

Our Illustrations.

Holman Hunt's picture, "The Eve of St. Agnes," is *apropos* of the time. It represents a Roman maiden preparing on the night of the 20th January to celebrate the feast of the Virgin Martyr whose name she bears. In memory of the sufferings of her patron saint she dons her gay apparel, takes off her jewels, and unbinds her hair. On the morrow, the day of the feast, she arrays herself in white, which she wears until evening, when she puts on a gay costume of rejoicing. Readers of Keats will remember the lines,

"Her vespers done,
Of all its wreathed pearls her hair she frees;
Unclasses her warmed jewels one by one;
Loosens her fragrant bodice," etc.

The illustration on page 86, speaks sufficiently for itself; it shows the last scene in the celebrated trial of Marshal Bazaine, when the sentence of the court was read to the prisoner.

A brief notice of the Hon. Caleb Cushing, recently appointed by the President to the Chief Justiceship of the United States, is given on the same page as the portrait.

Messrs. Poulin & Co., are the best known of Montreal caterers in the line of poultry and game. Their stall in the Bonsecours Market is always stocked with the choicest, and they enjoy the custom of all the hotels and of the principal families of the city. Indeed they are known, throughout Montreal as an "institution." Our illustration gives a very fair idea of the appearance of their place of business.

Most of the ladies whose portraits appear on pages 40 and 41, are well known to our readers. The names of Miss Nightingale and Baroness Burdett-Coutts are as familiar as household words; their deeds need no trumpeting. Mrs. Fawcett is the wife of Mr. Henry Fawcett, member for Brighton and Professor of Political Economy at Cambridge. She is known both as a writer (on Political Economy) and a champion of the Electoral Rights of Women. Mme. Bodichon is also connected with the movement in England for securing to married women their own property and earnings, and with that for furthering the cause of the higher education of women. She is one of the principal founders of Girton College (for ladies) near Cambridge. Mme. Bodichon also occupies a high position in art circles where she is known as "the Rosa Bonheur" of landscape art. She is an Englishwoman by birth, and is married to a French physician. Mrs. Riddell is better known as "the author of 'George Keith'" than by her proper name. She has written a number of novels at various periods, her last three or four being "The Race for Wealth," "Austin Friars," "Far Above Rubies," "The Earl's Promise," and "Home, Sweet Home." Mrs. Garrett-Anderson will be remembered, as Miss Garrett, for her plucky endeavours in making herself a position in the medical profession. She holds the degree of M.D. in the University of Paris, and is Visiting Physician to the new Hospital for Women. Mrs. E. M. Ward is the wife of the celebrated artist, and is herself a painter of by no means small merit. She received a first-class medal at Vienna for her picture, "The Tower, aye, the Tower," Miss Edith Wynne is well known in English musical circles. For the past ten years she has sung at nearly all the important London Concerts, and the cathedral festivals throughout the country. Mrs. Thornycroft is one of the few English lady sculptors of the day. She studied for some time in Rome with her husband, Mr. Thomas Thornycroft, and on her return received the commands of the Queen to execute statues of the royal children. She is now engaged on busts of the Prince Christian, and the Princess Louise. Mme. Arabella Goddard, the pianiste, is well known and appreciated the world over. The same may be said of Miss Martineau, the author. Lady Eastlake enjoys a wide reputation, due to her literary works. She is the widow of Sir Charles Eastlake, the painter. Nothing need be said of Miss Agnes Strickland, she is far too well known to require any remark at our hands. Jean Ingelow is another well known character, whose works are read wherever the English language is spoken. Miss Marie Wilton is the lessee of the Prince of Wales' Theatre, one of the brightest and best theatres in London. Mrs. Scott-Siddons is another star of the histrionic firmament. She is now on this side of the Atlantic. Miss Eliza Cook is a poet of no mean order. "The Old Arm Chair," is, perhaps the best known of her works. Miss A. B. Edwards is the author of a number of popular works, principally books for juvenile readers and standard novels. Miss Braddon is well known to all novel readers. Her last novel "Taken at the Flood," is now being published in the News. Miss Cobbe is well known as a writer and as an upholder of "woman's rights." We are indebted for the portraits of Celebrated English Ladies to the Queen.

