

Here lies Mr. C. Keetley,
Now done for completely;
But before he got into this hole,
He made bad puns so neatly,
And good jokes so sweetly,
He was reckoned uncommonly droll.
We don't know if it's right,
But they say the last night
He was driving along with his fun,
And the very last word that ever was heard
Was certainly meant for a pun.
Now, o'er his grave his friends may rave,
And grieve till all of them choke;
But 'twill be very queer,
If his ghost don't appear
At twelve every night for a joke.

The following spiky inscription is to be found on a tombstone at Hoosick Falls, New York:

RUTH SPRAGUE,

Died 1846, aged 9 years, 4 months, and 3 days. She was stolen by Roderick R. Clow; her body was dissected at the office of Dr. P. Armstrong, Hoosick, New York, where her mutilated remains were found, and deposited here.

Her body dissected by fiendish men,
Her bones anatomized;
Her soul, we trust, has risen to God,
Where few physicians rise.

And so we joke with grim Death, living, as if we thought "all men mortal but ourselves."

WILLIAM M. LACKEY.

SEPTEMBER JOTTINGS.

In the country, in Canada, September is the month of comparative leisure. The grain is chiefly harvested—the hurry of the summer time is over, trees take the first of the Autumn tints, and we feel that

"The light is fading down the sky,
The shadows grow and multiply."

To me the month seems like a beautiful woman who is past her very prime, and who looks with dim foreboding into the future. Such, were I an artist, I should represent it. But the usual idea is a very correct one for the month is laden with the gorgeous coloring of Autumn flowers and the ripe clusters of grapes, and rosy apples. The garden is very gay with dahlias, hollyhocks, asters, and phlox—growth is strong, vigorous and rank. The geraniums are vivid, the pansies renew the youth of their spring time. The orchard drops ruby and russet, and gold over the grass, and the children reap the harvest. Then in the vineyard how rich the fruitation. The leaves have not yet lost their beauty, and the clustering of white and purple grapes hang temptingly within our reach. But the groves are silent. Already the birds have left us, though the hungry crow caws over the corn field and helps himself to the best of it without asking the owner's permission. The fields are gay with chicory and wild asters, and every neglected corner is filled with a wealth of golden red. There is a richness, a fulness—let us enjoy it. We will go out into the wood—or by the lakeside—or hie us to the mountains. Let us take our fill of this enchanting season. No spring time is so sweet! No summer glow so dear to us. It is the beauty of fulfilment, and we are loth to part with it. The days are not too long to tire one, the shadows lengthen, and we murmur:

"Now all the fields are turning brown."

If we walk much through the country we see the orchards, the scene of activity; fruit-picking has begun. Ladders and baskets, bright-eyed girls, and sturdy lads pluck the ripe fruit. In another field there are men and women hucking the ripe corn as it is broken from the stalk. In the woods the unctuous butternut and sweet hickory nuts are ripe, and it is a pleasant sensation to dine with the squirrels, only one must take a stone, instead of our teeth to crack them. I wonder if these nut-cracking animals ever have the toothache. The bells ring six o'clock, there is a change in the hour for Angelus now, for September is near its close. It is "St. Michael."

FOOT NOTES.

The firing of the two 80-ton guns stationed in the turret at the end of the Admiralty Pier, Dover, which was fixed to take place some time since, has been postponed indefinitely. One of the reasons given was that the wind was blowing in an unfavorable direction, that is to the land. The discharge of the guns will be signalized by the firing of two guns at the Drop Battery, and a red flag is to be hoisted over the Admiralty Pier turret.

RECENTLY anarchical placards were found posted up at Athens, threatening to blow up the Royal palace and the monuments of antiquity.

AN exhibition in London in 1855 of Australasian products only is being seriously mooted. It is thought that if the progress made by the various colonies in the Southern Seas were more generally known they would attract a greater proportion of the emigrants who leave England, Scotland, and Ireland, and, as a means of disseminating information, the proposed exhibition would prove of immense advantage, and soon repay the outlay. The proposal is that the colonies should unitedly lease the Crystal or Alexandra Palace, fill it with Australasian products, provide colonial grown meat and drink, and by means of excursion trains from agricultural districts, secure the attention of those engaged in such pursuits. The proposal is a large one, and the promoters may be over sanguine as regards the expected receipts, but there is little doubt that if joint action were taken, and judicious economy displayed, the proposal contains the elements of success.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

All communications intended for this Column should be addressed to the Chess Editor, CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS, Montreal.

