

A HAUNTED ROOM.

Well I know a haunted chamber, where the tapestry
is hanging
In tatters on the dusty wall, and trails upon the
floor;
Where dusty shadows glide and dance, the midnight
hours chasing;
Where moonbeams are like spirit forms that wait
around the door.

When round the house the wild north wind all its
strength is moaning
I hear soft footsteps, gliding up the wide and polished
stair,
And a figure of a lady, clad in raiment gray and
flowing,
Seems to pass into silence that reigns for ever there.

Then I take my darling's hand in mine, and as the
shadow passes
The memory of a bygone crime doth rise from out
the gloom,
Though so long ago that lady lived, yet still her weird
she's dreaming;
Still she walks, unresting, up and down that sad
old haunted room.

None can lay the poor spirit to the rest that she is
seeking;
None restore her to the quiet tomb, where still her
ashes lie.
She must wander, ever restless, ever moaning in the
silence.
Dead to all she loved and worshipped, yet her sins
can never die!

Ah! my sweetheart, you are happy, and I take your
hand and clasp it;
You hear no ghosts go walking in the stillness of
the night;
And your poor young life, unsoiled by sin, flows in an
even cadence,
Your lovely soul lies open 'neath love's calm and
tranquil light.

If I have a haunted chamber where remorse and
dread are walking,
Never ceasing with their footfalls that echo
through my brain,
I will keep it closely locked, my sweet, and go there
very seldom—
Nay, if you thus love me evermore I need not go
again!

Yet ghosts can "laugh at locksmiths," and when we
sit in silence
My ghost in long gray garments ever stands my
chair beside.
And she whispers: "Thus I haunt you, thus I dog
you while you're living.
A sin once sinned must live forever. I never really
died."

I may shun my haunted chamber, but the wind that
aye moans through it
Breathes upon our lives and chills our blood—aye,
even at the feast;
For if we once possess a ghost 'twill haunt us to our
dying,
And none can lay it to its rest until our life has
ceased.

ECHOES FROM PARIS.

PARIS, Sept. 22.

GREAT complaints are being made against the
sale in the public thoroughfares of sordid sheets
which cry some scandalous or extraordinary
event, such as the "Suicide of Sarah Bernhardt."

THE September number of *Le Livre* prints
two copies of French verses by Mary Queen of
Scots, which, though not absolutely unknown,
have not before been attributed to her by those
who have written on the subject.

A PARISIAN bootmaker has planned "the
expression of the foot," that is, he will give, by
his new system, the exact form of beauty of the
foot of the lovely wearer. He must not forget
the pretty effect of corns and bunions.

GENERAL GALIFEE, on being asked whether
he proposed to take any notice of a virulent attack
M. Rochefort recently made upon him, has
telegraphed the following reply: "Pray do me
the honor to regard me as a man of sense."

THE Princess de la Tour d'Auvergne, grand-
daughter of the heroic soldier who was known by
the title of the "Premier Grenadier de
France," has recently died, and her remains
have been removed to the family vault at Alby,
near Brioude, the birthplace of the Tour d'Au-
vergne family.

M. ROCHEFORT, of the *Intransigent*, has
made some violent accusations against General
the Marquis de Gallifert, which may possibly
lead to another "affair of honour." Possibly,
no little of M. Rochefort's bitter hatred of the
general comes from the praise accorded him by
Major von Gosselin, in the Chalons cavalry
manœuvres.

THE late Count de Chambord is said to have
had a passion for hunting, but it was a thor-
oughly French passion, and revolting to all who
have a manly ideal of sport. In his last illness
he had his couch wheeled out into the park, that
he might there, propped up with pillows, and
his gun steadied by an attendant, shoot a stag
that was caught and led up for the purpose.

A FRIGHTFUL misfortune befel Paris one day
last week. Owing to the delay in the arrival of
the train which brings packages to Paris by the
rail in conjunction with the German line, no
less than 12,000 Bohemian partridges, which
should have arrived at five in the morning, did
not reach Paris till six in the evening, and gas-
tronomie Paris had for that day to do without
partridges.

