

THEY ALL DO IT.

There are some strange results from that delusion which women so generally entertain, that if they are no worse than their neighbors, they are all they should be. Frequently, if a woman's admirers discover some weak point about her, she will endeavor to make light of her fault by representing it as being common to her sex.

False hair and painted faces are after all but things of the surface; the woman may be as nice without these additions—perhaps even nicer. A woman with a good form, a lovely shape, a fine physique, may be forgiven for making use of the hairdresser's art, for darkening her eyes and powdering her chin daintily when she prepares herself for the evening or the promenade.

men with fine hair have resigned themselves to the fact that nobody believes it to be their own; other women who are made up in this respect sneer at them so confidently. But now that a slur is cast upon every lovely figure, it must be trying indeed. Beautiful women will allow their sharp-tongued sisters to destroy their reputation and take away their good names;

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S. Montreal.—Papers to hand. Thanks. J. B. Lachine.—Problem No. 350. Dr. Ryall's is a two-move problem, as you say. Your solution is correct. The mistake is ours.

Of all the games invented for the amusement and recreation of man, the one which has been the most praised, and which has found the most favour in all civilized communities is undoubtedly chess. It is called the Royal game, we believe, because it has from the earliest ages received the patronage of crowned heads, and those in connection with them, and it has been invariably considered as forming a part of that general culture which we expect to find in the educated gentleman.

We are led to make these remarks from the fact that we have read with no pleasurable feelings an article in the last number of the Canadian Monthly Magazine on "Chess and Chessplayers." We must say that we are much surprised to find such a paper in a journal in which we have seen much deserving of great commendation.

We cannot do better, however, in trying to prove the unfairness of this attack on the unblemished character of Chess, than to give an extract, which, we may add, is the concluding part of the article, and ask any candid reader what he thinks of such wholesale denunciation of the royal pastime. He says:—

"Multitudes of young men, starting in life with fair prospects, and average abilities, unsuspecting of its pernicious effects, have been led to become infatuated by it, sinking gradually into a career terminating often in disgrace and ruin."

Following the example of a friend, we have read this extract to several persons, leaving them to guess the subject to which it referred. As a matter of course, many things of a highly objectionable nature were surmised, but the difficulty of naming the right one, was only equalled by the amusement which resulted when they were informed that multitudes of young persons were led to ruin by chess and its fascinations.

In giving examples of illustrious characters in the world's history who misemployed their time by playing at chess, the writer mentions the names of Charles I. of England, General Saxe-Napoleon, and Gibbon, the historian. We fail to see, reviewing the lives of these great men, in what way they were wrongly influenced by the use of the chess-board, and we feel assured that, if ever their consciences troubled them, it was by well higher matters than playing a simple game of chess.

The writer in giving the names of distinguished persons who have been described as indulging in this mode of recreation brought to mind the following anecdote, which was related by Professor Wayte at a public dinner, given, if we mistake not, by the St. George's Chess Club in London, Eng. It had been stated by a previous speaker that Prince Leopold was a member of the St. George's Club, and the learned Professor proceeded to show that chess had been a favourite game with the late Prince Albert and Her Majesty the Queen. On one occasion Her Majesty played a game with the Queen of the Belgians, who was then on a visit to England, and in the course of the contest Lord Palmerston strained his constitutional privileges so far as to give his sovereign some hints about the game, which, notwithstanding his assistance, was won by the Belgian royal lady. "It was the fault of your Majesty's humble adviser," said the Prime Minister consolingly.

How little the actors in the scene just described imagined that they were indulging in an amusement which was calculated to lead young men, to use the words of our writer, to become "unfit for healthy and honourable pursuits!"

The annual meeting of the Montreal Chess Club was held at the Gymnasium, Mansfield street, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. There was a very fair attendance of members. After the reading of the report, the officers for the ensuing year were elected, with the following results:—

President, Dr. Howe. Vice-Presidents, Thomas Workman, Esq., and Principal Hicks. Secretary, J. Henderson, Esq. Counsellors—Messrs. John Barry, J. G. Ascher and J. Sterling.

The following gentlemen were enrolled as members:—R. B. Hutchinson, W. S. Blyth, E. A. Benjamin, R. K. Thomas and Dr. D. C. McLaren.

The Toronto Chess Club met last evening to organize for the season. The meeting was largely attended. Several new members were elected, and everything points to a successful season. The following officers were elected for the year:—W. A. Littlejohn, President; H. F. Lee, Vice-President; A. C. Meyers, Secretary-Treasurer; J. H. Gordon, Auditor; H. J. Rose, James Ashfield, G. Gibson, Managing Committee; H. J. Rose, H. Northcote, J. H. Gordon, Match Committee. Chess players of the city are cordially invited to pay the club a visit at their rooms in the Mechanics' Institute. The club meets every Thursday evening during the season.—Toronto Mail, Oct. 8th.

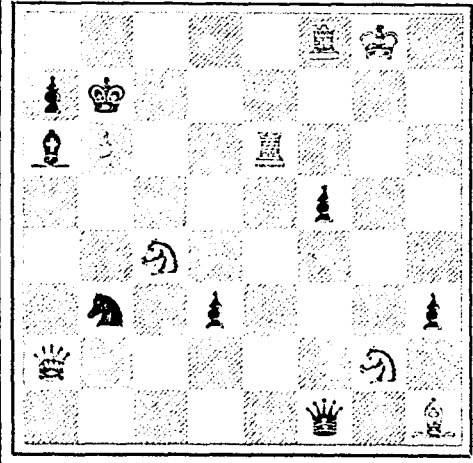
Problem No. 250 in our last Column is to be solved in two moves instead of three. We are sorry for the mistake.

The following table shows the result of the Berlin Tourney. As will be seen, Mr. Blackburne is first, and M. Zukertort comes next Messrs. Winawer and Tschigorin for third place, and Messrs. Mason and Wittek for fifth.

Table showing chess tournament results with columns for Player and Total won. Includes names like Berger, Blackburne, Mason, Minckwitz, Dr. Noa, L. Paulsen, W. Paulsen, Pitschell, Riemann, Schallopp, Dr. Schmidt, Von Schutz, J. Schwarz, Tschigorin, Wemmers, Winawer, Wittek, Zukertort.

Resigned after playing three games. 1 stands for won; 0 for lost; 1/2 for drawn.

PROBLEM No. 351. By R. B. Wornald. BLACK.



White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 349. White: 1. B to Kt 5, 2. B to B 6, 3. Mates acc. Black: 1. R takes B, 2. Any.

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 347.

White: 1. B to K 7, 2. Kt mates. Black: 1. Any.

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS No. 348.

White: K at K Kt 3, Q at Q R 2, R at K Kt 8, B at Q 5. Black: K at Q R sq, R at Q Kt sq, B at Q Kt 2, Pawn at Q R 2.

White to play and mate in two moves.

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