

quite so silly as to believe there were fish in the world with silver tails; if there had been, they should often have heard of them before."

At the sixth house they were such a very long time turning over his fish, pinching their tails, bargaining and discussing them, that he ventured to remonstrate, and request that they would make more haste. Thereupon they said if he did not choose to wait their pleasure, they would not purchase at all. So they shut the door upon him, and as this soured his temper, he spoke rather roughly at the next two houses, and was dismissed at once as a very rude, uncivil person.

But after all, his fish were really great curiosities; and when he had exhibited them all over the town, set them out in all lights, praised their perfections, and taken immense pains to conceal his impatience and ill temper, he at length contrived to sell them all, and got exactly fourteen shillings for them, and n. more.

"Now, I'll tell you what, Tom Turner," he said to himself; "in my opinion you've been making a great fool of yourself, and I only hope Sally will not find it out. You was tired of being a working man, and that man in green has cheated you into doing the hardest week's work you ever did in your life by making you believe it was more free-like and easier. Well, you say you didn't mind it, because you had no master; but I've found out this afternoon, Tom, and I don't mind your knowing it, that every one of those customers of yours was your master just the same. Why! you were at the beck of every man, woman, and child, that came near you—obliged to be in a good temper, too, which was very aggravating."

"True, Tom," said the man in green, starting up in his path, "I knew you were a man of sense; look you, you're all working men, and you must all please your customers. Your master was your customer; what he bought of you was your work. Well, you must let the work be such as will please the customer."

"All working men; how do you make that out?" said Tom, chinking the fourteen shillings in his hand. "Is my master a working man; and has he got a master of his own? Nonsense!"

"No nonsense at all;—he works with his head, keeps his books, and manages his great works. He has many masters, else why was he nearly ruined last year?"

"He was nearly ruined because he made some new-fangled kind of patterns at his works, and people would not buy them," said Tom. "Well, in a way of speaking, then, he works to please his masters, poor fellow! He is, as one may say, a fellow-servant, and plagued with very awkward masters! So I should not mind his being my master, and I think I'll go and tell him so."

"I would, Tom," said the man in green. "Tell him you have not been able to better yourself, and you have no objection now to dig up the asparagus bed."

So Tom trudged home to his wife, gave her the money he had earned, got his old master to take him back, and kept a profound secret his adventures with the man in green, and the fish with the silver tails.

PASTIMES.

ANAGRAMS.

Well known books:

1. Made a bed.
2. Spend nine.
3. Every law.
4. Hit white hot, Wat wild.
5. You tasted here, Ann.
6. Tax patience, go rest.

CHARADES.

1. My first is good although 'tis bad,
My last is where we get when sad,
My whole the weary long to find,
To ease the head and calm the mind.

2. I am composed of 7 letters; my 3, 1, 5, 6, 2, 4, 5, 2, 3, is a drink that some people are too fond of; my 3, 4, 1, 7, is sometimes necessary to a lady's dress; my 6, 3, 4, 6, is employed in all modern battles; my 6, 5, 4, 2, 7, used formerly

to be worn by gentlemen; my 6, 1, 4, 5, has a fondness for chimneys; and my whole is the name of a sea.

3. A weary traveller, to promote his comfort, struggled to pull of my first; not succeeding, he called in my second, in a rage, to bring my whole.

TRANSPOSITIONS.

1. A toast proposed by the Lord Mayor of London to the Ladies.

Amy reith ceivs eb as lmlas sa herti bentsno. Nad herit suitvre sa ccedatxd sa rhlite ocitrnle.

2. Neceirs dealcomichsp ruefhech utb ton oldu. Giantsinuu hutiovt nationusini.

3. OTEGNIQTCU. A fashionable amusement.

DECAPITATIONS.

1. Complete, I signify to draw to; behead me twice, and I do a great deal of good, once more, and I am an exploit.

2. Complete, I am what people wish to be in winter; behead me, I am what I trust my readers may never lose; transposed, I signify to spoil.

3. Complete, I signify violent action; behead me and I am often seen at court; again behead me, and I am, though sometimes unwelcome, of more value than gold.

ARITHMETICAL PROBLEMS.

1. There are three numbers, such, that the sum of the third with six times, the first is equal to six times the second, and the sum of the squares of the first and third is equal to 45. Find the numbers.

2. A person bought a certain number of apples for 12s., but if he had bought 3 dozen less for the same sum, each apple would have cost him one farthing more. Find the number of apples, and the price of each dozen.

3. A gentleman called in the other evening, and on looking at the clock, I observed it was between 7 and 8; and that the minute hand pointed between 10 and 11. When he left, the hands had changed places—how long did my friend remain, and what was the exact time he left?

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES, &c., No. 21.

PUZZLES.—1st. I am above making quarrels in the midst of a family between husband and wife.

2nd.	3	1	21	23	17
	16	13	9	12	15
	2	18	7	14	24
	19	11	20	10	5
	25	22	8	6	4

DECAPITATIONS.—1. Clark-lark-ark. 2 Draft-raft-fft.

TRANSPOSITIONS.

1. Early joys, how false and fleeting
Vanishing within the hour;
Envious murky west winds beating,
Come and wither every flower.
Can I in the verdure gladden,
Casting now its gradual shade,
Which the autumn storms must sadden,
And whose fairest forms must fade?

