

FROM KING'S CHAPEL.

BY OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

Lightly we glance the fresh-cut marbles o'er;
Those two of earlier date our eyes enrapture!

Ay! those were goodly men that Reynolds drew,
And stately dames our Copley's canvas holds,

All vanished! It were idle to complain
That ere the fruits shall come the flowers must fall;

Thus musing, to the western wall I came,
Departing: lo! a tablet of fresh and fair,

These died that we might claim a soil unstained,
Save by the blood of heroes; their bequests

These, too, shall live in history's deathless page,
High on the slow-wrought pedestals of fame,

MISCELLANY.

EVERYONE asks where is Don Carlos at this
most momentous epoch. He is cool and calm at a
place that has really a very suggestive name,

THE sum of 830,000 marks, subscribed by
Germany as a compliment to the Crown Prince
and Princess on the occasion of their silver wedding,

MR. MON-URE CONWAY leaves England for a
lecturing tour in the Australian Colonies. He
was entertained at a farewell dinner by a number
of friends at Bedford Park,

THE arrangement between Mr. Augustus
Harris and the directors of the Royal Italian
Opera Company has been continued for another
year. The Covent Garden authorities, we understand,

SOME time ago it was announced that Duke
Ernest of Saxe-Coburg the late Prince Consort's
brother, was engaged in preparing his memoirs
for publication. It is now stated on good authority

WHEN the curtain fell on the closing performance
of "Parsifal" at Bayreuth, a touching
incident took place behind the scenes. The
banker Gross led Wagner's children up to the
assembled actors, and in the name of their dead
father thanked the assembly for the care and
labor of love expended by each and all in producing

THERE is an eloquent little paragraph apropos
of fires in theatres, to be found in the report
of the Metropolitan Board of Works just issued
to the public, and we gather from it that the
Board have done their work well and looked
after the safety of the public. It has caused
great expense to many managers, but if they will
look upon it with an enlarged understanding

ONE of those troublesome people who hear and
see and find out everything has just discovered
that Mr. Gladstone does not read the newspapers.
There are few newspapers which do not
publish Reuter's telegrams, and yet Mr. Gladstone
deliberately informed Mr. Ashmead-Bartlett
the other evening that he had never seen
the statement that the French newspapers were
highly gratified at the English Premier's amende
honorable in the Madagascar matter. It is a pity
if Mr. Gladstone did not enjoy that brief satisfaction,

are highly gratified at the position they at present
occupy in respect to this question.

IN the way of habilimentary phenomena Paris
boasts of at least one original dandy of the first
water. He is the Comte de M., who has carried
the art of dress so far that, whenever he deigns
to make a visit, he composes for the occasion a
special toilet, which, from the socks to the button-hole,

TWO ladies summering at Rye Beach suffered
a nervous shock at the dinner table of the hotel
the other day, from the effects of which it is
feared they will never wholly recover. The cause
of the disturbance was singular. The ladies were
entire strangers to each other, yet as they sat
*vis a vis* it was only too apparent that they were
dressed exactly alike. Their dresses were identical
in material, style and trimmings. The unfortunate
victims of adverse circumstances stared
maliciously at one another for some moments,

A PERSIAN pupil of the Abbé Sicord gave the
following extraordinary answers:
"What is gratitude?" "Gratitude is the memory
of the heart."

"What is hope?" "Hope is the blossom of
happiness."
"What is the difference between hope and
desire?" "Desire is a tree in leaf; hope is a
tree in flower, and enjoyment is a tree in fruit."

"What is eternity?" "A day without
yesterday or to-morrow; a line that has no end."
"What is time?" "A line that has two
ends; a path which begins in the cradle and ends
in the tomb."

"Does God doubt?" "Man reasons because
he doubts; he doubts, he deliberates, he decides.
God is omniscient; He never doubts; He, therefore,
never reasons."

VOLCANIC eruptions began on the 26th ult.,
on the island of Krakatoa, near Java. It was
thought at first that the disturbance would be
confined to that comparatively unimportant
locality; but on the 28th and 29th ults., the
disorder showed itself a wide-spread one. The
many volcanoes of Java became affected, and it
is feared that the end of the disaster will show it
to have been one of the most frightful known in
the history of volcanic eruptions. A despatch
from Batavia says that the towns of Anjer, Tjiringine
and Telokbelong have been destroyed. It
also says that all the light houses in the Sunda
Straits have disappeared, and that where the
mountain of Kramatun formerly stood the sea
now flows. The aspect of the Sunda Straits is
much changed and navigation is dangerous.
Thousands of lives are reported lost, and the
money losses are beyond computation.

