

## TIME TRIES ALL.

"But, sir, I love her!" persisted Alfred Ashford, speaking to his uncle, Mr. Lionel Ashford, the rich banker.

"Love her—Mina—my daughter!" echoed the banker, in surprise. "How dare you mention the subject to me, sir?"

But Alfred, despite their incompatibility in station, had dared to love Mina Ashford, and, what was more, had the courage to declare the fact, and ask for the hand of his blue-eyed cousin. The result was the sharp rebuke administered by his uncle, under whose charge he had been since a child, having lost his parents through a serious railway accident at a very early age.

"Love her!" again thundered the banker. "Ay, sir!" replied Alfred, with fervour. "It is true I can offer only the affection of a warm heart, but I am prepared to fight the battle of life with a strong hand and clear conscience, and I am determined to make myself worthy of her love! I am not unmindful of the obligations I am under to you from childhood, and do not forget the large sums you have spent on my education, or the high position you have given me in the bank; but I entreat you to bear in mind that Mina and myself have been brought up together from our earliest years, and what is more natural than that we should love each other?"

"I will hear no more!" replied the banker, trembling with passion. "Your words insult me; and, since you persist in your ridiculous suit, you are from this hour discharged from my employ, and my home shall no longer afford you shelter!"

Alfred started at the announcement, though not altogether unexpected; but, bowing deferentially, he replied, in a quiet, yet firm tone, "Mr. Ashford, I do not deserve this harshness, but, had I known before your unfeeling disposition, I would never have permitted myself to talk to you of this matter, but would have consulted my own heart, and that of Mina. However, I have no alternative but to obey your commands; but before many years have passed perhaps you will have reason to regret turning me from your door!"

The banker could hardly control his rage, but, waving his hand, he commanded Alfred to leave the room.

The nephew, with a slight but silent inclination of the head, quitted the presence of his uncle, and made his way to the conservatory, in search of Mina.

He found her deeply interested in a volume of Tennyson. She was not aware of his presence, till he touched her lightly on the shoulder, at which she turned, and exclaimed, "Why, Alfred! I declare you quite startled me! But," she added, "you look very pale! Why is it?"

"Mina," he said, struggling with emotion, "I have come to bid you good-bye!"

"To bid me good-bye?" she exclaimed, putting the book on one side, and looking anxiously at her lover. "What do you mean?"

"This, Mina," he replied: "I spoke to your father respecting our union, and asked his consent. He flew into a violent passion, and would hardly hear me out; and when I had done, he discharged me from the bank, and ordered me out of his house, the only home I have ever known!"

"Oh, my dear Alfred!" cried Mina. "You would not leave me after so many years of happiness! Surely there is some mistake! My father would not be so cruel as to separate us!"

"It is too true, Mina; and I mean to go to London, and try my fortune there."

"But stay, Alfred!" said Mina. "I will see papa. Perhaps he might now be sorry for what he has said. He may have spoken hastily, and have regretted his impetuosity. At all events, I will see him."

"No, no, my love, he meant it; and I will not allow you to supplicate for me! but I will try to win a name and fortune, as thousands have done before me. I have heart, and hope, and energy, and these must stand me instead of fortune. All my father's possessions went with Morley's bank, which, you remember, failed; and Mountford Hall, at his death, was sold to pay his debts. My sole legacy is a locket, that was my mother's. It contains her own and my father's portraits. Will you accept it as a souvenir? Come, let me place it around your neck. Some day, when I have won my spurs, I will return, and claim my darling."

He gazed at Mina affectionately, as he placed the locket around her neck, and kissed her tenderly.

"Good-bye!" he again said. "I must be gone. Bear up till I return. It will not be long, and then I will bring that back with me which will command your father's assent, and claim you as my own. Come," he said, "one more kiss, before I go. Why, Mina, you are crying!"

"I cannot help it, Alfred!" she replied. "This parting is so sudden—so unexpected! But there—go! I will not detain you. I will try to bear up till you return."

"My brave darling!" he said, kissing the tear-stained face; and, in another moment, he was gone.

