

AFTER BATTLE.

BY NED P. MAH.

In agony of mortal pain
Upon the gore besodden plain
Amid the dying and the slain
A youthful warrior lay.

With none to staunch his wounds, nor heed
His thirst, nor tend him in his need:
Alone his tried and faithful steed
Kept guard with mournful neigh.

"Ere many tortured hours he fled
Life's fever will be o'er," he said,
"Rest will be mine and brother Ned
Be heir to house and land."

"And Maudlin! Well, she never knew
Though Ned had won, I loved her too—
Her heart was his. Now he may sue
For both her heart and hand."

"And you, my trusty steed, will find
A master better and more kind—
Not braver perhaps—well, never mind
Whatever is, is best!"

Then quicker came the sobbing breath
And the blue eyes were closed in death
And through the portals passed his wraith—
The portals of the blest.

And from the camp at even's fall
Shrill rang the distant bugle call.
The "Assembly" sounding, to recall
All who survived that day.

And, urged by habitude, perforce,
Hungry yet hesitant, the horse
Turning reluctant from the corpse,
Whinnied and went his way.

VARIETIES.

A BOARD of guardians in Dorsetshire the other week discussed the question whether or not representatives of the press should be admitted to their meetings. The guardians objected to their profound utterances being made public, and one of them declared with an emphatic thump of the bucolic fist, "We don't want them 'ere short-horn writers here!"

ANOTHER story about Madame Nilsson and the autograph hunters. A few days ago she yielded to an important application. Glancing through the book, she saw on the last page the inscription, "Last, but not least, Adelina Patti." Seizing a pen she wrote on the inside of the cover, facing this, "Last and least, Christine Nilsson Rouzeaud."

THE natives of India are having splendid fun out of the Salvation Army, whom they receive with open arms. No doubt this arises from an idea long entertained by the Hindoo population that the English are all more or less mad—an idea, by the way, which finds credence elsewhere than in India. But since the time of Clive, surely no such a *tanashah* has been provided by the Sahibs. And all for nothing, too!

KITE PHOTOGRAPHY.—We have had balloon photography discussed a great deal of late, some advocating the employment of a large balloon, like Nadar, and others, like Mr. Woodbury, suggesting the use of small balloons, to carry a camera, which is managed by an electric wire from below. But no one seems to have thought of trying a big kite for lifting the camera into the air. A half-pound camera might easily be carried aloft in this way, and, properly fastened to the aerial machine, there would be no risk of gyration, the great difficulty in balloons. With a long tube or cone depending from the lens to keep out extraneous light as much as possible, there should be no great difficulty in securing kite photographs.—*Photographic News*

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

As announced in the programme, the annual meeting of the Canadian Chess Association took place at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, on Tuesday, December 26th, at 4 p.m. Principal W. H. Hicks acted as Chairman in the place of Mr. Ledroit, of Quebec, the President of the Association.

There were present at the meeting Professor Cherriman, Dr. Howe, Messrs. J. Barry, J. G. Ascher, J. W. Shaw, J. Henderson, and others.

Mr. J. Henderson, the Secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting.

The subject of the annual tourney was then taken into consideration, when it was proposed and carried that, in view of the non-attendance at the meeting of delegates from other clubs of the Dominion, that the time of entry of competitors into the tourney be extended to the noon of Thursday, Dec. 28th.

On Thursday, Dec. 28th, the members of the Association again assembled, when Mr. J. Henderson, the Secretary, gave the following list of entries as competitors in the Annual Tourney: Dr. Howe, Messrs. J. W. Shaw, Robert Short, J. G. Ascher, Joseph Benrose and Principal W. H. Hicks.

It was then resolved that play should begin on the same day at 4 p.m.

The meeting then proceeded to elect the officers for the coming year, and decide upon the place for holding the next Annual Congress.

It was then proposed and carried that the next Annual Meeting of the Association should be held in the City of Ottawa.

The selection of officers for next year then took place, with the following results:

President—G. Casey, Esq., M.P.
Vice-Presidents—Dr. Howe, Dr. Hurlbert, and F. N. Lambert, Esq.

Managing Committee—Professor Cherriman, Principal W. H. Hicks, Dr. Ryall, and Messrs. Larose, J. Barry, J. G. Ascher, C. Champion.
Secretary—Morgan, Esq., Ottawa.