PRINCE NAPOLEON is awaiting the King of
Portugal at Biarritz relative to the marriage of
his daughter, the Princess Letitia, with her
cousin, the son of the King of Portugal. Prince
Napoleon is opposed to the mass meeting of his
supporters at the Cirque d'Hiver. He thinks the
time ill-chosen, that is, not that such manifesta-
tions may not advance his interests after a
longer time has intervened since the death of
the Comte de Chambord.

M. ROCHEFORT, by scurrilous abuse of King
Humbert, whom he accused among other things
of putting in his pocket the money gathered in
France, for the relief of the people of Ischia, in-
flamed the Italians with great rage and loyalty.
They forgot the insignificance of the editor of the
Intransigent, and just played into his
hands by giving him the notoriety for which he
craves, and on which he lives. The survivors
of the Ischia catastrophe met and resolved not
to accept aid from France at all, as it was ac-
companied with insult to their King and nation.
The incident almost threatened to assume in-
ternational importance when, fortunately, the
Italians recollected it was M. Rochefort.

PANORAMAS are the rage in Paris at the present
time. Another one has opened its doors to a
public that is ever eager to see and appreciate
the scenes of the terrible and sanguinary war of
'70-71. The battle of Buzenval, January 12th,
1871, painted by MM. Polipot and Jacob, is, in
all senses, as good as can be desired, but cannot
be put on a footing with their earlier work,
"Reichshofen." Buzenval will, undoubtedly,
for a brief space attract numerous crowds, and
continue, as it has begun, to make money;
but we doubt if the edifice now erected
on the site of the old theatre of Les
Folies Marigny will, this time next year, draw
more than a few curious specimens of the "do
all" and "see all" tribes. One or two panora-
mas are all very well, but "tousjours perdrix"
never fails to become monotonous.

A FRENCH doctor has recently died at the age
of 107, and although he selfishly insisted upon
the secret of his prescription being kept until
after his funeral, it is now out and the whole
thing consists in the proper position of one's
bed. To ensure longevity to a point consider-
ably beyond the Scriptural limit, it is only ne-
cessary "to lie with the head to the north and
the feet to the south, and the electric current,
which is stronger during the night in the direc-
tion of the north, will work wonders on the
constitution, insure more healthful rest,
strengthen the nervous system, and prolong ex-
istence." That a man should have seen many
generations pass away in utter carelessness of the
points of the compass in their sleeping arrange-
ments, argues a want of interest in one's fellow-
creatures that is painful to think of. The
divulging of the secret has, however, at the last
hour wrought a good work, inasmuch as it has
provided food for the newspaper correspondence
in the silly season.

It is not French papers alone that make
stupid mistakes about England and English
affairs. Swiss papers which pride themselves on
their superior knowledge and greater freedom
from prejudice, are often equally stupid. As
often as not, however, their mistakes are more
or less wilful, and spring rather from prejudice
than ignorance. There is a widely-circulated
paper at Zurich, the *Freitag's Zeitung*, which al-
ways delights to give currency to any state-
ment, however improbable or far-fetched, which
seems likely to lower England. When the
cholera was at its worst in Egypt it roundly as-
serted that the English had imported the pest
from India, and that they were doing their best
to bring it into Europe. In its last issue the
same paper makes a violent attack on the British
army, *apropos* of the little difficulty with France
about Madagascar. The English Government,
it says, knows too well the military weakness of
the country to risk a quarrel with France.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

