

and her form stooping as beneath the burden of her sorrows, and its roundness displaced by an angular attenuation.

While this dreary waiting went on, her young companions, one by one, deserted her. The young girls she had played with were now bustling matrons, mothers of boisterous boys, and girls fast growing up to fill the places they once occupied. Her ancient beaux were now grave and anxious men of business, plodding on in humdrum fashion, or weighed down with care or the demands of an exorbitant ambition.

She stood alone—neither matron nor girl. The elders had their own cares, and hopes for thought and interest; the young almost despised the old woman, whom they sneeringly named "old maid," as if it were an epithet of opprobrium that trenchanted not on actual-wrong-doing.

Hers was indeed an anomalous position. Her father's home still sheltered her, but the bustling wife of a brother was now its actual mistress; she and her little brood filling the wide chambers, and often impatient of her as an inmate who had overstayed her welcome.

But that she could never be unwelcome to her parents, who had been the joy and comfort of their declining years, she had indeed been most unhappy under the new reign which had superseded that of her girlhood; and sometimes her longing for the safe shelter of a husband's heart and home became almost greater than she could bear. But through all these years there was no waning of her steadfast love.

Edward saw little of this. To him she uttered neither complaint nor longing. Only once, during an illness of her mother, and when grief had made her father's feebleness more apparent, she had said, with the weary sigh that had become habitual to her when alone, but was always repressed in Edward's presence, "When my parents die I shall be homeless."

Edward was struck with the depression and weariness of her tone, and for the first time in all these years, the thought rushed across his mind that he had done her an injustice as well as himself, and that she, too, had suffered, but more patiently than he had done.

He clasped her to his heart, and soothed her with tenderest words and caresses, till she grew calm and happy; and not till he was alone beneath the stars, walking homeward, did he let his own sorrows rise uppermost.

"She has a home, at any rate, while her parents live," he said to himself, "and that is more than I have had all these years. My mother grows feeble; perhaps, as she notices so little, I might bring Gabrielle home now, and make the old place cheerful."

And then he went on thinking of the lonely hearth beside which he would sit to-night, and wondering when it would brighten for him. And meanwhile Gabrielle had retired to her watch beside her mother's sick bed, with a warmth at her heart not often felt there. For the tender words, and the loving caresses of that night, had become unfrequently of late, as Edward, like an old-time husband, forgot that even the truest love needs constant renewed assurances.

This long and patient love had its reward at last, after many weary years; but its freshness and its beauty had long departed. It bloomed upon the long desolate hearth, but—like an autumn blossom—if gorgeous in tint, destitute of the fragrance of the flowers of spring.

M. C. V.

## PASTIMES.

### ANAGRAMMATICAL REBUS.

1. *Nose for L. ch* = A general in Nebuchadnezzar's army.
2. *Say, is A Din?* = A kingdom in Africa.
3. *Rum rug, Ben* = An ancient town of Bavaria.
4. *As a sun* = A town of Germany.
5. *Has pain* = A celebrated city of Persia.
6. *Drip, Robt.* = A seaport town in England.
7. *A nut, ale* = A town of Hanover.
8. *A slim ma* = An Asiatic religion.

The initials compose the name of an ancient general, and the finals that of a place which he besieged and took.

E. W. J.

## ARITHMOREMS.

Eminent writers.

1. 50 and Jane see how Sam drinks.
2. 50 " Oh my last race.
3. 1000 " Ah Wilton I am ill.
4. 500 " No, J. Hope is sad.
5. 550 " If he has Jane, run on.

E. W. J.

## SQUARE WORDS.

1. An amusement.
2. Name of a noted man.
3. To inquire.
4. A girls name.

META

## TRANSPOSITIONS.

Names of flowers.

1. ANSSSRICU.
2. LHADAI.
3. GROEFTTEONM.
4. YLOTLVLPHIAYELE.

META.

## CHARADES.

Count Schubert von Schinn  
Committed a sin,  
A sin of the deepest dye;

And Father Laverst,  
Whose head was my first,  
Decried him the penalty,

On second, from home,  
To journey to Rome,  
And at St. Peter's fair shrine,  
His penance should do  
Times fifty and two,  
Ere he returned to the Rhine.

Count Schubert complied,  
Abasing his pride—  
With penitent thoughts being fall—  
"My second shall be  
My first!" exclaimed he;  
"So will I travel my whole."

W. S. L.

2. I am composed of 14 letters.  
My 6, 7, 5, 11, 1, 9, 12, 4 is desired by many.  
My 5, 7, 3, 6 ought to be used daily.  
My 6, 3, 8, 10 is past.  
My 3, 13, 1 is an insect.  
My 2, 7, 3, 14, 10 is what ladies desire to rule.  
My 4, 7, 10, 11, 7, 13 is an idea.  
And my whole is the name of an amusement.

