

Canada; and she is under the care of the land-lady at her lodgings—an experienced and trustworthy person, who has satisfied the doctor as well as myself of her fitness for the charge that she has undertaken.

"Pray mention this to Miss Roseberry (whenever you think it desirable), with the respectful expression of my sympathy, and of my best wishes for her speedy restoration to health. And once more forgive me for failing, under stress of necessity, to enjoy the hospitality of Mablethorpe House."

Lady Janet closed Julian's letter, feeling far from satisfied with it. She sat for a while, pondering over what her nephew had written to her.

"One of two things," thought the quick-witted old lady. "Either the lawyer is right, and Julian is a fit companion for the mad-woman whom he has taken under his charge, or, he has some second motive for this absurd journey of his which he has carefully abstained from mentioning in his letter. What can the motive be?"

At intervals during the night that question recurred to her ladyship again and again. The utmost exercise of her ingenuity failing to answer it, her one resource left was to wait patiently for Julian's return, and, in her own favourite phrase, to "have it out of him" then.

The next morning Lady Janet and her adopted daughter left Mablethorpe House for Brighton; Horace (who had begged to be allowed to accompany them) being sentenced to remain in London by Mercy's express desire. Why—nobody could guess; and Mercy refused to say.

CHAPTER XIII.

Enter JULIAN.

A week has passed. The scene opens again in the dining-room at Mablethorpe House.

The hospitable table bears once more its burden of good things for lunch. But, on this occasion, Lady Janet sits alone. Her attention is divided between reading her newspaper and feeding her cat. The cat is a sleek and splendid creature. He carries an erect tail. He rolls luxuriously on the sofa carpet. He approaches his mistress in a series of coquetish curves. He smells with dainty hesitation at the choicest morsels that can be offered to him. The musical monotony of his purring tails soothingly on her ladyship's ear. She stops in the middle of a leading article and looks with a care-worn face at the happy cat. "Upon my honour," cries Lady Janet, thinking, in her invariable ironical manner, of the cares that trouble her, "all things considered, Tom, I wish I was you!"

The cat starts—not at his mistress's complimentary apostrophe, but at a knock at the door which follows close upon it. Lady Janet says, carelessly enough, "Come in;" looks round listlessly to see who it is; and starts, like the cat, when the door opens and discloses—Julian Gray!

"You—or your ghost?" she exclaims.

She has noticed already that Julian is paler than usual, and that there is something in his manner at once uneasy and subdued—highly uncharacteristic of him at other times. He takes a seat by her side, and kisses her hand. But—for the first time in his aunt's experience of him—he refuses the good things on the luncheon-table, and he has nothing to say to the cat! That neglected animal takes refuge on Lady Janet's lap. Lady Janet, with her eyes fixed expectantly on her nephew (determining to "have it out of him," at the first opportunity) waits to hear what he has to say for himself. Julian has no alternative but to break the silence, and tell his story as he best may.

"I got back from the Continent last night," he began. "And I come here, as I promised, to report myself on my return. How does your ladyship do? How is Miss Roseberry?"

Lady Janet laid an indicative finger on the lace pelerine which ornamented the upper part of her dress. "Here is the old lady, well," she answered—and pointed next to the room above them. "And there," she added, "is the young lady, ill. Is anything the matter with you, Julian?"

"Perhaps I am a little tired after my journey. Never mind me. Is Miss Roseberry still suffering from the shock?"

"What else should she be suffering from? I will never forgive you, Julian, for bringing that crazy impostor into my house."

"My dear aunt, when I was the innocent means of bringing her here I had no idea that such a person as Miss Roseberry was in existence. Nobody laments what has happened more sincerely than I do. Have you had medical advice?"

"I took her to the seaside a week since, by medical advice."

"Has the change of air done her no good?"

"None whatever. If anything, the change of air has made her worse. Sometimes she brightens up, and seems as if she was eager to say something—and then, Heaven only knows why, checks herself suddenly as if she was afraid to speak. I could support that. But what cuts me to the heart, Julian, is, that she does not appear to trust me and to love me as she did. She seems to be doubtful of me; she seems to be frightened of me. If

I did not know that it was simply impossible that such a thing could be, I should really think she suspected me of believing what that wretch said of her. In one word (and between ourselves) I begin to fear she will never get over the fright which caused that fainting fit. There is serious mischief somewhere—and try as I may to discover it, it is mischief beyond my finding."

(To be continued.)

Varieties.

The following reminder has just been placed on a tomb in Montmartre: "Oh, my dear Henry, come and rejoin me as soon as conveniently possible."

A Western paper itemizes briefly thus: "Mrs. John Baggs, of Omaha, has left Mr. John Baggs, taking the money bags and leaving John to hold the little empty bags."