J. W. S., Montreal.—Letter and paper to hand.
Thanks. Solution of Problem No. 450 correct.

It has always seemed to us that chess was not in
any way neglected in the Province of Ontario, judg-
ing from there being a special association arranged
to look after its interests, and also from the fact that
it can boast of a large number of clubs, and some of
the best players in the Dominion. How is it then
that, at the present time, the game is not, as we be-
lieve, represented by a single column in the large
number of newspapers which appear daily or weekly
in this rapidly advancing part of Canada? That it
does not spring from a lack of interest in things that
relate to sports and pastimes is evident, if we cast
our eyes over the pages of some of the leading jour-
nals where the doings of those who favor cricket,
lacrosse, football, bicycle, horse racing, and rowing
are duly chronicled, but chess, the pastime and study
of the educated man, a pursuit whose origin and his-
torical communities is rarely honored with a
notice extending over three or four lines. We cannot
think that this is owing in any way to indifference on
the part of those who have charge of the journals of
the day. They are generally very anxious to get hold
of everything that is of interest to the public. May it
not be traced to neglect on the part of the officers of

clubs and associations, who fail to send the necessary
information for publication. A successful chess friend
suggests that it may spring from the well-known
modesty of chess players generally, who are too much
inclined to hide their light under a bushel. Any way,
we do not like to see our noble game almost excluded
from the public prints at a time when, across the
Atlantic and in the United States, chess columns are
rapidly increasing, especially in all periodicals in-
tended for general reading.

The *Toronto Globe*, at one time, had an excellent
Chess Column, but we have vainly looked for it for
some months past.

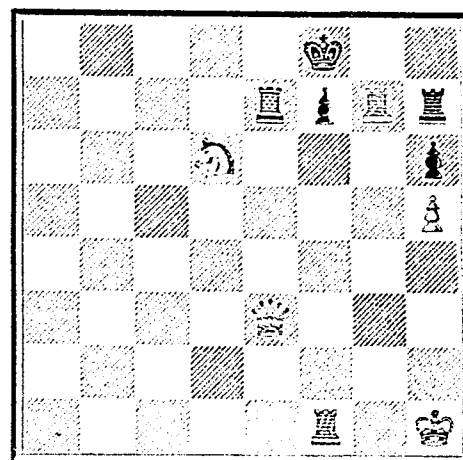
Having concluded our review of the games played
at Nuremberg round by round, the question naturally
arises, what was the quality of the play as compared
with the games produced in the late London Tourna-
ment? The unbiased answer is, that the standard
of excellence in the London contest was not reached
in Nuremberg. Among many reasons we could as-
sign for this difference, we would point out that the
rule that three games should be played in two days
did not tend to produce the best play. If a player
has been working from 8.30 up to 12.30, and has to
commence a new game at three o'clock, the second
game must be inferior. The quicker time limit of
twenty moves an hour we will leave out of the ques-
tion, as there are advocates for and against it; but
the chief reason is the deteriorating influence of the
draws counting one-half each. Unfortunately count-
ing draws cannot be eliminated from any contest,
because of the restricted time at the disposal of the
combatants. If a contest could be limited to only
eminent players—we mean to such as have gained
distinction in previous tournaments—then draws
might count, without prejudice to the quality of the
play. Chess-players, as a rule, consider themselves
at least pawns and move stronger than they really are;
hence competitors entering a tournament hope to
gain a prize by reasoning that they will be able to
draw with the recognized favorites, and beat those
whom they consider—estimating their strength at
the above standard—inferior to themselves. Thus we
can explain the systematic playing for draws only—
Field.

The exciting and close match between Messrs. de
Riviere and Tchigorin, to which the attention of all
chess-players has been enthusiastically directed,
finally terminated with the following noteworthy re-
sult: Tchigorin, 5; de Riviere, 4; Drawn, 1. Mr.
Tchigorin is therefore the victor of a well-contested
battle, and we send him our hearty greetings, as we
do with equal warmth also to Mr. de Riviere, who
fought so bravely and came out so nearly even, that
the defeat cannot be galling. Truly, it was a noble
fight!—*Brooklyn Chess Chronicle*.

PROBLEM NO. 451.

By A. Cyril Pearson.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 452.

White. Black.
1 Q to Kt 8 1 P takes Kt
2 R to Q B 2 2 Any
3 Q mates.

