NIOBE IN THE CLOUDS.

[Suggested by a spell of rainy weather at the South, unparalleled in severity and duration.]

A voice of angulah in the courts of air Some cloud-born Niobe, by night and day, Strives the drear burden of her long despuir To weep and weep, but valuly weep away!

Hast thou, ethered Mourner! lost thine Ail, (Whate'er that Ail of life or love may be;) That thus from yonder mist, anwoven pall, Thou rainest down thy wos on carth and sea?

Ah! Earth replies . . . ber sympathetic breast Touched to sad murmuring through her woodlands

lone,
While the mystery of the Heaven's unrest,
Wild wave and wandering wind responsive, mean!

Yet, shall thy tears be measureless? Yet, shall thy tears be measureless? . . . Lest nature, worn by iterauce thus forlors, Rouse the red Lightning from its inrid fair, To blast thee with the fervors of her scorn !-

PAUL HAMILTON HAYNE.

FOOT NOTES.

A HORRIBLE murder in a railway carriage on the London and Brighton line is creating a sensation in England.

HOLT White's death has not been thought worth a paragraph, vet, he was no common man, and had seen no common things. As the correspondent of the New York Tribune in the Fran-co-German war, he stood on the hill of Frenois with the German King, when the flag of truce, and Napoleon's letter came to that monarch up from out of the pandemonium of Sedan. The white rag that was the flag fell into White's bands. Grasping the splendour of his chance, he took his life in his hand and started across the recking battlefield for the frontier and free-dom to telegraph in Belgium.

When he reached the telegraph office in Brussels, the day after the battle, the people there gave him the pleasant alternative of being considered either a raving lunatic or a knave trying to influence the European Bourses by false news, and refused to forward his intelligence. So he came on to England; and not many who read it can have forgotten the brief lurid story of the battle from his pen which the Pall Mall Havitte printed on the evening but one after it was

Later he was present in Paris on journalistic duty during the whole of the Commune. He and Archibald Forbes were with Dombrowsky in the Chiteau de la Muette on that Sunday afternoon where the Versaillists came streaming over the Communist defences; and these two journalists, when, later in the same evening, Dombrowsky was wounded near the gate of St. Cloud, dragged him out of the mile, and saved his life for the time.

CHILDHOOD.—The qualities that are the most attractive in childhood are not by any means the most valuable in maturity. We look for the most valuable in maturity. We look for determination, will, decision of character, firmness in the man, and refuse him our respect if he have them not. But, when the child exhibits these qualities, even in their incipient stages, we are annoyed and perhaps repulsed. Instead of rejoicing in his strength of will and guiding it into right channels, we lament it as a grievous fault in him, and a misfortune to us. It is the meek and yielding child who cares not to decide anything for himself in whom we delight, and whose feeble will we make still feebler by denying it all exercise. Yet, when he grows up and enters the world and yields to temptation, and peroaps disgraces himself and his family, we look at him in imbecile wonder that so good a child should have turned out to be so bad a man, when in truth, his course has been only the natural outcome of his past life and training.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.-Papers to hand. Thanks. Student, Montreal,-Correct solution received of Pro-

We have received the following letter, which is in the form of a circular, and hasten to publish it. We suppose the fourney is open to all concers, and as this is the time for holiday trips, some of our Canadian players may make it convenient to be present at the ga-thering at the feet. The magning damp, the first in thering at Buffalo. The meeting shows the lively interest taken by our American friends in the noble game, and we are sure it will be a "very enjoyable re-union." The arrangements for the Tourney will give all players a chance of taking part in the contests, and should any members of our Canadian clubs do so, we feel certain that they will do all in their power to show that chess is not neglected in the Dominion. thering at Buffalo. The meeting shows the lively in

Buffalo, N.Y., June 18, 1881.

The Annual Tournament of the Central and Westers New York and Central and Western Pennsylvania Chess Association will take place in this city in the second week in July. A meeting will be held on Monday evening, the 11th inst, at the City Club, to arrange the different classes in which the respective players are to be placed. Play in the Tournament to commence Monday night or Tuesday morning. It is proposed to divide the players in the Tournament into four classes, the players in each class to play a certain number of games with every other player in the same class, the winner of the most games in the first class to be considered the champion of the association for the coming year. The winner in each class to play with the winner in the other classes two or more games at the following odds: first class to give the second class to give the fourth class, the odds of the Kt. The second class to give the third class, the odds of the Kt. The second class to give the third class P and move, and the fourth class P and two moves. The third class to give the fourth class P and move, The winner of the most games to be the winner of the Handicap Tournament.

The City Club have generously tendered to the Association their spacious and elegant card-room for the Tournament. A large number of the leading players of Western New York have already signified their intention of entering the lists. The committee have also received information from leading chess players in Pennsylvania that that State will be represented. We feel safe, therefore, in stating that there is every prospect of a very enjoyable chess re-union. We trust that you will be able to be present. Pleuse advise the Secretary as soon as possible if you intend to take part in the Tournament.

