

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

ALBION.—Domesday Book was framed by order of William the Conqueror, and is a register of the lands of England. Judgments were given from this book upon the value, tenure and services of the land described therein. The original Domesday Book is comprised in two volumes, the one a large folio, and the other a quarto.

A. R. T.—Lord Byron, the poet, was born in London on the twenty-second of January, 1788.

SUBSCRIBER.—You are not legally bound to give your servant a character, nor are you bound to give your reasons for refusing to do so.

LIZZIE B.—Heroine has the accent on the first syllable, and is pronounced her-o-een—the first syllable as in herring.

D. G. McDONALD.—Our correspondent has our best thanks for the kind wishes expressed in his note.

INQUISITIVE.—The expression, "escaped with the skin of my teeth," is contained in the twentieth verse of the nineteenth chapter of Job. The phrase, "in spite of his teeth," is said to have originated in this wise: King John once demanded of a certain Jew ten thousand marks; on the refusal of which he ordered one of the Israelite's teeth to be drawn every day till he should consent. The Jew lost seven, and then paid the required sum. Hence the phrase.

A. W. P.—Sir W. Codrington was commander of the forces in the Crimea when Sebastopol was taken.

J. H. Y.—Your proposition is respectfully declined.

CATHOLIC.—The Queen could not marry a Roman Catholic; the law forbids such a marriage.

SHOP.—Yes. Mr. Macready's last appearance on the stage was in the character of Macbeth, on the 26th February, 1861.

IVI.—Montreal first, then Quebec. We have not been able to obtain the address of the gentleman you refer to.

FNI.—Much obliged for the contributions, of which we will avail ourself if possible.

PASTIMES.

We shall be glad to receive from any of our friends who take an interest in the column original contributions of Puzzles, Charades, Problems, &c. Solutions should in each case accompany questions forwarded.

DECAPITATIONS.

When complete, I stand as a quadruped small. I traverse the cottage as well as the hall; For what I receive I return no thanks, And saucily, too, I continue my pranks. But if you behead me, though strange it may seem, I spread into a river, a fair English stream. Though this may surprise, 'tis perfectly true. For when you have seen it 'twill be nothing new. Curtailed and transposed, I'm sure to be seen, Served up as good fare on the banks of the Seine.

CHARADES.

1. I am composed of 22 letters. My 1, 19, 21, 13 is a lady's name. My 12, 15, 4, 9, 17 is one of the United States. My 16, 17, 9, 8, 6, 13 is a part of Italy. My 6, 7, 11, 19, 15 is a country in Asia. My 14, 20, 15, 12 is a country in Asia. My 18, 22, 20, 19, 13 is a river in France. My 10, 7, 1, 12, 22, 18 is a river in England. My 3, 15, 2, 12, 15, 21, 8, 15 is an island. My 5, 13, 18, 10 is to try.

J. E. D'A.

2. 'Twas "harvest-home," and all were merry-making, My first the squire's rural village seat; Each one was of the welcome fare partaking, While toast and song went round with joy replete.

There, whirling 'mid my third's gay mystic mazes, The maid and matron, youth and squire were seen As cheerful as the brightly blooming daisies That interspersed the lively village green.

And some were here, and some were there, engaged In passing round the cheering, "flowing bowl," While others on their lovers and the aged Were happily and ever in my whole.

Thus passed away the time, till day's declining Proclaimed my second's hour near at hand; Then rose the harvest-room, all brightly shining O'er field and wood, and stream sublimely grand.

3. Though mostly small, and always very sour, With joy and frolic pass I many an hour.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

- 1. A country of Asia. 9. A faculty of the mind. 2. A short poem. 10. A country of Europe. 3. A fish. 11. The art of writing in ciphers. 4. A bird. 12. A mountain in Asiatic Turkey. 5. An animal. 13. A town in Canada. 6. A metal. 14. A seaport of France. 7. An English river. 8. A bird of prey.

The initials and finals will name two British poets.

PROBLEM.

A general returning from the field of battle, being asked how many men he had lost, killed and wounded, replied: "The number killed is equal to 1/3 that of the wounded, and the sum of both is equal to 2/3 of what I had at first, or 2/3 of what I have at present; and if the number killed and wounded be multiplied together, the product will be equal to the number I had first." Find the number killed and wounded, as also the number of men he had at first.

ANSWERS TO DOUBLE ACROSTIC, &c. No. 70.

Double Acrostic.—W. Gladstone.—Reform Bill.—1. Warbler. 2. Greece. 3. Leaf. 4. Arno. 5. Dnieper. 6. Storm. 7. Thumb. 8. Qui. 9. Novel. 10. Earl.

Decapitations.—1. Shave—have—ave. 2. Cleave—leave—Eva. 3. Scale—laces—sale—ale—le. 4. Speed—deep, Dec.

Charades.—1. Head-ache. 2. Prim-rose. 3. Marriage.

Conundrums.—1. When he puts the colon (coal on). 2. Because he is a sir single (surcingle). 3. The letter r.

Riddles.—Mirror.

The following answers have been received: Double Acrostic.—Pearl —, Minto, H. H. V. Archie, Ellen B.

Decapitation.—Ellen B., Minto, Geo. H., Pearl, Camp, Argus.

Conundrums.—Argus, Camp, Pearl.

Charades.—H. W. V., Minto, Pearl, Argus, Camp, Geo. H.

