

[For the News.]

BELOVED.

I know a maiden,—have known her for years
Long since we parted,—parted with tears
But we shall meet again, spite of all fears.

I know a maiden, true, tender and kind,
Clear as you azure the thoughts of her mind;
Wherever she goes, love lingers behind.

I love a maiden, and she loveth me
And our lives shall mingle together and be
As the waters of rivers that meet in the sea!

R. S. WRIG.

THE LEG.

A TRUE STORY—TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN.

In the autumn, 1782, Lewis Thevenet, a distinguished surgeon in Calais, received a note without signature, asking him to go to an inn, not far off, with such instruments necessary for amputation. Thevenet, thinking the anonymous request a hoax, paid no regard to it.

Thevenet.—You have sent for me?
Englishman.—I am obliged to you for this visit. Here is coffee, chocolate, or wine, if you will take anything before the operation.

Thevenet.—Show me the patient, sir; the injury may not be necessary for amputation.

Englishman.—It is necessary, Mr. Thevenet. I am your patient, and you must cut off my right leg. Here is a purse of one hundred guineas; if the operation be done successfully, it is yours.

Thevenet.—But the leg is sound; you sprang upstairs just now with the agility of a dancing master. What ails your leg?

Englishman.—Nothing. I only want it off.

Thevenet.—Then, sir, you are a fool.

Englishman.—Why, does that trouble you, Thevenet? Are you ready to take it off?

Thevenet.—Yes, sir, as soon as you will give me sufficient reason for the mutilation of your body, and evidence that you are of sound mind.

Englishman.—I cannot tell you the truth now, but I can assure you my reasons are most noble, and my happiness, my very existence depend upon my being freed from the leg.

Thevenet.—Tell me your name, residence, and occupation.

Englishman.—You shall know hereafter.

Thevenet.—Sir, I have duties towards you as a stranger. I will not mutilate you.

The Englishman seated himself, placed the mouth of a pistol close to his knee, saying, "That which you will not do for money, you shall for compassion. I will break the leg by discharging my pistol. Now, Thevenet, will you increase or lengthen my pains for nothing?"

Thevenet.—You are a fool, but it shall be done. I will take off the unfortunate leg.

The Englishman calmly laid aside his pistol, lighted his pipe, and swore it should not go out until the deed was done. He kept his word, the leg lay upon the floor, and the Englishman was still smoking. Thevenet did his work well, and was rewarded like a king.

In the course of three months, Thevenet received a letter from England with the following contents:

You will receive enclosed as a proof of my warmest gratitude a cheque for 250 guineas upon Mr. Vauchard, in Paris. And now, my friend, I will tell you "why" my leg was a hindrance to my earthly felicity.

After my return from the East Indies, I became acquainted with Emilie Harley, a lady of great beauty. I loved her passionately, and was influenced greatly by her noble heart.

She made no secret of her affection for me, still she rejected me. In vain I sought her hand. At length, the secret was betrayed to me by one of her visitors. Miss Harley had but one leg, and through this imperfection refused to be my wife.

My resolution was taken, and thanks to you I became like her. I came with my wooden leg to London, and visited Miss Harley. It had been reported that by a fall from my horse I had broken my leg.

Emilie was for a long time inconsolable, but now she is my wife. Come to London—visit us—become acquainted with my wife, and then say I was a fool.

CHARLES TEMPLE.

ANSWER OF MR. THEVENET.

Sir,—I thank you for your valuable gift, and congratulate you on your marriage. It is true, a leg is much to lose even for a beautiful and affectionate wife—but not too much.

To gain possession of Eve, Adam parted with a rib; and beautiful women have cost some men their heads. But allow me to adhere to my former judgment. Sir, I "lay a wager" that after two years, you will wish your leg had been taken off below the knee; after three years, you will be convinced that the loss of the foot had been sufficient; after four years, you will think the sacrifice of the large toe, and after five years, of the little toe had been too much; after six years you will agree with me that the paring of a nail had been enough.

I do not say this in prejudice of your charming wife. In my youth I devoted myself to love, but I never parted with

a leg; had I done so, I should, at this day, have said—"Thevenet, thou wast a fool."

I have the honor to be, yours, &c.,

LEWIS THEVENET.

In 1793, during the horrors of the revolution, Thevenet fled to London. He inquired after Sir Charles Temple, and was directed to his house. Upon making himself known, he was well received.

In an arm chair surrounded by newspapers sat a corpulent man who was too unwieldy to rise. "Ah! welcome, Mr. Thevenet; excuse me rising," cried the corpulent man, who was Sir Charles Temple; "this cursed leg is a hindrance to me in everything, it has disqualified me from the service of my country, &c., &c.

My wife's wooden leg prevented her dancing, so she betook herself to cards and fashions. There is no living with her." "What! was my judgment correct then?" cried Thevenet. "O, Thevenet, be silent on that point. Had I my leg again I would not now give the paring of a nail." Between thee and me, I was a fool!

