

THE FLOWERS AND THE STARS.\*

(From the Italian of Caterina Franceschi Ferrucci.)

BY JOHN READE.

Where are the sweet, life-giving airs By which, new-waking from their wintry tomb...

With sear leaves covered o'er, the arid ground, Touched by the feet, gives back a mournful sound...

On tireless wings doth Fortune move In its perpetual range; In swift succession change...

But, in this chance-fleeting, changeable destiny, And all the ruin time brings in his flight...

In the dark bosom of the formless void When first Eternal Love woke life and light...

Up from the earth's young forests rose the voice Of beasts and birds, by human ear unheard...

Since then, what crime or grief or pain, Fair stars, is hidden from your conscious gaze?

As dies the rose, As fades the lily, death the wintry blast...

O thou, my first sweet care, on whom now smiles The season new of years yet fresh and green...

But ah! trust not the flowers, Trust not the sky serene— E'en now the tempest lowers...

This poem was addressed by the authoress to her son, Antonio, on the completion of his twentieth year.

THE CROPS IN CANADA.

A great and bitter cry is coming up from our English farmers about agriculture being paralyzed by the present "universal" depression.

The sub-tropical summers of the Dominion bring on the crops apace. What though the snows and frosts of winter hover over the land until April...

Indian Corn is very largely grown in Canada. The maize-fields are always beautiful: they present a highly picturesque appearance while still young...

Go out into one of the maize-fields on a warm still evening in July, and listen; a night when there is not wind enough to stir an aspen leaf...

There is scarcely a pleasanter phase of Canadian farm-life than the time of the apple harvest. The hurry and skurry of the summer work is over...

Maize is rarely ripe before the end of September, and this year will not be cut until October, the season being a backward one.

Very fine wheat is grown in the Dominion; and where the land is new there are immense yields; eighty bushels to the acre being nothing uncommon...

In Canada, far more than in England, the romance of haymaking and harvesting is a thing of the past. Harvest homes are only heard of in poetry and some benighted shires in England.

a week to cut. But what find we now? In the morning a golden mass of waving grain; in the evening the crops not only cut and bound into sheaves, but stooked and the fields swept.

In storing their hay Canadian farmers are much wiser in their generation than their English brethren. Notwithstanding the proverbial fickleness of our climate, Englishmen persist in stacking; whereas in the Dominion they take every wagon-load into a capacious barn.

In noticing the crops of the Dominion we must not forget its fruit. No country in the world produces finer apples and pears, especially the parts bordered by Lakes Erie, Ontario and South Huron.

Editors are charged their space, else we should have liked to say a word or two on the vineyards of South-Western Ontario.

W. O. R.

THE Marquis of Lorne has had the honour of having the newest revolver invented by the New York manufacturer, Hutchinson, named after him.

THE Paris Figaro states that the Empress Eugenie has informed the Vatican of her intention to undertake a pilgrimage to Loretto, to say masses for the soul of Napoleon III.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

Solutions to Problems sent in by Correspondents will be duly acknowledged.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Papers to hand. Thanks. Student, Montreal.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 214.

J. D., Montreal.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 244.

M., Montreal.—In your solution of Problem No. 224. We cannot make out your first move. Send again.

G. E. J., Edmondville, Ont.—Communication received. Many thanks.

The following lists, showing the standing of the competitors in the Canadian Chess Correspondence Tourney, have just been received from Mr. Shaw, the Conductor.

THE CANADIAN CHESS CORRESPONDENCE TOURNAY.

Continuation of list of games concluded (from April 21st, 1879, to October 10th, 1879).

Table with columns: No., PLAYERS, WON BY. Lists chess matches and winners.

J. W. SHAW,

Conductor of Tourney.

Totals of games played, to October 10th, 1879.

Table with columns: NAME, GAMES PLAYED, WON. Summary of chess tournament results.

On Saturday evening, the 11th inst., a special meeting of the Montreal Chess Club was held at the Gynasium, Mansfield street, when a new code of rules was adopted.

We are informed that the annual meeting of the Seaford Chess Club took place on the 2nd inst., when Dr. Coleman was elected President; Mr. Cameron Bricefield, Vice-President; Dr. Vercoe, Secretary; and Mr. G. E. Jackson, Treasurer.

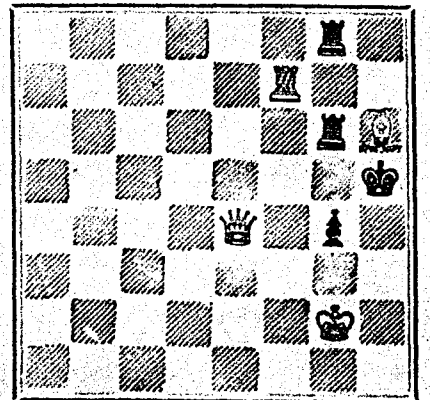
Mr. Blackburne not having been lately heard of in connection with that department of chess which he has made specially his own, it will please his many admirers to learn that he was down at Huntington last week, and there showed that his mental boards were not at all rusty.

We hasten to say that in copying the conditions of the Tourney Problem of Rev. H. R. Dodd, taken from the Huddersfield Magazine of August last, and inserted in our Column of the 29th September last, a mistake occurred.

PROBLEM No. 247.

(By W. S. Pavitt.)

BLACK.



WHITE

White to play and mate in three moves.

GAME 393RD.

(From the Chess Monthly.)

Played recently at the St. George's Chess Club London, between Prof. Wylde and Mr. Landany, in the Displacement Tourney.