possessed of just as great a charm in another direction. In it the author tells the story of a friendship struck up on a steamboat, and although the necessities of the tale involve some ruthless unmasking of characters, the relation is very charming, and delicate touches of quaint humour give refreshing piquancy to the whole.—"Winter Sunshine" is the gem of the trio. It is in Mr. Burroughs' best style. The famous essayist and naturalist begins by giving forcible expression to the opinion that in the seasons, as in most other things that affect life, the happy medium is the most enjoyable; summer is too hot; winter is too cold; betwixt the two humanity will find the highest capabilities for enjoyment—for life in the true sense of the word. And so, with all the loving tenderness of a true student of nature he takes his reader into the fields and woods and by many a stream, pointing out all that is curious and beautiful. In the course of his rambles he crosses to the Mother Country, and gives what is so rarely given by American writers—an honest tribute to the innumerable charms of her rural life and a candid recognition of the solidity of English character and institutions.

THE LADY WITH THE RUBIES. By E. Marlitt. Translated by Mrs. A. L. Wisher. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott and Company.

It was a happy thought which induced Messrs. Lippincott to publish the series of translations from the German of which this is one. Although "The Lady with the Rubies" is a ghost story the ghost is laid so naturally and the narrative is so calm and smooth, that no unhealthy excitement is developed in its perusal. With most of these translations domestic and rural life enter largely into the composition, nor is "The Lady with the Rubies" an exception. Mrs. Wisher has not only caught the knack of doing German into English, but the very spirit of the language.

A PRINCE OF DARKNESS. By F. Warden. New York: D. Appleton and Company.

A sensational novel of the most pronounced type, with more than the average proportion of murders, robberies, and other lawlessness, with a very ingenious plot, the development of which alternates between England and France. Published in Messrs. Appleton's paper-cover series.

LITERARY GOSSIP.

A CABLEGRAM announces that Mr. Mowbray Morris is to be the new editor of *Macmillan's Magazine*.

THE secret of the authorship of the best anonymous novel of the year, "Across the Chasm," has leaked out. Miss Julia Magruder, daughter of General Magruder, it may be stated with certainty, is responsible for the story.

JANSEN McCLEURG AND COMPANY, Chicago, announce a hand-book, "The Standard Operas: Their Plots, their Music and their Composers," compiled by George P. Upton; and "We Two Alone in Europe," by Mary L. Ninde.

THE rumour that Tennyson is about to publish another volume of poems is unconfirmed, and his real friends sincerely hope that it may remain so. The Laureate's latter flights have considerably detracted from his reputation.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL has presented to Harvard College Library 600 or 700 valuable volumes. Included among them is Lopez's "Chronicle," of which George P. Marsh said: "He that buys it at its weight in gold will make a cheap bargain."

MAX O'RELL'S new book, "Les Chers Voisins!" appeared in Paris on the 2nd of September. It is intended to be a humorous study contrasting the French and English characters, and bringing into relief, from the writer's point of view, the best sides of both.

TWO of the successes of the London publishing season have been made by books written by ladies of distinguished connections. The "Lucas Malet" who wrote "Colonel Enderby's Wife" is a daughter of Charles Kingsley, and the author of "Mrs. Keith's Crime: A Record," is the widow of the late Professor W. K. Clifford.

SAMPSON LOW AND COMPANY, of London, have in press for early publication the second volume of Barry O'Brien's "Fifty Years of Concessions to Ireland." This volume is brought down to 1881, and concludes the work. A history of the Land League agitation and a sketch of the Parnellite party which it embraces makes it of especial interest.

THE series of articles on Tory Prime Ministers, which Mr. T. E. Keibel is contributing to the *English National Review*, will, according to the *St. James's Gazette*, re-appear in the autumn, enlarged and in great measure re-written, under the title of "A History of Toryism from the accession of Mr. Pitt to power in 1873 to the death of Lord Beaconsfield in 1881."

THE new Boston house of Ticknor and Co. begins its career with a literary inheritance of a magnitude sufficient to give it a place at once with the leading publishing firms of the country, and a *personnel* that should be able to overcome all obstacles in the way of its prosperity. The list of forthcoming publications includes "The Life and Letters of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow," edited by Rev. Samuel Longfellow; "Tuscan Cities," by W. D. Howells, illustrated by Joseph Pennell; "Social Silhouettes," by Edgar Fawcett; "The Young People's Tennyson," by W. J. Rolfe; "The Haunted Adjutant and Other Stories," by Edmund Quincy; "English Homes," by Rev. Robert Laird Collier; "The Golden Spike," a novel by Edward King; and "Japanese Homes and their Surroundings," by Professor Morse. Ticknor and Co. will also publish Mr. Howells's "Rise of Silas Lapham," and Mr. James's "The Bostonians." As a holiday book they will issue a superb illustrated edition of Byron's "Childe Harold."