AN account of the dresses worn at the fashionable
watering-place, Dieppe, is rather startling.
The most enormous patterns appear on the
toilets, and every color of the rainbow is to be
seen in the floating ribbons with which the
gowns are trimmed, so that a fashionably-dressed
woman looks like a recruiting sergeant masquerading
in petticoats. One dress had a fable of
La Fontaine's illustrated in its various scenes.
This was so conspicuous that whenever it appeared,
quite a small crowd followed at a little
distance, pointing out the different pictures and
chattering about the eccentricity of the whole.
One lady wore a costume of red, green and blue,
arranged in alternate wide panels.

AN interesting spectacle was witnessed in the
House of Lords recently. It was not until ten
minutes past five o'clock that Lord Carlington
was able to get under way with the Tenants'
Compensation Bill, but when he did obtain his
chance he used it unmercifully. He spoke for
fifty minutes, during which period he accomplished
many things, not the least successful of
which was the putting of Lords Derby, Kimberley,
and Northbrook into a deep slumber. The
three noble ears reposed upon the Treasury
bench in an elegant variety of easy postures—
one with his hat over his eyes, another with his
hand placidly clasped across his breast, and the
third apparently qualifying for an apoplectic fit,
which was about to break out, when his head,
dropping lower and lower every minute, came
finally in contact with his neighbour's coat collar.

AN editor in Chicago recently ordered a pair
of trousers from the tailor. On trying them on
they proved to be several inches too long. It
being late on Saturday night the tailor's shop
was closed, and the editor took the trousers to
his wife and asked her to cut them off and hem
them over. The good lady, whose dinner had,
perhaps, disagreed with her, brusquely refused.
The same result followed an application to the
wife's sister and the eldest daughter. But before
bedtime the wife, relenting, took the pants, and,
cutting off six inches from the legs, hemmed
them up nicely and restored them to the closet.
Half an hour later her daughter, taken with
compunction for her unfilial conduct, took the
trousers, and cutting off six inches, hemmed and
replaced them. Finally, the sister-in-law felt
the pang of conscience, and she too performed
an additional surgical operation on the garment.
When the editor appeared at breakfast on Sunday,
the family thought a Highland chieftain had
arrived.

MR. PORTER RHODES, the fortunate owner of
the priceless diamond that bears his name, is at
present in Paris awaiting the result of a competition
between two millionaires desirous of possessing
the jewel. The stone was found in his mine
at Kimberley, South Africa, in the beginning
of 1880, and made a great sensation among
the diggers when the discovery was made known
about four months later. Mr. Porter Rhodes
was obliged to satisfy their curiosity by exhibiting
the diamond. Accordingly he placed it in a
friend's office, charged a sovereign for admission,
and in this way received one hundred pounds
within the first two hours. Altogether he made
by the exhibition five hundred pounds, which he
gave to the local hospital. On his arrival in
England he was honored with an invitation to
Osborne, in order that Her Majesty might inspect
the stone. He was afterward taken to
Osborne Cottage and had an interview with the
Empress Eugenie. Mr. Porter Rhodes considers
that his diamond as far surpasses the Kohinoor
in purity as it does in weight, the Indian stone
weighing one hundred and six and a half carats,
the Cape diamond about one hundred and fifty
carats.

AN official report on the Italian press, lately
published, gives the following particulars: About
1,378 papers and periodicals are published in
Italy. Lombardy has the largest number, two
hundred and seventeen, and the province of
Rome comes next with two hundred and ten.
Tuscany, Piedmont and Campania have each a
little over one hundred and fifty. The other
provinces follow in a declining scale from one
hundred downwards. The Basilicata, a province
of the former Neapolitan kingdom, has only five.
The city of Rome itself publishes two hundred,
Milan one hundred and forty-one, and Naples
one hundred and twenty. In all Italy, one
and sixty papers appear daily, one hundred and
twelve twice or thrice a week, and five hundred
and thirty-seven are weekly periodicals. There
are two hundred purely political journals, fifty-
eight politico-religious, sixty-nine purely religious,
one hundred and ninety-four deal principally
with economical or agricultural subjects, and
eighty-three are humorous. The oldest
paper in Italy is the *Gazzetta di Genova*, which
was established in 1797. In the year 1881, one
hundred and sixty-six new journals and periodicals
were started, three hundred and twenty-
three in 1882, and thirty-four since the beginning
of the present year. Naturally, many disappear
as fast as they come into existence; often
the first number is the last.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

