

LOVE'S PROMISE.

"I will come back," Love cried, "I will come back," And there where he had passed lay one bright track...

He will come back. Yet, Love, I wait, I wait: Though it is evening now, and cold and late...

He will come back—come back, though he delays: He will come back—for in old years and days...

Hush! on the lonely hills Love comes again: But his young feet are marked with many a stain...

A BALAKLAVA HERO.

Among a group seated around the fire which blazed brightly in the office of the Continental hotel, at Saratoga, on an intensely cold day last week...

"There were not exactly six hundred in the Light Brigade, but six hundred and forty altogether, in detachments taken from the Eighth and Eleventh hussars...

"Our camp was at a little town called Kitekol, not very far from Balaklava. On the morning of the 25th of October, 1854, I happened to be in the Light Brigade...

"There were fortifications near Balaklava, which had before been held by the Turks, who were our allies, you remember. We had got within two miles of these redoubts when we halted...

"What was your first intimation that there was fighting ahead?" "Well, as I say, we were standing beside our horses, joking and laughing among ourselves...

"The orders were to retake them. The old carl turned around to us after we had jumped into our saddles and said, pointing towards the redoubts, 'Men, we've got to have those guns over there'...

"We kept ahead just as ever for the centre, and sabred the gunners that stuck to their guns, as many of them did. Some of the Russian gunners crawled under their guns, where we couldn't reach them with our sabres...

should be the aim of every father and mother to teach neatness to their children, and insist upon it. PEACE AT HOME.—No one can insist too warmly on the necessity of keeping the peace at home...

HEAD OF THE HOUSE.—When once a man has established a home, his most important duties have fairly begun. The errors of youth may be overlooked: want of purpose, and even of honour, in his earlier days may be forgotten...

A FORLORN LIFE.—Deny it though she may, it seems reasonable that the very old maid should lead a forlorn sort of life. A woman, a poor weak woman, without strength of mind, whose heart is capable of tenderness and love...

THE RELIABLE MAN.—Of all the qualities that combine to form a good character, there is not one more important than reliability. Most emphatically is this true of the character of a good business man...

HEARTH AND HOME.—INTERESTINGNESS.—Inherent interestingness is dis-losed involuntarily, and often as clearly in a single phrase or a small act as in matters of importance...

THOROUGHNESS.—A want of thoroughness in whatever is undertaken is perhaps one great cause of men's failures. A practical writer on that topic gives the following good direction: "Never leave what you undertake to learn, until you can reach your arms around it and clasp your hands on the other side..."

OUR CHOICE.—Whatever we elect to do, that is our choice. If we neglect the ordinary wise precautions of health—eat and drink beyond need, sit in a current of air when we are heated, get wet feet and neglect to change, persistently indulge in food that we know disagrees with us...

NEATNESS INDOORS AND OUT.—Neatness is a commendable virtue. Who does not admire this quality? It should be seen in and about every home in the land. Sometimes it happens that the housekeeper may be a neat body, and the husband who manages outside may be a sloven, and vice versa...

MISS FANNY DAVENPORT has been offered \$80,000 for four hundred nights' performances, allowing her the option of playing wherever she wishes, either in England, Australia, or America...

CHRISTINE NILSSON still wears semi-masculine apparel. Her winter costume is a shad-bellied coat of diagonal cloth, and waistcoat to match. She wears no petticoats whatever, but buckskin breeches, and over these a plain, untrimm'd skirt of plaid or gray goods...

IN the February number of Harper's Magazine will appear twenty letters written by Mendelssohn to Mrs. Moscheles; in one of them occurs a little song of his, never heretofore published. These letters are contributed by the widow of the illustrious composer, who has translated them for the purpose.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

Solutions to Problems sent in by Correspondent will be duly acknowledged.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S. Montreal.—Thanks for several valuable communications. Student, Montreal.—Correct solution of Problem No. 207 received. R. S.—Montreal.—The problem shall be inspected. E. H.—Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 203 received. Correct.

On Tuesday evening, January 7th, the room of the Montreal Chess Club was visited again by a large number of the friends of the members and other amateurs who were anxious to enjoy another opportunity of seeing the play of the American champion, Captain Mackenzie...

On Wednesday, the 8th, a number of the chessplayers of the city met at Compa's Restaurant in order to do honour to their talented visitor by a dinner. Around the table were gathered twenty guests. At the head was Dr. Howe, President of the Montreal Chess Club, and seated next him Mr. Jacob G. Ascher, the Secretary...

The health of Captain Mackenzie was drunk, to which he responded, and other toasts followed, which elicited replies replete with allusions to chess, and the magnitude of the checkered board. A most enjoyable time was spent, every one present doing his best to add to the pleasure of the evening.

In connection with this, we must not forget a song, the "Bad Champions of Chess," which was written for the occasion and sung by Mr. J. Henderson.

On Thursday, the 9th, Captain Mackenzie met several members of the Club at their room, and kindly consented to engage in any contest which might be arranged by those present. A simultaneous contest was agreed upon, but, previous to this, he had two single-handed encounters, one with Mr. J. G. Ascher, and the other with Mr. Saunders. Mr. Ascher won his game with the Captain, but Mr. Saunders was not so successful.

The following gentlemen played in the simultaneous games: Messrs. Skatte, Thomas workman, Hicks, Barry, Howe, Ascher, Saunders, Cox, Liddell, Tustin, and D. A. Ansell. Mr. Skatte won a game, Mr. Workman drew two; Professor Hicks drew one and lost one, Mr. Barry drew one; Messrs. Howe, Ascher, Saunders, Henderson, and Liddell, lost two each, and the other players one each.

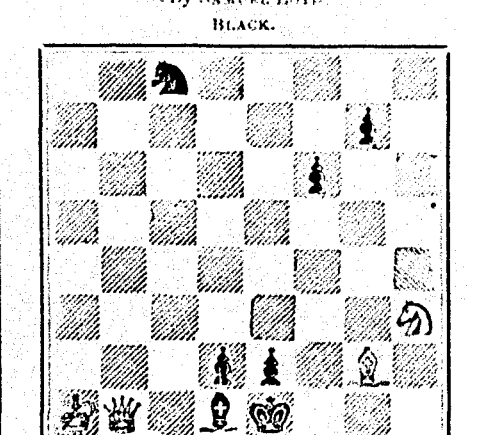
CANADIAN CHESS CORRESPONDENCE TOURNEY.

Table with 3 columns: No., Players, Won by. Lists chess tournament results for various players like Saunders, Kitson, Henderson, etc.

INTERNATIONAL POSTAL CARD TOURNEY.

Great Britain, 14; America, 12; France, 2. We learn from a correspondent in Edinburgh that Mr. G. W. Stevens, Coventry, has resigned three games to Mr. Hobson. The accounts for so many of the unreported games alluded to in our last. The score is altered accordingly.—Argus and Express.

PROBLEM No. 208. BY SAMUEL LLOYD. BLACK.



WHITE to play and mate in three moves.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

A NEW exponent of Shakespearean characters takes the stage in the United States next month, heralded by the highest European encomiums. His name is Herman Lindo.

MR. BANDMANN announced in London that he will play Shylock in French, at Paris, in January; in German, at Berlin, in February, and in English, at London, in March. He also states that he has acted Hamlet "over 500 nights in two languages all over the world."