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A POET'S PROEM.

If on the great world's w de and shifting sand
I sorawl my meagre alphabet of song,
What profit have I, think you? Not for long
The pride of its enduring. Time is rough hand
Sweeps all of shadowy fabric from the strand,
So children work upon the tideless shore,
So poets build their pomp. The fresh tides roar,
And desolate the glory each had pl nned.
Then whereof comes acquittal? Here and there
Our life's horizon clouds with new regrets:
Our palaces dissolve in thinnest air.
Shiver to dust our loftiest minarets.
Yet childlike, work we ever on the shore,
Reap joy in building, and expect no more!

W. W.

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King Alfonso's Government played a shrewd trick upon the Opposition in the royal marriage: The Premier gave out that he and the Cabinet were unalterably opposed to the King's marriage, and in tavor of a union with a German Princess. This was enough for the Opposition, which at once came out in favour of the marriage. When it had thus committed itself, the Government showed its true hand.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

All sommuni ations intended for this lepartment to beaddressed Chess Editor, Office of Canadian Illus-TRATED NEWS, Montreal.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Letter and contents received. Much obliged. Also, solution of Problem No. 190.

T. S., St. Andrew's, Manitoba.—Shall be glad to hear

T. S., St. Andrew's, Manitoba.—Shall be glad to hear from you again.

Sigma, Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 159 received. Correct.

Student, Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 160 received. Correct.

Tyro.—The best games to play for practice are those to be found in Mr. Bird's book, "Chess Masterpieces," E. H., F. B. and G. T., Montreal.—Correct solutions of Problem for Young Players No. 155 received.

E. H. and F. B.—Coerect solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 157.——

The following letter from our visi or of last winter, Mr. Bird, to a gentleman in Montreal, will be read by many with pleasure. Mr. Bird has been received with open arms by his friends in London, and this will be well understood by all the Chess amateurs of our city, who were not backward in appreciating the general character of the distinguished Chessplayer.

London, St. Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, N. W. 19th January, 1878.

Thos. Workman, Esq., M. P.

Dear Sir.—I have forwarded to Mr. Ascher and Mr. Shaw letters with copies of Messrs. Deans' circulars explaining the delay in issuing my little work on Chess

planing the detay in issuing my inthe work on Chess openings.

I reached here, January the 11th, and have been most cordially welcomed, both amongst my business friends, and in the Chess circle.

The unbounded liberality I experienced from yourself.

and in the Chess circle.

The unbounded liberality I experienced from yourself and the Montreal Chess Club is most highly appreciated. Deans are pushing on with completion of 2 000 copies from my proof copy, which was ready in New York so far back as September last.

I am fully occupied with accounting work, but leave off early to-day, Saturday, for two or three hours' play with Boden, at 4 o'clock. In fact, I am writing this at Simpson's, whilst waiting.

Rev. G. A. Macdonnell, Mr. Blackburne, Mr. Steinitz, Mr. Boden and Mr. Zukertort, are all in London, and well. Mr. De Vere, one of the party whe had the honor of diving with you, has departed this life. I shall keep up correspondence with friend Shaw, and it would afford me much delight to hear from you, and to know whether there is a prospect of your visiting Europe. Mr. Boden and Mr. M edonnell desire very respectful remembrance to you, also, Mr. Steinitz and Mr. Zukertort.

A dinner to celebrate my return is announced for next week. It is likely to be an interesting affair, as all grades of the Chess community will be represented. With great respect and gratitude.

I remain yours very truly.

H. E. B. RD.

My most respectful and kindest may have been been and the content of the chess community will be represented.

H. E. B. RD. My most respectful and kindest regards to Dr. Howe and Principal Hicks.

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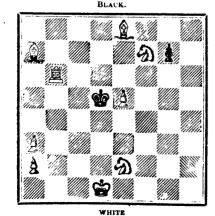
From the Chessplayers' Chronicle, Jan. 7, 1878.

As the result of the Anderssen Festival at Leipsic, it is now amounced that a "General German Chess Association" is about to be formed, and that its Congress s will be held every two years.

M. Jules Grévy, the successor of M. Thiers in political life, has a great reputation as a Chessplayer, and in this game and shooting, he finds his chief recreation.

In Paris (France), Mr. Thompson, an American, has inaugurated a series of most agreeable Chess reunious at his own bouse, which are to be continued weekly, and many other well known players intend to follow his example.

PROBLEM No. 161. By S. H. THOMAS.



White to play and mate in three moves,

CHESS IN ENGLAND.

GAME 240TH.

The following fine game is one of two encounters between Messrs. Vyse and Macdonell, in a recent tourney at the City of London Chess Club. The latter gave the odds of Pawn and two moves.

