

either to cultivation or to memory on other subjects. This is frequently shown by persons in humble life in regard to the Bible. An old beggar man at Stirling, known, fifty years ago, as "Blind Alick," afforded an instance of this. He knew the whole of the Bible by heart, insomuch that if a sentence was read to him he could name the book, chapter, and verse; or if the book, chapter, and verse were named, he could give the exact words. A gentleman, to test him, repeated a verse, purposely making one verbal inaccuracy. Alick hesitated, named the place where the passage was to be found, but at the same time pointed out the verbal error. The same gentleman asked him to repeat the 90th verse of the seventh chapter of the Book of Numbers. Alick almost instantly replied, "There is no such verse. That chapter has only 89 verses." Gassendi had acquired by heart 6,000 Latin verses, and in order to give his memory exercise he was in the habit daily of reciting 600 verses from different languages.—*Spare Moments.*

A VERY OLD NEWSPAPER.

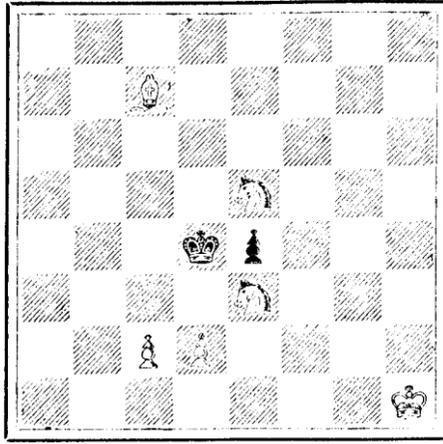
THE oldest paper published in the English language, except the *London Gazette*, is *Lloyd's List*, which made its first appearance in a dingy little London coffee house in 1692. There is no newspaper more generally read by shippers and marine merchants than *Lloyd's*, and yet few of its readers know its very remarkable history, or that of the great commercial business that has grown up with it. About 1675 there was a coffee house in Tower Street, London, kept by one Edward Lloyd, where a knot of merchants gathered at noon to discuss business and gossip over the threatening Romanism of James II. From this small beginning has grown up one of the greatest and most powerful commercial organizations in the world, not the least important feature of which is an intelligence department, which for wideness of range and efficient working has no parallel in the history of private enterprise. As early as 1688 the *London Gazette* contained a flattering notice of *Lloyd's shop*, and four years later the proprietor, who seems to have been a rousing good business man, moved his establishment to Lombard Street, then the centre of London's wealthy and influential merchant populace. The astute coffee house proprietor at this time began the publication of his *News*, a weekly paper filled with commercial and shipping information, and it became very popular with those seventeenth century men of trade. It subsequently changed its name to *Lloyd's List*, and ever since that time has enjoyed an uninterrupted publication. Throughout the greater part of the eighteenth century, *Lloyd's* was the most popular place known to London merchants and underwriters. *Lloyd* himself probably died in the early part of the century, but his name and his paper had ineffaceably marked the business of that time, as it marks that of the present day. London's great business of marine insurance owes its existence to the printed form of policy issued by the *Lloyd Association of Underwriters*, an association that has never been known by any other name than that of the poor but popular coffee house proprietor and editor. The whole superstructure of marine insurance rests upon the *List*, which for 200 years has embraced the collection, publication and diffusion of every form of intelligence with respect to shipping.—*New York Times.*

THE WEALTH OF THE WORLD.

THE German Government treasure amounts to \$30,000,000 in gold. The associated banks of New York City hold \$78,200,000 in gold. Other American banks hold \$11,000,000 in silver, and \$9,800,000 in gold. The Bank of Holland contains \$30,400,000 in silver and \$25,600,000 in gold. The banks of France \$309,400,000 in silver, and \$254,600,000 in gold. The Italian Government treasure amounts to \$2,400,000 in silver and \$20,600,000 in gold. The Russian Government treasure amounts to \$2,400,000 in silver and \$20,600,000 in gold. The American (United States) treasure amounts to \$318,000,000 in silver and \$325,600,000 in gold. The Bank of Spain holds \$23,600,000 in silver and \$20,400,000 in gold, and the Bank of Norway holds \$13,400,000 in gold. The German Imperial Bank holds \$68,000,000 in silver and \$27,000,000 in gold, and the German note-banks contain \$1,000,000 in silver and \$19,000,000 in gold. The Bank of Portugal holds \$5,600,000 in gold; the Bank of Sweden holds \$1,000,000 in silver and \$4,800,000 in gold, and the Swedish national banks hold \$4,800,000 in silver and \$11,800,000 in gold. The Bank of England contains \$89,000,000 in gold; the Scottish banks of issue, \$25,000,000 in gold; the Irish banks of issue, \$16,600,000 in gold, and other banks in Great Britain hold \$40,000,000 in gold. The Italian note-banks hold \$6,400,000 in silver and \$33,500,000 in gold; the Italian National Bank holds \$6,200,000 in silver and \$35,600,000 in gold; and the Belgian National Bank holds \$7,000,000 in silver and \$13,000,000 in gold. The Swiss banks of issue contain \$4,800,000 in silver and \$11,800,000 in gold; the Grecian National Bank contains \$600,000 in gold; the Bank of Algiers contains \$3,200,000 in silver and \$3,400,000 in gold; and the Bank of Roumania holds \$6,400,000 in silver. The Bank of Denmark holds \$15,000,000 in gold; the Bank of Russia \$800,000 in silver and \$168,200,000 in gold, and the Austro-Hungarian Bank \$4,600,000 in silver and \$28,800,000 in gold. The total in silver dollars amounts to \$791,200,000, and in gold to \$1,468,400,000.—*New York Independent.*

