

formed wretch! the weak lost woman! Now for the third trial!"

Illan had a married sister whose rath was about twelve of our miles distant from his. To her home he repaired next day, changing clothes with a beggar whom he met on the way. When he arrived, he found that they were at dinner, and several neighbouring families with them in the great hall. "Tell my sister," said he to a giolla who was lounging at the door, "that I wish to speak with her." "Who is your sister?" said the other in an insolent tone, for he did not recognise the young chief in his beggar's dress. "Who should she be but the Bhan a Tragh, you rascal!" The fellow began to laugh, but the open palm of the irritated young man coming like a sledge stroke on his cheek, dashed him on the ground, and set him a-roaring. "Oh what has caused this confusion?" said the lady of the house coming out from the hall. "I," said her brother, "punishing your giolla's disrespect." "Oh, brother, what has reduced you to such a condition?" "An attack on my house, and a creagh made on my lands in my absence. I have neither gold nor silver vessels in my dun, nor rich cloaks, nor ornaments, nor arms for my followers. My cattle have been driven from my lands, and all as I was on a visit at the house of my intended bride. You must come to my relief; you will have to send cattle to my ravaged fields, gold and silver vessels, and ornaments and furs, and rich clothes to my house, to enable me to receive my bride, and her father in a few days." "Poor dear Illan!" she answered, "my heart bleeds for you. I fear I cannot aid you, nor can I ask you to join our company within in these rags. But you must be hungry; stay here till I send you some refreshment."

She quitted him, and did not return again, but an attendant came out with a griddle-cake in one hand, and a porringer with some Danish beer in it in the other. Illan carried them away to the spot where he had quitted the beggar, and gave him the bread and made him drink the beer. Then changing clothes with him, he rewarded him, and returned home, bearing the porringer as a trophy.

On the day appointed with the father of his affianced, there were assembled in Illan's hall, his sister, his sister's husband, his affianced, her father, and some others. When an opportunity offered after meat and bread, and wine had gone the way of all food, Illan addressed his guests. "Friends and relations, I am about confessing some of my faults before you, and hope you will be bettered by the hearing. My dying father charged me never to refuse a fair offer for a horse, cow, or sheep at a fair. For refusing a trifle less than I asked for my noble mare, there was nothing left to me but those bits of her fore-legs you see hanging by the wall. He advised me never to put on an air of want when soliciting a favour. I begged help from my sister for a pretended need, and because I had nothing better than a beggar's cloak on me I got nothing for my suit but the porringer that you see dangling by the poor remains of my mare. I wooed a strange lady to be my wife, contrary to my dying father's injunction, and after seeming to listen favourably to my suit, she at last said I should be satisfied with the crutches of her lame and deformed harper: there they are!" The sister blushed, and was ready to sink through the floor for shame. The bride was in a much more wretched state, and would have fainted but it was not the fashion of the day. Her father stormed, and said this was but a subterfuge on the part of Illan. He deferred to her pleasure, but though torn with anguish for the loss of the young chief's love and respect, she took the blame on herself.

The next morning saw the rath without a visiter; but within a quarter of a year, the kind faced though not beautiful daughter of a neighbouring Duinne Usal made the fort cheerful by her presence. Illan had known her since they were children. He was long aware of her excellent qualities, but had never thought of her as a wife till the morning after his speech. He was fonder of her a month after his marriage than he was on the marriage morning, and much fonder when a year had gone by, and presented his house with an heir.

PASTIMES.

PUZZLES.

Places four, five hundred, five and one in such a manner that together they will look like a flash of lightning

ANAGRAMS.

Names of M. P. Ps. for Upper Canada.

- 1. Grow no beer G.
2. Du go I will call marpa.
3. A mad clad John—no.
4. Fill John A. and do send O. mad.
5. Go cage terrier E.
6. Oh, tell H.—no Ruth.
7. Shy card came—got em.

ENIGMA.

Sometimes I'm on water, sometimes I'm on land; Sometimes I am lying, but sometimes I stand; Sometimes I am moving, sometimes I am still; Sometimes I defy you, sometimes at your will. Sometimes I am short, sometimes I am long; Sometimes with the old, sometimes with the young; Sometimes in the day, sometimes in the night; Sometimes I amuse, sometimes I affright. Though you touch me, yet feel me you can't, if you try; Then answer, good reader, and say what am I.

CHARADES.

1. Abbreviate the maiden who ruined old Troy; For my second, good Sir, you may take your own boy. In these two when combined at once will be found The hero who died when by victory crowned.

2. I am composed of 14 letters. My 10, 13, 7, 11 is what we all need. My 14, 2, 11 is a small animal. My 8, 9, 11 is its inveterate enemy. My 10, 12, 3, 6 is a kind of grain. My 4, 5, 13, 7, 11 is to search. My 1, 6, 7, 11 is what most people are merry over. My 2, 14, 8, 11, 12, 3 is the name of an ocean. My 9, 14, 10, 13, 7, 11 is to stop, but it has sometimes a more unpleasant signification; and my whole is the name of a Canadian county.

