OUR BOOK SHELF.

LEEDLE YANCOB STRACKS, and other poems, by Charles Follen Adams, with sixty-five illustrations by "Boz." Boston: Lee & Shepherd, Publishers.

The newspapers have made nearly every body familiar with the poem which gives this book its title, and which has made its author

Very few have read the story of "Leedle Yawcob Strauss" without thanking Mr. ADAMS, for so natural, and, in the fullest sense, humourous a delineation of mischievous, happy childhood. What father will fail to appreciate the feelings of the good-natured paternal Strauss, when he says:

I some times dink, I schall go vild

Mit sooch a grazy poy, Und vish vonce more I gould half rest, Und beaceful times enshoy:

But yen he was ashleep in ped, So quiet as a mouse

I prays der Lord "Dake any ding, But leaf dot YAWCOB STRAUS

Most of the other poems, making up the volume, as "Der Drummer," "Hans and Fritz," "The Widow Malone's Pig," and "A highly colored Romance," have had a large newspaper circulation. All are bright and witty, and unmarred by any vulgarity. The admirable illus trations by "Boz" (Mr. M. J. Sweeny) add much to the attractiveness of the volume. The mechanical execution of the book, is all that can be desired. We hope that many of our readers will seek for amusement and entertain ment from "Leedle Yawcob" and his compan-

APPLETON'S POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY, for March, includes in its contents, Prof. O. C. Marsh's address on the Introduction and Succession of Vertebrate life in America," a some what technical but able and interesting contribution to the literature of biology. Professor Marsh gives the result of his researches as to ancient fishes, amphibians, reptiles and birds. In the next number of the Monthly he is to discuss the mammals.

Herbert Spencer considers the influence of "Trophies" on the evolution of Ceremonial Government. He makes many curious statements about the passion for trophy-taking, Among other things, we are informed that by Constantine V. "A plate of noses was accepted as a grateful offering," and that the Montene grin soldiers of to day carry the noses of their enemies to their leaders.

Mr. George M. Shaw describes the Telephone -and tells, in a practical way, how to make it

Next month, he is to explain the Phonograph, by which, spoken words may be reproduced in the future, exactly as spoken now-

"Ah! science, gives us one more link, That we may hear our neighbours think."

Mr. E. R. Leland proves historically, the fol ly of the attempt of the United States Congress to make 90 cents worth of silver equal to a gold dollar, and shows very clearly that the debasement of coinage has uniformly deranged trade and industry, and produced only evil and loss.

Prof. Tyndall tells about his experiments in investigating the "spontaneous generation" theory.

The other articles are, "The growth of the

Steam Engine" abstracted by Prof. Thurston. from his forthcoming book on the same subject: "Opium and its Antidotes": "Technieal Education," by Prof. Huxley: "The Logic of Science"; and "Liquelaction of the Gases,"

STILL THEY COME. - Mr. Harris Allan wishes to be Councillor for Queen's Ward.

"Squire" Gleeson is looking for the like office for Prince: and Mr. Norris Best thinks he is the best man to fill the seat at the Council now occupied by Coun. Cassidy.

Messrs. Domville, Ferguson, Cassidy, and Knowles retire from the Council Board in

THE CARNIVAL at the Rink was a great success. We are sorry that we have not room for a more extended notice.

The Haverly Jubilee Singers at the Institute have been drawing good houses, and they sing the quaint old plantation melodies very nicely, Miss Biddle, the soprano, has a very tine voice, and was deservedly encored. They sing in the Carleton City Hall this afternoon and evening.

He slipped down in front of the post-office. Thursday, and she could not help giggling a little, and Sunday evening she wept alone in the parlor, while he sat grimly in his room and smoked eigars until his stomach felt as light as his heart felt heavy .- Rome Sentinel.

Said Sarah to her Noah, dear "This world would surely be

A desert with no easis

Were I bereft of thee Ah, love!" said he, "here's one who in That sentiment's a sharer.

A Noah, sis, who will not be Bereft of his Sahara.

When two men look around at each other in the street each feels as mean as if he had been caught sheep-stealing. It is different with women. Two of the sex will turn square around after they have passed each other, take an upward survey of each article of attire worn by the other, slowly and critically, until their eyes meet, when a cold stare will be exchanged, and then both will start on their several ways looking as sweet as roses in June. - Newark Call,

JOSH BILLINGS CTRUMP CARDS."

I have never known a seckond wife but what waz boss ov the situashun,

Whiskee iz a hard thing to convince, there-

After a man gits to be 38 years old he kant form any habits much, the best he kan do iz to steer hiz old ones

Enny man who kan swap horses, or ketch fish, and not lie about it, iz just as pius az men ever get to be in this world.

The sassyest man I ever met iz a hen-peckt husband when he is away from home

The dog that will follow any body ain't wath

Those people who are trieing to git to heaven on their kr ed will find out at last that they didn't have a thru ticket.

Too long courtships are not allwass judicious; the partys often tire out skoreing before the trot begins.

From St. John, N. B., comes a comic paper, with the very appropriate name of "The Torcn" It will undoubtedly teem with thoughts that burn and illuminate the Dominon with the light of light reading. St. John people now know what the folks outside long suspected; that is, that there is a Torch in their midst .- Detroit Free Press.

CHAT WITH CORRESPONDENTS,

Halifix - Letter received all right. Will write BLAKERY, OF TWA - Le rous remercie. En so som

nave sime Ottawa – Last instalment arrive? last night

CHESS COLUMN.

Rate All in contributions to be addressed to J. E. NARRAWAY, P. O. Box 70,

PROBLEM No. 3.

BY J. B. STITERS



White to play and give mate in 3 moves.

CANADIAN CHESS CORRESPONDEMCE TOURNEY.

The following are the rules and regulations of a Correspondence Tourney proposed to be shortly commenced under the direction of Mr. J. W. Shaw, of the Montreal Chess Club;

I. The Tourney to consist of 21 players, at an entrance fee of five dollars each.

Ii. The prizes will be:

1st. A Silver Club, value 2nd, A Set of of Chess-men and Board, value 20 4th, A Chess-table (inlaid squares)....... 10 5th. Works on Chess

III. The entrance fee (P. O. order or cheque) to be sent to the Conductor of the Tourney, J. W. Shaw, 26 Windsor Street, Montreal, who will be responsible for the management of the Tourney, and who shall settle any dispute that may arise

IV. Each player to play one game with every other, and conduct four games simultaneous ly (drawn games counting one-half to each),

V. A time-limit of 72 hours between receipt and posting of moves (Sundays not being counted) to be strictly observed, the penalty for exceeding which shall be settled before play in the Tourney is commenced. One postponement of a week will be allowed to each player during each game, but a further postponement may be permitted under exceptional unstances, leave for which can only be med from the Conductor of the Tourney.

V!. The games whilst in progress must not be set up in any Club-room, or shown to any one under any circumstances (except, when necessary, to the Conductor of the Tourney,) under penalty of forfeiture.

The winner of any game, and the first player in any drawn game, to send a copy of such game, immediately on its completion, to the Conductor of the Tourney, but to have the option of sending such game for publication to any one of the journals designated as follows:

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L'Opinion Publique, Montreal, Q. Western Advertiser, London, Ont.

THE TORCH, St. John, N. B.

Such selection to be notified to the Conductor of the Tourney.