

ON THE WHEEL.

WHAT 'ROUND-THE-WORLD STEVENS AND CHAMPION HOWELL SAY OF THE SPORT.

The popularity of 'cycling is growing.

Thomas Stevens, who has just been around the globe on a wheel, says that the best roads in the world are found in British India. The Grand Trunk road is 1,600 miles, an unbroken highway of marvellous perfection, from Pershawar on the Afghan frontier to Calcutta. It is made of smooth, hard, natural concrete, beds of which lie along the line.

How such roads would be appreciated by the enthusiastic 'cyclers of this country!

The wonderful achievement of Mr. Stevens, in the face of myriad dangers, entitles him to all his honours.

The fast riding champion of the world, however, is Richard Howell, of Leicester, England. He is a splendidly made fellow, between 25 and 30 years of age, six feet high, and weighing, in training, about 160 pounds.

He commenced riding in 1879, and in 1881, at Belgravia grounds, Leicester, he won the one mile championship of the world, beating all the best men of the day.

From that time his career has been one of almost unbroken successes. He came to the United States in 1884 and 1885, and at the great Springfield tournament in 1885, won seven out of eight races.

In the 'Cycling News (Eng.), October 1st, 1887, is the following interview with him:

"What are your best performances?"

"This year I did a full mile on the track at Coventry in 2 minutes 35 seconds. Good judges think, with everything in my favour, I could do 2.30 for the distance."

"What is your system of training?"

"I eat plain, good food, and plenty of it. I take a little walk before breakfast, and then, after that meal, if I am loggy, ride eight or nine miles on the track here, in thick flannels. After dinner I do some more 'slogging' work, and may be a walk and early to bed.

"But there is one idea of mine which I have found invaluable. If I have done too much work, or my system is out of order, or if I don't feel quite sound, I take what I have used since I was 'queer' in 1883. I have always found that Warner's safe cure sets me up and puts me to rights again, and it is a remedy which I believe in and tell all my friends about.

"In the winter time especially, when you can easily understand I am not so careful of my health as in the spring, summer, or autumn, I have found it invaluable.

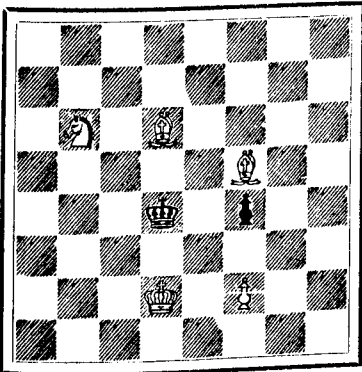
"All I want to beat the fastest bicyclist in the world is plenty of practice, an occasional dose of my favourite, and my machine.

"When I am about right in weight I content myself with short, sharp bursts as hard as ever I can go on the track, and when I can cover 440 yards in thirty seconds with a flying start, I reckon to be moving as well as I want to."

Bicycling is glorious sport, but it has its physical ill-effects which, however, can be easily overcome by the method used by Champion Howell.

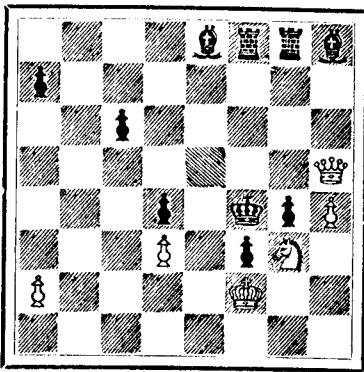
CHESS.

PROBLEM No. 103.



White to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM No. 104.



White to play and mate in four moves.

The following game occurred in the Frankfort International Tournament, 1887:—

WHITE.—L. PAULSEN.		BLACK.—B. ENGLISH.	
1. P-K 4	14. Q-Q B 3	1. P-K 4	14. P-Q 3
2. S-Q B 3	15. P-K S 3 (good)	2. S-Q B 3	15. B-K S 2
3. P-K B 4	16. P x P	3. P x P	16. S-K R 4
4. S-K B 3	17. Q-K B 3	4. P-K S 4	17. P-K S 5
5. P-Q 4 (new)	18. Q-K R 1	5. B-K S 2 (bad)	18. S-K B 3
6. P-Q 5	19. B-Q 2	6. S-K 4	19. S x S
7. P-Q 6 (good)	20. B x S	7. S x S ch	20. Q-Q S 3
8. Q x S	21. B-Q S 3	8. P x P	21. B x P
9. P-K R 4	22. R-Q S 1	9. P-K R 3	22. Q-Q 5
10. B-Q B 4	23. P-K 5	10. P-Q 4 (fair)	23. B-K B 4 ?
11. S x P	24. R x B *	11. S-K B 3	24. P-K S 6
12. P x P	25. Q-K R 8 ch	12. P x P	25. K-K 2
13. R x R ch	26. Q-K B 6 ch.	13. B x R	26. Resigns.

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