

## LITERARY GOSSIP.

PRINCESS BEATRICE is engaged on a statue of the Queen for Lichfield Cathedral.

MISS GLADSTONE has written an article on the Princess Alice's letters for one of the monthly reviews.

MRS. LANGTRY has had a set of two dozen dress buttons made of gold dollars engraved with her monogram.

MR. FROUDE's "Life of Thomas Carlyle," in two volumes, will be published immediately in London.

LORD ROWTON's "Life of Disraeli" is making very slow progress, owing to the terrible confusion the deceased nobleman left his papers in.

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE COLERIDGE is correcting the last proofs of his "Reminiscences of America," and the book is announced for publication during the present month.

MESSRS. SCRIBNER have a few India proofs of Charles Burt's steel-engraved portrait of the poet Bryant in the Bryant and Guy history of the United States. They bear Mr. Bryant's autograph.

JAMES PAYN, the novelist, hates athletics, and never walks when he can help it. The only exercise he takes is breathing, pulling at an old tobacco pipe, and writing stories. For indolence he is ahead of the American lady of leisure.

MR. MICHAEL DAVITT is engaged upon a book, which will be shortly completed, and which will deal with social rather than political questions, the material having been drawn from his prison experiences. It describes his prison life and experience and embodies his views on the convict system in general.

MAX O'RELL, the author of "John Bull et son Ile," is engaged on a new book. Meanwhile, says *The Athenæum*, the *Banga-bashi*, a Bengali newspaper of some standing, has recently translated the former work and published it piecemeal, with the heading, "Letters from Our London Correspondent."

HENRY GEORGE's theories are keeping the book-makers busy. The latest result of their activity in this connection is "The Labor-value Fallacy," by M. L. Scudder, Jr., which is just announced by Jansen, McClurg & Co. The same firm will issue simultaneously with the above the sixth and last volume of Topelius's "Surgeon's Stories."

THE *Ottawa Free Press* of Saturday was entitled to claim—as it did—to be one of the best papers ever published in that city. In addition to the news and editorial pages a large quantity of varied and interesting family reading was given in the inner pages, making the *Press* what all Saturday papers ought to be—a readable family journal.

"WHY, how wonderfully life-like!" said Mr. Derrix, gently caressing a bumble-bee which reposed among the artificial flowers and insects on his wife's new bonnet. "If it was on a garden-flower I'd swear it was all—Gr-r-reat Caesar!" he suddenly shrieked, inserting a wounded finger in his mouth and dancing around like a whirling dervish, "why, the horrid thing is alive!"

CORNELL University has just received a genuine Egyptian mummy. In the presence of the faculty and invited guests the ceremonies encasing the body were carefully removed. Profs. Moses Colt Tyler and S. B. Gage made addresses setting forth the history of Mr. Peppi. The body was in a fine state of preservation. A number of sacred beetles and grains of corn were found in the wrappings. Mr. Peppi lived 300 years before Confucius.

MR. T. H. S. ESCOTT, editor of *The Fortnightly Review*, will contribute to the July *Century* a careful and critical estimate of John Bright as an orator and a parliamentarian. A frontispiece engraving after a full-length photograph accompanies the article. Julian Hawthorne will contribute an interesting and narrative paper on the "Scenes of Hawthorne's Romances." Many of the descriptions will be accompanied by charming illustrations by Harry Fenn, among them being several views of the "Old Manse" and the "Wayside." The United States Pension Office is the subject of a paper by Eugene V. Smalley.

THE July *Manhattan* will have a humorous short story, "Plain Fishing," by Frank R. Stockton. A biographical and critical paper will also appear on the Earl of Dufferin. The Earl became so well and favourably known while he was Governor-General of Canada that an article about him ought to interest a large number of persons. J. Parker Norris, so well known as a Shakespearean scholar and collector, in discussing the question, "Shall we Open Shakespeare's Grave?" will not hesitate to argue in favour of opening it, in spite of the anathema carved on the tombstone. Frank Vincent, Jr., whose travels in Burmah and Siam make him an authority on the subject, will have a paper on "White Elephants," maintaining that a white elephant has never been allowed to leave Asia.

