

ANOTHER attempt is to be made to lessen the cost of cable telegrams across the Atlantic. M. Pouyer-Quertier, a wealthy French manufacturer, and who was Minister of Finance for a short time, has obtained a concession from the French Government for a new Atlantic Cable. It is proposed to make it much lighter than the present ones, and thereby to lessen the outlay both in manufacturing and laying it. But what the projected company look forward to as their chief advantage is the adoption of a new system of telegraphing. An Italian has discovered means of sending more words through a cable in a given time than can be done by any existing method. He holds that by his plan it will be possible to use the Hughes printing apparatus, the result being to obviate many of the blunders made by the system in use. Indeed, the scheme promises well; but so did the Direct Cable Company, which, as is too well known, has not cheapened Atlantic telegrams.

**MORPHINE DRINKING.**—But I set out to speak of a habit which prevails to an alarming extent among women—the use of morphine to quiet pain of one kind or another. I can easily imagine that the habit may grow from ignorance of danger. A fearful pain is lulled by seemingly simple means—an opiate in the shape of morphine. The suffering one rests easy and pitying friends may believe that morphine was just the thing needed. But has the opiate cured the disease which caused the pain? Not a bit of it. It has only beaten down and silenced the faithful monitor, the nerves, which, in the shape of pain, told of injury and begged that help be given to the injured part. Mothers, it is believed that those who are most likely to become the victims of morphine are women who, as children, were lulled with soothing-syrup (and let it always be remembered that this syrup derives its "soothing" power from the morphine it contains), or dosed with paregoric or the more potent landanum. They grow up inclined to self-indulgence, and if hard work and sickness overtakes them, they fall an easy prey to morphine. Do you know that a person who becomes addicted to morphine cannot be decent without it? It is said that a morphine drunkard can never be trusted to tell the truth. She becomes at last so unbearable in disposition, when not under the influence of her medicine, that her friends make every effort to gratify her morbid appetite. All this that I have said applies equally to the use of opium, morphine being but another form of opium. Neither should be used, except in some emergency, when given by a skilful physician.

### OUR CHESS COLUMN.

**Solutions to Problems sent in by Correspondents will be duly acknowledged.**

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Thanks for several communications. Solution of Problem No. 203 received. Correct. You are right in considering this a very pretty problem.

Student, Montreal.—Correct solution of Problem No. 203 received.

M. F. E., Halifax, N.S.—Correct solution of Problem No. 200 received.

Black Knight, St. John, N.B.—Look over Problem No. 203 again. It is worth the trouble.

E. H.—Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 201 received. Correct.

#### THE AMENITIES OF THE CHESS BOARD.

Play over the chess board is such an absorbing occupation that, in many cases, those who are otherwise noted for their attention to the conventionalities of daily life are apt to be thrown off their guard, and exhibit traits of character which require constant restraint to keep them from being annoying and offensive to others. We may, also, state that sometimes individuals, not at all inclined to be assertive, will maintain a point connected with the game with a pertinacity which they would rarely manifest in the ordinary affairs of life. How many of our readers have noticed the difference which is produced in the bearing of some men by the simple act of either winning or losing a game. We recollect an opponent of years gone by, who almost invariably rose from the table after a defeat, and paced up and down the room, giving vent to his anger in self-denunciations which would have been fearful, had they not been ludicrous. Turning towards his adversary he used to say, "That game, Sir, was lost by a mere slip. I had it in my own hands. I always lose my games in that manner." "I must, Sir, come to a determination to give up Chess altogether. The same person after winning a game was full of smiles, and as radiant as a summer's afternoon. Rubbing his hands with fullness of heart, his usual exclamations on such an occasion were: "Now, Sir, that is what I call a good game! I enjoy a game like that! On the twentieth move, Sir, I saw clearly your game was gone, and that you had not a ghost of a chance." When suffering under such inflictions we always felt sure that our friend had lost his customary guardedness, and that he would, after a little reflection, be sorry for his ebullitions of temper; but they were, nevertheless, disagreeable, and took a great deal away from the pleasure which we commonly expect from a contest over the board.

Coolness and resignation under defeat have been exhibited by the greatest of beings in contests on which depended the fate of nations, but the trifling result of a game of chess is not considered worthy of more than ordinary care, and thus offence is often unintentionally given, which becomes generally a matter of regret when it is too late to remedy the evil. We hope to return to this subject in some future Column.

(From the Hartford (Conn.) Times.)

