

CHARGED BY AN AFRICAN BUFFALO.

There was no time to be lost, as I was not more than forty yards from him; so, reining in with a jerk, and turning the horse at the same instant broadside on, I raised my gun, intending to put a ball, if possible, just between his neck and shoulder, which, could I have done so, would either have knocked him down, or at any rate made him swerve; but my horse, instead of standing steady as he had always done before, now commenced walking forward, though he did not appear to take any notice of the buffalo. There was no time to put my hand down and give another wrench on the bridle (which I had let fall on the horse's neck), and for the life of me I could not get a sight with the horse in motion. A charging buffalo does not take many seconds to cover forty yards, and in another instant his outstretched nose was within six feet of me, so, lowering the gun from my shoulder, I pulled it off right in his face, at the same time digging the spurs deep into my horse's sides. But it was too late, for even as he sprang forward the old bull caught him full in the flank, pitching him, with me on his back, into the air like a dog. The recoil of the heavily-charged elephant-gun, with which I was unluckily shooting, twisted it clean out of my hands, so that we all, horse, gun, and man, fell in different directions. My horse regained its feet and galloped away immediately, but even with a momentary glance I saw that the poor brute's entrails were protruding in a dreadful manner. The buffalo, on tossing the horse, had stopped dead, and now stood with his head lowered within a few feet of me. I had fallen in a sitting position, and facing my unpleasant-looking adversary. I could see no wound on him, so must have missed, though I can scarcely understand how, as he was so very close when I fired. However, I had not much time for speculation, for the old brute, after glaring at me a few seconds with his sinister-looking, blood-shot eyes, finally made up his mind, and, with a grunt, rushed at me. I threw my body out flat along the ground to one side, and just avoided the upward thrust of his horn, receiving, however, a severe blow on the left shoulder with the round part of it, nearly dislocating my right arm with the force with which my right elbow was driven against the ground, and receiving also a kick on the instep from one of his feet. Luckily for me he did not turn again, as he most certainly would have done had he been wounded, but galloped clean away. The first thing to be done was to look after my horse, and at about 150 yards from where he had been tossed, I found him. The buffalo had struck him full in the left thigh; it was an awful wound, and as the poor beast was evidently in the last extremity, I hastily loaded my gun and put him out of his misery. My Kafirs coming up just then, I started with them, eager for vengeance, in pursuit of the buffalo, but was compelled finally to abandon the chase, leaving my poor horse unavenged.—African Hunting—De Sclous.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

We were pleased to find a year ago that an attempt was to be made in England to issue a magazine, devoted in a great degree to chess, which should appear weekly. It is now a subject of satisfaction that the attempt has been a success, and that the Chessplayer's Chronicle will continue to be published week by week during the whole of the present year. We must look upon this success as an evidence of the increasing interest taken in the royal game by the public, but at the same time we must not forget that a great deal is due to the manner in which this journal has been prepared to meet the wants of its readers. We think we are speaking the sentiments of a large number of chessplayers when we say that in this respect nothing has been neglected. It is just such a periodical as a lover of the game will be induced to welcome at the end of every week, as the freshness of the material in its pages must make it acceptable to those who are desirous of knowing what is being done in chess affairs, both at home and in other parts of the world. The price we observe is to be increased a penny a week, making three pence for each number. This small addition to the price will assuredly not be objected to by any of its subscribers. There are few chessplayers, we think who would begrudge three pence a week for a periodical so full of matter pertaining to their favourite game, as the Chessplayer's Chronicle.

The news that a chess match is being arranged between Mr. Max Judd, of St. Louis, and Mr. Eugene Deimar, of New York, will be very welcome to chessplayers on both sides of the Atlantic. The preliminaries are almost completed, as we learn from the Globe-Democrat, and the fight will probably come off during the month of June, 1882. The stakes are to be \$100 a side. Pittsburg is to be the place of meeting, and it is likely that the winning of either the first five, or seven games, does not counting, will constitute victory. Time limit, fifteen moves an hour.

