

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

FLUR-DE-LIS.—Previous to the reign of Charles VI, the kings of France bore as their arms an indefinite number of golden lilies on a blue field. That king reduced the number to three, arranged two and one, some conjecture upon account of the Trinity. According to one writer, "the Franks of old had a custom at the proclamation of their king to elevate him upon a shield or target and place in his hand a reed or flag in blossom instead of a sceptre, and from thence the early kings of France are represented with sceptres in their hands like the flag with its flower, and which flowers became the armorial figures of France." Another legendary tale is to the effect that a blue banner embroidered with golden fleurs-de-lis came down from heaven and was given by an angel to King Clovis. Whatever may be the value of this latter story, there can be little doubt, but that from Clovis downwards the kings of France bore the fleur-de-lis as their arms.

MABEL'S PROGRESS.—The publisher will supply you with either of the bound volumes of the READER separately; the set comprises three volumes.

C. J. S.—Many thanks for your kind and appreciating letter.

E. E.—The British government has never offered any prize for the discovery of perpetual motion. We are aware that there is a popular belief to the contrary.

CEPHAS.—Our space will not permit us to give even a condensed sketch of the ritualistic movement in England, which dates from the publication of the Tracts for the Times. The object of the movement, as now avowed by its leaders, is to assimilate the services of the Church of England to those of the Church of Rome, and thus bring about a union between the two churches. The Church Times, the organ of the extreme ritualists, says in a recent article, that "the goal at which it aims is the union of Christendom," in other words unconditional surrender to Rome, for on no other terms is union with that church possible. It is difficult to believe that those who denounce the Reformation as a blunder, and its promoters as mistaken and mischievous men, can be honest members of the English Church. Such men are Roman Catholics in everything but name, and are labouring more effectually for the Church of Rome in England than all its recognized ministers. We cannot go so far with our correspondent as to believe that Father Ignatius is a Jesuit in disguise, but assuredly it would be well for the Church of England if the men who are troubling her peace would at once and openly transfer their allegiance to the Church of Rome.

UNKNOWN.—The lines are from Lalla Rookh, but are not quite correctly quoted; they should read as follows:

Rebellion! foul dishonouring word,
Whose wrongful blight so oft has stained
The holiest cause that tongue or sword
Of mortal ever lost or gained.
How many a spirit born to bliss,
Has sunk beneath that withering name,
Whom but a day's, an hour's success
Had waited to eternal fame.

F. B. D.—We are happy to hear from you again, and to know that you still feel warmly interested in the success of the READER. The shorter of the two contributions will certainly appear.

ARTIST.—We regret to say the article to which you refer has been either mislaid or unwittingly destroyed.

CHESS.

Mr Howard Staunton, the well-known Chess player and author, has acquired a proprietary interest in The Chess Herald, an English Chess magazine

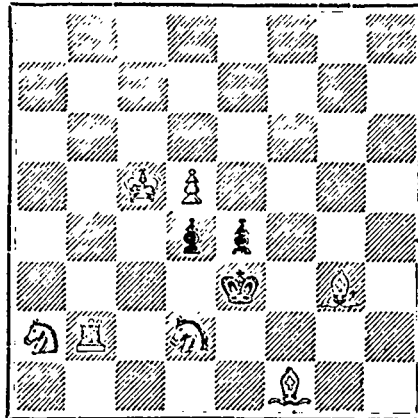
An interesting little match has lately transpired between Messrs. Zerega and Worrall, of the New-York

Chess Club, in which the former gentleman had succeeded in worsting his adversary at the rate of six games to five, with one draw. A return match, to be decided by the winning of six games, between the same gentlemen has been commenced, whereof Mr. Zerega has scored three games in succession.

PROBLEM, No. 71.

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BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and Mate in three moves

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM, No. 69.

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| BLACK. | WHITE. |
| 1. R to K B 4 | P moves (either.) |
| 2. K to Q 7. | P moves. |
| 3. R to h 7. | Anything. |
| 4. B mates | |

Game in the Tournament at the Westminster Chess Club, between Messrs. Belaeff and Boden.

CENTRE GAMBIT.

