

A Soldiers' Memorial Hall, to cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000, is being erected at Rutland, Vt.

The Nile is said to be falling rapidly and the outlook is serious.

The Duchess of Cambridge, aunt of Queen Victoria, is dead, aged 92.

Furious storms have caused extensive damage to property in Southern Hungary.

It is generally believed in English literary circles that Alfred Austin will become poet laureate if he survive Lord Tennyson.

New Zealand does not want the English sparrows. The Government offers a bounty of five cents each for their destruction.

Miss Whatley, daughter of the late Archbishop of Dublin, and founder of the British Mission School in Egypt, died at Cairo recently, after a short illness.

A wood-ranger named Gildew was recently found in the river near Kilkenny, with his brains pounded out. The outrage is supposed to be of agrarian origin.

The Imperial parliament has consented to the appointment of a commission to enquire into the value of vaccination, believing that the result will dispel the doubts as to its value.

Lord Mandeville, heir to the Duke of Manchester, has been pronounced bankrupt. It has been decided to institute criminal proceedings against him on a charge of having made untrue affidavits.

The late John Bright was given, in accordance with his wishes, an unostentatious funeral. Wreaths were sent by the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Miss Cobden, and his own work-people.

It is said that the social condition of Whitechapel has greatly improved since the murders committed there, owing to the increased exertions of the clergy and the laity for the good of the people of the district.

The death, in Italy, of J. H. Graham Loftus, Marquis of Ely in the Peerage of Ireland, and Baron Loftus in that of the United Kingdom, at the early age of 40, is reported. We believe the titles go to his brother, John H. Loftus.

A gold medal to commemorate the Jubilee of Phonography was presented to Isaac Pitman, at a dinner in London. The medal, which weighs about 2½ ounces, contains an excellent portrait of the venerable inventor of phonography.

An Australian firm has offered the British Government an immense sum for the privilege of having their advertisement printed on the gum side of all postage stamps, so that the purchaser will be obliged to see it whenever he moistens the gum.

There was a rumor afloat in England last week that there was a plot to shoot the Prince of Wales on the race course at Leicester. Precautions were taken and the vicinity carefully watched, but nothing occurred to disturb the Prince at the race.

The Pope is engaged on a long encyclical letter chiefly devoted to the question of state socialism. The letter will soon be completed. The Pope has of late been in frequent communication with Catholic statesmen and economists throughout the world.

A strong fireproof room has been constructed outside Hawarden Castle, and in this will eventually be deposited an enormous mass of correspondence, extending over the whole of Mr. Gladstone's public life, and consisting of upwards of 60,000 letters.

Emperor William, doubtful as to what English feeling may be towards him on his visit to London in July, has inspired the semi official declaration that the Emperor's supposed dislike to the English is a mistake, and that, after Germany, he loves England most.

Sir George Baden Powell intends to call the attention of the House of Commons to the sufficiency of the North Atlantic trade to meet the food needs of the United Kingdom in time of war, and to move that special arrangements be made to effectually protect British steam communication on the North Atlantic against interruption by hostile cruisers.

The Jewish community in London will, says the Jewish Chronicle, soon receive a rare guest in the person of a lady bachelor of arts of the Bombay University, Miss Miriam Samuels. She is the daughter of a Persian merchant settled in Bombay, and has obtained her position at the University solely through private instruction. Miss Samuels intends to study medicine in London, with the view of practising as a doctor in India.

H. M. S. *Calliope* is reported to have arrived safely at Sydney. Her escape from the hurricane which wrecked the German and American ships at Samoa was evidently due to perfect precaution and good seamanship. She had five anchors out, and snapped the cables of four, when Capt. Kane put to sea and worked out at half a knot an hour. Tremendous seas broke over her and did much damage, but no life was lost. All unite in praising the pluck of her Captain.

The Centennial Intercolonial Exhibition in Melbourne, Australia, was officially closed by his Excellency the Governor on January 31. Each nation represented at the Exhibition was called in turn, and its representatives advanced to the platform and received from the Governor the awards adjudged to it. When the United States was called, and the American flag displayed, there was a demonstration by the large audience assembled amounting to an ovation. This evidence of cordial good feeling was most gratifying to the Americans there.

A BEAUTIFUL EASTER GIFT.—Scott & Bowne, manufacturers of the well-known Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, offer a most beautiful Easter gift—composed of eight artistic studies of Birds and Flowers, put up in folio—worth at least \$2.00 for 25 cents. On receipt of above in stamps, it will be mailed at once.—Scott & Bowne, 132 South Fifth Ave., N. Y.