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

J. W. S., Montreal, P. Q.—Papers to hand. Thanks

At the annual dinner of the Glasgow Chess Club, held on the 9th ult., which seems to have been a very enjoyable affair, some things were said which chessplayers elsewhere may direct their attention to, and profit by so doing.

Another speaker in replying to the toast "To other clubs of Glasgow and the West of Scotland," stated that the club he belonged to, the Central Club, had done a great deal to make the game popular amongst the working classes.

A new chess board, on which the figures retain their position in spite of shocks—for example, those occurring in railway carriages or on board ship—has been recently patented in Germany.

The chess match between the Oxford University Chess Club and the Knight (fourth) class of the City of London Chess Club took place at Oxford on Saturday, the 18th ult.

Mr. Zukertort recently played ten games simultaneously sans voir at the Cambridge University Club with the following result:—Games won, 8; lost, 1; drawn, 1.

The telegraphic chess match between Toronto and Quebec was brought to a conclusion on Saturday last, March 25th. The result was in favor of Toronto whose score was seven games won to Quebec's four won.

PROBLEM NO. 374. By M. Kondelik. (From La Vie Moderne.)

BLACK.

WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Solution of Problem No. 372.

White. Black. 1. B to Q Kt 5 1. Any 2. Mates acc

GAME 501st. (From the Chessplayers' Chronicle.)

Recently played at Simpson's Divan, between Mr. A. P. Barnes, of New York, and Mr. Gunsberg. (Queen's Gambit declined.)

White.—(Mr. Barnes.) Black.—(Mr. Gunsberg.) 1. P to Q 4 1. P to Q 4 2. P to Q B 4 2. P to K 3 3. P to K 3 3. Kt to K B 3 4. P to Q R 3 (a) 4. P to Q B 4 (b) 5. P takes P 5. B takes P

- 6. P to Q Kt 4 6. B to K 2 (c) 7. P to Q B 5 7. Castles (d) 8. Kt to K B 3 8. P to Q R 4 9. B to Q Kt 2 9. P to Q Kt 3 10. P takes Kt P (e) 10. P takes P 11. B to K 2 11. P takes B 12. B takes P 12. B takes B 13. R takes B 13. R takes R 14. Kt takes R 14. Q takes P 15. Castles 15. B to R 3 16. Q Kt to Q Kt 5 (f) 16. Kt to K 5 (g) 17. Q to Kt 3 17. Kt to Q 2 18. R to Kt sq 18. R to Kt sq 19. Q to R 3 19. Kt to Q 3 (h) 20. Q to Kt 4 20. B takes Kt 21. B takes B 21. Q takes B

White resigns.

Notes by Mephisto.

(a) This is preparatory to advancing the Pawn on the Queen's wing. We cannot approve of such a course with all the White's pieces yet undeveloped.

(b) In most openings, where the first player opens up the Queen's wing first, P to Q B 4 (to be followed if feasible by Kt to Q B 3) will be found effective, as it attacks the centre Pawns, which threaten to domineer over Black's game.

(c) The Bishop is sometimes withdrawn to Q B 2 vid Kt 3, the idea being that on B 2 he is available for attack on the King's side (this is problematical). We prefer B to K 2, for, in the first instance, it affords some protection against B to Q Kt 2. Secondly, we consider the hostile Queen's wing weakened, and from K 2 the Bishop will render assistance in attacking the White Pawns successfully (this is positive).

(d) Necessary before beginning the attack. Many good games are often thrown away through rashness in attack and insufficient regard for one's own safety.

(e) There is nothing better: if 10 P takes R P then P takes B P, and the Rook's Pawn is lost; or if 10 Q to B 2 10 P takes B P, 11 P takes B P 11 Kt to K 5.

(f) If B takes Kt, then Q to B 3 would win the piece back. White intended to bring his Kt to Q 4, but it would have been much simpler to have brought him via B 2.

(g) Taking the proper advantage of White's weak move, Black threatens to win a piece by B takes Kt; or, if the Kt retires, by Kt by B 6.

(h) This ends the struggle. Black now wins the Kt for if 20 Q Kt to B 3, then 20 Q takes R, and the White Knight cannot take the Queen on pain of mate in four moves. If 20 K Kt to Q 4, then P to K 4 wins.

A FANTASTIC project to establish a burial-ground near London for the special reception of pet animals has just been produced under the title of the "Zoological Necropolis Company Limited." The prospectus proposes to make a burial ground within a few miles of town, "where faithful dogs, cats, and birds can be placed after death, and if wished for, a tribute to their memory erected by those who love them." The promoters probably derive their chief inspiration from associations connected with the Jumbo craze. Part of the scheme is a "Home for Aged and Infirm Animals."

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