He went to his room, and was soon busy preparing for his departure. In half an hour the coach was at the door. The trunks were put on top; and, after he was comfortably seated, it drove off to the railway station, where he alighted.

Alfred Ashford had little faith in any inter-

position on his behalf, and he therefore secured his ticket for London; and it was not until his trunks were transferred from the coach to the break-van, and himself safely seated in a first-class carriage, that he gave himself up to thought.

He began, when he had fairly started, to wonder what he was going to do when he got to his destination. He knew he was journeying to London, but what he would do when he got there he was wholly unable to divine.

It was a beautiful June morning, the sun was shining brightly, the birds were melodiously singing.

Alfred lit a cigar, and enjoyed the journey to town.

When he reached the metropolis, he took rooms at a modest hotel, and the next morning strolled about the town.

While out, he bought a newspaper. Looking over the column of wants, he came upon the following advertisement:—

"WANTED—A confidential clerk, with unexceptional references. Apply to Mr. Wrexham, Mark Lane."

Hailing a passing omnibus, he mounted the top, and was soon taken to the Bank.

After some slight trouble, he found Mark Lane, and Mr. Wrexham, with whom he had a satisfactory interview.

In a few days, his references being satisfactory, he was installed in the duties of his office; and so readily did he fall into the system of business, that it was not long before he was placed in a confidential position.

Five years had flown away, and Alfred, from a mere stripling, had developed into a broad-shouldered, robust, imposing-looking young fellow. He was still in the employ of Mr. Wrexham—every year adding to his usefulness and value, as the working head of a flourishing establishment.

Poor Mina grew pale and ill as time wore on. The loss of her lover was telling on her, and she became languid and reticent. She found no pleasure in company, and avoided all those girlish pursuits in which she formerly took so much delight. Her father saw with regret the change which had taken place in his only daughter, but he would not acknowledge the cause.

She had suitors in abundance, but she rejected them all, for she cherished the hope that Alfred would yet return to make her happy.

Business with Mr. Ashford did not prosper, and after Alfred had been nearly five years away, the crisis came. There was a run on the bank, and the astute financier was brought to the brink of ruin. The bank was closed, his house was mortgaged to a London merchant, and he had to retire into private life.

Poor Mina was now compelled to earn her living as a governess, giving lessons in private to such pupils as were recommended by friends and acquaintances.

The money for which Mr. Ashford's house was mortgaged was not forthcoming at the proper time, and the holder of the mortgage desiring the place himself, sent notice of foreclosure.

Clouds gathered thick upon Ashford Hall, that once happy home, and the once prosperous owner hourly expected to be turned out of it. He now bitterly regretted his conduct to Alfred, and as time wore on, the once hale and hearty banker began to age rapidly. Hoary locks took the place of the crew-like raven hair. His shoulders rounded, and he stooped considerably. In fact, his system had undergone an entire change.

Instead of only five years elapsing, it seemed, to look at him, as though he had passed through twenty years of toil, and trouble and anxiety.

With Alfred, time played lightly, and fortune prospered him. The chief of the house in which he was engaged died, and left him the entire business, which he continued to develop with assiduity and success.

But the prosperous merchant had not forgotten his first love, nor had his heart received any new impressions. Mina was his only love, and to her, in the midst of his prosperity, he turned as the dove to the ark.

W. R.

(To be continued.)

## OUR PICTURES.

We present our readers to-day a number of views and sketches illustrative of the American Centennial Exhibition. The rest of the pictures are described under appropriate heads in different parts of the paper. The page representing Shakespeare at the Court of Queen Elizabeth is by an Austrian artist of renown, and deserves attention from its intrinsic merits as a work of art. Historically, however, it appears to be of no value. We have the authority of the Shakespearean scholar, T. D. King, Esq., of this city, for saying that we have no knowledge of Shakespeare having ever read his Macbeth, as the picture suggests, before Queen Elizabeth.

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## OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

All communications intended for this department to be addressed Chess Editor, Office of CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS, Montreal.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS

Student, Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 71, received. Correct.

Sigma, Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 71, received. Correct.