JOHN COSTELLO,

H. A. RICHMOND, Secretary,

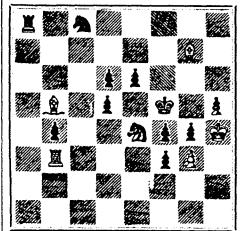
The Pillsburgh Telegraph thinks tout for the benefit of the chess fraternity of the United States each chess publication should devote a short space at the head of the column to a general chess directory of the country, so that when chess players travel they can visit the chess resorts of the chies in which they happen to be sojourning. The same argument holds good on this side of the Atlantic— Chessplayers Chronicle.

The fourth game in the match between Mesers, Glerc and de Riviere was won by M. Clerc in 21 moves, M. de Riviere having adopted the Freuch delence. The fifth game, a Ruy Lopez, was also lost by M. de R. through a fatal blunder committed on his 39th move. The score now is: Glerc, 3; de Riviere, 1; Drawn, 1.

In the recent amateur tournament at Leghorn, the first rize was won by Prof. Lelio Ascoli, the second by Sig. millio Orsini, and the third by Sig. G. Mureno.—Turf, Wild and Exercised. Field and Farm.

PROBLEM No. 337

By A. Beck.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves

GAME 464TH. (From the Glasgow Herald.)

The following rather curious game occurred in the contest for the West of Scotland Challenge Cup.

(Queen's Gambit.)

White .- (Mr Jenkin.) Black -- (Mr. Mills.) 1, P to Q 4
2, P to Q B 4
3, P to K 3
4, B takes P
6, Q to Q K 13
7, K 1 to K 2
9, B takes Q
9, B takes Q 1. P to Q4
2. P takes P
3. P takes P
4. P takes P
5. Kt to K B
6. Q to K 2 (ch)
7. Q to Q Kt 5 (ch)
8. Q takes Q
9. B to Q 3

This move is the cause of all Black's subsequent troubles. B to K 2 would have been better.

The correct move, of course. White now obtains a hold which he retains to the end.

10. Q Kt to Q 2

. In order to prevent the Bishop being forced away, by P to K R 3 and P to K Kt 4.

12. Castles (K side)

11. P to Q R 3 12. Castles

If the K-R and Kt Pawns be now advanced. White retires the B to Kt 3.

13, Kt to K Kt 3 14, B to K R 4 15, Q Kt to K 4 16, Kt takes Kt

18 P to O R 3

19. B to Q B 6

13. P to Q R 3 14. P to Q R 14 15. Kt takes Kt 16. B to Q R 15 17. R to Q R tsq 15. B to Q R 4 19. B to Q Kt 3

It is evident that Black can play neither the Rook nor the Kt to Kt3

20. Q R to Q sq 22. Kt to Q 5

20. P to K B 4 21. Kt to K B 3 Threatening to break up the Pawns on the K side.

23. B takes Kt (ch) 24. B to K 7 25. K B to K sq

22. Kt takes Kt 23. K to R 2 24. K R to K sq 25. B to Q Kt 2

29. B to O B 7

It to Q 2 would have been better. 26. B to K B 7 27. B to K 6 28. B to K Kt o (ch) 29. P to K Kt 4 26. R to K R sq 27. R to K 5 28. K to Kt sq

We believe this is the only move to maintain the ad

vantage. 30. R to Q 2 30. R to Q 2 11. R to K 3 32. K K t P takes P 33. K R to K K t 5 34. R to K K t 3 35. Q R to Q 3 36. P to K B 6 27. P to K B 6

29, B to Q K r 6 30, B to Q K r 6 31, B to K B 2 32, P to K R 4 33, P to K R 3 34, P to K R 4 35, R to K sq 36, B takes B 36. B takes B 37. R to K R 2 37. R takes B 36. Q R to K Kt 3 This is quite safe. The adverse B can now be allowed

This is quite sate. The adverse into the game without danger

38. B takes Q P (cb)

39. K to B sq 39. B takes Q K t P

40. R takes P (cb) 40. R takes R

41. R takes R (ch) 41. K to R sq

20. P to K B 7 42. R to Q B sq

And White wins.

SOLUTIONS

Solution of Problem No. 335.

1. R to Q R 6

I. Any.

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 333.

WHITE, 1. B to Q B 5 2. R to Q Kt 7 3. Kt mates. BLACK.

PROBLEM FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 332. Black.

White. Kat K2 Qat K8 Ktat KB4 Ktat KB5 Pawns at KKt2

Kat K 5 Pawns at Kiland K4

White to play and mate in two moves.

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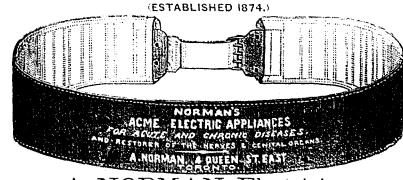
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