(From the Dramatic Times.) Remove Black's K B P

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WHITE	BLACK
(Mr. W. E. Vyse.)	Mr. Macdonne
1. P to K 4	
2. P to Q 4	2. P to K 3
3. B to Q 3	3. P to Q B 4 4. Q to R 4 (ch)
4. P takes P (a) 5. B to Q 2 (b)	4. Q to R 4 (ch)
6. Kt to Q B'3	5. Q takes B P 6. Kt to K B 3
6. Kt to Q B'3 7. B to K 3	7. Q to Q R 4
8. P to Q R 3	7. Q to Q R 4 8. Kt to B 3
9. P to B 4	9. P to Q 3 16. Q to B 2
10. P to Q Kt 4 11. Kt to Kt 5	10. Q to B 2
12. Kt to K B 3	11. Q to B 2 12. P to Q R 3
13. Kt to Q B 3	13. B to K 2
14. Castles	14. Kt to K Kt 5
15. B to Q 2	15. B to Q sq
16. P to Kt 3 17. Q to K 2	16. Q to R 4
18. K to R sq	17. B to Kt 3 (ch) 18. Castles
19. Q to Kt 2	19. R to B 3
20. Kt to K 2 21. P to B 3	19. R to B 3 20. B to Q 2
21. P to B 3	21. Q R to K B sq 22. B to K 6 (c)
22. Kt to Kt 5 23. B takes B	22. B to K 6 (c)
24. O to B 3	23. Kt takes B 24. Kt to K Kt 5
24. Q to B 3 25. Q to Kt 2	25. WKt to K 4
25. Q to Kt 2 26. K to Q sq (d)	26. Kt to K 6
%1. Q to It 3	25. Q Kt to K 4 26. Kt to K 6 27. Q takes Q
28. Kt takes Q 29. R takes Kt	28. Kt takes R 29. Kt takes B 30. B to Kt 4 31. B takes Kt 32. R to B sq 33. P to R 3 34. P to K Kt 4 (c)
30. R takes Kt	29. Kt takes B
30. R takes Kt 31. R to Q 2	31. B takes Kt
32. R takes B	32. R to B sq
33. R to K 3	33. P to R 3
34. Kt to B 2 35. Kt to Kt 4 36. Kt takes P (ch) 37. P takes P	34. P to K Kt 4 (e) 35. K R to B sq 36. K to Kt 2 37. R to B 8 (ch) 38. R to B 8
36. Kt takes P (ch)	36 K to K to
37. Ptakes P 38. K to Kt 2	37. R to B 8 (ch)
38. K to Kt 2	38. R to B 8
39. R to Q 3 40. P to Q R 4	os. K to n o
41. R to B 3	40. K R takes P
42. Kt takes R	41. R takes R 42. R to B 5
43. P to R 4	43. R takes Kt P
44. P to R 5	44. R tukos P D (f)
45. Kt to Kt 4 (g) 46. Kt to B 6	45. P to Kt 4
47. Kt to K 8 (ch)	46. R to B 5 (h)
48. Kt takes P	48. R to R 6 (ch)
49. K to B 4	49. P to Kt 5
50. P to Kt 6 (ch)	50. K to Kt 2
45. Kt to Kt 4 (g) 46. Kt to K 8 47. Kt to K 8 (ch) 48. Kt takes P 49. K to B 4 50. P to Kt 6 (ch) 51. Kt to K 8 (ch) 52. P to Kt 7 (i) 53. P to R 6	51. K to R 3
53. P to R 6	52 K to R 2 53. P to K 4 (ch)
55. Kt to B 6 (eh)	55. K takes P
56. P Queens.	Black resigned.

(a) This is now considered the strongast move here.'
(b) Much better than Kt to B 3, as it forces the Q into a cramped position.
(c) A strong move. White must take this B, as, if he retreats his own B, then Bluck takes Kt with his Q, with 3 won game.

a won game.

(d) Certainly his best course; he cannot remove the attacked B on account of Kt to K 6, and he cannot take the Kt, for then Black wins thus—

R takes R (ch) R takes R (ch) R to B 7 27. R takes R 28. Kt to Kt sq

28. Kt to Kt sq R to B 7

(e) Premature—he ought to have proceeded to double his Rooks on Q B file.

(f) We think that had Black now played what at the time we understand he considered the best move, namely. P to Kt 4, he must have won the game easily.

(g) From this point to the end White's play is admirable; and Mr. Macdonnell acknowledged that he was quite unprepared for such a display of scientific skill on the part of his opponent.

(h) Another careless move; he ought to have played R to Q 5, protecting his P.

(i) Seldom, if ever, does an amateur receiving such odds, play a difficult end-game like this, with such ingenuity and mathematical precision as White exhibits; most provokingly for his opponent, he makes none but the best moves.

SOLUTIONS. Solution of Problem No. 159.

WHITE. BLACK.

1. K to Q Kt 3 2. R to K B 6 3. P to Q B 4 mate. K moves
 K moves.

Solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 157 WHITE. BLACK. 1. K to K Kt 6 2. P to K B 5 (ch) 3. B to K Kt 2 mate 1. Kt to Q B sq 2. K to K 4

PROBLEM - FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 158. WHITE. BLACK. K at Q R sq B at Q R 2 Pawns at K B 2 and Q B 4 KatQB8 RatKB3 KatQB6

awns at K B6 and Q B4 White to play and mate in three moves.

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