

The Mausoleum which encloses the body of Mrs. Jay Gould is said to have cost \$80,000, and the lot on which it is built cost \$50,000. Mr. Gould has gone south for his health, the constant attendance at his wife's bedside having almost prostrated him.

Plymouth Church, Brooklyn when Beecher was pastor, used to receive \$68,000 a year from pew rents, but its income is now reduced to \$20,000. People will go to church to hear a celebrated preacher who could not be induced to go for any other consideration.

A new bridge at Bridgeport, Conn., has just been tried in a novel manner, i. e. by a dozen of Mr. Barnum's elephants. It was attempted to pass them over in a single file, but they persisted in huddling together like a flock of sheep. Their aggregate weight was 35 tons, but there was also a great weight of spectators.

A company has been formed to establish a direct ocean steam line between St. Louis, the West Indies and South America, to avoid the expense of re-shipment of goods at New Orleans. An entirely new class of steamer, having double hulls and a drop keel between them, is to be built to navigate the shallow waters of the Mississippi.

The *Floral Guide* (James Vick, Seedsman, Rochester, N. Y.) is a beautifully illustrated floral manual of nearly 100 pages. The engravings of choicest flowers are numberless, and the descriptions of them interesting to the most superficial lover of flowers; but the gem of the book is a large colored representation of a new red and white-striped rose, (Vick's caprice,) which must be a charming variety.

Rumours are afloat of mismanagement of the affairs of the Smithsonian Institute. It is alleged that tons and tons of public documents intended for exchange with foreign scientific associations, have been deliberately sold to Washington junk dealers, and the proceeds converted to private uses. In addition, it is stated that a certain high official has converted cheques belonging to others into cash and failed to properly account for the same.

The Boston shipowners have discovered that it is much cheaper to have their cargoes carried by Norwegian ships than to run their own. It is said that real American ships are decreasing in number every year, and that the carrying is nearly all done for them by foreigners. The days have gone by when it was necessary to enter a Boston lad, while still at school, as a candidate in half a dozen shipowners' offices, in order to ensure his getting a place in one by the time he was ready.

Flowers and bunting will not be spared at the Inauguration ball in the big pension building at Washington on March 4th. The flowers to be used will cost \$5000, and the president-elect and his attendant satellites are to be showered with them ad libitum. A flock of canary birds and paraquets will also be let loose on them, which no doubt the spectators will enjoy more than the president. A ship of state and other floral devices will also be hung from ceiling and walls, and the musicians will be stationed in a Japanese pagoda of tropical plants.

An earthquake destroyed 300 houses in Sarhat Valley, Smyrna, on the 21st inst.

Sydney, Australia, will soon have the largest organ in the world. It will cost \$75,000.

Mr. Daniel Sheehy, M. P. for South Galway, has been arrested at Glasgow, for violating the Crimes Act.

The marriage of the Emperor of China will have to be postponed in consequence of the fire which has devastated a large portion of Peking.

President Legitime has, it is reported, been made to pay \$7,000 for a crew to place the seized steamer *Haytien Republic* in the Port of New York.

The *Statist* estimates that G. T. R. accounts will show a surplus of £20,000, after providing interest on guaranteed stock for the year. All Canadian stocks, including C. P. R., are looking up well.

On condition of the payment of one year's back rent, the Earl of Lucan has offered the tenants on his estates at Castlebar, Co. Mayo, a release from all other arrears, extending, it would appear, to eleven years back.

The *Paris Temps* says that a London firm has offered £3,000,000(?) for a monopoly of the manufacture and sale of the famous Chartreuse Liqueur, but a Papal Legate reminds the Monks that the Carthusian Statutes forbid trading.

Mr. Phelps, the American minister in London, was entertained at a public banquet on the 16th. The attendance was very numerous and distinguished. Mr. Phelps remarked that the only complaint he had to bring against England was that the people had made it more difficult for him to say good-bye than to perform any other duty he had to do in his position.

Horrible stories come from Hayti of Cannibalism, and Vaudouism, which is almost as revolting. The priests of Vaudaux are called Papalouis, and over one-half of the people are under their control. Some of them are satisfied with the offerings on the altar of a goat or turkey, but others demand the sacrifice of a "goat without horns," which is a human being.

King Mwanga of Uganda, who has lately been deposed, was a monster of cruelty. His brother Kiwega has been crowned king, and by appointing Christians to many of the principal offices incurred the hatred of the bulk of the people. A general hunt of Christians has taken place and many have been killed. Uganda is in the eastern part of central Africa, and has an area of 30,000 square miles and a population of 5000,000.

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Solution to Problem No. 63.—Q to B sq.

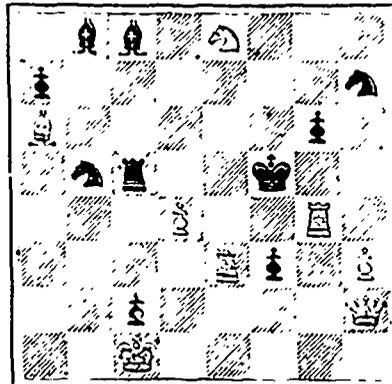
Received from Mrs. H. Mosoley, J. W. Wallace and J. Downey.

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Solutions to Problems Nos. 64 and 65, will be given next week.

PROBLEM No. 66.
Second prize in the *Yenowes News* Tourney, by Haud E. Bettman, Cincinnati.
BLACK—10 pieces.



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White to play and mate in 2 moves.

GAME No. 47.
GIUOCO PIANO.

- | WHITE. | BLACK. |
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| A. Guest. | J. Mortimer. |
| 1 P to K4 | P to K4 |
| 2 Kt to KB3 | Kt to QB3 |
| 3 B to B4 | B to B4 |
| 4 Kt to B3 | Kt to B3 |
| 5 P to Q3 | P to Q3 |
| 6 B to K3 | B to Kt3 |
| 7 P to KR3 | Kt to R4 |
| 8 B to Kt5 ch | P to B3 |
| 9 B to R4 | B takes B |
| 10 P takes B | P to Kt4 |
| 11 B to Kt3 | Kt takes B |
| 12 RP takes Kt | Castles |
| 13 Castles | Q to B2 |
| 14 Q to K sq | P to KR3 |
| 15 Q to Kt3 | Kt to R2 |
| 16 Kt to KR4 | K to R sq |
| 17 R to B2 | B to K3 |
| 18 QR to KB sq | R to KKt sq |
| 19 R takes P | B takes R |
| 20 R takes B | Q takes R |
| 21 Kt to Kt6 ch | Q takes Kt |
| 22 Q takes Q | QR to Q sq |
| 23 Kt to K2 | KR to B sq |
| 24 Kt to Kt3 | R to B3 |
| 25 Q to Kt4 | P to Kt3 |
| 26 Q to R4 | P to R4 |
| 27 Kt to B sq | QR to KB sq |
| 28 Kt to Q2 | K to Kt2 |
| 29 Kt to B3 | K to R3 |
| 30 Q to Kt3 | P to Kt4 |
| 31 P to Q4 | P to R5 |
| 32 Q to Kt4 | P takes P |
| 33 Kt takes P | R to B8 ch |

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| 34 K to R2 | Kt to B3 |
| 35 Kt to B5 ch | K to Kt3 |
| 36 Kt takes P ch | K to R3 |
| 37 Kt to B5 ch | K to Kt3 |
| 38 Q to K2 | R to R8 |
| 39 Q to Q3 | P to Q4 |
| 40 P takes P | P takes P |
| 41 Kt to R4 double ch | |
- After a few more moves Black resigned.

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