2nd. To-morrow.

Acrostic.—Greece—Athens.

1. Ganges. 2 Rouen.

3. Eric. 4 Edinburgh.

5. Connecticut. 6 Etna.

ARITHMETICAL PROBLEMS.—1st. 35 and 15.

2nd. He bought 89 sheep at 1 50=133 50
4 cows "52 00=208 00
7 oxen "65 50=458 50

800 00

He sold 89 sheep at 1 80=160 20

4 cows "60 70=242 80

7 oxen "71 00=497 00

800 00

The following answers have been received:
Puzzles.—1st, A. A. Oxon, J. B., H. H. V. Cloud, Argus; 2nd, J. L., Nestor.

Decapitations.—Both, G. F. T., A. A. Oxon, Cloud, H. H. V.; 2nd, J. B., Argus, Ellen W.

Transpositions.—J. L., A. A. Oxon, Argus, Nestor, W. W., Cloud, J. B., McFadden.

Acrostic.—G. F. T., Cloud, J. B., A. A. Oxon, McFadden, Argus, Ellen W.

Arithmetical Problems.—Both, A. A. Oxon, H. H. V., J. B., Nestor, Cloud, W. W., Ellen W.

Received too late to be acknowledged in our last issue, J. L., Ambrose, John H., Violet.

CHIESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Answers to Correspondents were crowded out last week.

MARATHON.—We shall be glad to receive that position.

J. McL.—By all means do so.

G. GROVES, ST. CATHARINES.—Have not had leisure to examine that last "posish."

PROBLEM No. 8.—Solutions received from "St. Urbain St.," J. McL.; Victor; Theo., Quebec; and R. B., Toronto.

PROBLEM No. 9.—Solutions received from St Urbain St.; Marathon; J. McL.; Theo., Quebec; W. L., Hamilton; J. G. M., Toronto, and Alma, Brantford.

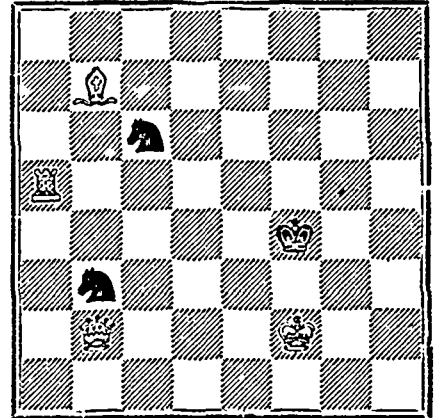
SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 9.

WHITE.		BLACK.
1 Kt. to K. B. 5th (ch.)		K. to K. 5th or (a)
2 B. to Q. 3rd (ch.)		Anything.
3 Q. Mates.		
(a) 1		K. to Q. 7th.
2 B. to B. sq. (dis. ch.)		K. moves.
3 Q. Mates.		

PROBLEM No. 11.

By WM. ATKINSON, Esq., MONTREAL.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and Mate in four moves.

The following rattling skirmish was played last year at the Dundee Chess Club, Mr. G. B. Fraser (the leading Dundee player) giving the odds of Q. Kt. to Mr. C. M. Baxter.

EVANS' GAMBIT.

(Remove White's Q. Kt.)

WHITE. (Mr. Fraser.)	BLACK. (Mr. Baxter.)
1 P. to K. 4th.	P. to K. 4th.
2 Kt. to K. B. 3rd.	Kt. to Q. B. 3rd.
3 B. to Q. B. 4th.	B. to Q. B. 4th.
4 P. to Q. Kt. 4th.	B. takes P.
5 P. to Q. B. 3rd.	H. to Q. B. 4th.
6 P. to Q. 4th.	P. takes P.
7 Castles.	P. to Q. 3rd. (a)
8 P. takes P.	B. to Q. Kt. 3rd.
9 B. to Q. R. 3rd.	Kt. to K. R. 3rd.
10 P. to K. 5th.	Castles.
11 P. to Q. 5th.	Kt. to Q. R. 4th.
12 B. to Q. 3rd.	R. to K. sq.
13 Q. to Q. B. 2nd.	P. takes P.
14 B. takes R. 1. (ch.)	K. to K. sq.
15 B. to Q. Kt. 2nd.	Q. takes Q. P.
16 Q. R. to Q. sq.	Q. to Q. R. 5th.
17 Q. to Q. Kt. sq.	P. to K. 5th.
18 B. takes P.	R. takes B.
19 Kt. to Q. 8th (ch.)	Kt. to K. Kt. sq.
20 Kt. to K. R. 5th.	R. to K. R. 5th.
21 P. to K. Kt. 3rd.	R. to K. R. 4th.
22 K. R. to K. sq. (b)	B. takes K. B. P. (ch.)
23 K. takes B. P.	Q. to Q. B. 4th (ch.)
24 B. to Q. 4th.	P. to K. B. 4th (ch.) (c)
25 Q. takes Q.	R. takes Q.
26 Kt. takes K. B. P. (ch.)	K. to R. 2nd.
27 R. takes R.	

And White ultimately won the game.

(a) If P. takes P., White replies with (8) B. takes K. B. P., checking.

(b) Threatening Mate in two moves. R. to Q. B. sq. would also have been a very strong move at this point.

(c) The only move.