voice. You can easily get along in the world with this double advantage. But if you must with this double advantage. But it you must write for the theatre, study the science of composition of which you have not yet learned the first elements." The lesson was a rude one, but Boieldien took it to heart and profited by it. Boieldieu took it to heart and profited by it. He began by giving lessons on the piano, but also applied himself seriously to the science of counterpoint in which he soon made such progress that he was allowed the rare privilege of becoming a disciple of Cherubini. In this transition period, he produced "La Dotte de Suzette," "Zeraide et Gulnare," "La Famille Suisse," "Montbreul et Verville," "Les Méprises Espagnoles," "Beniowsky," and "Le Caliphe de Bagdad," works which are admirable in parts, but which, with the exception of the Caliphe de Bagdad," works which are admirable in parts, but which, with the exception of the latter, have not retained their place on the stage. It was only when he had thoroughly inbibed the scientific spirit of Cherubini, that he entered upon his second period with "Ma Tante Aurore." This work was the corner stone of his fame, as "La Dame Blanche" may be said to be its crowning glory. From 1803 till 1812, he resided in Russia at the express desire of the Czar Alexander, with whom he was always a favourite, and for whom he wrote several operas. In 1820 he became professor of composition at the Paris Conservatoire, where he perpetuated the Paris Conservatoire, where he perpetuated the sound traditions of Cherubini, and produced the sound traditions of Calcardance of of

# AN OPEN LETTER. It speaks for Itself.

ROCKPORT, Mass., April 2nd, 1877.

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Mr. Editor: Having read in your paper reports of the remarkable cures of catarrh, I am induced to tell "what I know about catarrh," and I fancy the "snuff" and "inhaling-tube" makers (mere dollar grabbers) would be glad if they could emblazon a similar cure in the papers. For 26 years I suffered with catarrh. The nasal passages became completely closed. "Snuff," "dust," "ashes," "inhaling-tubes," and "sticks," wouldn't work, though at intervals I would sniff up the so-called catarrh snuff, until I became a valuable tester for such medicines. I gradually grew worse, and no one can know how much I suffered or what a miserable being I was. My head ached over my eyes so that I was confined to my bed for many successive days, suffering the most intense pain, which at a cast time latted agreement of the eyes so that I was confined to my bed for many successive days, suffering the most intense pain, which at one time lasted continuously for 168 hours. All sense of smell and taste gone, sight and hearing impaired, body shrunken and weakened, nervous system shattered, and contitution broken, and I was having and spitting saven-eighths of the time. I prayed for death titution broken, and I was having and spitting seven-eighths of the time. I prayed for death to relieve me of my suffering. A favorable notice in your paper of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy induced me to purchase a package, and use it with Dr. Pierce's Nasal Douche, which medy induced me to purchase a package, and use it with Dr. Pierce's Nasal Douche, which applies the remedy by hydrostatic pressure, the only way compatible with common sense. Well, Mr. Editor, it did not cure me in three-fourths of a second, nor in one hour or month, but in less than eight minutes I was relieved, and in three months entirely cured, and have remained so for over sixteen months. While using the Catarrh Remedy, I used Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to purify my blood and strengthen my stomach. I also kept my liver active and bowels regular by the use of his Pleasant Purgative Pellets. If my experience will induce other sufferers to seek the same means of relief, this letter will have answered its purpose. its purpose.

Yours truly,

S. D. REMICK.

#### OUR CHESS COLUMN.

Problems sent in by Correspondents will be duly acknowledged.

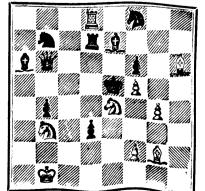
### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 169 re-M. J. M., Quebec.—Have snewered your communica-

on by post.
Student, Montreal.—Correct solution of Problem No.
99 received.

Student, Montreal.—Correct solution of Problem No. 169 received.
Amateur. Montreal.—In the solution of Problem No. 169 if White 1 B takes B, B lack 1 Pawn at Q B 5 takes Q P. Try the solution from this point.
E. H., Montreal.—Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 167 received. Correct.
B. J., Montreal.—The score is correctly printed.
G. J., Edgmondville, Ont.—Letter received. Many thanks. The game shall appear next week.

#### PROBLEM No. 171. By J. PAUL TAYLOR, London, Eng. BLACK.



WHITE White to play and matein two moves.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL CHESS CONGRESS.

The particulars connected with the Chess Congress, which is to be held at Paris, in June next, during the meet the Great Exhibition, have just been made pub-

which is to be neu a. Alle, time of the Great Exhibition, have just been made public.

The entrance fee will be 100 francs, and every competitor will have to play two games with each of the others.

The time limit will be 30 moves for every two hours. Drawn games to count half a game to each player.

Four prizes are spoken of, but it is probable the number will be increased to six. The Government will offer the first prize, which will be of the value of 6,000 or 8,000 francs. There is to be a Problem Tourney, and, also, an end game Tourney.

Altogether this programme is calculated to attract the attention of the noted players of the day, and there is every reason to believe that this great International Chess Congress will take a very prominent place in the annals of the Royal game.

Speaking of this International Congress the Dramatic Times says: We learn that Mr. Rosenthal and another gentlem n from Paris are expected in Loudon in a few days for the purpose of consulting with the leading players in England as to the best mode of arranging the programme of the Tourney for June next. All we hope and desire is that the rules and arrangements will not be such as to render it impossible for the amateurs, English and foreign, to take part in the contests. Thus, if the Committee, as at first purposed, limit the play to four games a week for each player, and further, require every competitor to play two games with every other, the time required for the completion of the Tourney will be so long that few amateurs will be able to take part in it. In fact, the two rules we have just referred to are calculated to throw the prizes into the hands of the professionals, who have nothing else to occupy them but Chess.

