

HOW PEACEFUL IS THE EVENTIDE

BY J. R. NEWELL, LONDON.

How peaceful is the eventide,
When all the hurry of the day,
And care, and labor, thrust aside,
In softening visions fade away!

Then far away from haunts of care,
Far from the busy, bustling throng,
E'en as a bird upon the air,
The mind pursues its way along.

Here castles rise on hallowed ground,
There magic kingdoms spring to view,
And merry laughter rings around
The halls where fancy wanders through.

Forms there appear not all unknown,
And answering eyes flash back the light
That guides our bounding footsteps on
Beyond the confines of the night.

Again communing with the past,
We feel the love of long ago,
Which did not and which could not last
As solace to the present woe.

And I have wandered thus alone
O'er many scenes of memory,
And felt that I was not undone,
With heart so light, with soul so free.

Oh! ever thus at eventide
Let cares be numbered with the day,
And pain and labor, thrust aside,
In softening visions fade away!

ECHOES FROM PARIS.

Paris, Dec. 23.

THE Paris critics have their club. They have just elected M. Brisson a member. They dine in grand style once a month. There is a deal of carving.

THE carnival committee at Nice has requested the mayor to put a stop to all throwing of sweetmeats and squirting of scented liquors. The mayor has, accordingly, fulminated his prohibition under pains and penalties, including the galleys. Discreet laughter may be indulged in.

A PARISIAN paper gives this anecdote at the expense of a German professor who is renowned for his forgetfulness. The professor has just recovered from a self-inflicted wound with a pistol ball, and declares that he intended to shoot his "Frau" first and himself after, but in his forgetfulness began with himself.

A DUEL with pistols has just been fought in the environs of Brussels between two gentlemen well-known in the higher circles of Parisian and London Society. One of them was shot through the head, and the rumor is that he died of the wound on Tuesday night. Strangely enough, the wounded gentleman is or was one of the most expert shots in France in field sports.

PARISIANS complain of the want of hospitality which exists at the present moment in the capital; nobody gives parties of the few who have taken up their winter quarters in Paris, for the fashion is to emigrate to the south during the cold in imitation of the English, who have overrun the Riviera, and it appears must be followed.

THE Gaulois devotes a paragraph to an improbable and manifestly absurd story, to the effect that M. de Neuville, the great war painter, was quasi-officially requested whilst in London to keep Lord Wolseley very much in the background of his coming picture of the taking of Tel-el-Kebir, and to confine himself to the vivid delineation of the deeds of prowess performed by the British Infantry.

It seems from the recent correspondence in the daily papers that nothing has been invented yet which will be a safeguard against the alteration of writing in the body of a cheque. If persons are so very anxious about the matter it is to be presumed they would not mind the trouble of writing cheques with one particular ink, say ordinary ink, with twenty per cent. of nitrate of silver added to it. Such ink would leave its indelible stain on any paper.

MISS HOOPER, the daughter of the American Vice-Consul, has a passion for the art dramatique, and has been studying in French the part of Gilberte in "Frou-Frou." The result was shown to a distinguished circle of friends the other evening. The amateurs, with the assistance of Regnier, got through their parts capitally, even according to the French critics present, and Miss Hooper fairly astonished all. It was an evening of grand dress among the American ladies, and they can do it.

An interesting experiment has been made in Paris by M. Mangin, a member of the Academie d'Aerostation. A small balloon, measuring about 100 cubic feet, and filled with pure hydrogen, was sent up, being held captive by a rope containing two copper wires. A Swan incandescent light having been placed in the gas and attached to the top of the balloon, was lighted, and the whole aerial machine was splendidly illuminated. It was shown by systematic interruptions that the dots and dashes of the Morse system could be imitated for giving military signals at a great distance.

THE authorities of the Paris Louvre announce their intention of purchasing photographs of famous monuments and works of art contained in foreign museums. In order to make them accessible to French arts or any other person who may wish to see them, it has also been resolved to send every year representatives of the Louvre to different countries. Their mission will be to visit public and private collections, to take note of artistic purchases and discoveries, and to ascertain anything of interest which may come to light through any explorations or researches undertaken by private individuals or Government.

GUSTAVE DORÉ is just completing a life-sized statue of d'Artagnan, the hero of "Les Trois Mousquetaires," which is destined to occupy one side of the pedestal of the monument to the elder Dumas. The young mousquetaire is represented as seated in a graceful attitude with his sword unsheathed in his right hand. The countenance, with its youthful, finely-outlined features and expression of courageous alertness, is very characteristic. All the details of the picturesque Louis XIII. costumes, the plumed hat, lace ruffles, falling collar, &c., are well worked out, and will be exceedingly effective when the figure is reproduced in bronze. Contrary to recent reports, M. Doré has not yet commenced to build on his newly-purchased lot on the Parc Monceau, and has no immediate intention of abandoning his present spacious studio on the Rue Bayard.

"SEWING DOWN."

"'Tis naught, 'tis naught, saith the buyer, but when he goeth his way, then he boasteth."

Perhaps few stories would be sadder than the related experience of poor girls and women who do sewing and similar work by the day, or who trade on their own account. Perhaps the supposed inhumanity of women to women never comes nearer being a fact than when they have money dealings with each other. Most housewives have a talent for making bargains, and there are few gifts more subject to abuse. Ladies, have a care in poor economies of this sort, lest you be found to "grind the faces of the poor."

We have known a wealthy woman, and a prominent church member to "beat down," for troublesome and expensive white work, a young woman to whom a dollar meant almost the difference between hope and despair.