M. J. M. Quebec.—Letter and problems received. The problem in three moves in the amended form shall be looked at. Your solution of Problem No. 72 is correct. The remark "that there is a dual mate in a variation of this fine position" is apparently true but: this occurs in the best compositions and takes very little from the merit of so good a problem.

H. L. Y., Mount Forest, Ontario.—Your solution of problem for young players No. 69 is correct. The problems you refer to shall be looked at.

The Divan Tournament was brought to a close on Saturday the 29th of last month, the result being that Mr. Blackburne won the first prize with a score of eight won games, and one lost, Mr. Zukertort took the second prize with a score of five games won, four drawn and one lost, and Mr. Potter secured the third prize by winning five games, drawing two and losing three. Every drawn game counted half a game to each player.

We insert two more games of this contest in our column of to-day.

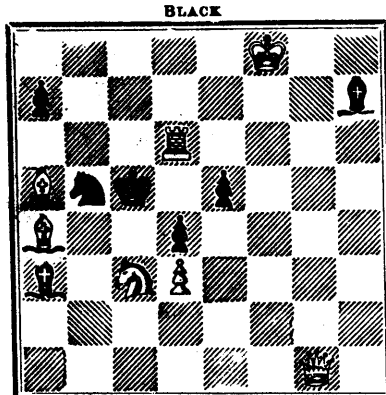
The Divan Tournament, the Inter-University Tournament, and the Tournament at the Café International at New York, are the three great events which have agitated the Chess world during the last two or three months.

With reference to the latter, it began on the 21st of last March and, according to all accounts, the final result would be known on, or about, the 20th of the present month. There were fourteen players engaged in this trial of skill, and three prizes to be contested for. The result of the play will influence, to some extent, the selection of those who are to represent the United States in the matches which are to come off at Philadelphia during the exhibition.

It appears from the last report that Alberoni had scored the greatest number of games, and was expected to take the first prize. The other prizes, according to all appearances, would fall to two of the following: Mackenzie, Mason, Bird, Becker, Delmar and Ensor.

## PROBLEM No. 74.

By M. J. MURPHY, Quebec.



White to play and mate in two moves.

## GAME 101ST.

Played in the Divan Tournament between Mr. Potter and Herr Zukertort.

(SCOTCH GAMBIT.)

WHITE.—(Mr. Potter.)	BLACK.—(Herr Zukertort.)
1. P to K4	P to K4
2. Kt to KB3	Kt to QB3
3. P to Q4	P takes P
4. Kt takes P	B to B4
5. Kt to Kt3	B to Kt3
6. Kt to B3	Kt to K2
7. B to KB4	P to Q3
8. B to B4	Castles
9. Castles	B to K3
10. Kt to Q5	Kt to Kt3
11. B to Kt3	Kt to K4
12. Kt takes B (a)	B takes B
13. Kt takes B	Kt takes Kt
14. Kt to Q4	Kt takes Kt
15. Q takes Kt	Kt to R4
16. Q to Q5	Kt to B3
17. P to KB4	Q to B3
18. P to B3	Q to K3
19. K R to K sq	K R to K sq
20. Q to Q Kt5	Q R to Kt sq
21. P to Kt3	P to Q R3
22. Q to Q3	

And the game was abandoned as drawn.

## NOTE.

(a) This move initiates a series of exchanges, which leads naturally to a drawn position. The opening is an instructive example of careful and equal development of the opposing forces, a quality in the lack of which the preceding one is singularly conspicuous.

## GAME 102ND.

Played in the Divan Tournament between Mr. Potter and Mr. Janssen.

(Queen's Gambit declined.)