#### THE INTERNATIONAL CHESS MATCH.

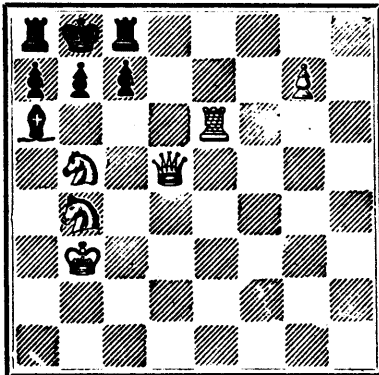
The International Correspondence Tourney is now almost daily developing something of interest. Last week Mr. Holmes's brilliant victory lifted the American team out of the "nine hole" and tied the score at twelve. But our joy was of brief duration, for the next foreign mail brought the intelligence that Mr. Romeyn had again surrendered to his British antagonist, and this defeat for our side gave the British a lead of one. At this

juncture, Mr. Delmar, a New York rifleman, scored a bull's-eye by announcing a win against Mr. Brewer. This ties the score again—thirteen to thirteen. In alluding to Mr. Romeyn's second defeat, the New York *Forest and Stream* says: "This is the second which Mr. Romeyn has lost to his skillful opponent. It is far from our intentions to question the fairness of Mr. Belden's pairing of the players of the American team, as we can only too easily conceive of the difficulty that he encountered at the outset, without even attempting to closely scrutinize the actual skill of each competitor; then divide them into classes, and give to each player his position in a class. As a whole, we think Mr. Belden displayed excellent judgment, and, should this contest result in the defeat of the American team, which we do not think improbable, we feel that it cannot be justly attributed to the want of good judgment or the lack of discernment of the American manager."

#### PROBLEM No. 205.

A competing problem in the British Association Tourney.—Motto, "Why so, prithee."

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

#### GAME 324TH.

##### INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY GAMES.

Between Mr. H. Holmes, of Bay City, Mich., and Mr. G. W. Stevens, of England.

NOTES BY A. N. CUNNINGHAM.

(Double Gambit.)

WHITE.—(Stevens.)

1. P to K4
2. B to B4
3. P to Q Kt4
4. P to K B4

BLACK.—(Holmes.)

1. P to K4
2. B to B4
3. B takes P

This move, the invention of Mr. McDonnell, the celebrated opponent of Labourdonnaie, is radically unsound, and in a serious contest ought not to be ventured.

4. P to Q4

This reply first indicated by Labourdonnaie, completely repels the attack.

5. P takes Q P
6. Kt to K2
7. P to B3

5. P to K5
6. Kt to K B3

Castling was the correct play at this juncture.

8. P to Q4
9. Q takes P
10. B to R3
11. Kt takes B

7. B to Q B4
8. P takes P (en passant)
9. Castles
10. B takes B
11. B to Kt5

This fine move necessitates for White the loss of a pawn.

12. Castles (K R)
13. Q takes B
14. Q to B3
15. Q R to Q Kt sq
16. B takes Kt
17. R to Kt3
18. P to B4

12. B takes Kt
13. Kt takes P
14. P to Q B3
15. Q to Q R4
16. P takes B
17. Kt to Q2

This is a bad move, but he appears to have no better at command.

19. R takes Kt P

18. P takes P
19. P to B6

This pawn now becomes very formidable.

20. R to Kt3
21. R to Q B sq
22. R to Kt5

20. Q R to B sq
21. P to B7

This is scarcely his best move, although it may be that had is the best.

22. Q to B sq
23. K to R sq
24. R to Q5
25. R to Q2
26. R to K2
27. R to K sq
28. R to B3
29. Q to B3
30. Resigns.

22. Q to Q7
23. Q to K6 (ch)
24. Q takes Kt
25. Kt to B3
26. Q to Kt7
27. K R to Q sq
28. R to Q7
29. Q R to Q sq

#### GAME 325RD.

(From Land and Water.)

##### CHESS IN LONDON.

The following smart affair occurred some time ago, at Simpson's Divan, between Mr. G. R. Dick, and another strong amateur.

(Philidor's Defence.)

WHITE.—(Mr. Dick.)

1. P to K4
2. Kt to K B3
3. P to Q4
4. B to B4
5. P takes K P
6. Kt to B3
7. P takes Kt
8. Kt to Kt5
9. Castles
10. Q to Q5
11. R to K sq
12. P to K B4
13. P takes Kt (c)
14. P takes P (dis ch)
15. B takes Q
16. R takes B (ch)

BLACK.—(Mr. A.)

1. P to K4
2. P to Q3
3. P to K B4
4. Kt to K B3 (a)
5. Kt takes P
6. Kt takes Kt
7. Kt to B3
8. Kf takes P
9. Kt takes B (b)
10. Kt to K4
11. Q to B3
12. P to B3
13. Q takes Kt
14. B to K2
15. P takes Q
16. Resigns.

#### NOTES.

(a) Kt to Q B3 would have resolved the opening into a variation of the Lopez Counter Gambit productive of an equal game.

(b) Black loses valuable time by this hasty move. We think P to Q B3 would have been better.

(c) White plays all this very prettily. If Black takes the Q then follows P takes Q, discovered check, etc.

#### SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 203.

WHITE.

1. R from B5 to B4
2. Mates accordingly.

BLACK.

1. Any move

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 201.

WHITE.

1. K moves
2. Kt mates

BLACK.

1. Kt moves

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 202.

WHITE.

- K at K R7
- B at Q R5
- Kt at K R4
- Pawns at K5 and 6
- K B7, Q B4 and 7

BLACK.

- K at K2
- Pawn at Q B4

White to play and mate in two moves.



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