CHESS.

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The proprietors of THE CRITIC offer two prizes—to consist of books on Chess—to those subscribers who shall send in the greatest number of correct solutions during the current year. No entrance fee required.

Solution to Problem No. 73, K to Q2, solved by J. W. Wallace, Mrs. H. Moseley.

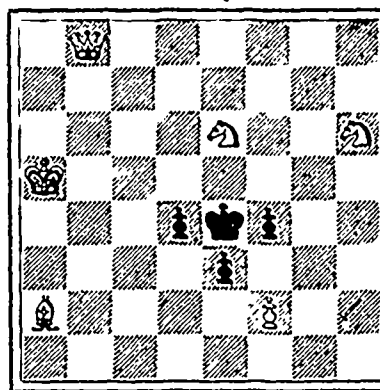
International correspondence match. We learn that Mr. G. E. Northup, of Scranton, Pa., has defeated Rev. W. Reiner, Birrie, Ont.; and that Mr. Showalter, of Kentucky has announced mate in five moves in his game with Mr. J. E. Barry, Fredericton, N. B.

PROBLEM No. 74.

CORRECTED.

Chess Players Chronicle.

BLACK—4 pieces.



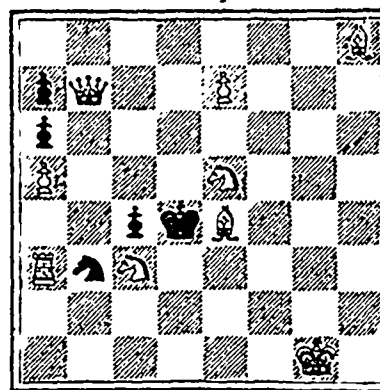
WHITE—6 pieces.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

PROBLEM No. 75.

From the Gleaner, Jamaica, Roy C. Planck, London, England.

BLACK—5 pieces.



WHITE—9 pieces

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

The authors pet 2 mover.

GAME No. 57.

Played in New York at the American Chess Congress.

WHITE

Blackburn.

- 1 P to K4
- 2 Kt to QB3
- 3 P to B4
- 4 Kt to KB3
- 5 B to B4
- 6 P to Q3
- 7 Q to K2
- 8 B to Kt3
- 9 P to QR4 (a)
- 10 Kt to Qsq
- 11 P takes KP
- 12 B to Kt5
- 13 Kt to K3
- 14 Q takes B
- 15 Kt to Q2
- 16 Q to KKt3
- 17 Q to K3
- 18 Castles KR
- 19 Q to B2

BLACK.

Hanham.

- P to K4
- B to B4
- P to Q3
- Kt to KB3
- P to B3
- Q to K2
- P to QKt4
- P to QR4
- P to Kt5
- B to R3
- P takes P
- Q Kt to Q2
- B takes Kt
- Kt to QB4
- Q to R2
- KKt to Q2
- P to Kt3 (b)
- Castles KR (c)
- K to Kt2

20 Q to R4 P to B3
21 Q to R6, ch K to Rsq
22 R to B3 QR to Ksq

White announced mate in four moves.

(a) A very necessary move to check black's advancing attack on the queen's side.

(b) Black's game is now badly compromised.

(c) Of very questionable merit, as it brings the king into a dangerous position.—New York Herald.

THE VALE OF LONGEVITY.

Dr. Felix Oswald, in writing of the value of longevity, says:

"Can there be a doubt that Burns and Keats foresaw the issue of their struggle against bigotry, or that Cervantes, in the gloom of his misery, could read the signs of the dawn presaging a sunburst of posthumous fame?"

"Spinoza and Schiller died at the threshold of their goal; Pascal, Harvey, Macaulay, Buckle and Bichat left their inimitable works half finished; Raphael, Mozart, and Byron died at the verge of a summit which perhaps no other foot shall ever approach."

"The price of longevity would redeem the mortgage of our earthly paradise"—and it can be prolonged and should be, with care and the use of proper medicine at the right time.

Owing to the stress, the worry, and the annoyance of every day life, there is no doubt but that tens of thousands of men and women yearly fill premature graves.

Especially after middle life should a careful watch be kept over one's physical condition. The symptoms of kidney disease, such as becoming easily tired, headache, neuralgia, feeble heart action, fickle appetite, a splendid feeling one day and an all-gone one the next, persistent cough, trouble in urinating, etc., should be diligently looked into and at once stopped through a faithful use of Warner's Safe Cure, which has cured tens of thousands of such troubles and will cure yours.

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