DR. HODGINS, Deputy Minister of Education, announces that he has under preparation a personal and historical narrative of events connected with the founding and administration of the Ontario educational system under the late Dr. Egerton Ryerson, including a chapter on the administration of his successor, the Hon Mr. Crooks. Dr. Hodgins states that the announcement is made, of the publication of the *Narrative*, not with the view of immediate publication, but with the object of getting access to certain letters on educational matters known to have been written to private individuals, and the loan of which is solicited by the Deputy Minister. The work, when it appears, will be the complement of *The Story of my Life*, the memoir prepared by the executors of the late Dr. Ryerson, dealing with the ecclesiastical incidents in his career.

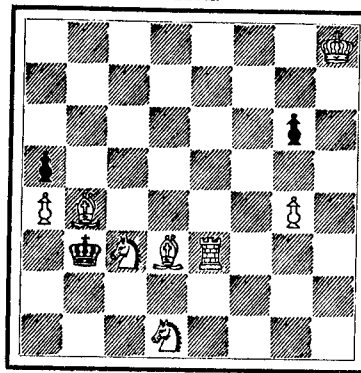
## CHESS.

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

## PROBLEM NO. 18.

By R. Moodie,  
Ottawa Chess Club.

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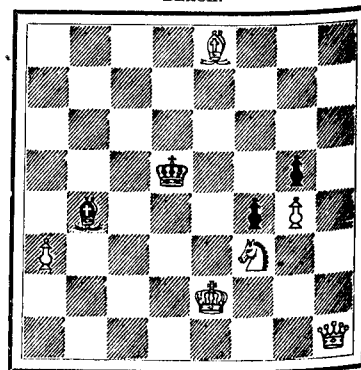
WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

## PROBLEM NO. 19.

Composed for THE WEEK by A. C. Meyers  
Toronto.

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WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

L. C. C. Arnprior.—Yours received. Would like to hear from you more frequently. E. B. G., Montreal.—Have communicated your wishes to publishers. J. B. H., Ottawa.—Thanks for kindness. Will try and arrange exchange. The 2 mover is impossible. Pax.—Welcome. Hope you will enter solution tourney.

## SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 10.

1. Q K R 4, 1. P B 5. 2. Q B 6 ch., 2. K moves. 3. Q K 7 mate, if 1 K K 4, 2 Q Q 4 ch., 2 K takes Q, 3. B B 6 mate, if 1 any other 2 Q K 7 mate.

Correct solution received from E. B. G., Montreal; G. S. C., Toronto; F. W. M., Detroit.

## SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 11.

1. Kt from Q 3 to B 2, if 1. K Q 2. 2. Q Q 3 ch., 3 Q or Kt mates, if 1 K Kt 2, 2. Q Q Kt 1. 3. Q R 7 mate.

Correct solution received from E. B. G., Montreal, who volunteers second solution as follows: 1 Remove Q Kt from the board.

## THE "WEEK" PROBLEM COMPETITION.

Through the liberality of an esteemed correspondent who insists on being nameless, we hereby offer a prize of six dollars in chess material for the best three move problem contributed to THE WEEK, on or before the 15th September, 1884.

## RULES AND CONDITIONS.

1. Problems to be direct, unconditional three move mates never before published.
2. Each competitor to enter as many problems as he pleases.
3. Joint compositions barred.
4. Rectification of problems allowed to closing date.
5. The problem on a diagram with motto, and having solution on the back in full, to be mailed in an envelope, addressed Chess Editor THE WEEK, Toronto, and a simultaneous envelope bearing inscription "Problem Competition," containing motto, name, and address of sender, to J. H. Gordon, 111 St. Patrick St., Toronto. The problems to be exclusive property of THE WEEK until the award of judges.
6. Want of compliance with any of the above rules will debar problems from competition. The standard of award will be: Difficulty, 15; Beauty, 15; Originality, 15; Variety, 10; Economy 10; Correctness, 10. The judges' names will be given in a future issue.

## THE WEEK SOLUTION TOURNEY.

For the most complete set of solutions and criticisms of problems published in THE WEEK, commencing with the issue of July 3rd, 1884, and ending with the issue of October 30th, 1884, we offer a prize of five dollars in chess material, and for the second best, a prize of four dollars in chess material.

