

LITERARY GOSSIP.

MACMILLAN AND Co. announce for immediate publication, in two styles, Mr. P. G. Hamerton's "Landscape."

We understand that Mr. Lowe, correspondent of the *Times* at Berlin, is engaged in writing a biography of Bismarck, which will appear in the spring.

A facsimile reprint of Dr. Johnson's "Rasselas," printed in London by Eliot Stock on the one-hundredth anniversary of the author's death, is imported by Scribner and Welford, of New York.

TORONTO *Truth* is making vigorous efforts to push itself into prominence. Various new departments have been added recently, and a "new suit" of type has wonderfully assisted in improving the general appearance of that family journal.

THE *Literary World* prints a notable article of nearly four pages, by Mr. Frederick T. Fuller, a nephew of Margaret Fuller, defending her memory from the aspersions flung upon it by the publication of words of Hawthorne in the new life by his son.

THE Syston book-sale has yielded the two greatest book prices on record—the price of the splendid "Psalmorum Codex" of 1459, printed by Faust and Schœffer, having exceeded that of the "Mazarin Bible" by £1,050. The latter (the "Mazarin Bible") fetched £3,900, while the "Psalmorum Codex" of 1459 fetched £4,950—both these costly books having been purchased by Mr. Quaritch.

WITH the January number Messrs. Scribner's *Book-Buyer* completed volume the first, and those who have made the acquaintance of the bright and very presentable little review will not be surprised to hear that "it has been received with a warm cordiality, and has gained a much larger circulation than its publishers hoped for."

GERALD, PIERCE AND Co., Chicago, announce for immediate publication "1900; the Transference of the Jewish Sabbath to the National Day of Rest," by Luis Jackson, in which that vigorous writer strongly impresses upon his co-religionists the policy of adopting the Christian Sabbath as the Jewish day of worship and rest.

THE enormous price of £4,950 was paid by Mr. Quaritch, the London publisher, recently for a Latin hymnal printed in 1459. The full title of the book is "Psalmorum Codex Latine cum Hymnis Oratione Dominica Symbolis et Notis Musicis." The only merit of the work is its extraordinary rarity. It is believed that only ten copies of the book exist.

AN interesting little book, containing a large collection of anecdotes relating to Mr. Gladstone, has just been published by Mr. J. Rees, of Mold. The compilers are "an Oxford man and a Hawardenite," and whilst they have not neglected the sources of published information, they have found their chief material in the stories told by the villagers in the neighbourhood of Hawarden.

EARLY this month the Messrs. Scribner will publish an important series of anecdote biographies, edited by Mr. Edward T. Mason, under the title, "Personal Traits of British Authors"—a collection of the testimony of contemporaries as to the characteristics habits, daily life, and the surroundings of the leaders of English literature in this century. There will be four volumes, and all will be published together.

MESSRS. CARSON AND Co., of San Francisco, have in the press and will publish immediately four new books—"With the Invader," glimpses of the New South-West, by Edward Roberts; "The Squatter and the Don," a California novel, by C. Loyal; "A California Pilgrimage," told in verse by one of the pilgrims, Amelia Woodward Truesdell; and "A Trip to Alaska," by George Wardman, U. S. Treasury Agent.

EDUCATIONAL journalism is making rapid progress in Toronto. Last week we drew attention to an entirely new venture: now we are pleased to welcome the *Canada School Journal* in a new form. Hitherto published as a monthly by Mr. Gage, it has bloomed into an attractive weekly—well got-up and printed on good paper, its various departments full of matters interesting to the important section of the community to whom the *Journal* specially appeals.

MR. AUSTIN DOBSON has recently, the *Athenæum* says, completed for the Delegates of the Clarendon Press a volume of selections from the essays of Steele, upon the model of Mr. Thomas Arnold's selections from Addison. Mr. Dobson's selections will not, like Mr. Arnold's be confined to the *Spectator*, but will include papers from the *Tatler*, *Guardian*, etc. The volume will be amply annotated, and introduced by a lengthy memoir, embodying some fresh items of information, which it is proposed to use in a larger life.

A CABLE despatch says that the last sheets of Mr. Henry Stanley's new book on the Congo have now passed the proof-readers, and the book will be issued within a week or two in London. The book is sure to make a sensation in the present state of public feeling about Egyptian affairs. As the information comes *vid* New York, it is no matter for surprise that the "London agent" adds some absurd remarks about General Gordon's position in Africa, which Mr. Stanley is made to say is not, nor ever was, precarious—excepting in so far as the state of the General's liver might personally affect him!

THE illustrations of General Grant's paper on Shiloh, which is to appear in the Mid-winter (February) *Century* will be more profuse than those of the other War papers already published. Articles in the same number by Colonel Johnson, the son of the Confederate general, Albert Sydney Johnson, and by Colonel Jordan, of General Beauregard's staff, will tell the story of the Confederate side of Shiloh. A letter will be printed from General Fitz John Porter, describing the circumstances of the offer of a high Federal command to General A. S. Johnson, who, at the breaking out of the war, was in charge of the department of the Pacific.

"I TELL you what it is," said Jones, "there is nothing like having a highly-educated wife." "I am a great admirer of cultivated women myself," replied Smith, "and hope when I marry I shall get one." "Take no other, my friend; take no other. You don't know how much unpleasantness I have escaped on account of my wife's accomplishments." "You don't say so!" "You see, the first time she welcomed me with a curtain lecture, I whispered to her that the servants might overhear. So, ever since she has always done her scolding in French." "A good idea certainly; but how does that relieve you?" "I don't understand the language."