On page 44 is a sketch of the English nobleman who for a wager is now traversing the Irish provinces earning his living (at the best hotels, it should be said) by grinding a hand organ.

On the same page is a view of the decoration of an Italian Church at Christmas-tide.

The fancy ball costumes are described elsewhere.

Scraps.

An American now in London plays billiards with his nose. Joan of Arc is to have a statue in the Rue de Rivoli, Paris. More than one hundred women are studying law in the United States.

A second scheme for a tunnel between England and France is likely to appear shortly.

The unpatriotic idea of introducing the German spiked helmet into French army has been abandoned.

Lord Chief Justice Coleridge's title, on his elevation to the peerage, will be Baron Coleridge of Ottery St. Mary.

An arrangement has been made between the United States and Germany for an exchange of postal cards at two cents.

During the last eighteen years there have been 859 homicides in the City of New York, making an average of about 47 per annum.

A duel was lately fought in Paris in one of the principal streets, by gaslight, during the small hours of night. One of the combatants fell.

Three live Mammoths, similar in species to those hitherto found in a fossil state, have been discovered by a Russian colonist in Northern Siberia.

An old lady of Jackson, Tenn., has asked the city authorities to exempt her from city taxes as "she seldom walks over their sidewalks or pavements."

Somebody has discovered that the gates of Holland House in Hammersmith-road, facing the street leading to Earl's Court, were formerly the main grille of the Bastille.

The Roman Liturgy which was suppressed in France in 1785, is now by order of the Archbishop of Paris to be revived in the churches of his diocese. This may be accepted as another indication of the religious revival in France.

A singular piece of carelessness is reported from a provincial town in France. A funeral service was taking place, and the coffin was about to be lowered into grave, when a messenger appeared in hot haste to stay proceedings on account of a slight omission. They had merely forgotten to put the corpse in the coffin.

Music and the Drama.

Boston is to have a new Globe Theatre.

Miss Eleanor Bufton (Mrs. Swanborough) is to visit this country shortly.

The Dresden Opera House has just represented the "Mignon" of Ambrose Thomas with great success.

"Miss Merrick," a burlesque on the "New Magdalen," is to be brought out at the Charing Cross, London.

Desclée, the celebrated actress, is so seriously ill that the doctors say she may be incapacitated for years.

The son of Mr. Charles Dickens is arranging for the stage his father's Christmas story, "The Battle of Life."

George Sand's "Marquis de Villemer" is to be revived at the Odeon with Madame Doche, the original *Comille*.

Mr. Byron is working out a burlesque, the hero of which is to be Guy Fawkes. The matchless Toole is to take the part.

Devillers, a tenor who was an uneducated cooper two years ago, has appeared with considerable success at the Italiens, Paris.

Santley will probably be engaged at Her Majesty's next season, particularly with a view to the production of "Il Talismano."

Hervé's new opera bouffe has been translated and adapted by Mr. H. B. Farne. It has been named, provisionally, "Alice de Nevers."

It is calculated that selections from "La Fille de Madame Angot" have been sung or played at almost every theatre in the United Kingdom.

The "Aida" of Verdi is to be represented next season at the Royal Theatre of Berlin, in the German language, and with splendid scenery.

Charles Reade is adapting the prologue of his novel "Griffith Gaunt" into a one-act piece, and it will be given jointly with the "Wandering Heir" at the Queen's Theatre, London.

Mr. Henri Vieuxtemps has, owing to continued ill-health, resigned his professorship at the Brussels Conservatoire of Music which thereby suffers a severe loss. He has also been obliged to give up the directorship of the Brussels Popular Concerts, on account of his health.

A monster concert is on the tapis at Florence. The National Hymns of the entire world are to be performed. Twenty pianos, with forty pianists, twenty of each sex, four harmoniums, four harps, military bands, choirs, drums, &c., will all serve to make this musical entertainment either grand or absolutely ridiculous.

It is announced that her Majesty the Queen has accepted the dedication of a sacred work, "The Annunciation," composed by M. Gounod, on the words arranged from the Prophets and the Gospel by Mrs. Weldon. M. Gounod has also expressly arranged for four hands "Jeanne d'Arc," for her Majesty and Princess Beatrice. These works will shortly be published.

