

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Letters intended for the Editor, should be addressed "Editor Saturday Reader, Drawer 401," and communications on business to "R. Worthington, publisher."

NIX.—There are a number of systems; but we think, on the whole, we would recommend you to study Pitman's. It is not difficult to acquire the alphabet of the system or the method of joining the letters, but it will require a very close and persevering practice to enable you to write with sufficient rapidity to report a speech. Pitman's Manual of Phonography may be obtained at the READER Office.

MAGGIE.—The "Hymn to Evening" is respectfully declined.

CEPHAS.—Will you kindly forward a full solution to your problem inserted in the last issue of the READER. We think the answer you give is not quite correct.

JOSEPH L.—Wesley and his immediate followers were warmly attached to the Church of England, considered themselves among her true children, and the English Wesleyan Methodists still use, more or less, the liturgy of the Established Church. They accept the thirty-nine articles, but reject the interpretation which is generally given to them by the Church of England. The distinguishing doctrine of the Wesleyan Methodist Church is the universality and freedom of the atonement—hence they reject the doctrine of predestination, which they conceive to be incompatible with the former. There are other divergencies in point of doctrine, but we have not space to enumerate them. It is in their respective methods of church government that the two bodies are widest asunder.

POLLY.—It would have been better perhaps to have avoided the expression to which our esteemed correspondent takes exception, but we do not think it can, in common fairness, be deemed insulting to any one. Our belief is that it would not be so regarded by members of the church indicated; and we beg respectfully to assure Polly that we would not knowingly permit a single word to appear in the READER which could give a reasonable ground of offence to the members of any religious body.

ADAH Z.—We congratulate our correspondent upon her first attempt; it promises well for future efforts, but we must remind her that editors but seldom accept "first attempts," or papers which "bear evident marks of haste." If Adah will carefully write a short Canadian story, we think it will probably meet with a different fate.

K. O.—A masquerade, or masked ball, is a festive meeting, in which the host and guests assume fictitious characters, and disguise themselves more or less for the occasion, the name being derived from the use of the mask. At a fancy dress ball the masks may be dispensed with.

MARIA.—We cannot advise Maria, unless she states more definitely the character of the eruptions of which she complains.

C. J.—The MS. is not yet to hand; will you see that it is forwarded at once?

A. R. T.—Respectfully declined.

S. A.—We regret that we are unable to give a satisfactory reply to your question.

TAKING IT LITERALLY.—A Methodist and a Quaker, travelling together, stopped at an hotel, and were both put into the same room. The Methodist, before retiring to rest made a long humiliating prayer, in which he made some confession of himself. When he rose from his knees the Quaker said, "Dost mean all thee said, friend?" Being answered in the affirmative, he shrugged his shoulders and said, "Then thou art too bad a man for me to sleep in the same room with thee."

Dr. Richardson states that iodine placed in a small box with a perforated lid, destroys organic poison in rooms. In cases of small-pox he has seen this method used with great benefit.

CHESS.

The return match between Captain Mackenzie and Mr. Reichhelm, the representative players respectively of the New York and Philadelphia Chess Clubs, is to take place in March next at the Philadelphia Athenaeum. The terms of the match will be in every respect similar to those of the encounter between the same players last year.

Rapid progress has been made in the business of the Annual Tournament of the New York Chess Club for the current year, the number of games already contested amounting to something over two hundred, being about one half of which the entire series will consist. The three players thus far holding the most favorable positions on the score, are—Captain Mackenzie, who wins twenty-eight games and loses two; Mr. Richardson, who wins fourteen and loses six; and Dr. Barnet, who wins nineteen and loses ten.

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G. G. ST. CATHARINES, C.W.—The back Nos. have been forwarded to E. H. C. Problem 84 can be solved in three moves by 1. Kt takes Kt P 2. Kt takes Kt, 3. either R mates. Your solution of No. 54 is correct. J. C. ROMEYN, KINGSTON, N. Y.—You have not been forgotten. Trust the enclosure reached you safely.

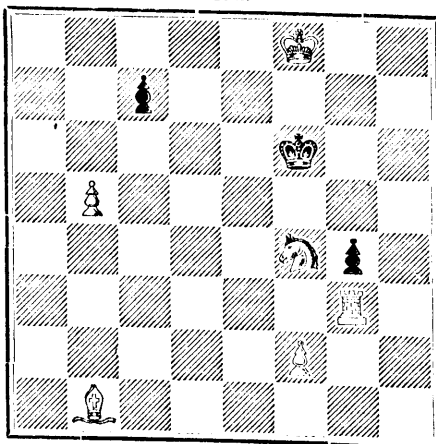
ALPHA, QUEBEC.—Note, game, and explanation received.

S. HULL.—White cannot play 3. B to K R 3, as it would discover ch. from the Q; the key move, however, is correct.

PROBLEM No. 56.

By G. M.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM, NO. 54.

WHITE.
1 Q to K Kt 5.
2 R to Q 7 (ch.)
3 Q to Q 8 Mate.

BLACK.
P Queens.
Any move.

The following game occurred in the Tournament of the New York Chess Club, between Captain Mackenzie and Mr. Richardson.