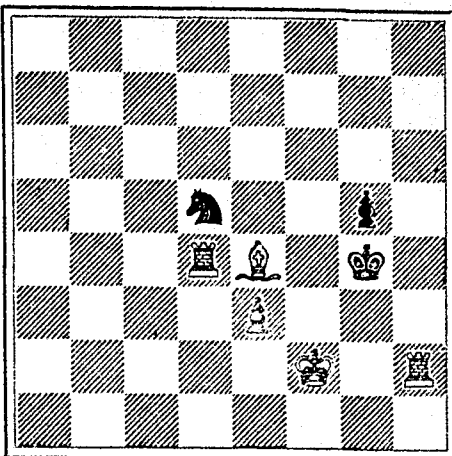
At the time of going to press, the following games had been played in the tourney:

1	Bemrose v. Hicks	Hicks
2	Ascher v. Shaw	Ascher
3	Short v. Howe	Howe
4	Shaw v. Bemrose	Shaw
5	Hicks v. Ascher	Hicks
6	Howe v. Bemrose	Howe
7	Shaw v. Short	Shaw

PROBLEM No. 414.

By G. A. Reed.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 412.

White.

1 Kt to K 3
2 B takes P
3 Mates

Black.

1 Kt takes Kt
2 Any.

GAME 511st.

One of six simultaneous games played over the board by Mr. Blackburne, with the same number of players of the Glasgow Chess Club.

(French Defence.)

WHITE.

(Mr. Blackburne.)

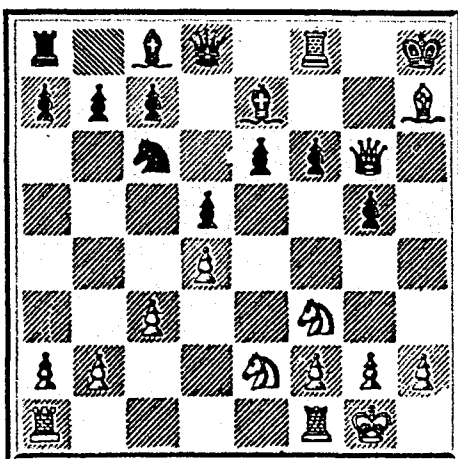
1 P to K 4
2 P to Q 4
3 Kt to Q B 3
4 B to Q 3
5 Kt to K B 3
6 Castles
7 P to K 5
8 Kt to K 2
9 P to Q B 3
10 Q to B 2
11 B takes Kt
12 P takes P
13 B to R 7 ch
14 Q to Kt 6

BLACK.

(Mr. Crum.)

1 P to K 3
2 P to Q 4
3 Kt to K B 3
4 B to K 2
5 P to K R 3
6 Kt to Q B 3
7 Kt to R 2
8 Castles
9 P to B 2 (a)
10 Kt to Kt 4
11 R P takes B
12 P takes P (a)
13 K to R sq

BLACK.



WHITE.

14 B takes R
15 Q takes Q
16 Q R to K sq (a)
17 P takes P
18 Kt to Kt 3
19 Kt to Q 4
20 P takes Kt
21 R to Q sq
22 Kt to K 2
23 Kt to B 3 (a)
24 Kt to K 3 (a)
25 KR to K 3 (a)
26 P to K R 3 (a)
27 P takes P
28 P to B 4
29 R to K 3
30 K to R 2
31 Q R to K sq
32 Q R to K 2
33 R takes R
34 Kt to K 2
35 R to K Kt 3
36 P takes P
37 R to R 3
38 R takes P ch
39 Kt takes P ch
40 R to R 6 ch
41 R to R 7 ch
42 R to R 4
43 R to R 4 ch
44 R to R 5
45 K to R 2

White resigns.

NOTES.

(a) This is a favorite move of Mr. Crum's. In many positions it leads to an exposed game, although on some occasions perhaps necessary.

(b) The position of Black now appears very open to the attack of the White forces.

(c) This was forced, because otherwise White would have mated or won the Rook by B to Kt 8. We give a diagram of the position.

(d) With the exchange up, and no inferiority of position, probably Mr. Blackburne fancied the game was assured, and directed his energies to the games where the positions seemed more deserving of attention. But Mr. Crum is an ingenious player!

(e) Mr. Blackburne afterwards pointed out that K R to K sq, followed by Kt to B sq and R to K 3 would have been better.

(f) This move is distinctly bad.

(g) Mr. Blackburne thought it well to give up the exchange at this point.

(h) Black's centre pawns are now very formidable.

(i) No doubt Black's pawns could be depended on, but P to R 3 or 4 would have prevented any attack on White's part.

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