Enigma.—Minto, Argus, Camp, Violet, Arthur W.

Received too late to be acknowledged in our last, "Bericus," who answered all.

CHESS.

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D. G. McD. BEAVERTON.—Problem 49 cannot be solved according to stipulation by P takes P (ch.) as the key move. You have overlooked the fact of the Kt being en prise to the Q, which prevents the threatened mate.

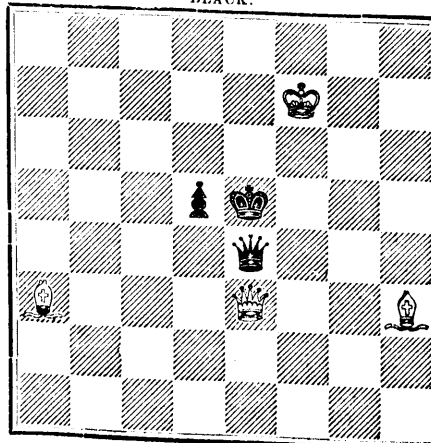
I. R.; M. H. HAMILTON.—Solution of 48 is correct. If in 49, Black plays 1. Q to R 3, instead of the move you suggest, how can the mate be effected?

G. G. ST. CATHARINES.—We have mislaid N. M's. position; can you furnish a duplicate?

PROBLEM No. 51.

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BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM, NO. 49.

- WHITE. 1. Q to Q Kt 7. 2. K to K Kt 8. 3. Mates. (a.) 1. Q takes B (ch.) 2. Q takes B (ch.) 3. P takes P Mate. (b.) 1. Q to Q 5 (ch.) 4. B to Q Kt 2 Mate. BLACK. R takes Q or (a. b.) Any move. K to Kt 2. K to R 3. P takes P. K to Kt 2.

The following brilliant little game was played some time since at the London Chess Club, between Herr Steinitz and a member of the Club, the former giving the odds of the Queen's Knight, which is to be removed from the board:

- WHITE, (Herr Steinitz.) 1 P to K 4. 2 P to K B 4. 3 Kt to K B 3. 4 B to B 4. 5 Castles. 6 Q takes P. 7 P to K 5. 8 B takes P (ch.) (a.) 9 P to Q 4. 10 B to K 3. 11 Q to R 5 (ch.) (b.) 12 R takes P (ch.) 13 R takes Kt (ch.) (c.) 14 B to Q 4 (ch.) 15 R to B sq (ch.) (d.) 16 Q to K 5. 17 Q to Q 5 (ch.) 18 Q to K Kt 5. 16 Q to Q 8 (ch.) 20 Q to K 8 and wins. BLACK, (Mr. —) 1 P to K 4. 2 P takes P. 3 P to K Kt 4. 4 P to Kt 5. 5 P takes Kt. 6 Q to B 3. 7 Q takes P. 8 K takes B. 9 Q takes P (ch.) 10 Q to K B 3. 11 Q to Kt 3. 12 Kt to K B 3. 13 K takes R. 14 K to B 2. 15 K to Kt sq. 16 B to Kt 2. 17 Q to K 3. 18 Q to K R 3. 19 B to B sq.

(a.) This move was first adopted by Morphy. Curiously enough there is no mention made of it in the recently published works in Germany.

(b.) The masterly style in which Herr S. conducts the game, evidences, in a high degree, his great power in attacking positions.

(c.) This is all very clever.

(d.) We invite the attention of our readers to this peculiarly interesting position; White has now a forced won game, but it is not so easy to discover the moves. Let the reader, before proceeding with the game, try to find out the modus operandi.

WITTY AND WHIMSICAL.

THE LARGEST ROOM IN THE WORLD.—The "room for improvement."

Why are good husbands like dough?—Because women need them.

"You want nothing, do you?" said Pat. "Bedad, an' if it's nothing you want, you'll find it in the jug where the whisky was."

An Irish editor, in speaking of the miseries of Ireland, says: "Her cup of misery has been for ages overflowing, and is not yet full."

A GRAND RESOLVE.—A despairing swain, in a fit of desperation, recently declared to his unrelenting lady-love that it was his firm determination to drown himself, or perish in the attempt.

"I wish you would pay a little attention to what I am saying, sir," roared an irate lawyer at an exasperating witness. "Well, I am paying as little as I can," was the calm reply.

A PHILOSOPHER, who married a vulgar but amiable girl, used to call his wife brown sugar, because, he said, she was sweet but unrefined.

PHELIM explains that his wife and he fell out because they are of one mind—she wants to be master and so does he.

GIVEN AWAY AND SOLD.—Which is the cheaper, a bride or bridegroom?—The bride; she is always given away; the bridegroom is sometimes sold.

The entire assets of a recent bankrupt were nine children. The creditors acted magnanimously, and let him keep them.

When a young lady offers to hem a cambric handkerchief for a rich bachelor, she means to sew in order that she may reap.

"BOOTS OF A GOOD MORAL CHARACTER."—An advertisement says:—"Wanted, a female who has a knowledge of fitting boots of a good moral character."

BASSOMPIERRE, French ambassador to Spain, was telling Henri Quatre how he entered Madrid. "I was mounted on the very smallest mule in the world." "Ah," said Henri, "what a very amusing sight, to see the biggest ass mounted on the smallest mule." "I was your majesty's representative," was the rejoinder.