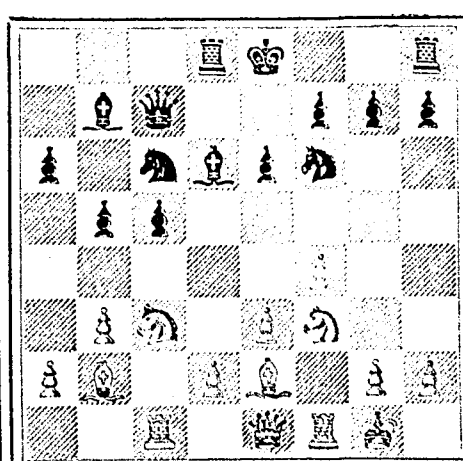
GAME 58TH.

Played in the Nuremberg Tournament between
Messrs. Bird and Riemann.

WHITE.—(Mr. Bird.) BLACK.—(Mr. Riemann.)

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

BLACK.



WHITE.

14 Q to K Kt 3 14 R to K Kt sq (d)
15 Kt takes P 15 P takes Kt
16 B takes Kt 16 R to Q R sq
17 K B takes Q Kt P 17 K to B sq

18 B to K 5 18 R takes P (e)
19 R takes P (f) 19 P to K B 3
20 B takes Kt 20 P takes B
21 P takes P 21 B takes R
22 Kt to Q 4 dis ch 22 K to K 2
23 Q mates.

NOTES.

(a) Black, by leaving the capture of the Pawn until
later in the game, would invite White to attack his
Queen's flank, which would be unadvisable until he
was immediately prepared to Castle with the King's
Rook.

(b) White has opened with great care, and has now
a well developed game.

(c) 13 B to K 2 would not have permitted White to
establish his winning superiority so early.

(d) B or K to K B sq offers perhaps a greater resist-
ance, but White has now a fair grip.

(e) Black seems either unconscious of impending
danger or perhaps hopes to go through the ordeal
with but little harm. 15 R to Q sq or K or Q to K 2
are surely better than allowing White to walk over
him in the manner he does.

(f) Strong, pretty, and decisive.

(g) Black cannot take the King's Bishop, as White,
after playing 21 K R to B sq, would win with 22 Kt to
Q 4. It certainly is bad to capture the Queen's
Bishop, but there is hardly any other course open.

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day of November next, for the construction of a lock
and regulating weir and the deepening and enlarge-
ment of the upper entrance of the Cornwall Canal.
Also for the construction of a lock, together with
the enlargement and deepening of the upper entrance
of the Rapide Plat Canal, or middle division of the
Williamsburg Canals.

Tenders will also be received until TUESDAY, the
27th day of November next, for the extension of the
pierwork and deepening, &c., of the channel at the
upper entrance of the Galops Canal.

A map of the head or upper entrance of the Corn-
wall Canal and the upper entrance of the Rapide
Plat Canal, together with plans and specifications of
the respective works, can be seen at this office, and
at the Resident Engineer's office, Dickenson's Land-
ing, on and after Tuesday, the 30th day of October
next, where printed forms of tender can be obtained.

A map, plans and specifications of the works to be
done at the head of the Galops Canal can be seen at
this office and at the lock keeper's house, near the
place, on and after TUESDAY, the 13th day of No-
vember next, where printed forms of tender can be
obtained.

Contractors are requested to bear in mind that ten-
ders will not be considered unless made strictly in
accordance with the printed forms, and—in the case
of firms—except there are attached the actual signa-
tures, the nature of the occupation and residence
of each member of the same; and further, an ac-
cepted Bank cheque for the sum of Two Thousand
Dollars must accompany the Tender, which sum
shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines en-
tering into contract for the works at the rates and on
the terms stated in the offer submitted.

The cheque thus sent in will be returned to the
respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to
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By order,

A. P. BRADLEY,

Secretary.

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