The well-known Samuel Loyd has finished the second half of his work on problems, which now stands a completed whole of 269 pages, illustrated with 534 compositions by the good man himself. The talk of the book combines instruction with amusement, and is really a masterful exposé of the art, giving many wrinkles about construction, ideas, &c. Mr. Loyd says he was born "of wealthy but honest parents, in Philadelphia, 30th January, 1841" and was the youngest of eight children, whose earliest recollections are inseparably associated with the chess-board. He has participated in fourteen tournaments, winning prizes in all and as a practical player has done himself credit.—Philadelphia Times.

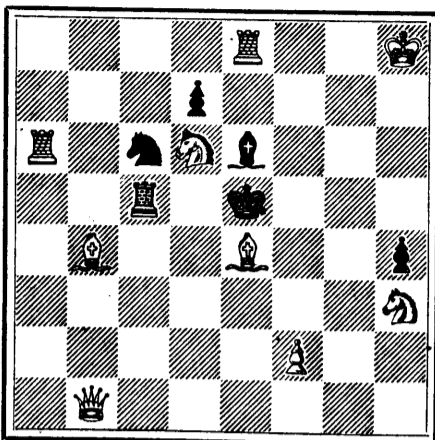
The International Tournament at Vienna is to begin early in May. I understand that at a local tournament at present going on at Vienna the plan is being tried of distributing all the prize-money among the players according to the number of games won. I have not heard the exact particulars, but, as I am informed, each player pays £10 of entry money, and receives £4 for each game he wins and £1 for each game he draws.—Glasgow Herald.

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PROBLEM NO. 366.

By E. N. Frankenstein.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Solution of Problem No. 364.

- White. 1. R to Q B 7. 2. Mates acc. Black. 1. Any.

CHESS IN AUSTRALIA.

GAME 493RD.

Played at the Melbourne Chess Club between Messrs. Esling and Goldsmith.

White.—(Mr. Esling.) Black.—(Mr. Goldsmith.) (King's Gambit declined.)

- 1. P to K 4. 2. P to K B 4. 3. Kt to K B 3. 4. P to B 3. 1. P to K 4. 2. B to B 4. 3. P to Q 3.

This continuation has fallen into disuse, and for very good reasons. It establishes a showy but very unsubstantial centre, upon which Black is enabled to keep up a constant attack.

4. Kt to K B 3 is better. The move in the text has the effect of bringing White's Queen into formidable play.

- 5. P to Q Kt 4. 6. P to Q R 4. 7. P to R 3. 8. Q takes B. 9. B to B 4. 10. P to Q 3. 1. P to Kt 3. 2. B to Kt 3. 3. Kt to B 3. 4. Castles.

Very rash. Almost any move would have been better. 10 P to K R 3 or 10 P takes P, followed by Kt to K 4 or 10 Kt to K 2, threatening P to Q 4, are each worthy of consideration.

- 11. P to B 5. 12. B to Kt 3. 13. P takes P. 11. P to Q 4. 12. P takes P. 13. Q to K 2.

In Black's situation we should certainly have tried 13 Kt to Q 5. Suppose

- 14. P takes Kt. 15. Kt to Q B 3. 13. Kt to Q 5. 14. Q takes P. 15. Kt takes K P.

with a fine attack. Other lines of play, on the part of White do not give a better result.

- 14. P to K Kt 4. 14. Kt to K. 14. Kt to R sq and Kt to Kt sq seem to establish a thoroughly satisfactory defence.

- 15. P to Kt 5. 16. R to B. 15. K to R. 16. P to B 3.

Suppose, instead of this ruinous move, that Black had played—

- 17. P to B 6. 18. P takes Pch. 16. Q R to Q sq. 17. Q to Q 3. 18. Kt takes P.

If White now play B takes K B P, Black simply takes off the Bishop with his Rook. Whatever course White adopts he must act at a great disadvantage owing to his imperfect development and his inability to Castle.

- 17. P to Kt 6. 18. Q to R 5, and Black resigns. 17. P to R 3.

Threatening B takes K R P, a finishing stroke which can neither be avoided nor resisted. It is noticeable that White has carried on this singular attack entirely without the assistance of his Queen's pieces.—Australasian.



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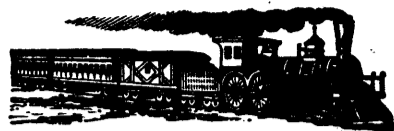
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