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| WHITE. (Mr. Belaeff.) | BLACK. (Mr. Boden.) |
| 1 P to K 4. | 1 P to K 4. |
| 2 P to Q 4. | 2 P takes P. |
| 3 B to Q B 4 | 3 Kt to K B 3 |
| 4 P to K 5. | 4 P to Q 4. |
| 5 B to Q 3. | 5 Kt to K 5. |
| 6 Kt to K B 3. | 6 P to Q B 4 (a.) |
| 7 Q Kt to Q 2 | 7 B to K B 4 |
| 8 Castles. | 8 B to K 2. |
| 9 R to K sq. | 9 Kt to Q B 3. |
| 10 Kt takes K Kt. | 10 P takes Kt. |
| 11 B takes P. | 11 B takes B. |
| 12 R takes B. | 12 Q to Q 4. |
| 13 Q to K 2. | 13 (Castles) Q R. |
| 14 B to K B 4. | 14 P to K R 3. |
| 15 Q R to Q sq. | 15 P to K Kt 4. |
| 16 B to K Kt 3. | 16 P to K R 4. |
| 17 P to K R 4 | 17 P to K Kt 5. |
| 18 Kt to K sq. | 18 P to Q B 5. |
| 19 P to Q Kt 3. | 19 P to Q Kt 4 (b.) |
| 20 P to Q R 4. | 20 P to Q R 3. |
| 21 Q R P takes P. | 21 Q R P takes P |
| 22 P takes P. | 22 P takes P. |
| 23 P to K B 3. | 23 B to Q B 4. |
| 24 K to R 2. | 24 R to K R 3. |
| 25 K to Q Kt sq. | 25 R to K 3. |
| 26 P takes P. | 26 P to Q 6. |
| 27 P takes Q P. | 27 P takes Q P. |
| 28 Q to Q Kt 2. | 28 K to Q 2. |
| 29 K to K B 4. | 29 K to R 2 (c.) |
| 30 Kt to K B 3. | 30 B to K 6. |
| 31 R to K B 6. | 31 P takes K Kt P. |
| 32 R takes R (ch.) | 32 P takes R |
| 33 Kt to Q 2. | 33 R to Q Kt sq. |
| 34 Q to Q R 3 (ch.) | 34 B to Q B 4. |
| 35 Q to Q R sq. | 35 R takes R. |
| 36 Q takes R. | 36 Kt takes K P. |
| 37 Q to Q Kt 5. | 37 Kt to Q 2. |
| 38 Q to K Kt 5. | 38 Q to Q 5. |
| 39 Q to K Kt 5 (ch.) | 39 K to K sq. |
| 40 B to K B 4 | 40 Kt to K B 3. |
| 41 Q to K Kt 6 (ch.) | 41 K to Q sq. |
| 42 Q takes Kt (ch.) (d.) | 42 Q takes Q. |
| 43 B to Kt Kt 5. | 43 Q takes B. |
| 44 P takes Q. | 44 B to K 6. |
| 45 P to K Kt 6. | 45 K to K 2. |
| 46 Kt to Q B 4. | 46 B to B 5 (ch.) |
| 47 R to Kt sq. | 47 P to Q 7 |
| 48 Kt to Q Kt 2. | 48 K to B 3. |
| 49 P to Kt 7. | 49 K takes P. |
| 50 K to B 2. | 50 K to B 3. |
| 51 K to K 2 (c.) | 50 K to B 4. |

and Black eventually won the game.

- (a) Black has already the best of the opening.
- (b) This looks hazardous, but is the best move to prevent the development of White's game
- (c) Apparently his most judicious mode of play
- (d) This seems to be compulsory.
- (e) Mr. Belaeff, judging from the stubborn resistance he makes in this game, must be a player of very considerable strength.

WITTY AND WHIMSICAL.

AN AWFUL SCREW.—A thumb-screw.
STANDING DISH AT UTAH.—A spare rib.
SOMETHING VERY LIKELY.—That the flowers of speech spring from the root of the tongue.

A BOY'S IDEA OF PULLING A TOOTH.—The doctor hatched on to me, pulled his best, and just before he killed me the tooth came out.

THE TWO ROADS.—"Dar are," said a sable orator, addressing his bretheren, "two roads tro dis world. De one am a broad and narrow road, dat leads to pridition, and de oder am a narrow and broad road dat leads to sure destruction."—"If dat am de case," said a sable hearer, "dis culleder individual takes to de wood."

When is a shower like a piece of leather?—When it's a driving-rain.

People who travel in cannibal countries are apt to be turned into Indian meal.

In what head-dress is the wife of a smoker often seen at home.—In a wreath of smoke.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to know how much the waste of time measures round.

WHY are good husbands like dough?—Because women need them.

WHAT IT WAS NEAR.—A gentleman, who had by a fall broken one of his ribs, was mentioning the circumstance, and describing the pain he felt. A surgeon, who was present, asked him if the injury he sustained was near the vertebre?—No, sir," replied he, "it was within a few yards of the court house!"

Douglas Jerrold, at an evening party, was looking at the dancers. Seeing a very tall gentleman waltzing with an extremely short lady, he observed to a friend, "Humph! there's the mile dancing with the mile-stone."

A New York police-officer, seeing a nigger whom he knew, exclaimed, "Ah, Sambo, you are an honest faithful fellow. I will give you a drink."—"Wid all my heart, sar," said Sambo; "wid all dis child's heart. Scme niggers are haudy and proud, and J won't stoop to drink wid a police-officer; but dat's wrong. I think a police-officer most, if not ebery way, as good as a nigger—specially when dat nigger's dry."

MISTAKE IN IDENTITY.—Old Mary describes an acquaintance on the opposite side of the street, she shouts across, and on attracting attention telegraphs with her umbrella for her friend to wait. Waddling across, after a quiet critical look, she observes; "Ye thout it was me, and aw thout it was me, and, gosh cab, it's nowther."

SINGLE BLESSIDNESS.—"You bachelors ought to be taxed," said a lady to a resolute evader of matrimonial noose.—"I agree with you, madam," was the reply; "bachelorism is a great luxury."

Why is Amsterdam like a flat fish?—Because it's a Dutch place.

SPITEFUL WIT.—A witty lady the other evening, when the talk was running on the barbaric splendour of an Eastern who is millionairing it in Paris, said, "He would have been very well in the East, where, uncivilised, he would have been a wild boar, civilisation has made the wild boar a hog."

Among the traditions of Westminster Hall is one of a certain Serjeant Davy, who flourished some centuries back, in a darker ago than the present. He was accused, once upon a time, by his brethren of the coif, of having degraded their order by taking from a client a fee in copper. On being solemnly arraigned for his offence in the Common Hall, it appears, from the unprinted reports of Court of Common Pleas, that he defended himself by the following plea of confession and avoidance; "I fully admit that I took a fee from him in copper; and not only one but several; and not only fees in copper, but fees in silver. But I pledge my honour as a serjeant that I never took a single fee from him in silver until I had got all his gold, and that I never took a single fee from him in copper until I had got all his silver, and you don't call that a degradation of our order?"