A literary English gentleman at Damas' table rather astonished him by asking the servant, *sotto voce*, but impressively, for "Racine." The quick ear of the attentive host caught at the whispered want of his guest; he beckoned to the servant, and gave him instructions, thinking that the literary English gentleman wanted to quote something from French classics, and to refresh his memory. Great was the Briton's surprise on receiving a large and handsomely bound volume. An explanation consequently ensued across the table in broken English and French, when it was discovered that he wanted horse-radish with his slice of beef, and had explained his neediness in the best way in his power by asking for "Racine," or root, as the nearest he could come to horse-radish. This is, doubtless, the style in which the Geneva Conference work has been done—in mangled French and English.

The following advertisements have been from time to time clipped from the Irish papers:

From the *Freeman's Journal*, 1870: "One-pound reward.—Lost, a cameo brooch, representing Venus and Adonis on the Drumcondra Road, about ten o'clock on Tuesday evening."

From the *Cork Reporter* advertisement of a wine-merchant: "The advertiser, having made an advantageous purchase, offers for sale, on very low terms, about sixty dozen of prime port-wine, lately the property of a gentleman forty years of age, full in the body, and with a high bouquet."

The two following advertisements appeared in all the Dublin papers, emanating from a well-known ivory-stable keeper:

"To be sold, cheap, a mail phaeton, the property of a gentleman with a movable head, as good as new."

"To be sold, a splendid gray horse, calculated for a charger, or would carry a lady with a switch tail."

From *Sandwich's Newsletter*: "Ten shillings reward.—Lost, by a gentleman, a white terrier dog except the head which is black. To be brought to," &c.

To these Irish advertisements may be added one English one, which was the subject of a humorous article in the *Saturday Review* some four or five years since: "To be sold, an Eclair grand piano, the property of a lady about to travel in a walnut-wood case, with carved legs."

The following scene, it is said, took place in a Parisian *magasin*.—An elegantly-dressed lady asked to see some materials for paretots. The shopman mounted the steps, and took down several pieces of striped velvet. "The rain would spoil it," said the lady. "Show me some swanskin." Several pieces being laid upon the counter, "Too thick," said the lady, "after an examination of ten minutes; show me some lady's cloth." Several great rolls were laid before her. They were too thin. Then came velvet, silk, satin, moire, until the counter disappeared under the piles of stuffs, behind which stood the nearly invisible shopman, still patient and polite. At last, "I have decided," said the customer, "in favour of flannel, blue flannel." Ten or twelve pieces were placed upon the heap. "That will do," she said, after a long and minute scrutiny. "How much will it take to make a dog's paretot?" and she held up a microscopic toy terrier. "A paretot?" asked the shopman, not at all disconcerted, and appearing to make a mental calculation. "Will it have pockets, madame?"

One of the citizens of the American republic, says the *Court Journal*, got into difficulties at the Café de la Paix lately. With the graceful, free-and-easy custom of the Americans, he carefully diffused his person upon a couple of chairs, reclining his heels upon a table on the Boulevard, and ordered his cooling drink in a peremptory tone, which elicited a brisk remonstrance from the *garçon*. The American citizen felt himself bound to avenge the national honour, outraged by a mean waiter, and drew forth a revolver from his pocket and levelled it at the *garçon's* head. The weapon was wrested from his grasp by some people at the next table, and the Yankee was consigned to custody, whence he was released after a short incarceration. A lady of the same nationality, discovering a half-caste girl seated near her at the *table d'hôte* of the Hotel du Louvre, simply ordered the waiter to "turn out that nigger." The tawny-coloured young lady, who was "black yet comely," coloured even through her swartly skin. She rose to move, but the *garçon* informed the fair American lady that her request could not be complied with; whereat she summoned her brood around her, and sat majestically out of the room, declaring that she would not reside in an hotel where she was exposed to the contamination of a "coloured person" at the same table as herself.

Chess.

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

TO THE CHESS PLAYERS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA:

At the first meeting of Chess players of the Dominion of Canada, held at Hamilton on the 24th of September, 1877, the following Rules were unanimously adopted:

1. That a Chess Association be organized.
2. That the annual fee for members shall be \$2.00, and for Chess clubs \$5.00.
3. That the next Congress shall be held in Toronto, commencing on the second Tuesday of May, 1878.
4. That the duty of arranging future proceedings shall be carried out by the Managing Committee, consisting of Messrs. Jones, Toronto; Taylor, St. Catharines; Henderson, St. Liboire; Jackson, Sen-ford; White, Montreal; and Robertson, Hamilton.

As the time for holding the next Congress is rapidly approaching, the above-named Managing Committee deem it necessary to call the earnest attention of Chess players to the position in which the committee are placed.

