

with his regiment in a troop ship to a foreign station in 1758, who, when asleep, was peculiarly sensitive to the voice of his familiar acquaintances, and powerfully influenced by anything they said to him.

VARIETIES.

When a Chicago girl quarrels with her lover she communicates the fact to her friends in the remark that she "isn't on squeezin' terms with that fraud no more."

A very agreeable girl, about twenty, having during a country visit run out of powder to whiten her face, has tried pounded sugar with the best results: she says it tastes nice when she is kissed.

An Indianapolis gentleman's claim for divorce is based on the ground that when he married, four weeks ago, his wife's hair was black, but now it is red enough to entitle her to the front rank in a torch light procession.

An enthusiastic Yale student gazed long and earnestly through a telescope at the movements of Saturn, and afterward discovered that he had been watching the receding headlight of the New York steamboat.

A country newspaper, which recently spoke of "battered thunder," and was asked by a contemporary if that had any affinity to "greased lightning," manifested some anger in explaining that muttered thunder was what was intended.

There may be something in a name, for the very polite Boston papers call their Foundling Asylum a "Refuge for Anonymous Infants," while Chicago, with the most finished etiquette, announces a "Ranche for babies born on the European plan."

A school teacher asked a new boy, "Who made the glorious universe?" but the boy couldn't tell. So the teacher got a rawhide and told the boy if he didn't tell he would whip him.

A Norwich man bought an Indian rubber air bed. His wife didn't believe it was healthy to sleep on a mattress that was not ventilated, and so, during his absence, punched about fifty holes in it. He is mad about it for some reason.

A Kentuckian has killed himself at the early age of 30 by drinking a pint of whiskey daily for the brief period of 30 years, and the temperance press points to his untimely end as an illustration of how swiftly retribution follows a vicious course.

A man in Illinois committed suicide by drowning, lately, in six inches of water. He couldn't have done it alone, but his wife, with that self-sacrificing devotion and helpfulness so characteristic of the sex, sat on his head.

A testimonial to the skill of a chiropodist, in a contemporary, testifies that "four or five years ago he successfully extracted several corns from my feet without pain, as also members of my family, and they have not returned since that time."

A fond father recently wrote: "It generally takes 20 years of training to eradicate that word 'nice' from a woman's vocabulary. The Falls of Niagara, the Psalms of David, and the progress of the human race were all 'nice' to my eldest daughter till she got married."

At Lawrence, Kansas, a few Sundays ago, while a minister was holding forth in a church, a crowd got up a cock-fight in the yard. The people who had congregated in the church went out to put a stop to the fight, but waited till it was over before objecting.

A story is told of a soldier, who, about one hundred and fifty years ago, was frozen in Siberia. The last expression he made was, "It is ex—" He then froze as stiff as marble. In the summer of 1860 some French physicians found him after having lain frozen for one hundred and fifty years.

A Kansas "Billiard Saloon" uses a home-made table,—a large goods box, on which was laid a waggon load of sand stone, covered with eight yards blue jean. For pockets they use old hoots, about No. 10; for cues, broken hoe handles; boiled eggs for balls; and to count this lovely game they use dried apples on a clothes line.

A hopeful youth of Fort Wayne, after gratefully accepting a Bible from his aunt, walked off and exchanged it for a copy of Bret Harte's poems.

She was a tender-hearted woman who said to a friend, who announced the sudden death of her husband while she was at dinner: "You just wait till I get through eating, and then you'll hear some bawling that will do you good to listen to."

A curious mode of trying the title to land is practised in Hindostan. Two holes are dug in the disputed spot, in each of which the plaintiff's and defendant's lawyer put one of their legs, and remain there until one of them is tired, in which case his client is defeated.

The "Would you be surprised to hear?" phrase is having an extensive application. Of a scarf advertised it is remarked, "Would you be surprised to hear that this scarf is worn by every man of taste in the kingdom?"

Mr. J. H. McMurdy used to be a Sunday-school teacher in this city, and a promising lawyer. He went to Lafayette, and came near being killed by a livery-stable keeper with a stick of cordwood.

A Colorado saloon keeper said of a rough crowd: "I couldn't get their whiskey strong enough for them, so after trying every way I at last made a mixture of poison oak and butter-nut. That fet-ched them. I called it the sheep herders' delight and it was a popular drink.

Long ago, at a dinner-table in Massachusetts, a gentleman remarked that A—, who used to be given to sharp practice, was getting more circumspect.

Near Warren, Conn., is posted on a meadow fence the following: "Nottis—Know kows is aloud in these medders, eny man ore women letten thare kows run the rode wat gits inter my medders aforesed shal have his tale cut off by me, Obadiah Rogers."

A FLYING MACHINE FAILURE.—Mr. Fulger, of Detroit, Mich., made himself two spacious wings of rattan, cork and oilskin, summoned his friends and the newspaper reporters, repaired to the roof of a one story house and promised just before he commenced to flap that he would telegraph back from Grand Rapids.

It takes all sorts of people to make up the world, and one of the queerest looking sorts may be found near Mount Pleasant, Ohio. The traveller in that vicinity will see at work in the hay-fields a number of men, whose attire consists of a shirt and a skirt very closely resembling a woman's petticoat.

