

AFFAIRS IN EAST AFRICA.

THE most favourable view that can be taken of the results of Stanley's expedition is that something has been done at the closing stage to promote the ends of civilization. As an organized process of rescue it was a signal failure; but as a diplomatic expedient for extending the influence of the British East Africa Company in the interior it may have accomplished some useful purpose. That company is rapidly acquiring a great African Empire. To its original concessions has recently been added the occupation of a coast-line 700 miles in length from the Umla to the port of Warsheikh. Stanley's chief patron, Sir William Mackinnon, is the president of the company, and his financial investment for the relief of Emin will prove a remunerative one if the explorer by diplomatic negotiations has contrived to enlarge the jurisdiction of the directors, and to open trade routes inland to the borders of Emin's province. This would be a distinct gain for African civilization, and it is to be hoped that Stanley has succeeded in promoting the material interests of the company. Otherwise, his costly expedition has been a miscalculated failure from beginning to end. Emin, when found, was not in need of re-enforcements and relief, and the shattered column that emerged on the shores of the Albert Nyanza from the uninhabitable wilderness was not in a position to help him. The rescuers themselves were in the worst possible plight, and have only been enabled to return to the coast by Emin's hearty co-operation and organized aid.—New York Tribune.

A SONG OF THREE BEAUTIFUL THINGS.

God three beautiful things hath made,
Birds and women and flowers,
To charm the roving eye, and spread
Sweet magic o'er the hours;
And whoso loves not all the three,
Let him live with his loveless self alone,
Like a crab in a shell, or a toad in a stone,
Far away from me!

Flowers are beautiful when the brae
Is purpled o'er with blossom,
And all the buds that crown the spray
Their fragrant stores unbosom;
And who loves not this one of the three, etc.

Birds are beautiful when they keep
High concert in the spring,
Or wheel their mazes o'er the deep
With gently sloping wing;
And who loves not this second of three, etc.

Women are beautiful when they wear
All summer in their smiles,
And sweetly lighten while they share
The workman's weary toils;
And who loves not this best of the three, etc.

God three beautiful things hath made,
To feed discerning eyes,
With outflow of his glory shed
O'er earth and sea and skies;
And whoso loves not all the three,
Let him live with his loveless self alone,
Like a crab in a shell, or a toad in a stone,
Far away from me!

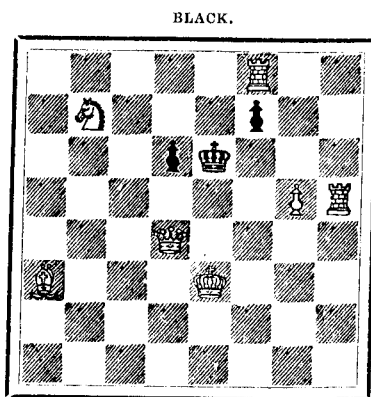
DANGERS OF RIDICULE.

As a weapon of theological controversy, ridicule is not so common, yet it is evidently coming into wider use. The religious journalist is not unknown who puts on motley and flings about his merry jests at all who chance to differ with him; in the rough horse-play in which he delights, dragging sacred things promiscuously about. He keeps his readers so on the grin that when he essays, at rare intervals, a serious word, they think that it is the best joke of all, and laugh the heartier at the wit which must be there though they cannot see it. The theological professor is not so isolated as he was who throws his classes into roars of laughter as he depicts the delicious absurdities of theories opposed to his own. In the alembic of his ridicule the substance of other men's systems dissolve and disappear at once to the credulous eyes of his students, and it is not till they stumble upon some man applying the same dissolvent to his system, or run upon some mighty jester who splits his sides over all theology that they see how dangerous the method is. There is certainly no harm in a good laugh, and truly it is not forbidden to a jester to speak the truth. Yet the laugh must have the right ring to it. Socrates laughed, and Voltaire laughed, as Thomas Erskine remarked; yet, as he said, what a difference in the laugh of the two! And the man who laughs all the time will not know what to do when the hour for weeping comes. The laughing philosopher is a very shallow philosopher or else a very shallow laugher. An awful gravity which comes from a man taking himself too seriously is a thing which irresistibly invites a tweaking of the nose; but a ridicule which beats and splashes on all sides and at all times, fixing its pasquinades nightly on the statues of our national heroes, smirking in the presence of names and thoughts that ought to be shrouded in sacred reverence, is one of the things that no right soul can abide.—Christian Union Evangelical).