A short time ago we gave notice of the annual
meeting in England of the Counties Chess Association,
and we are now enabled to publish briefly the results.
Mr. Thorold was the winner of the first prize of the
First Chess Tournament, Mr. Fisher the winner of the
second prize, Mr. Cook carried off the third prize, and
Mr. Burn the fourth.
In the Second Chess Tourney, Mr. Pollock won
first prize, Mr. Loebeck second, and the Rev. Mr.
Huntsman and Mr. Wildman tied for the third.
In the Handicap Tourney, the Rev. Mr. Macdonnell
won the first prize, and Mr. Mills the second.
We will endeavour to give in our Column next week
the score of one of the games of this interesting contest.

The anticipated visit of Dr. Zukertort to this
continent will do much to stir up interest in chess on
this side of the Atlantic this winter, but there is every
reason to believe that it will be confined to the players
of the United States.

To what extent the chessplayers of Canada might
be inclined to prevail upon the first prize winner of
the International Tourney to extend his journey to
the cities of the Dominion where chess clubs are in
existence, is a matter of conjecture only.

We have two chess associations in Canada, the
Canadian Chess Association, and the Ontario Chess
Association. Combined action on the part of the officers
of these bodies, and hearty co-operation on the part
of members of our chess clubs generally would
do much to bring about an arrangement which would
give to our Canadian players advantages similar to
those which are soon to be realized by our American
cousins.

The Philadelphia Times is authority for the statement
that Zukertort intends coming to America "on
speculation." There is no doubt that he will be well
received, for he has shown himself to be a gentleman
in every particular.

Zukertort is a thorough master of the new and old
schools of chess. Being a pupil of Steinitz's and a
disciple of Morphy's, he deserves the title of chess
champion of the whole world.—Globe-Democrat, St.
Louis.

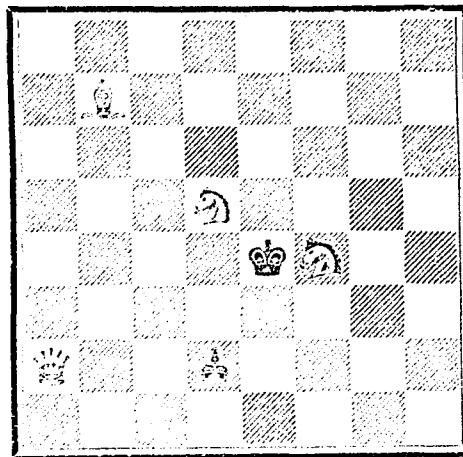
The Russian players, Mr. Tchigorin and Prince of
Mingrelia, have been fighting against the best French
players in Paris. Playing in consultation against
Messrs. A. de Riviere and Taubenhaus, they were
beaten, drawing one game and losing one. Against
Messrs. Clerc and Gouillon, for a stake of 50 francs,
they were victorious, drawing one game and winning
one. A match was afterwards arranged between
Messrs. Tchigorin and A. de Riviere, the stake being
80 francs, furnished one half by each player, to be
paid to the combatant first winning five games.
From the 19th to the 23rd July they played four
games, of which Mr. Tchigorin won three, and Mr.
A. de Riviere one. Very fine games may be expected
from such players, without fear of being disappointed.
—Brooklyn Chess Chronicle.

The chess world will doubtless be sorry to learn
that the exhibition in London of the wonderful chess
automaton, "Mephisto," have been discontinued.
We tried hard to persuade Mr. Gunsberg to bring
the automaton over to this country for awhile, but
that gentleman seems fully convinced that the cost
of transporting such a complicated piece of mechanism
would be entirely too great for the venture.—
Mr. Sellman in the Baltimore American.

PROBLEM NO. 450.

By W. Greenwood.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 448.

White. 1 R to Q Kt 1 1 Any Black.
2 Mates acc. 2 Mates acc.

GAME 556TH.

GAME IN THE NUREMBERG TOURNNEY.

A fine game between Messrs. Gunsberg and Winawer.

(From the London Times.)