Chess.

It is impossible for us to answer letters by mail. Games, Problems, Solutions, &c., forwarded are always welcome, and receive due attention, but we trust that our correspondents will consider the various demands upon our time, and accept as answers the necessarily brief replies through our "columns."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. J. L. Charlottetown.—Thanks for your neat problem. As to the game you speak of, try it once more; it is a fine game. White's 40th move should be P. to Q. 6th.

G. E. C., Montreal.—Thanks for your Problem, it will appear in due course.

CORRECT SOLUTIONS RECEIVED.—No. 108, Hy. L. Clarksburg; Nos. 110, 111, J. H., t. Liboire, and T. J. L., Charlottetown, P. E. I.; No. 111, J. W. B., Toronto, and J. T. W., Halifax; Nos. 111, 112, G. E. C., Montreal; No. 112, Delta, Cook Island.

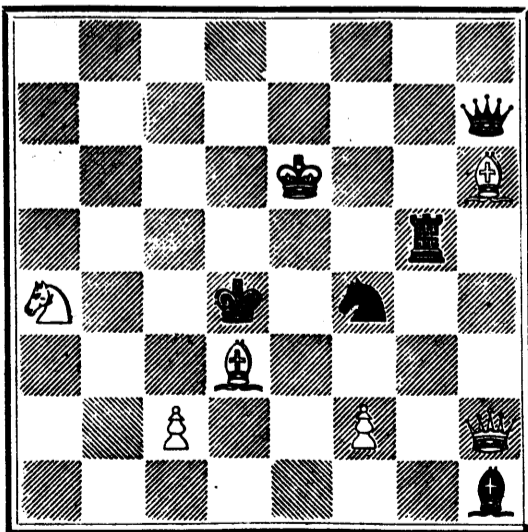
INTELLIGENCE.

CHES CLUB.—The Halifax Chess Club held its annual meeting on the 6th for the election of officers and transaction of general business. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, G. P. Black; Vice-President, John T. Lyde; General Committee, W. H. Newman, Fitz. Cochran, William Hedley; Secretary and Treasurer, James G. Foster.

PROBLEM No. 114.

By J. W. B., Toronto.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in four moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 112.

White.

1. Q to K 4th
2. P takes R (Kt) mate
2. Q to Kt 6th mate
2. Q to B 6th mate
2. K Kt to B 4th or Kt 5th according to mate
2. Q Kt to Q 4th or B 5th according to mate
2. Q takes K R mate.

Black.

- If 1. Either R ehs
1. K R takes B
1. Q R takes B
1. K R any other
1. Q R any other
1. Any other.

Oddities.

"Daughtercultural Show" is the latest name for an evening party.

Fashionable young ladies are reported to be going through a series of dumb-bell exercises in order to give their wrists the strength necessary to wield the large Spanish fans now coming generally in use.

They seem to have cheerful names for places in New South Wales, if we may take as a sample one which lately appeared in the first compartment of the first column of the *Times*—"Merri-Merri-gal." But it was a boy.

Says the *Atchison Globe*: "While the soldiers were digging up the dead at old Fort Kearney, last week, one coffin was taken up that was literally filled with snakes. Some wag remarked that it was plain enough what that fellow died of."

A French student's view of the collapse of the Chambord restoration is worth preserving. He rejoiced at the collapse. And why? Because if Chambord had reigned, it would have made the history of one more king to learn by heart.

A young lady from Georgetown came to the city the other day to have her picture taken. When the artist showed her the "proof" and asked her how she liked it, she placidly remarked that he "put too darned much mouth on it to suit her."

A henpecked Aberdeen gentleman determined to sup with a party of friends against the will of his wife. He was resolved that he would, and she that he should not go. He did not go. His friends missed him, and, just for a lark, invaded his residence, where they found him and his wife sitting in their chairs fast asleep. He had given her an opiate that he might slip away, and she had given him one that he might not.