CHESS.

PROBLEM No. 399.

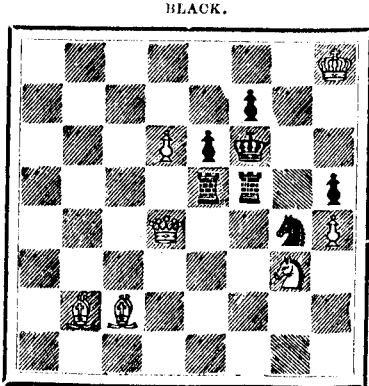
By B. S. LLOYD, New York.



White to play and mate in two moves.

PROBLEM No. 400.

By FRITZ PEIPERS, San Francisco.



White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS.

- No. 399. White: 1. Q-K 5, 2. R-B 8+, 3. Q-K R 5 mate. Black: Kt-B 7, K moves. If 1. K-R 2, 2. Q-K R 5+ 1. K moves, 3. R-B 8 mate. No. 399. P-K 8 becoming a Bishop.

GAME PLAYED IN THE INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE TOURNAMENT.

BETWEEN MR. J. W. COLLINS, BARRISTER, OF PITTSBURG, PA., AND MR. W. H. CROSS, T.C.A. OF THE TORONTO CHESS CLUB.

Ruy Lopez.

Table showing chess moves between J. W. Collins and W. H. Cross, including moves like P-K 4, Kt-K B 3, Q-K 2, etc.

NOTES BY MR. CROSS.

- (a) The usual defence is R-K 1. The move in the text has the doubtful merit of being a novelty. (b) Quite sound. The sacrifice was needed in order to carry on the attack with vigour. (c) The advantageous position now obtained for this Knight enables Black to withstand the very strong attack. (d) The first move of a counter attack. (e) White loses the exchange, but compels Black to again assume a defensive attitude. (f) Coup de masse. (g) An attempt to save the second Rook would lead to a draw. (h) Offering the exchange.

ROBERT H. LAMBORN has placed in the hands of Morris K. Jesup, of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, the sum of \$200, to be paid in three prizes of \$150, \$30 and \$20, for the three best essays on the destruction of mosquitoes and flies by other insects. It is suggested that the dragon fly is an active, voracious, and harmless "mosquito hawk," and that it might, if artificially multiplied, diminish the numbers of the smaller insects. A practical plan is called for in the breeding of the dragon fly or other such destroyer in large numbers, and its use in the lava, pupa or perfect state, for the destruction of mosquitoes and flies in houses, cities and neighbourhoods.—Public Opinion.

NEW BOOKS

PUBLISHED BY

THOMAS Y. CROWELL & CO.

13 Astor Place, New York.

WALKS ABROAD OF TWO YOUNG NATURALISTS. From the French of Charles Beau-grand. By DAVID SHARP, M.B., F.L.S., F.Z.S., President of Entomological Society, London. Svo. illustrated. \$2.00.

WAR AND PEACE. By COUNT LYOF N. TOLSTOI. Translated from the Russian by Nathan Haskell Dole. 2 vols., 12mo, cloth, \$3.00. 4 vols., 12mo, gilt top, paper labels, \$5.00.

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION. Pictures of the Reign of Terror. By LYDIA HOYT FARMER. With 35 illustrations. 12mo, \$1.50.

FAMOUS MEN OF SCIENCE. By SARAH K. BOULTON. Short biographical sketches of Galileo, Newton, Linnæus, Cuvier, Humboldt, Audubon, Agassiz, Darwin, Buckland, and others. Illustrated with 15 portraits. 12mo. \$1.50.

A HISTORY OF FRANCE. By VICTOR DURUY, member of the French Academy. Abridged and translated from the seventeenth French edition by Mrs. M. Carey, with an introductory notice and a continuation to the year 1889, by J. Franklin Jameson, Ph.D., Professor of History in Brown University. With 13 engraved coloured maps. In one volume. 12mo, cloth, \$2.00. Half calf, \$4.00.

A CENTURY OF AMERICAN LITERATURE. Selected and arranged by HUNTINGTON SMITH. Comprising selections from a hundred authors from Franklin to Lowell, chronologically arranged, with dates of births and deaths, index and table of contents. 12mo, cloth, \$1.75. Half calf, \$3.50.