Irregular Opening.

- White.—(Gunsberg.) 1 Kt to K B 3 2 P to Q 4 3 P to K 3 4 R to K 2 5 Castles 6 P to Q Kt 3 7 P to B 4 8 Kt to B 3 9 Kt to Q 2 10 P to K Kt 3 11 R to K sq 12 Kt to B sq 13 P to K R 4 14 P to B 3 15 B to Kt 2 16 B to Q 3 17 Q takes B 18 P to R 3 19 B takes B 20 B to Q 2 21 B to Kt 4 ch 22 B to Q 5 ch 23 P takes B 24 Q to B 5 25 P takes P 26 P to B 5 27 Q to R 3 28 P takes Kt 29 K to R sq 30 Q to B 5 31 Q to K 4 32 P to B 4 33 K to Kt sq 34 Q to B 3 35 Q R to Q sq 36 B to Kt sq 37 Q R to B sq 38 R to B 2 39 K R to B sq 40 Kt to Q 2 41 K to B sq 42 R takes P 43 R to B 8 ch 44 Q to R 8 45 Q to K 2 46 Q takes Q 47 R to Q B 5 48 Kt to B 3 49 P takes Kt 50 R B sq to B 5 51 K to K 4 52 K to B 5 53 P takes R 54 K to K 4 55 K to B 4
- Black.—(Winawer.) 1 P to Q 4 2 B to B 4 3 P to K 3 4 B to Q 3 5 P to K B 3 6 Kt to B 3 7 Q Kt to Q 2 8 P to K R 5 9 Q to Kt sq 10 P to K R 4 11 P to K R 4 12 P to Kt 5 (a) 13 P to Kt 6 (b) 14 B to Kt 5 (c) 15 R to Kt 3 16 B takes B 17 R to Kt 3 18 B takes Kt (d) 19 K to B sq 20 Q to Q sq (e) 21 K to Kt sq 22 P takes P 23 P to K 4 24 Kt to K sq 25 Kt to Kt 3 26 Kt to Q 4 27 Kt takes B 28 Q to Kt 3 29 R to K sq 30 Q to Q sq 31 K R to K 3 32 Q takes P ch 33 R takes Q P 34 R to K 3 35 P to Kt 5 36 P to Kt 5 37 R to K 3 38 K to R sq 39 Kt to R 7 ch 40 Q to R 7 ch 41 Kt to B 4 42 Kt to R 5 43 K to K 2 44 Q to R 8 ch 45 K takes P ch 46 K takes Q 47 Kt to R 5 48 Kt takes Kt 49 P to Kt 7 50 R to Kt 6 ch 51 R takes P K 4 ch 52 R to B 6 ch 53 R to K 6 ch 55 Resigns.

NOTES.

- (a) We should certainly in this position play P to R 5 first. This followed by R to K Kt sq, Q B 2 and Castles, would yield Black a fine attacking game. The move in the text as properly answered by Gunsberg, leads somewhat for a time to that which is known in chess as a block position, each Rook's Pawn impeding the progress of the other.
- (b) This isolated Pawn at K 6 requires attention and vigilance on the part of White; his game, however, is fairly well developed, and his Kt at K B sq averts all risk of mate. Pawn at R 4 is his weak point; should he lose this his game would probably become indefensible; his best chance in such a position would be in a well judged counter attack.
- (c) Very injudicious. Q to Q sq, preparing an attack on K to R P at once, would have been the proper line of play. This B was required to defend the important Kt P, also to oppose adverse Q B.
- (d) Again unwise; it was desirable to retain the White Bishop, which was more valuable than the Black Knight as the position stood. (Such is the note in the Times. We presume the White Bishop and Black Knight should be read Black Bishop and White Knight.—Ed.)
- (e) Rather too late now; this would have been advantageous, as suggested, at move 14.
- (f) A very important move for White, which Black ought to, and with due diligence and care could have prevented.
- (g) White could safely and prudently play Kt takes P now, for in reply to Black's threatened move of Kt to B 5, Q to B 6 would be quite satisfactory; and if Kt took P, K to R 2 would be safe and effective.
- (h) The Paris and Vienna victor (Black) has, we fear, somewhat underrated the powers of his opponent Gunsberg (Mephisto) who has now a decided advantage, which he maintains capably, finishing a highly critical ending in excellent style.

—Thos. Field and Farm.

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