Once a minister's wife said, complacently: "I got her to let me have this for a half dollar less," when we could scarcely help exclaiming: "Don't you know the poor old lady of whom you bought this is almost on starvation's verge—is living on two meals a day in this bitter weather?" The whole purchase amounted to two or three dollars, and the reduction had only been consented to under the urgent necessity to sell. How cruel! and yet, in both instances, the wrong was done by kind-hearted women. More evil is wrought by want of thought than by want of heart. But in this world it is our business to think.

THE Queen has not disallowed the Act that has been passed in Canada legalizing marriage with a deceased wife's sister. Those who wish to marry the deceased wife's sister had better go to Canada. Yet there are other British places where it is legal. Indeed, it is legal over two million square miles of British possessions. Great Britain contains but 120,000 square miles. What is "saucy for the goose" ought to be for the gander.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

All communications intended for this Column should be addressed to the Chess Editor, CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS, Montreal.

THE CANADIAN CHESS ASSOCIATION TOURNEY.

The Tourney of the Canadian Chess Association was brought to a close on Saturday last, and the following table will show the result of the play, and the standing of the players. As will be seen, there are two ties, one between Dr. Howe and Mr. Ascher for first prize, and another between Messrs. Hicks and Short for fourth prize. Mr. Shaw takes third place. The tie between Dr. Howe and Mr. Ascher will be played out in the course of a few days, and the result will appear in a future Column of the News.

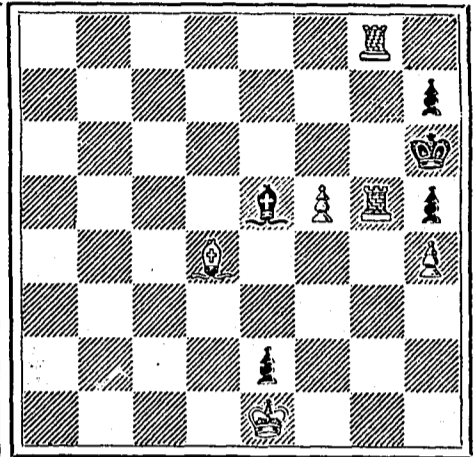
Table with 7 columns: Player, Ascher, Benrose, Hicks, Howe, Shaw, Short, Won. Rows: Ascher, Benrose, Hicks, Howe, Shaw, Short.

The Dramatic News, speaking of the appearance of a chess column in the Torquay Directory, says that Cecil de Vere, the brilliant chessplayer, lies in the churchyard of that town without anything to mark his resting place, at the same time stating that two hundred chessplayers, by contributing a quarter of a dollar each, would supply the means of erecting a stone to his memory. The latter remark of the News, no doubt, is very true, but who is to take the business in hand, and make a beginning? No chessplayer for such a purpose would begrudge giving an English shilling. Forty years ago, in Kensall Green Cemetery, London, were to be seen the graves of the great chess antagonists, Alexander Macdonnell and Louis Charles de la Bourlonnais, each with a simple stone over it. It would be worth while knowing to what extent these spots, interesting to the chess fraternity, have escaped the ravages of time.

With reference to the suggestions of the Dramatic News, we find the following remarks in the Glasgow Herald:—The Editor remembers meeting Mr. De Vere some fifteen years ago at a chess congress in Dundee. He thoroughly endorses the views of 'Mars.' Every chessplayer who came across Mr. De Vere must have been struck with the interesting nature of the man, and impressed with his wonderful chess ability, apart altogether from his very handsome and striking physiognomy. The Editor will be very glad to guarantee 20 of the 200 subscriptions asked; and should any of Mr. De Vere's Dundee acquaintances, or any other Scotch chessplayers write to him in connection with the matter he will be pleased to communicate their suggestion to 'Mars,' or to the committee proposed, if 'Mars's' hint be carried into effect.

PROBLEM No. 415.

By S. Loyd.



White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 413.

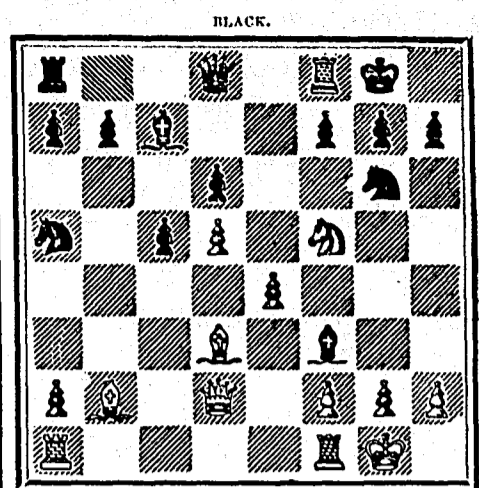
White. 1 Kt to Q 4 3 Mates acc. Black. 1 Any.

GAME 518r.

The following game was played at the Philadelphia Chess Club between Captain Michaelis and another amateur.

- WHITE.—(Captain M.) 1 P to K 4 2 Kt to K B 3 3 B to B 4 4 P to Q Kt 4 5 P to B 3 6 Castles 7 P to Q 4 8 P takes P 9 P to Q 5 10 B to Kt 2 11 B to Q 3 12 Kt to B 3 13 Kt to K 2 14 Q to Q 2 15 Kt to Kt 3 16 Kt to B 5

At this point Captain Michaelis forced an extremely pretty mate in three moves. The mate is not easy to see, and we may add that some of the Captain's friends have been baffled by it.



White to play and mate in three moves. Philadelphia Times.

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