PHILIDOR'S DEFENCE.

WHITE, (Mackenzie.)

1 P to K 4.
2 Kt to K B 3.
3 P to Q 4.
4 Kt takes P.
5 Kt to Q B 3.
6 P to K B 4.
7 B to K 2.
8 Q takes B.
9 Castles.
10 B to Q 2.
11 K to R sq.
12 Kt to K B 5.
13 Kt takes B (ch.)
14 Q R to K sq.
15 P to K 6.
16 P takes P.
17 Kt to Q 5.
18 P to Q B 4.
19 B to Q Kt 4.
20 B takes Kt.
21 Kt to K B 4.
22 R to Q sq.
23 Kt to Q 3.
24 Q takes Q.
25 K R to K sq.
26 P takes P (en passant.)
27 K to Kt sq.
28 Kt to K B 2.
29 P to Q Kt 3.
30 Kt takes Kt.
31 R to Q 6.
32 R takes R P.
33 R takes K P.
34 K takes R.
35 R takes Q B P.
36 K to K 3.
38 R takes Q B P, and wins.

BLACK, (Richardson.)

1 P to K 4.
2 P to Q 3.
3 P takes P.
4 Kt to K B 3.
5 B to K 2.
6 B to K Kt 5.
7 B takes B.
8 Castles.
9 Kt to Q 2.
10 P to K R 3.
11 Kt to Q B 4.
12 Q to Q 2.
13 Q takes Kt.
14 Q R to K sq.
15 P takes P.
16 Kt to K R 2.
17 Q to Q 2.
18 P to Q Kt 3.
19 P to Q B 3.
20 P takes B.
21 Kt to K Kt 4.
22 Q to K B 4.
23 Q to K 5.
24 Kt takes Q.
25 P to K B 4.
26 P takes P.
27 P to K B 4.
28 Kt to Q 7.
29 Kt to K 5.
30 P takes Kt.
31 P to K 6.
32 R to K B 7.
33 R takes Kt P (ch.)
34 R takes R.
35 R to K 7 (ch.)
36 R takes Q R P.

WITTY AND WHIMSICAL.

"ALTHOUGH you count yourself a brighter fellow than I am, yet I can come round you," as the earth said to the sun.

TIME waits for no man; but, if we may believe what some of our maiden friends say of their age, it waits for women.

It is a bad sign to see a man with his hat off at midnight, explaining the theory and principles of true politeness to his shoes.

"The poetry of motion—Skating with a pretty girl.

ADVICE to an infuriated printer—"Compose" yourself.

If a man marry a shrew, are we to suppose he is shrewd?

THE LIGHTEST OF ALL GARMENTS.—A shift of the wind.

WHEN is a hen most likely to hatch? When she is in earnest (her nest).

WHY does a person that is poorly lose much of his sense of touch? Because he doesn't feel well.

"WHEN you are in Turkey, you must do as the Turks do," as a lady of great philological repute once said.

BRIGGS has a faculty for getting things cheap. The other day he had a beautiful set of teeth inserted for nothing. He kicked a dog.

At a public dinner, Horne Tooke, hearing of the retreat of the Duke of York before the French, gave as a toast, "The brave followers of the Duke of York.

"WHEN was Rome built?" inquired a school inspector. "In the night, sir," was the ready reply. "In the night!" said he. "How do you make that out!" "Why, sir, you know Rome wasn't built in a day."

WHY is a vain young lady like a confirmed drunkard? Because neither of them are satisfied with the moderate use of the glass.

LEGAL.—An American editor says he has seen the contrivance lawyers use when they "warm up with the subjects." He says it was a glass concern, and holds about a pint.

A LITERARY JACK KETCH.—A paper-hanger.

WHY would people older than yourself make good feeding for cattle? Because they are past your age (pasturage).

WHY is a four-quart jug like a lady's side-saddle? Because it holds a gall-on.

THE Bishop of Wurtzburg once asked a sprightly shepherd boy, "What are you doing here, my lad?"—"Tending swine."—"How much do you get?"—"One florin a week."—"I am also a shepherd," continued the Bishop; "but I have a much better salary."—"That may all be; but then, I suppose, you have more swine under your care," innocently replied the boy.

ANOTHER PARCEL OF PROVERBS.—If a cap fits, wear it—out. Six of one, and half-a-dozen of the other—make exactly twelve. None so deaf as those who won't hear—hear! hear! Faint heart never won fair lady—nor dark one either. Civility costs nothing—nay, is something to your credit. The best of friends must part—their hair. Any port in a storm—but old port preferred. One good turn deserves another—in waltzing. Youth at the prow and pleasure at the helm—very sea-sick.

WHAT is the difference between a cat and a comma? A cat has its claws at the end of its paws; a comma its pause at the end of its clause.

WHY do honest ducks dip their heads under water? To liquidate their little bills.

THERE is a man in New York so lazy that he has an artist hired by the month to draw his breath with a lead pencil. There is another man whose memory is so short that it only reaches to his knees, consequently he never pays for his boots.

WHAT is the moral difference between cake and wine? The one is sometimes tipsy, the other is always drunk.