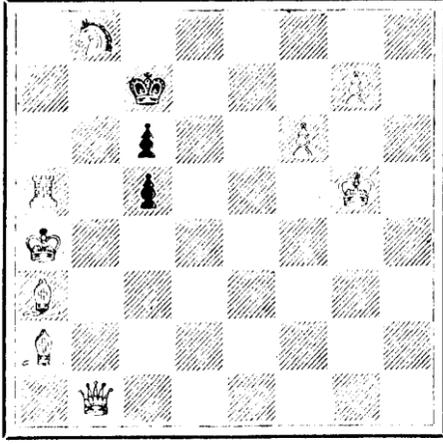
CHESS.

PROBLEM No. 535.  
By O. F. Reed.  
BLACK.



WHITE.  
White to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM No. 536.  
By W. A. Shinkman.  
BLACK.



WHITE.  
White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS.

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|--------------|-------------|----------|--------|
| No. 529.     |             | No. 530. |        |
| White.       | Black.      | White.   | Black. |
| 1. Q-Q 1     | 1. P-K 5    | 1. P-K 1 |        |
| 2. Q-Kt 3 +  | 2. moves    |          |        |
| 3. Q mates   | if 1. P-B 5 |          |        |
|              | 2. moves    |          |        |
| 2. Q-K R 1 + |             |          |        |
| 4. Q mates   |             |          |        |

Note.—In Problem No. 534 there should be a White Rook on White K Kt 3 instead of a Black Rook.

GAME PLAYED IN THE CANADIAN CHESS ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT, MONTREAL, JAN. 8th, 1891, BETWEEN J. E. NARRAWAY, OF OTTAWA, AND A. T. DAVISON, OF TORONTO.

GIUOCO PIANO.

NARRAWAY. White.	DAVISON. Black.	NARRAWAY. White.	DAVISON. Black.
1. P-K 4	P-K 4	18. Q-Q B 1 (c)	R-K 2 (d)
2. Kt-K B 3	Kt-Q B 3	19. Kt-K 5 +	K-Kt 1 (e)
3. B-B 4	B-B 4	20. Q-B 4 +	K-R 2
4. P-Q B 3	P-Q 3	21. Q-B 2 +	K-Kt
5. P-Q 3	P-K R 3	22. Q-B 4 +	K-R 1
6. B-K 3	B-Kt 3	23. R-B 8 +	Q x R
7. Q-Kt-Q 2	K Kt-K 2	24. Kt-Kt 6 +	K-R 2
8. P-Q R 4	Castles	25. Kt x Q +	R x Kt
9. P-Q 4	P x P	26. P-K Kt 3	Kt x P (g)
10. P x P	P-Q 4	27. K-Kt 2	R-K 7 +
11. P x P	Kt x P	28. K-R 3	Q R-B 7
12. Castles	B-K 3	29. R-K R 1	P-Q R 4 (h)
13. B-Q Kt 3	R-K 1	30. P-Q Kt 4	Kt-K 3 (i)
14. Kt-Q B 4 (a)	Kt x B	31. Q-Q 3 +	K-R 1
15. P x Kt	B x Kt	32. P-Kt 5	R-K 5 (k)
16. B x B	R x P	33. P-Kt 4	Kt-B 5 +
17. B x B P + (b)	K x B	34. White resigns	

NOTES.

- (a) Bad as it loses a Pawn.
- (b) Tempting and brilliant but unsound.
- (c) Black's Rook prevented Queen from checking at Kt's 3 it was therefore attacked.
- (d) The only safe move.
- (e) The only move, K K 3 loses.
- (f) Better than taking with B as Kt here is in a fine position.
- (g) As White threatened P R 5 winning a piece.
- (h) Kt was played here to prevent a second check of Q Q 8.
- (i) A fine move threatening mate next move or loss of Queen.

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