META.

3. My whole is my first, and both my whole and my first have often to pay my second.

F. J. P.

## PUZZLE.

Find a word of five letters, which by being beheaded, curtailed, transposed and otherwise changed represents the following:—

A Knave; the great topic of the season; what the writer and the reader do; to impart knowledge; an article of daily consumption; four different parts of speech; an article of wearing apparel; a pain; one of a pack of cards; and a word signifying action.

POLLY.

ANSWERS TO ARITHMOREM, &c. No. 45

- Arithmorems.*—Regiopolis. 1. Richmond hill. 2. Edmund Ironside. 3. Guicciardini. 4. Indianapolis. 5. Osgoode Hall. 6. Pomegranate. 7. Ogdensburgh. 8. Longfellow. 9. Illimani. 10. St. Catherine.

*Decapitations.*—1. Drink-rink-ink. 2. Price-rice-ice. 3. Scowl-cowl-owl-cow.

*Riddle.*—Preserved pairs (pears).

*Charade.*—Carpathian.

*Acrostic.*—*Epaminondas.* 1. Edward. 2. Peter the great. 3. Archimedes. 4. Marathon. 5. Iris. 6. Nelson. 7. Otho. 8. Neptune. 9. Duncan. 10. Aristides. 11. Samuel.

*Anagrams.*—1. Gratian. 2. Pupienus. 3. Maximian. 4. Constantine.

## SQUARE WORDS.

W I F E  
I D O L  
F O O L  
E L L A

The following answers have been received:  
*Arithmorems.*—Polly, H. H. V., Argus, Flora, Geo. B.

*Decapitations.*—Measles, J. A. W., Polly, Argus, H. H. V., Flora.

*Riddles.*—Polly, Measles, Argus, Geo. B., Flora, H. H. V.

*Charades.*—J. A. W., Argus, Polly, H. H. V., Geo. B.

*Acrostic.*—H. H. V., Geo. B., Flora, Camp.  
*Anagrams.*—Dido, Mignonne, H. H. V., Camp.  
*Square Words.*—Measles, J. A. W., Polly, H. H. V., Argus, Camp.

Received too late to be acknowledged in our last issue, Dido and Mignonne.

## CHESS.

The British Chess Association is going to issue a World's Chess Directory, under the supervision of its manager, Herr J. LOWENTHAL. All Chess Players everywhere are invited to send their names and address to Herr L., 28 Camden Road, London, N. W., England.

The Glasgow and Dundee Clubs have played a match, each side sending ten champions to battle. The result was that the Glasgow won 15 games; Dundee, 11; and three were drawn. E. PINDAR, Esq., the Russian amateur, so well known in New York, and the Achilles of the Dundee forces, was not in the field.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

O. A. BROWNSON, JR., DUBUQUE, IOWA.—Are glad to welcome you into the ranks of our correspondents. Will reply shortly.

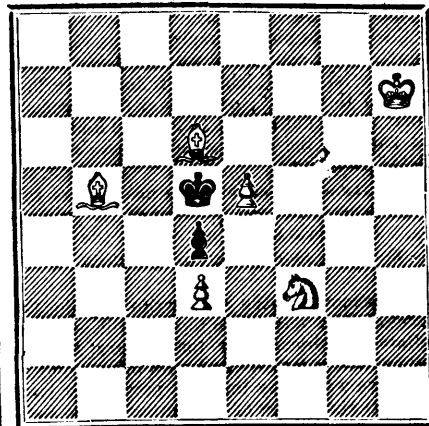
J. C. ROMERY, KINGSTON, N. Y.—Thanks for your liberal enclosure. Hope to report on the *Chess-nuts* when the "heated term" has somewhat moderated.

E. H. C. WASHINGTON, D. C.—Problem received. Thanks. Will endeavour to procure the missing No. of the Reader.

## PROBLEM No. 35.

BY THE LATE I. B. OF BRIDPORT.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and Mate in three moves.

## SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 32.

WHITE.

1. Kt to Q R 7.
2. Q to Q Kt sq. (ch.)
3. Kt Mates.

BLACK.

- Q to Q R 6 or (a.)
- K to Q B 6.
- P to Q Kt 6.
- Q or B moves.

## ENIGMA No. 13.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN.



White to play and Mate in four moves.

This splendid problem was first introduced to the N. Y. Club from some French periodical, by Mr. Pindar, in the spring of 1856. For a while it baffled all attempts to solve it; at last Mr. Julien unravelled its mystery. It was first given in this country in the N. Y. Saturday Courier.

## SOLUTION OF ENIGMA No. 11.

WHITE.

1. B to Q B 6 (ch.)
2. P to Kt 8 bec. Kt (ch.)
3. P Mates.

BLACK.

- K to R 3 or (a.)
- K to R 4.
- K to R 4.
- K to R 3.