

called K's pieces—K B, K Kt and K R. Those upon the Q's side are called the Q's pieces—Q's B, Q's Kt and Q's R. These pieces give these names to their respective squares, thus: K B sq, K Kt sq, K R sq; Q B sq, Q Kt sq, Q R sq.

The squares are numbered from each side from 1 to 8, thus: K sq—K 2, K 3, K 4, and so on to 8. Q B sq—Q B 2, Q B 3, and so on to Q B 8.

This explanation is brief, but we think it can be readily understood. Should any of our readers be at a loss to comprehend, we shall gladly answer through these columns any questions they may put.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Boston, December 27, 1877.

To the Editor of the Torch.

DEAR SIR.—If you propose to indulge any in ornamental Chess literature, the following lines may afford a chance to break the ice in that direction. The author, being modest, would remain in obscurity, and so they may be credited to that versatile genius, "ANONYMOUS." Chess poetry, as a rule, partakes somewhat of the machine flavor, but as these have something of the unique in their conception and of the ambitious in the plan upon which they are built, possibly you may fall them into your Torch-light procession—or waste-basket:

ALLITERATIVE ACROSTIC.

C harming Caissa, coquette coy;
H appy her heroes' homaging hearts,
E mpire, ever enduring, enjoy,
S avants subjected, submissive seem;
S overeign sceptre swaying supreme.

J. C. M'.

SELECT SCINTILLATIONS.

BY "SCISSORS."

A coal combination is a public coal-amity.—*Boston Post.*

Yes, a grate coal-amity is a coal-tion.

Bay windows are safe harbors at night for little snacks.—*Philadelphia Herald.*

Yes, if some other girl don't come and enter out.

A Canada firm turned pale at the burning of the pall factory.—*New Orleans Picayune.*
All right as long as they didn't "Kick the bucket."

Mr. Pints has four beautiful daughters, just a half gallon of sweet lasses.—*Whitchell Times.*

He has more than half a gall on his hands. Good quarters for four nice young men.

Can a tragedienne who "mouths" her words be termed a victim of "gun tragic?"—*New York Commercial Advertiser.*
No, she'd be a "stick."

Eagles in Tennessee carry off young lambs.—*Exchange.*—Now, what's the ewes of telling us such a story as that?—*Commercial Advertiser.*

Kerrett, there is no use in talon such a lamb-entable yarn.

A Kentucky farmer has held his hemp crop for ten years, waiting for \$10 per hundred. Perhaps he doesn't wish his hemp to support him.—*Boston Post.*

In some places,—En-rop for instance—that joke would have to pay duty, but in Kentucky we suppose such bad puns are ex-hempt.

Some how or other we don't hear any more about Niagara Falls wearing away.—*Hartford Times.* But you can hear the hackmen about Niagara Falls swearing away the same as usual.—*Boston Post.*

Probably because they are so used to it they

only take a curs-ory glance. We never heard of a dam below the Falls.

A SUITABLE MOTTO.—He had stayed till the clock hands hung together at eleven, and that valuable recorder of time was menacing a strike. She had yawned till her mouth felt large enough for a horse collar, and yet the young man evinced no symptoms of speedy departure. "I've been working on a motto to-day," she finally said, as she held her eyes open with her fingers: "don't you want to see it?" He said he did. She brought out the article and passed it to him for inspection. He held it up to the light and read the cheerful sentence, "There's no place like home." The young man guessed he'd be going.—*Rockland Courier.*

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