## RULES AND CONDITIONS.

1. No prizes will be awarded unless at least eight competitors enter.
2. Solutions and criticisms to be mailed within two weeks of date of issue, to Chess Editor, THE WEEK.
3. Marks for solutions will be awarded as follows:—For 2 move problems, 2 points; for 3 move problems, 3 points; for 4 move problems, 4 points, with an additional point for every indispensable variation of whites 2nd move. For second solution, further points will be awarded in the same way. The criticisms must be short and to the point.

## GAME NO. 12.

Played in the Vienna Tournament of 1882, between Messrs. Steinitz and Tschigorin.  
Salvio Gambit.

WHITE. Steinitz.	BLACK. Tschigorin.	WHITE. Steinitz.	BLACK. Tschigorin.
1. P K 4	1. P K 4	17. P takes P	17. K Kt B 4
2. P K B 4	2. P takes P	18. B Q 3	18. Q R 4
3. Kt K B 3	3. P K Kt 4	19. K Kt 1	19. Kt B 5
4. B B 4	4. P Kt 5	20. Kt Kt 3	20. Q Kt 3 (e)
5. Kt K 5	5. Q R 5 ch	21. Q R 5 (f)	21. Kt B 6 ch
6. K B 1	6. Kt R 3 (a)	22. K R 1	22. P R 4
7. P Q 4	7. P B 6 (b)	23. P Q 6	23. P K B 4
8. Kt Q B 3 (c)	8. Kt B 3	24. Q takes Q B P	24. Q R 1
9. B B 4	9. P Q 8	25. K R 3	25. P R 5
10. Kt takes Kt	10. P takes P ch	26. Kt K 2	26. Kt takes Q P
11. K takes P	11. P takes Kt	27. R K 7 (g)	27. Kt takes Kt
12. R K B 1	12. B Q 2	28. B takes Kt	28. P Kt 6
13. Q Q 2	13. B Kt 2	29. B B 3	29. R K Kt 1
14. Q R K 1	14. Castles K R	30. P takes P	30. P takes P
15. R K 3	15. K R 1	31. K Kt 2 (h)	31. B R 3
16. Kt K 2	16. P Q 4 (d)	32. B K 5 ch.	32. Resigns.

## NOTES.

- (a) Much stronger than 6 Kt K B 3. 6 P K B 6 constitutes the Cochrane gambit.
- (b) Best. P Q 3 leads to a winning game for White.
- (c) An invention of Steinitz. P takes P is the usual move.
- (d) Ingenious, but unavailing against White's superior development.
- (e) Of course 20 Kt B 6 ch loses a piece.
- (f) A peculiar place for the Q; but far away as she appears her influence will be felt during the rest of the game.
- (g) The toils are closing round Black.
- (h) The winning move.

## NEWS ITEMS.

MR. BURN has won the silver cup which Mr. Rutherford, the President of the Liverpool Chess Club, presented to that organization for competition.

A MATCH was played lately at Brighton, England, between the counties of Sussex and Surrey. Score—Sussex, 24; Surrey, 17.

A HANDICAP TOURNAMENT has commenced at Simpson's Divan, London, in which Messrs. Blackburne, Mason, MacDonnell, Gunsberg and others have entered.

THE match between the St. George's Club and the Bristol and Clifton Chess Association resulted in a narrow victory for the St. George's by a score of 7½ to 6½.

IT is proposed to present Mr. J. H. Blackburne, the illustrious English blindfold player, with a national testimonial in recognition of his services in the cause of chess in England during the past twenty years.

THE announcement of the death of Mr. Judah P. Benjamin, the eminent Queen's Counsel, will be heard with regret by all members of the Westminster Chess Club, of which association he became a member on his arrival in England at the close of the American Civil War. Mr. Benjamin was an uncle (by marriage) of Paul Morphy, and was himself a skilful chess player. He visited the Criterion on several occasions last year during the progress of the International Tournament held there and evinced the liveliest interest in the proceedings.—*The Illustrated London News*.

MR. J. G. ASCHER still leads in the Montreal City Chess Club Torney, with the fine score of 19 won, 6 lost, 1 drawn.

THE Rochester Chess and Checker Club has been organized with the following officers:—President, Frederick Driscoll; Vice-President, E. H. Damon; Treasurer, Peter McMillan; Secretary, A. E. Newman. The club includes several fine players.