An amusing circumstance occurred on the visit of Prince Arthur to the Wimbledon Camp one Monday. His Royal Highness, who was expected at the Putney entrance, drove to that near Wimbledon, and was met at the gateway by a demand for 7s. 6d.

HADN'T ANY FEELING.—The worst joke that was ever perpetrated on scientific men took place recently at Louisiana, Mo. A man was sick with rheumatism, or something, and a fellow went around to the doctors and professors and things, and told them that it was the queerest case on record.

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An Illinois woman committed suicide by hanging herself to an apple tree. At the funeral a neighbour, noticing the sad appearance of the husband, consoled him by saying that he had met with a terrible loss.

The thorns of conquest are beginning to prick. Bismarck's solitude is rendered unendurable by telegrams, each one bearing with it the conviction that the task he has undertaken will be anything but easy to fulfil.

CHESS.

Solutions to problems sent in by Correspondents will be duly acknowledged.

The game presented this week will be interesting as giving a specimen of the play of Capt. Evans, the inventor of the celebrated gambit which bears his name, and is still a favourite attack with many amateurs.

EVANS' GAMBIT DECLINED.

- White. Capt. Evans. 1. P. to K. 4th. 2. K. Kt. to B. 3rd. 3. K. B. to Q. B. 4th. 4. Castles. 5. P. to Q. Kt. 4th. 6. P. to Q. R. 4th. 7. P. to Q. B. 3rd. 8. P. to Q. 3rd. 9. K. to R. sq. 10. K. Kt. to Kt. 5th. 11. P. to K. B. 4th. 12. Q. to Q. Kt. 3rd. 13. P. to K. R. 3rd. 14. P. to K. B. 5th. 15. P. to K. Kt. 4th. 16. P. takes B. 17. Q. to Q. sq. (d) 18. R. takes Kt. 19. Q. to K. R. 5th. 20. K. Kt. to B. 3rd. 21. K. B. to Q. 5th. 22. K. to Kt. 2nd. 23. Q. B. to K. Kt. 5th. 24. Q. B. takes R. P. 25. Q. to K. Kt. 5th. 26. Mates in two moves.

(a) Opinions vary as to the soundness of this sacrifice: the second player must, however, remain with a very cramped game by retreating: we much prefer risking the onslaught which soon follows its capture.

(b) Either P. to K. R. 3rd. or B. to K. Kt. 5th. seems preferable here: White has evidently moved his King with the intention of advancing K. B. P. presently.

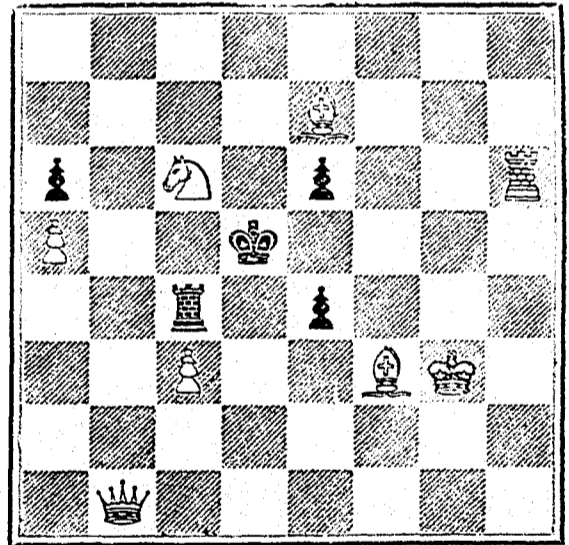
(c) This loses a piece for two trouble-one pawns, but promises an attack in return.

(d) Preparatory to an attack on the other side.

(e) Q. to K. B. 3rd. seems to us the move here: P. to Q. B. 3rd. would also have been stronger.

PROBLEM No. 3.

By J. W. BLACK.



White to play and mate in three moves.

ENIGMA No. 11.

By H. R. A., of West Point, U. S.

White.—K. at his B. 5th. R. at Q. Kt. 5th. B. at Q. 3rd. Kt. at Q. Kt. 5th. Ps. at K. B. 3rd. R. Kt. 4th. Q. 4th. Q. 5th. and Q. R. 2nd.

Black.—K. at Q. Kt. 5th. Q. at K. 5th. Ps. at K. Kt. 4th. K. B. 5th. Q. 3rd. Q. R. 4th. and Q. R. 6th.

White to play, and force Black to give checkmate in three moves.

ENIGMA No. 12.

By H. R. A., of West Point, U. S.

White.—K. at Q. B. 5th. R. at Q. B. sq. Kt. at Q. R. sq. Ps. at Q. B. 4th. Q. Kt. 2nd. and Q. R. 3rd.

Black.—K. at Q. 4th. Ps. at Q. B. 3rd. Q. R. 2nd. and Q. R. 5th.

White to play, and mate in four moves.

CHARADES, &c.

SHAKESPERIAN CHARADE. No. 25.

Composed of 18 letters.

My 3, 17, 2, 16, 18, 9 is a character from the Tempest. My 12, 3, 15, 3, 5, 16, 9, 13 is a character from Love's Labour Lost. My 13, 7, 11, 18, 5, 6, 14 is a character from Romeo and Juliet. My 10, 3, 12, 11, 8, 15 is a character from the Winter's Tale. My 1, 12, 18, 9, 4, 3 is a character from Taming the Shrew. And my whole is one of Shakespeare's plays.

JOHN UNDERHILL.