The July number of the "British Chess Magazine," which we have just received, will well maintain the reputation of this successful periodical. Of course, a large portion of it is taken up with games of the International Tourney, which is the all-engrossing subject of the present time.

A review by Mr. N. Potter, of Macdonnell's Chess-Life Pictures, is very interesting from the fact that we all like to have the opinions of more than one with regard to the personal characteristics of the great players of the past and present. There is also a carefully written article on the great Tournament, illustrated with diagrams of important positions occurring in games in the contest.

We have received two copies of the "Adelaide Observer," from which we learn that the Australian colonists take much interest in all that relates to the royal game. Tournaments, games and problems, as a matter of course, are not neglected, and to show to what extent public attention is directed to the game, we may state that exhibitions of chess with living pieces are spoken of in connection with no less than four important Australian cities.

Two excellent problems by Mr. Fritz Peipers, of San Francisco, Cal., have come to hand, which we shall be happy to insert in our Column shortly. The two-mover of this excellent composer which appeared as No. 44 in the News recently, is very ingeniously constructed, and elicited the commendations of several of our Canadian friends.

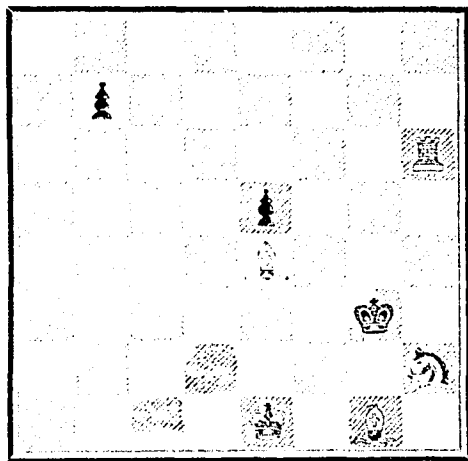
THE LAST SCENE OF THE TOURNAMENT.

What may be described as the last scene of the tournament was presented on Saturday afternoon at a garden party and dinner held at the residence of Mr. H. F. Gastineau, the President of the City Chess Club. The competitors in the master tourney present were: Dr. Zukertort, Mr. Blackburne, M. Trechigirin, Captain Mackenzie, M. Rosenthal, H. E. Bird, James Mortimer, and Mr. Sellman of Baltimore, and among those invited to meet them were Messrs. Adamson, Cubison, Cutler, Duffy, Gumpel, Hoffer, Howard, Lovelock, Macdonnell, Watts and many others. After dinner the usual royal toasts were proposed by the host, followed by the health of Dr. Zukertort; Mr. Blackburne; the "Foreign Competitors," acknowledged by Mr. Rosenthal, Captain Mackenzie; Mr. Bird, and the "Daily Press," for which Mr. Adamson returned thanks. The health of the host was proposed by Mr. Macdonnell, and drunk with musical honors, after which an adjournment was made to the garden, where the company lingered until the hour for the last train or train warned them of the flight of time. We shall take occasion to refer to the play in this Tournament when producing the games from time to time, but in closing our formal notes of the proceedings we desire to compliment the management upon the great success for which they have so zealously and unselfishly labored. To the director of play, Mr. Rosenbaum, the thanks of visitors to the Victoria Hall are specially due for his constant efforts to provide for their accommodation and comfort, and the chess community cannot fail to cordially recognize the services of the playing committee, Messrs. Steele, Minchin, Woolgate, Bonnisthorpe and F. H. Lewis. To the impartiality and courtesy of these gentlemen, as well as to the good feelings of the competitors, may be attributed the harmony which prevailed throughout the Tourney."—Illustrated London News.

PROBLEM No. 44.

By C. Sprengers (Holland).

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 42.

White. Black.
1. Q to K B 6. 1. Any
2. Q or Kt mates.