They are very anxious to decide at once upon a program of proceedings for the next Congress at Toronto, which would mainly consist in having a tournament at which certain prizes would be offered. The committee, however, are utterly unable to make any arrangements, as they have not yet been placed in the position of having funds at their disposal, neither have the several Chess clubs in the Dominion, nor the various Chess players (with the exception of a few) paid the subscription prescribed at the preliminary meeting. The Managing Committee desire therefore to impress upon all those who take an interest in promoting the objects of the Association, the necessity of immediately communicating with the Secretary-Treasurer in regard to the fee payable by the clubs to which they belong, and by themselves personally. Unless this is at once done, there can be no prospect of a successful meeting in Toronto, and the Managing Committee, considering that all Chess players feel a deep interest in having an *important and successful* meeting in May next, hope that the present appeal will be liberally responded to from all quarters.

The Managing Committee also desire to state that the present rate of subscription must be looked upon as an entrance fee from clubs and members, no further fee being required from clubs, the subscription fee for members will be regulated at the next Congress (and will probably be merely a nominal sum). However, everything depends upon the present action of Chess players, but in order to establish the Association, to meet the necessary expenses consequent thereon, and also to enable the Managing Committee to offer prizes of sufficient value to encourage the attendance of players, no less sum than that named will suffice.

If, however, Chess players will join heartily in the movement, and by at once paying the first subscription, place the Managing Committee in possession of the necessary funds, there is every prospect of having a grand assembly of American Chess talent in May next, establishing the royal game as the family pastime of the Dominion, and affording to all lovers of the game the opportunity of an annual pleasant reunion.

The Managing Committee would add that if the funds permit, two sets of prizes will be allotted, one for senior and one for junior players, each player being rated according to his position in his club, and that Chess players will be invited to send in a list of Chess problems for which prizes will also be awarded.

By order,

I. RYALL, M. B.
Secy-Treas. Canadian Chess Association.
Box 441 P. O., Hamilton, Ont.
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PERROT'S DEFENCE.

White.	Black.
W. F. M.	I. R. M. B.
1. P. to K. 4th	P. to K. 4th
2. K. Kt. to B. 3rd	K. Kt. to B. 3rd
3. Kt. takes P.	P. to Q. 3rd
4. Kt. takes K. B. P. (a)	K. takes Kt.
5. B. ch.	K. to K.
6. Castles.	B. to K. Kt. 5th (b)
7. P. to K. B. 3rd	B. to K. 4th
8. P. to Q. 3rd (c)	Q. Kt. to Q. 2nd
9. Q. Kt. to B. 3rd	Kt. to K. 4th
10. B. to Kt. 3rd	P. to Q. B. 3rd
11. P. to Q. 4th	Kt. to Kt. 3rd (d)
12. P. to K. Kt. 4th	K. to Q. 2nd
13. B. to K. Kt. 4th (e)	B. to K. 2nd
14. B. takes Kt.	B. takes B.
15. P. takes B.	Kt. to B. 5th
16. P. to K. 5th (f)	B. to K. 5th (g)
17. Kt. to K. 4th	P. to Q. 4th
18. Kt. to K. Kt. 3rd	Q. to Kt. 4th
19. Q. to K.	Kt. takes P.
20. P. to K. 6th, ch. (h)	K. to K.
21. Q. to K. 5th	Kt. takes Kt.
22. Q. takes Q.	Kt. to K. 7th, ch.
23. K. to R.	B. takes Q.
24. Q. R. to K. (i)	Kt. takes Q. P.
25. P. to Q. B. 3rd	Kt. takes B.
26. P. takes Kt.	B. to K. B.
27. K. to Kt. 2nd	B. to B. 5th
28. R. to K. 2nd	B. to B. 3rd
29. R. to Q.	K. to K. 2nd
30. P. to B. 4th	R. takes K. P.
31. R. to Q. B. 2nd	R. to Q.
32. P. takes P.	R. takes P.
33. R. takes R.	P. takes R.
34. K. to R. 3rd	R. to R. 3rd, ch.
35. K. to Kt. 4th	R. takes R. P.
36. R. to B. 5th	K. to Q. 3rd
37. P. to Kt. 5th	K. to B. 3rd
38. R. to R. 5th	B. to K. 6th
39. R. to R. 2nd	P. to Q. 4th, wins.

(a) The first player has two pawns for his Kt. and a fine attack.

(b) A *no* entry in the defence, and retards the attack slightly.

(c) R. to K. is apparently stronger.

(d) An oversight evidently, losing a piece.

(e) Time lost: P. to K. 5th seems the move here.

(f) Kt. to Q. 2nd strikes us as better.

(g) Black now begins a strong counter-attack.

(h) We should have preferred K. to Kt. 2nd.

(i) P. to Q. B. 3rd even yet would have left Black some difficulty to win.

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Intercolonial Railway,
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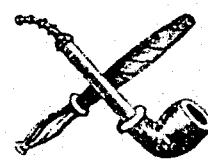
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