3. Of letters six, I am composed, A word of cheering tone. At Christmas time, I gather round The old and young at home. The letters of my name embrace Words one and thirty, English all, So let us probe into its case, And point them out however small. Pronouns, of either sex, are there, And articles, why just a pair, A preposition, and a word Of pity, which is sometimes heard. The deer tribe also has a place, And pussy, noted for her pace. The ceese too, where it doth run, And give the sportsman ample fun; A vermin, which with great disgust We dwell with only when we must; What often leads to bloody strife, What all possess, in human life. There science also takes its ground, And solar influence, there is found. What sorrows, now and then create, Two words which imply—masticate; And that whereon, through life we toil, Seeking nurture from the soil. A beverage, too, not used by some; A verb, which never means just one. What bodies often have to make; And that for which they sometimes quake. What listens to the maiden's song, What mingles oft, in speeches long. A word which means, that men possess A useful article of dress. He who no'er loves, is also there, And a coat of what, would make him swear. A weed may also there be seen. A Scotchman, too, of note I ween, And what is uttered, in surprise Or laughter, to which all give rise. Now then the whole I have announced, Try let me hear the word pronounced.

TRANSPPOSITION.

Ond't everig rof addo rosso—a sseclu plentyemom Tiah vceer saw wonok of od nay noe ogdo; Het uretufsi ruse ot vrah odfo ord fenneytom. Tub gingervi dwion ipiso ti si gayllant wuindo

ARITHMETICAL PROBLEMS.

- 1. Given the sum of three numbers, in continued geometrical progression, equal to 39, and the sum of their squares equal to 819, to find the numbers.
2. Find a number which when multiplied by 4, becomes as much above 30 as it is now below it.

3. A market woman being asked how many eggs she had, replied, "If I had as many more, half as many more, and one egg and a half, I should have 104 eggs. How many had she?"

CHESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

PROBLEM No. 5.—In reply to several correspondents, we may state that the Rook on K. Kt. 7th is a Black one. Being rather indistinct, in several instances it has been mistaken for a White one.

PROBLEM No. 6.—Correct solutions received from "St. Urbain St.," J. McL.; F. H. A., Jun., Quebec; R. B., Toronto; and W. L., Hamilton.

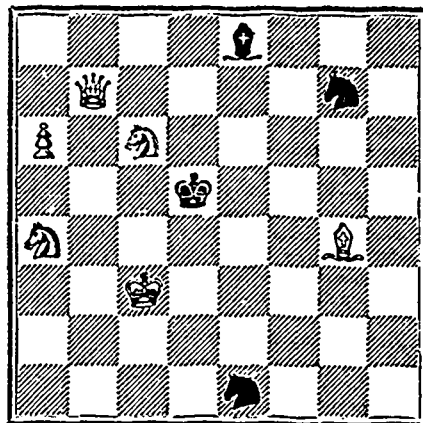
W. A.—Will reply next week.

F. H. A., JUN.—Thanks for the game: it shall have our early attention.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 6.

- WHITE. BLACK.
1 P. to K. 3rd. K. to K. 4th or
2 Q. to K. B 7th. K. moves.
3 Q. Mates.
1 Q. to K. B. 6th. K. to Q. 4th.
2 Q. to K. B. 6th. K. moves.
3 Q. Mates.

PROBLEM No. 8. BY GEORGE GROVES. BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and Mate in two moves.

A bit of dialleric between Louis Paulsen, Esq., and Mr. C—, one of the best players of Dubuque (Iowa): EVANS' GAMBIT.

- WHITE (Paulsen.) BLACK (Mr. C—)
1 P. to K. 4th. P. to K. 4th.
2 K. Kt. to B. 3rd. Q. Kt. to B. 8rd.
3 B. to Q. B. 4th. B. to Q. B. 4th.
4 P. to Q. Kt. 4th. B. takes Kt. P.
5 P. to Q. B. 3rd. K. Kt. to B. 3rd.\*
6 Castles. K. P. takes P.
7 P. to Q. 4th. B. to Q. Kt. 8rd.
8 B. P. takes P. B. to Q. 4th.
9 P. to K. 5th. Q. P. takes B.
10 K. P. takes Kt. Q. takes B. 2nd P.
11 P. to Q. 6th. Q. takes R.
12 P. takes Kt.

And Mr. Paulsen announced Mate in eleven moves.

\* P. to Q. 3rd is the accepted move here.

In Siam, a white elephant is valued above all creatures and things, and worshipped as a deity. Recently, the king sent a collection of valuable gifts to the Queen of England; but the one which he considered worth most of all was a small bunch of the hairs of a white elephant's tail, tied together with a golden string.

The Emperor of Russia has just carried out an important reform by the re-constitution of the courts of justice and the appointment of trial by jury. This is considered one of the most satisfactory of Alexander's many reforms, and it is thought, by the most hopeful, that, before long a constitution will be granted conferring representative institutions.

It is stated that Italy is about to be favoured with Government Blue-books, after the English fashion. The Roman and Venetian questions, the Treaty of Commerce with the Zollverein, and the Recognition of Italy by various German States, will form the subjects of the first volume.