WHITE.—(Mr. Potter.)	BLACK.—(Mr. Janssen.)
1. P to Q4	P to Q4
2. P to QB4	P to K3 (a)
3. Kt to KB3	Kt to KB3
4. P to QB3	P to QB4
5. P to K3	Kt to B3
6. Kt to B3	P to QR3
7. B to Q3 (b)	P takes B (c)
8. B takes P	P to Q Kt4
9. B to Q3	P to B5
10. B to B2	B to Q3
11. P to K4	B to B2
12. P to K5	Kt to Q4
13. Castles	B to Kt2
14. B to Kt5	Kt takes Kt
15. P takes Kt	Kt to K2
16. Kt to Q2	P to R3
17. B to R4	Q to Q2
18. Kt to K4	B takes Kt
19. B takes B	Kt to Q4
20. Q to Q2	R to QB sq
21. P to KB4	B to Kt3 (d)
22. K to R sq	Castles
23. P to B5	Kt takes P
24. Q takes Kt	B takes P
25. Q to Kt3	P to B3
26. P takes K P (e)	Q takes P
27. Q to Kt6	B takes R (f)
28. Q to R7 (ch)	K to B2
29. R takes P (ch)	Q takes R
30. B takes Q	K to K sq
31. Q takes Kt P and wins	

## NOTES.

(a) The Queen's Gambit is rarely or never accepted by good players. In declining it the move in the text is the best that can be adopted.

(b) 7 P to Q Kt third, followed by B to Kt second, leads also to an even game.

(c) The line of play adopted by Black is hardly judicious. The early development of these Pawns is afterwards a source of danger to him.

(d) Intending to play Kt takes Q B P, followed by B takes K P (ch). The device is such a simple one, and is so easily evaded, as shown in White's next move, that it was hardly worth attempting.

(e) Mr. Potter plays with his usual force and precision.

(f) B takes P is obviously better, but Black's game is past surgery.

## SOLUTIONS.

## Solution of Problem No. 72.

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. R to K7	1. K to B4 (A)
2. Kt takes B P dis (ch)	2. K to B3
3. Kt to K Kt4 mate	

(A)

1. K to R4 (B)
2. K moves

(B)

1. K to R6
2. Anything.

## Solution of Problem for Young Players

No. 71.

In this problem a Black pawn is wanting at Black's QB5

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. Kt to K B sq (ch)	1. K to Q5
2. P to Q B3 (ch)	2. K takes P
3. Q mates	

## PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS.

No. 72.

WHITE	BLACK
K at Q2	K at K4
Q at KB7	R at QB2
Kt at KR3	B at K2
Pawns at K4, KB3,	Pawn at QB4
Q Kt3 and KR2.	

White to play and mate in three moves.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In answer to "Alphabetical," in your last issue, for a remedy for consumption in its first stages, I can recommend Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery," if taken according to directions, for it has been thoroughly tried in my family, and the results were glorious. "Alphabetical" must not expect one bottle to do the work—my wife took three bottles before she could discover any change, but after the third bottle every dose seemed to strengthen the lungs, and now she is well and hearty. If "Alphabetical" will write to me I will get witnesses to the above.

HENRY H. M. PATTON.

Lawrence, Marion County, Ind.

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for the broken half-year ending on the 10th May proximo, has been declared on the Capital Stock of this Bank, and will, on the 1st day of JUNE, be payable to THE CONSOLIDATED BANK OF CANADA, in pursuance of the terms of the Act of Incorporation.

The Transfer Books will be closed on the 10th May, and the Books of THE CONSOLIDATED BANK OF CANADA will be opened on the 1st JUNE.

The FIRST GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of THE CONSOLIDATED BANK OF CANADA, for the purpose of electing Directors and passing By-Laws, will be held at its Banking House, in Montreal (the Offices now occupied by the CITY BANK), on WEDNESDAY, the SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE NEXT, at TWELVE O'CLOCK, Noon.

By order of the Board.

THOS. MCCRAKEN,  
Cashier.

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## BANK OF MONTREAL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a DIVIDEND of SEVEN PER CENT.

Upon the paid-up Capital Stock of this institution has been declared for the current half-year, and that the same will be payable at its Banking House in this City, on and after

THURSDAY, the FIRST day of JUNE next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st of May next, both days inclusive.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Bank on MONDAY, the FIFTH day of JUNE next.

Chair to be taken at 1 o'clock P. M.

(By order of the Board.)

R. B. ANGUS,  
General Manager.

Montreal, 26th April, 1876.

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