ARCHDEACON FARRAR will probably arrive at Quebec on or about September 11th. He goes thence to Montreal, Toronto, Niagara, Chicago, Washington and Baltimore. In Philadelphia he will lecture in the course known as the Griswold Lectures. He will be in New York on Saturday, October 17th, passing the interval between that and the 20th at Riverdale-on-Hudson, as the guest of the Rev. Dr. George D. Wildes, Rector of Christ Church. On Monday, accompanied by Archdeacon Vesey, of Huntington, England, and Dr. Wildes, he will go to attend the annual session of the Church Congress in New Haven, Conn. On Tuesday, October 20th, Archdeacon Farrar will be one of the speakers in the Congress on the topic: "The Christian Doctrine of the Atonement." On Wednesday he and Archdeacon Vesey will probably take part in discussing "The Grounds of Church Unity." Until the 30th, he will be in New York as the guest of Mr. Cyrus W. Field. Then he goes to Boston by invitation of Dr. Phillips Brooks.

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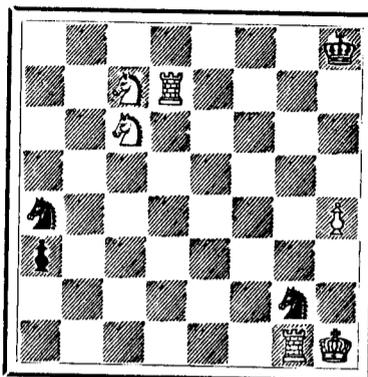
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PROBLEM No. 122.

From the Brooklyn Chess Chronicle.

By Samuel Loyd.

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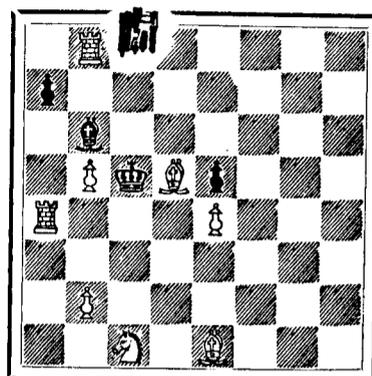
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White to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM No. 123.

From the C Monthly Tournament.

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WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.

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To the Chess Editor of the Week :

SIR,—Is not the redoubtable Sam. Loyd's "Solution Machine" out of gear in indicating that after White K Kt 5 "K Kt 2" is Black's best? For White follows with Kt B 5 ch., and whether Black K takes Pawn or moves to R 1, White Kt Q 6 wins Black's Bishop or Queens the Pawn.

Of course when Black plays his *best* move, viz :—B B 2 (instead of K Kt 2), and follows it up by keeping his Bishop on the diagonal between his Kt 1 and R 7, the "Solution Machine's" elegant variation comes in in the end, White bringing his Kt round by way of his Q B 6. But there is still another variation, viz :—

White.

K Kt 5
Kt B 6
Kt K 5
B (say) Q 3 (b)
K R 6

Black.

B B 2
K Kt 2
B K 1 (a)
K R 1 (c)
B moves and White takes with K or mates with Kt as the case may be.

(a) If Black B R 7 (say) White B B 2, and if Black K R 1 White K R 6, and mates next move. If Black B moves again instead of K R 1, "S. M." variation follows.

(b) Waiting move.

(c) If B moves it is either taken or White can play Kt B 7 queening next move.

Toronto, Aug. 20, 1885.

F. L. H. SIMS.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP SOLVING TOURNEY.

The *Mirror of American Sports'* Third Problem and Solution Tourney for the solving championship of the world, will begin with the issue of Oct. 3rd, 1885, and continue five months, ending Feb. 27th, 1886. It will include direct mate problems of two, three and four moves. One point will be credited for each solution discovered or for finding that any position has no solution. One-half point will be deducted for one incorrect variation of a problem after the Key move. Two or more incorrect variations will annul the solution. Solutions to be mailed within two weeks after the receipt of paper.

SOLVERS' PRIZES.

1. The championship gold medal; 2. a silver medal; 3. a set of chessmen, Staunton Pattern; 4. Horwitz Chess Studies and End Games; 5. the *Mirror of American Sports* for one year; 6. the N.Y. *Scotsman* for one year; 7. Cook's Synopsis; 8. the Milwaukee *Sunday Telegraph* for one year; 9. La Rue Pocket Chess Board; 10. Seymore Rubber Chess Type; 11. chess fruits; 12-36. for each of the next twenty-five scores, picture of American chess editors; 37. for the best score made by a lady, Stunton's Hand Book; 38. for the best score by a solver who has never won a prize in a solving tourney, Loyd's Chess Strategy; 39. for the second best, a set of chessmen.

This is enterprise of the highest order, and if Brother Paterson doesn't have every solver in Europe and America fighting soon we have missed our mark.

There will also be a tourney problem in two, three and four movers. Problems must reach K. D. Paterson, P.O. box 332, Milwaukee, Wis., by Jan. 1st, 1886. Any number of competitors may be entered by one composer. Prizes :—1. For the best four mover, \$6; 2. for the best three mover, \$4; 3. for the best two mover, \$2; 4. for the sound problem that knocks out the greatest number of solvers *pro rata*, the *Southern Trade Gazette* for one year; 5. for the unsound problem accomplishing the same result, *Baltimore Sunday News* for six months.

CHESS NOTES.

Gunsberg has won the first prize in the Hamburg Tournament, beating Blackburne, Englisch and Mason.

One hundred and twenty entries in the Winter Handicap Tournament of the City of London Club.

The Chess Editors' Association is an accomplished fact. President, I. P. Bull; Secretary, G. Reichhelm; Treasurer, Prof. Foster.

Mr. Geo. H. Thornton, of Buffalo, is entered in the Second-Class Tournament at Hamburg.