

THE SEVEN AGES OF WOMAN.

BY A CANTANKEROUS OLD CURMUDGEON.

All the world's a wardrobe. And all the girls and women merely wearers: They have their fashions and their fantasies...

A THRILLING INCIDENT.

We went winding up the mountains, our massive engine drawing us up the curving grades without any apparent effort. Here and there beautiful valleys stretched out, and through them coursed placid streams pouring from mountain springs.

At the exclamation the engineer sprang from his seat. One glance down the track and his face was pallid. A child three years old, perhaps stood midway between the rails and not one hundred yards from the engine.

I opened my eyes, and standing upon the pilot was John Akers, holding in his arms the child—its face wreathed in smiles. The engine was now at a standstill.

The engineer clambered back to his perch, and sounded the whistle. The passengers looked out of the window wondering what had occurred.

"You did an heroic thing, sir—a brave, a noble act."

"'Twas the air brake," he modestly replied, "'twas the air brake that did it."

A CHINESE DRAMA.

A night "In a Chinese Theatre" of San Francisco is quaintly described in the June Century by George H. Fitch, who says of the play:

The drama that was presented on this occasion is known as "The Dragon Disputing Pearls." It is a play of intrigue, in which diplomacy takes the place of love.

In the drama referred to, the scene opens on the household of an Emperor, who is blessed with two wives. Each spouse represents a favored province that has shared in the honors and rewards of the royal choice.

is communicated to the two brothers, and in a quarrel the younger slays his elder brother, throws the body into the river, and gives out the report of an accidental drowning.

The performance of this play—one of the shortest in the theatrical repertory—was begun at six o'clock and ended at midnight. It was relieved by not a sparkle of wit, not a solitary gleam of humor.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

We would advise all our friends to read the excellent article on chess, which appears in the Saturday Review of the 6th ult., in which two works on the game, recently published, are very favorably noticed.

We have not space to follow the writer through all his remarks on the first of these works, but we cannot refrain from stating that he does not agree with the latter in all his views, especially with some of those which are found in the following extracts:

The reviewer says, speaking of the foregoing passages: "With much of this we can entirely go along. Most true it is what Mr. Meyer says of the artistic beauty of a chess problem.

We feel convinced that these remarks will find favor with all true chessplayers, who, we imagine, must be astonished that any lover of the game who has once delighted in the excitement of a contest over the board should cast it aside entirely for the slow process of problem making.

Mr. Bird's work is very highly spoken of. It is said to be fully worthy of his reputation as a chessplayer, and a most useful guide to the openings of the game. The

peculiarity of Mr. Bird's book is said to be the fact that he never gives any form of opening which has not occurred as part of an actual game.

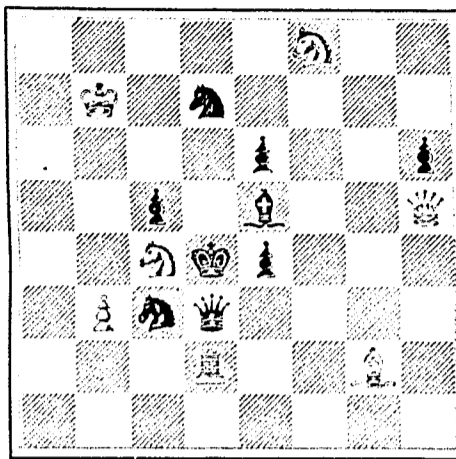
THE CHESS TOURNAMENT.

VIENNA, June 4.—The chess tournament score now stands: Mackenzie 13½, Winawer and Mason, 13, Steinitz and Englisch 12½, Blackburne 12, Zuckertort 11½, Hurby 11 and Ware 6½.—Montreal Gazette.

PROBLEM No. 384.

By B. J. Laws.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 382.

- White. 1. Q to Q Kt; 2. Mate acc. Black. 1. Any

GAME 5111B.

A game played at the Café International between Captain Mackenzie and an amateur, the former giving the odds of Q R and the move (remove Black's Q R).

(Sicilian Defence.)

- White.—(Dr. S.) 1. P to K 4; 2. B to B 4; 3. P to Q 4; 4. Q takes P; 5. Q to Q sq; 6. B to K Kt 5; 7. Q to Q 2; 8. P to Q B 3; 9. P takes B; 10. Q to K B 4; 11. K to Q sq (ch); 12. K to B 2; 13. K to K 3; 14. K to R 3. Black.—(Captain Mackenzie.) 1. P to Q B 4; 2. P to K 3; 3. P takes P; 4. K to Q B 3; 5. K to R B 3; 6. Q to R 4 ch; 7. B to Q Kt 5; 8. Kt takes K P; 9. Kt takes Q Kt P; 10. K to Q 6 (ch); 11. Q to K 5 ch; 12. K to K 5 ch; 13. Kt to Q B 4 ch; 14. Kt to B 7 (mate).

NOTES.

- (a) His best move appears to be Q to Q sq (b) Mate is now forced in four moves.



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