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

GAME 570th.

(Roy Lopez.)

White.—(Mr. Winawer.)	Black.—(Mr. Steinitz.)
1 P to K 4	1 P to K 4
2 Kt to K B 3	2 Kt to Q B 3
3 B to Q Kt 5	3 P to K Kt 3
4 B takes Kt 6	4 Q P takes B
5 P to Q 3	5 B to K Kt 2
6 B to K 3	6 Q to K 2
7 Kt to Q B 3	7 B to K R 3
8 Castles (b)	8 P to K R 4
9 Kt to Q 2 (c)	9 P to K Kt 4
10 P to Q R 3 (d)	10 Kt to K B 3
11 P to K B 3 (e)	11 Kt to Q 2
12 Q to K 5	12 P to K R 4
13 Q to B 2	13 P to Q Kt 3
14 K R to K sq	14 P to Q B 1 (f)
15 Q R to Q Kt sq	15 Kt to Kt sq
16 Kt to Q 5	16 B takes Kt
17 P takes B	17 Kt to Q 2
18 P to Q B 4 (g)	18 P to K R 3
19 P to Q 1	19 B P takes P

20 B takes Q P	20 Q to B 2
21 B to K 3 (h)	21 P to R 5
22 Kt to K 4 (i)	22 Castles (k r)
23 P to K Kt 1	23 P takes P en pas.
24 P takes P	24 Q to Kt 3
25 Q to Kt 2	25 P to K B 4 (j)
26 Kt takes P (k)	26 P to B 5
27 P takes P	27 P takes P
28 B to B 2	28 Kt to K 4 (l)
29 K to B 4	29 R to B 4
30 Q to Q B 2	30 R to K sq
31 Q to K 5	31 R to K sq
32 Kt to K 5	32 Kt takes K B P
33 B takes B	33 Q to Kt 8 ch
34 K to K 2	34 Q to K 6 ch
35 K to B sq	35 Kt to Q 7 ch
36 Q takes Kt	36 Q takes Q
37 B to B 3	37 Q to Q 6 ch
38 K to B 2	38 Q to Kt 5 ch
39 K to K 2	39 R to R 4
40 K to Q sq	40 R to R 7
41 K to B sq	41 Q to B 7 (m)

Resigns.

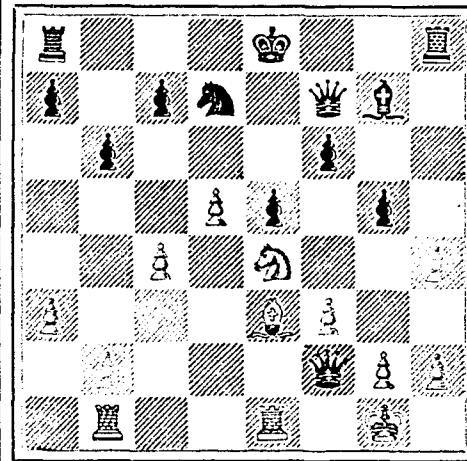
NOTES.—(From the "Times.")

- (a) The capture of this Knight tends to free Black's game: P to Q B 3, followed by P to Q 4 and Castling would be better.
- (b) Q to Q 2 appears preferable, freeing both Rooks for action, with the option of Castling on either king or Queen's side.
- (c) Not so good as P to Q 4 certainly.
- (d) This move is too slow for the position, and, like the former one, Kt to Q 2, loses valuable time.
- (e) Steinitz takes prompt advantage of Winawer's tame play, and already assumes the attack.
- (f) To prevent the advance of P to Q 4, a very desirable move for first player.
- (g) P to Q Kt 4 would be sound play. White has made nothing of his first move; at the same time he is under no disadvantage at present.
- (h) B to Q B 3 would be more to the purpose.

Position after White's 22nd move.

STEINITZ.

BLACK.



WHITE.
WINAWER.

- (i) Q R to Q sq would have been excellent play here. The move made is very injudicious, and affords the opportunity for an excellent attack which Steinitz at once commences.
- (j) Very finely played.
- (k) It was necessary for the Kt to retire at once to avoid loss.
- (l) Black is now threatening Q takes Kt, which would win a piece and a pawn.
- (m) The combination made by Steinitz at move 28 was deep and accurate; every move appears forced, and the finish is excellent.