THE hard times that everybody is talking about do not appear to prevent people from buying what they want. People are supposed to look upon magazines as luxuries, and to cut them off as soon as their bank accounts begin to grow small; but neither *Harper's* nor *The Century* has suffered on this account. Indeed, they have had exceptionally prosperous years. The circulation of *The Century* has run up from one hundred and forty thousand to one hundred and eighty thousand copies per month, and it is still increasing. Mr. Devinne has twenty-seven presses going night and day in printing the current issue and new editions of the December number.—*The Critic*.

CHESS.

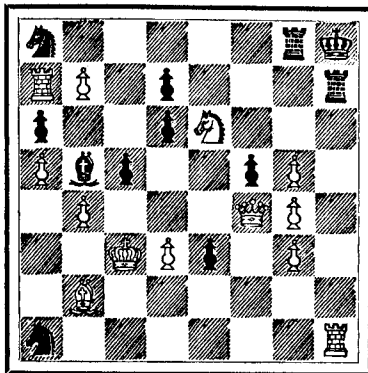
All communications intended for this department should be addressed "Chess Editor," office of THE WEEK, Toronto.

PROBLEM No. 73.

By "Cobra," Philadelphia, Pa.

From *The Mirror* of American Sports.

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WHITE.

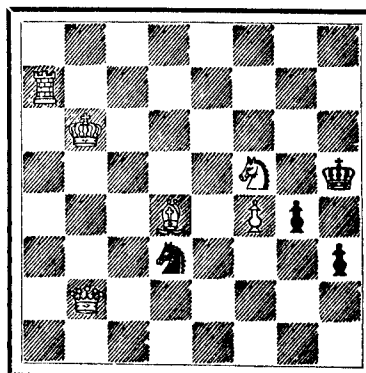
White to play and mate in two moves.

PROBLEM No. 74.

By J. A. Kaiser, Philadelphia, Pa.

First prize in *The Mirror* of American Sports Tourney.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. A., Montreal.—Have written. J. M., Ottawa.—Your solution of No. 71 is defeated by 1. R Q 3. E. B. G.—Problem 69 is unsound.

CHESS IN TORONTO.

The following off-hand skirmishes were played January 10th, 1885, between Mr. J. G. Ascher of Montreal, and Mr. C. W. Phillips, of Toronto:—

King's Gambit Declined.

WHITE. Phillips.	BLACK. Ascher.	WHITE. Phillips.	BLACK. Ascher.
1. P K 4	P K 4	16. B x R P	Kt x B
2. P K B 4	B B 4	17. B x Kt P	R x B
3. Kt K B 3	P Q 3	18. Q R 8 ch	K B 2
4. B B 4	Kt K B 3	19. Q x Q	Kt K 6 ch
5. P Q 3	Castles	20. K K 2 (c)	R x P ch
6. Kt Q B 3	Kt Kt 5	21. K B 3	B x B P (d)
7. R B 1	Kt x R P	22. Q x Kt ch	K x Q
8. R R 1	Kt Kt 5	23. Kt Q 5 ch	Kt x Kt
9. Q K 2	B B 7 ch	24. K x R	Kt K 6 ch
10. K B 1	B Kt 3	25. K B 3	B ch
11. Kt Kt 5	P K R 3	26. K Kt 3	R K Kt 1
12. P B 5	K Kt B 3	27. P Q B 3	B K 7 ch
13. Q B 3 (a)	Kt Q B 3	28. K B 2	R Kt 7 ch
14. Q R 3	Kt Q R 4	29. K K 1	Mate in three.
15. Kt x B P (b)	R x Kt		

NOTES.

- In vain is this trap set.
- The initial move of a spirited combination, which we believe is perfectly sound
20. K K 1 we believe would have won for White without difficulty.
- A very beautiful coup which White had overlooked. It wins off-hand.

TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENCE.

WHITE. Ascher.	BLACK. Phillips.	WHITE. Ascher.	BLACK. Phillips.
1. P K 4	P K 4	15. B R 4	P Q R 3
2. Kt K B 3	Kt Q B 3	16. P Q Kt 3	B Kt 2
3. B B 4	Kt K B 3	17. B Kt 2	K R Q 1
4. Kt Kt 5	P Q 4	18. Castles Q R	Q R Q B 1 (c)
5. P x P	Q Kt R 4	19. P Q 3	B K 4
6. B Kt 5 ch	P B 3	20. Kt x P	B x B ch
7. P x P	P x P	21. K x B	B x Kt
8. B R 4 (a)	P K R 3	22. P x B	Q K 4 ch
9. Kt K B 3	P K 5	23. K Kt 1	R x R ch
10. Q K 2	B Q 3 (b)	24. Q x R (d)	Kt x K P (e)
11. Kt Q 4	Castles	25. Q K Kt 4 (f)	Q B 6
12. Kt x P	Kt x Kt	26. K B 1	Q B 6
13. B x Kt	Q R Kt 1	27. P Q Kt 4	R Q 1
14. Kt Q B 3	Q B 2	28. B Q 7	Kt B 5

White Resigns.

NOTES.

- B K 2 is the accredited move.
- B K 3 is the usual continuation followed by 11. Kt K 5, 11. Q Q 5, 12. B x P ch, 12. Kt x B 13. Kt x Kt 13. Q B 4. Black has the better game.
- Preparing a furious attack.
- R x R was immediately fatal because of Kt x K P.
- This forces the win.
- Nothing will save the game now.

NEWS ITEMS.

THE two-mover given above is a notable one, containing more variations than any other ever published.

THE *International Chess Magazine* is now an accomplished fact. The first number was received by us last week, and is completely filled with interesting matter. The literary work, though here and there marred by foreign idioms, is on the whole good. The games and problems are splendid. Especially do we admire Steinitz' notes, which, while analytical, are also in every sense educational. The subscription is \$3.00 per annum, and we hope to see the magazine established on a thoroughly firm basis.