JED. A Boy's Adventure in the Army of '61-'65." By WARREN LEE GOSS, author of "A Soldier's Story of Life in Andersonville Prison," etc. Fully illustrated. 12mo, \$1.50.

CONVENIENT HOUSES AND HOW TO BUILD THEM. By LOUIS H. GIBSON, architect. Comprising a large variety of plans, photographic designs and artistic interiors and exteriors of Ideal Homes, varying in cost from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Svo. \$2.25.

ROLF AND HIS FRIENDS. By J. A. K., author "Birchwood," "Fitch Club," etc. Illustrated. 12mo, \$1.25.

THE STUDIO.

CLARENCE COOK, MANAGING EDITOR.

CONTENTS.

Leaders on Current Art Topics—Reviews of Art Exhibitions—Notices of New Statues, Paintings, Important New Buildings and New Art Books—Notes on Art Matters and Archaeology at Home and Abroad—Announcements of Art Exhibitions, Meetings of Art Schools, etc., etc.—Reproductions of Important Paintings by the Azaline and Orthochromatic Methods, giving full colour values—And in general whatever can be of interest and invaluable to Artists, Amateurs, Teachers, Instructors, Connoisseurs, Patrons and Lovers of Art, Architects, Builders, Sculptors, Decorators and Furnishers, Collectors of Antiquities, Vases, Coins and Medals, Art Classes, Clubs, Schools, Colleges, Libraries and Museums, and to every one interested in the Fine Arts.

Announcement Extraordinary.

Our having commissioned so distinguished an etcher as Rajon to etch a plate expressly for THE STUDIO, has created considerable comment and speculation as to the nature of the subject. The inquiries for information continue to pour in from all over the country and abroad. The interest shown in this distinguished artist's etching has been so widespread, and as the subject will be of such great importance, to create a sensation in this country and abroad when published, we have decided to print 500 India Proofs, before lettering, to be sold by subscription at \$5.00 each up to the day of publication, when the price will be increased. A magnificent work of art is promised. Copies of THE STUDIO, complete, with Rajon etching 50 cents each. Books are now open to receive advance orders. Order now to secure one.

The price for single numbers of THE STUDIO complete, with all etchings, is 20 cents a copy, and can be supplied by all art, book, and newsdealers. Ask to see copy. Address all communications to

THE STUDIO PUBLISHING CO. 3 EAST 14TH ST., NEW YORK.

TO MONTANA, OREGON AND WASHINGTON.

If you are going west bear in mind the following facts: The Northern Pacific Railroad owns and operates 987 miles, or 57 per cent. of the entire railroad mileage of Montana; spans the territory with its main line from east to west; is the short line to Helena; the only Pullman and dining car line to Butte, and is the only line that reaches Miles City, Billings, Bozeman, Missoula, the Yellowstone National Park, and, in fact, nine-tenths of the cities and points of interest in the Territory.

The Northern Pacific owns and operates 621 miles, or 56 per cent of the railroad mileage of Washington, its main line extending from the Idaho line via Spokane Falls, Cheney, Sprague, Yakima and Ellensburg, through the centre of the Territory to Tacoma and Seattle, and from Tacoma to Portland. No other trans-continental through rail line reaches any portion of Washington Territory. Ten days' stop-over privileges are given on Northern Pacific second-class tickets at Spokane Falls and all points west, thus affording intending settlers an excellent opportunity to see the entire Territory without incurring the expense of paying local fares from point to point.

The Northern Pacific is the shortest route from St. Paul to Tacoma by 207 miles; to Seattle by 177 miles, and to Portland by 324 miles—time correspondingly shorter, varying from one to two days, according to destination. No other line from St. Paul or Minneapolis runs through passenger cars of any kind into Idaho, Oregon or Washington. In addition to being the only rail line to Spokane Falls, Tacoma and Seattle, the Northern Pacific reaches all the principal points in Northern Minnesota and Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Bear in mind that the Northern Pacific and Shasta line is the famous scenic route to all points in California.

Send for illustrated pamphlets, maps and books giving you valuable information in reference to the country traversed by this great line from St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth and Ashland to Portland, Oregon, and Tacoma and Seattle, Washington Territory, and enclose stamps for the new 1889 Rand McNally County Map of Washington Territory, printed in colours.

Address your nearest ticket agent, or Charles S. Fee, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, St. Paul, Minn.