A country fellow entered one of the New York banks, and, walking up to the counter, exclaimed, "Here I am, I want you to take a fair look at me." Without a word further he strode out. The next day the same customer reappeared. The third day, at about the same time, he walked in, and advancing to the teller's desk, threw down a draft payable *three days after sight*. "Now," said he, "you've seen me three times, I want the money for it."

That sure precursor of coming cold—an auroral display (says a contemporary), filled the north with its magnificence last evening. As the waves of cold glittering light shot up from the horizon, a man was observed going through some marvellous motions. He gazed an instant at the tremendous film of light, laughed softly, slapped his hands upon his pockets, jumped up and down, swung his arms, and once or twice whirled completely round. The man was a coal merchant.

A man is so much more polite in church. He is on dress parade as it were. Nobody was surprised to see that young man, last Sunday, dive suddenly into the bottom of the pew to pick up her parasol. While he was at the bottom he saw the embroidered edge of her pocket-handkerchief sticking from under the edge of her dress. He would pick up that too. He commenced tugging at it, when there was a fierce struggle, and a little hand darted down. He came up without it. There were two red faces in the sanctuary, to which the calm of the blessed Sabbath seemed to bring no relief. But he was a young man that meant well.

When travelling was long in days of yore—for one did not so quickly come to an untimely end by rail as now—they got talkative and witty it seems in the stage-coach, for amongst a selection of such road faceties, it is said that a Quaker and a Baptist travelling together in a stage-coach, the latter took every opportunity of ridiculing the former on account of his religious profession. At length they came to a heath where the body of a malefactor, lately executed, was hanging in chains upon a gibbet. "I wonder, now," said the Baptist, "what religion this man was of?" "Perhaps," replied the Quaker, coldly, "he was a Baptist, and they have hung him up to dry."

News of the Week.

THE DOMINION.—The Ontario House opened on the 7th inst. and elected Mr. Wells Speaker. On the following day the Governor came down and delivered the Speech from the Throne. On Thursday, the 8th inst., the Quebec Parliament met after the Christmas recess. There is, otherwise, little news of importance. The election excitement is in full swing; on another page will be found a list of candidates for the various constituencies.

UNITED STATES.—Caleb Cushing has been appointed Chief Justice. The London detectives have informed an Agent of the Associated Press that Genet has turned up in Belfast, Ireland, but was not arrested as his offence did not come under the Extradition Treaty. Another appropriation of sixteen millions odd has been made by the American Government for navy expenses, apart from the \$4,000,000 already appropriated. On motion of the District Attorney in the Supreme Court, orders have been issued on Tweed, Ingersoll, and Genet, to show cause why they should not be struck off the Rolls of Attorneys. A Board of Enquiry to ascertain the cause of the sinking of the "Virginia" is in session at the Navy Department at Washington.

UNITED KINGDOM.—The trial of Jean Lule, on the charge of perjury, during his examination as a witness for the defense in the Tichborne case, commenced last week. Two miles of a tunnel on the Great Western Railway have caved in. Last week the Prince of Wales unveiled a statue of the late Prince Consort, on the Holborn Viaduct, London, in presence of a great multitude. An immense breakfast was afterwards held in the Guild Hall, at which the health of the Queen and Royal Family was proposed and drunk with the greatest enthusiasm and affection.

FRANCE.—A special from Paris to a London morning journal says the defeat of the Government on the vote in relation to the appointment of Mayors, is not to be considered important. A vote of confidence in the Government was to be asked yesterday, which, it was said, was certain to be carried.

SPAIN.—A decree has been issued at Madrid, calling out for active service the entire reserve force of 1873. Troubles are still rife in Spain. The Carlists are reported to have captured Portugalet, and to have opened a heavy canonade on Bilbao, while an insurrection has broken out in Barcelona, and the insurgents have barricaded all the streets. The suppressed Carlist journals have been allowed to resume publication. Castelar having been defeated in the Cortes, and resigned the Presidency, Serrano now occupies that position. It is said that he will not convoke the Cortes for twelve months, but will concentrate all his energies on the suppression of the insurrection and the tranquilization of the country.

MEXICO.—The *Voz Publica*, of Matamoras, states that claims exceeding one hundred millions of dollars have been presented before the Frontier Commissioners, as indemnification for depredations and injuries inflicted on American citizens on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande.