

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Letters intended for the Editor, should be addressed "Editor Saturday Reader, Drawer 401," and communications on business to "R. Worthington, publisher."

MARTELLO TOWER.—The Martello Tower is said to be named from Italian towers built near the sea during the period when piracy was common in the Mediterranean, for the purpose of keeping watch and giving warning if a pirate ship was seen approaching. This warning was given by striking on a bell with a hammer (Ital. *martello*), and hence these towers were called *Torri da Martello*.

ALPHA.—A cousin-german is a first cousin—a cousin descended from the same father and mother.

EVANGELINE.—Yes! the ring finger is sometimes called the third finger, but in the marriage service in the Book of Common Prayer it is styled the fourth. In the ancient ritual of marriage, the ring was placed by the husband on the top of the thumb of the left hand, with the words "In the name of the Father;" he then removed it to the forefinger, saying "In the name of the Son;" then to the middle finger, adding, "In the name of the Holy Ghost;" finally, he left it as now, on the *fourth* finger, with the closing word "Amen."

ARTHUR W.—The lines

Worth makes the man, the want of it the fellow,
The rest is all but leather and prucilla"—
are from Pope's "Essay on Man."

A SUBSCRIBER.—It is a mistaken notion. The British Government has never offered a prize for the discovery of perpetual motion.

BROCKVILLE.—A person cannot be tried a second time for the same offence; but the real culprit may be tried and convicted of an offence, even if an innocent party has been previously convicted and the sentence carried out.

YOUNG CANADA.—The longest canal in the world is one in China, which passes over two thousand miles, and was commenced in the tenth century.

ELSIE.—The verses are respectfully declined.

GEORGE A.—There can be no doubt as to the fact that negroes were at one time held to slavery in Canada, we have seen advertisements in old files of Lower Canada papers for the recovery of runaway negroes.

C. H. S.—Your letter received, and will be answered by mail in the course of a few days.

C. J., QUEBEC.—We have not yet heard from G. C. G., would like to do so as early as possible.

K. O. AND JOSEPH—In our next.

ANDY MATTHEWS.—Many thanks for your kind wishes; will insert your contribution in a slightly altered form.

WITTY AND WHIMSICAL.

BREWER'S LANGUAGE.—He brew.

A FAST BOOK.—The Racing Calendar.

TENANTS OF THE DEEP.—People who have wavy landlords.

"FAST" AND "SLOW" WRITERS.—Swift and Crabbe.

"There is a divinity that shapes our ends," as the pig remarked when contemplating the kink in his tail.

It is a paradox, that, in most cities, ground is scarce and dirt abundant.

The young lady who took the gentleman's fancy has returned it with thanks.

The man that drew a long breath has taken another chance in the same lottery.

"What blessings children are!" as the parish clerk said when he took fees for christening him.

If sleep flies from you, don't go in hot pursuit of it; lie still, and it will probably come and kiss you.

When your wife is silent, hold the baby for her. Perhaps it is as much as she can do to hold her tongue.

Why is a letter like a flock of sheep?—Because it is penned and folded.

Why is a cat on the top of a house like an orange?—Because she looks round.

"You want nothing, do you?" said Pat. "Bedad, an' if it's nothing you want, you'll find it in the jug where the whisky was."

"Dear me," said an old lady, "and so they have put telegraph posts all the way 'cross the ocean. I shouldn't wonder if they tried a pontoon bridge next."

HINT TO SEA CAPTAINS.—What's the best thing to do if you run short of vegetables at sea?—Spring a leak, of course.

WONDERFUL.—A contemporary, recording the fall of a person into the river, says, "It is a wonder that he escaped with his life." Wouldn't it have been a still greater wonder if he had escaped without it?

QUESTION FOR LOGICIANS.—Can a man keep his feet dry when he has a creak in his boots?

A TEMPTING OFFER.—An advertisement in a Philadelphia paper reads as follows.—"Stolen, a watch worth 100 dollars. If the thief will return it, he shall be informed, gratis, where he may steal one worth two of it, and no questions asked."

A COLONEL of volunteers repeatedly insisted as a condition of his offer of service, "Mind, we are not to go out of the country, Mr. Pitt! we are not to go out of the country."—"Except, I suppose," said the minister, coldly, "in the case of actual invasion."

An American named Sands threatened to sue for damages in a case of breach of promise of marriage. He was offered two hundred dollars to heal his broken heart. "Two hundred!" he exclaimed, "two hundred dollars for ruined hopes, a blasted life! Two hundred dollars for all this! Never! But make it three hundred, and it's a bargain."

MORE CURIOSITIES WANTED.—An umbrella for the reign of peace, a comb from the horns of a dilemma, a collar for a cat-o-nine tails, a door for a press of business, a spoke from the wheel of fortune; a flower from the Bank of England; a plant from the overland route; a bucket for the well of truth; a coffin for the body of a church; a lace for the boot of a stage coach, an ewer for the basin of a canal, diamonds for a wreath of smoke; snores from a railway sleeper; whisky from the still of the evening; fragments from the break of day; and a laugh from the smiling morn.

RECENTLY a French farmer, hearing his calves making a noise in the stable, got up to see what was the matter. At the door he met a man, who said, "I am St. Martin, come to bless your beasts." The farmer returned and told his wife what the good St. Martin was doing. They were both very thankful. The next day the calves were nowhere to be found.

NEAT BUT SEVERE.—There is an amusing anecdote current about Lord Derby. It is said that some wine-merchant persecuted the Premier into tasting a sample of wine—claret or sherry—which was to keep off the gout; and that he got the reply:—"I have tasted your wine, but I prefer the gout."

"Job printing!" exclaimed an old woman the other day, as she peered over her spectacles at the advertising page of a country paper. "Poor Job! they've kept him printing, week after week, ever since I first learnt to read, and if he wasn't the most patientest man that ever was, he never could have stood it so long, no how."

PHELIX explains that his wife and he fell out because they are of one mind—she wants to be master and so does he.

GIVEN AWAY AND SOLD.—Which is the cheaper, a bride or bridegroom?—The bride; she is always given away; the bridegroom is sometimes sold.

Why is a vain young lady like a confirmed drunkard? Because neither of them are satisfied with the moderate use of the glass.

"An archbishop is a 'most reverend,' a bishop is a 'right reverend,' and a dean is a 'very reverend,' don't you think a sub-dean should have some prefix of that kind?" asked an anxious inquirer of a high authority. "Well, yes," answered the don, "yes, I certainly agree with you. How would 'rather reverend' do?"

A GENTLEMAN with an invalid wife went to one of the prominent London hotels. He ordered breakfast in his sitting-room, and then asked for a small waiter, that breakfast might be carried to his wife in her bedroom. The servant was absent some time, but a length returned, saying, "There are no small waiters in the house, sir; but they have sent up a chambermaid!"

CHESS.

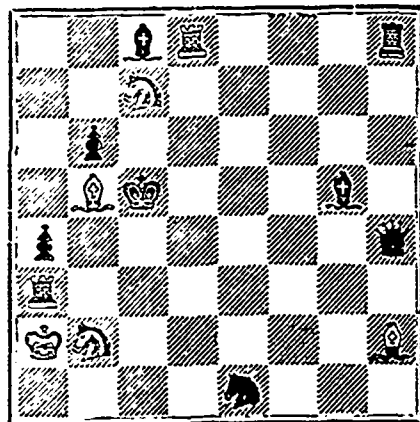
At the latest accounts no less than one hundred and fifty games had been contested in the Tournament of the New York Chess Club. Regarding the probable award of prizes, we may state that Captain Mackenzie may be considered already to have secured the first, and Mr. P. Richardson makes a good second on the list, having won twelve games out of eighteen played.

The return match between Messrs. Reichhelm and Mackenzie will, in all probability, take place at the Philadelphia Athenaeum in the early part of next month, a cartel to that end having been received from Mr. R. The terms are the same as those which governed the previous match, with the single exception that Mr. Reichhelm asks that the limitation clause may be dispensed with, to which we hope the Captain will accede.

PROBLEM No. 55.

BY HERR KLING.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM, NO. 53.

WHITE.

- 1 K B to Q B 4.
- 2 R to K 2 (ch.)
- 3 Kt or P mates.

BLACK.

P takes B (best.)
K moves.

Sprightly dash between two players in London, C.W.

EVANS' GAMBIT.

WHITE, (C. J. M.)

- 1 P to K 4.
- 2 K Kt to B 3.
- 3 B to Q B 4.
- 4 P to Q Kt 4.
- 5 P to Q B 3.
- 6 P to Q 4.
- 7 B P takes P.
- 8 K to B sq.
- 9 Q to Q Kt 3.
- 10 B to K Kt 5.
- 11 B to Q Kt 5.
- 12 P to K 5.
- 13 Kt takes P.
- 14 B to Q B 4.
- 15 B takes K B P (ch.)
- 16 Kt to K Kt 6 (ch), and wins.

BLACK, (Mr. B.)

- 1 P to K 4.
- 2 Q Kt to B 3.
- 3 B to Q B 4.
- 4 B takes Kt P.
- 5 B to Q B 4.
- 6 K P takes P.
- 7 B to Kt 5 (ch.)
- 8 P to Q 3.
- 9 Q to K B 3.
- 10 Q to K Kt 3.
- 11 P to K R 3.
- 12 Q P takes P.
- 13 Q to K 3.
- 14 Q to K B 4.
- 15 K to B sq.