#### (From the Hartford Weekly Times.)

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Our readers will recollect the exceedingly difficult fifteen-move self-mate (No. 475) published March 7th.

The Problem was composed by A. Townsend, and when first published a prize was offered for the first correct solution. No one in England solved it and the Problem was sent to the Hartford Times to be published, and was regarded as a sort of challenge to the American sharpshooters. Mr. C. H. Waterbury accepted the challenge, and after a hard struggle succeeded in solving it. And we knew he would. Johnny Bull must yield the palm to America.

The Problem spoken of here appeared recent y (No. 167) in our Column at the request of the composer.

The following games, which will be interesting to Chessplayers at the present time asspecimens of the rlay of the late Mr. Cochrane, are taken from the Westminster

# **GAME 255TH.**

Played with Labourdonnais.

BLACK

(Mr. Cochrane

(Cochrane Gambit.) WRITE

(M. Labourdonnais.) 1. P to K 4
2. P to K B 4
3. Kt to K B 3
4. B to B 4
5. Kt to K 5
6. K to B sq
7. P to K K to R 2 K to B 2 K to K 3 K to Q 3
 B takes P 12. P to B 3 13. B takes K B P (ch) 14. B to Kt 3

14. B to Kt 3
15. K to B 2
16. Q to B sq (b)
17. Q takes Q
18. P to Q 3
19. R to Kt sq
20. B takes B
21. R takes B
22. Kt takes Kt
23. K to B sq
24. Kt to Q sq
26. K R to Kt sq
27. P to Kt 3 (c)
28. R takes B
29. Kt takes Kt

BLACK
(Mr. Cochrar

1. P to K 4
2. P takes P
3. P to K t 4
4. P to K t 5
5. Q to R 5 (ch)
6. P to B 6 (a)
7. Q to R 6 (ch)
8. Q to K t 7 (ch)
9. B to R 3 (ch)
10. P to Q 4
11. K t to R 3
12. P to Q B 3
13. K to K 2
14. Kt to B 4 (ch)
15. K takes P
16. B to B 4
17. K t to B 7 (dis ch)
18. P takes Q
19. R to Q sq
20. K takes B
21. K takes B
22. B takes K (ch)
23. K K to B 8q
34. K to B 8q
35. K to B 8q
36. K to B 7
27. R to B 7
28. K takes R
29. R takes R
29. R takes B (ch)
and wins. and wins. NOTES.

And wins.

(a) This Gambit is nearly sixty years old. Lowenthal preferred it to the Salvio, and Von der Lasa seems to take the same view.

(b) White has a lost game, play how he may.

(c) If he try B takes P the Rook will go to B 7 all the

#### GAME 256TH.

Played in India by the late Mr. John Cochrane (Petroff Defence--Cochrane Attack.) WHITF .- (Mr. Cochrane.) BLACK .- (The Brahmin.)

7HITF.—(Mr. Cochre

1. P to K 4
2. Kt to K B 3
3. Kt takes P
4. Kt takes P (a)
5. B to B 4 (ou)
6. Castles
7. P to K R 3
8. P to B 4
9. Kt to B 3
10. P to Q R 4
11. Kt to Q 5
12. P to K 5
14. B takes Kt
15. Kt Coch K 1
16. Kt Coch K 1
17. Kt Coch K 1
18. Kt Coch K 1
19. 1. P to K 4
2. Kt to K B 3
3. P to Q 3
4. K takes Kt
5. K to K sq (b)
6. P to B 4
7. Q to B 2
8. Kt to B 3
10. Q to K 2 (c)
11. Q to Q sq
12. P takes P
13. Kt takes Kt
14. P takes P
15. P takes B
16. C To Q 2
17. K to B 2
18. K to K t sq
19. B to Q 3
20. Q to K t 3
21. Q to B 4
22. Q to K 4 (d)
23. Q takes R 1. P to K 4 15. B takes Kt (ch) 16. Q to R 5 (ch) 17. P takes P 18. R to B 7 (ch) 18. R 10 B 1 (ch)

19. P to K 6

20. B to Kt 5

21. P to R 5

22. P to Q Kt 4

23. B to B 4 (c)

24. Q to Q B 5

B takes B (ch)

and wins

24. Q takes R

(a) Invented by Mr. Cochrane. Petroff stared when he saw it. "Why they bave actually turned my opening into a Gambit; should have thought it impossible" (b) The Bishop should be interposed, but no doubt the Hindoo expert considered the King too sacred a personage to be brought on to the third line.

(c) B to K 2 is better.

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(d) Affording an opportunity of which Mr. Cochrane is not slow to avail himself. The Brahmin should have played her to Q 4

(e) This would have been of no avail last move.

#### SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 169. WAITE. BLACK.

1. R to Q R 3 2. Q to Q B 2 3. Mates accordingly

3. Q mates

1. B to B 6 or B to K 8 3. Anything

R takes P (ch)

I. B takes B &c 2. K takes R

Solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 167. A Pawn is omitted in this Problem from Black's K B 3.) WHITE. BLACK.

1. R to Q 5 (ch) 2. K takes P 3. Kt mates

K takes R 2. Anything

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 168. WHITE. K at K R sq Q at K 8 B at K Kt 2 Pawns at K R 3 K 5. Q Kt 3 and 4 and Q R 5

BLACK. K at Q Kt 2
R at Q 2
Kt at K B sq
Pawns at K 3, Q 3, Q
B 2 and 3

White to play and mate in four moves

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