VARIETIES.

MR. IRVING, the actor, has, it is said, expressed his disinclination to accept the honor of knighthood which it was proposed to confer on him.

TWENTY thousand Chinese are to be imported into Brazil, it is said, with the object of cultivating tea and coffee there.

THE restored Tell's Chapel on the Lake of Four Cantons has been opened with a national fête, in the presence of two members of the Federal Council.

MR. WILLIAM ASTOR has signed a contract for the construction of a yacht to be five and a half feet longer than the *Adiantum*, and to cost three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. It is said that it is to have a regular working speed of fourteen knots an hour.

Pius IX.'s statue is now in the church of Santa Maria Maggiore. It was uncovered on St. Peter's day. It is placed under the chief altar. Pius IX. is represented on his knees praying. The statue cost fifty thousand francs, and was paid for by the cardinals. It is a perfect likeness.

MICHAEL MUNKACSY, the Hungarian painter, is ill with a nervous disorder, and compelled to stop work on his picture, "Christ Before Pilate." He built a new, spacious and fine studio for the undertaking and its walls are covered by the studies for separate portions of the proposed great canvas.

ONLY three members survive of the House of Commons which was dissolved in the summer of 1837, after Queen Victoria's coronation—Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Villiers, and Mr. Talbot. In the long corridor at Windsor Castle there is a picture of the Queen's first council, which is, perhaps, the most interesting of the long series of pictures in the same collection representing events in her majesty's reign, because it consists wholly of portraits of interesting persons. Of the personages represented in that picture only two survive—the Queen and Lord Grey.

BRAVE Professor John Stuart Blackie, the stoutest Gaelic in Scotland, has been working hard for the help of the poor Highland crofters, suffering from outrageous rents. He is stirred up to cry: "Let Greek die, let Hebrew die, let learning go to the dogs; but let human beings live, and let human brotherhood and charity live."

THE Lourdes pilgrimage is said to enroll this year five hundred thousand individuals. The Duke of Norfolk has drawn after him an immense number of English people, and the admission by the free-thinking journalist, Lasserre, of there being "more things 'twixt heaven and earth," etc., as illustrated by his cure of blindness through bathing his eyes once with the waters, has produced a most extraordinary effect upon the French.

A SMALL Egyptian obelisk has been discovered in an excavation which the municipality of Rome are making in the small open space immediately behind the apsis of the Church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva, in the vicinity of the site of the Temple of Isis, and Serapis. It lies at a depth of fifteen feet below the surface, and is apparently in a good state of preservation. At the same spot a sphinx in basalt was discovered a few days ago, with a cartouche on the breast.

AMONG those who received the distinction of the Legion of Honor on the occasion of the recent national fête in France was Madame Fray-Grosse, who served her country with touching fidelity and devotion during the "terrible year." She attached herself to the ambulance in 1870-71, and formed a small hospital of her own, nursing the sick and wounded. She went under fire with the men, and distinguished herself in action. She was mentioned in the order of the day by General Ducrot, and after the war her name was put forward by those who had seen her at work as a worthy recipient of an honor which was bestowed right and left on men who had never drawn a sword or seen a shot fired. The difficulties of conferring the red ribbon on a woman were so great that Madame Fray-Grosse was passed over time after time.

THE excavation which the royal party witnessed at Pompeii was quite successful. Donna Maria Pia, who never before witnessed the opening of a house at Pompeii, had the pleasure of seeing come forth to the light several beautiful and useful objects in terra cotta, bronze, marble, iron and glass. Some of the terra cotta vases had a beautiful glaze, something of which many, in their ignorance, think the Romans had no knowledge. The bronze candelabrum was in excellent preservation, and some of the glass vases were very perfect. One of the last was unique, it being a glass vase with finely-chiselled bronze handles. Perhaps the pièce de résistance was a marble head of Bacchus with a full beard and moustache. The royal party did not return from Pompeii until midnight.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French, or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. NOYES 149 Power's Block, Rochester, N.Y.

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