

CENTENNIALS AND MILLENNIALS.

100 years ago—American Independence.
 200 years ago—King Philip (the Indian) defeated and slain; *habeas corpus* in England.
 300 years ago—Massacre of St. Bartholomew; Spanish Armada preparing.
 400 years ago—Printing invented; Isabella the coming queen.
 500 years ago—The days of Tamerlane, the Turk, and Chaucer, the English poet.
 600 years ago—Basil and Bruce; Richard Bacon; Thomas Aquinas; House of Hapsburg founded.
 700 years ago—Richard Cour de Lion and Saladin, Sultan of Egypt, measuring swords in Palestine.
 800 years ago—William the Conqueror.
 900 years ago—Hugh Capet, the Frenchman.
 1,000 years ago—Alfred the Great.
 1,100 years ago—Charlemagne and Haroun Al Raschid.
 1,200 years ago—Mohammedanism making lively work in Constantinople and other places.
 1,300 years ago—Old Chosroes, the Persian, lives by murder, and the Pope is made a secular judge among kings.
 1,400 years ago—The Saxons lively in Britain, Clovis establishes the French monarchy, and the Visigoths conquer Spain.
 1,500 years ago—The Roman Empire, having legislated many years in favor of capital against labor, begins to fall to pieces.
 1,600 years ago—The world has nothing better to do than to broach and denounce heresies and get up religious persecutions.
 1,700 years ago—Marcus Aurelius, Tacitus, and Plutarch.
 1,800 years ago—Jerusalem destroyed and Herulanum and Pompeii buried.
 1,876 years ago—All the world at peace and Christ born.
 6,000 years ago—Adam rose to the dignity of a large real estate owner, but by poor management was driven into involuntary bankruptcy.

CURRENT NEWS.

The Quebec Academy of Music held their competition for 1876 at Montreal on the 10th June next.
 A seventy-five year old curler of Flora challenges any man of his age in Ontario to play a single-handed game of twenty-one shots.
 Mink and wild cat may be hunted from the 15th October, and martin from the 1st November to the 15th April, both days inclusive.
 850 counterfeit Canadian bills were found on the person of a prisoner, brought before the Police Magistrate, Toronto.
 Arrangements have been completed for a daily steamboat line between Port Stanley and Cleveland, the coming summer.
 The Legislative Council of Nova Scotia has agreed to a conference with a Committee of the Assembly in reference to the abolition of the former.

Nova Scotia will send a crew to the Centennial Regatta at Philadelphia, composed of four of her fishermen, and New Brunswick very likely sends the St. John (Paris) crew.
 The names of the Wimbledon Team for 1876 are published. Ontario sends ten men, Quebec five, New Brunswick three, Nova Scotia two, and British Columbia one. Hamilton has three and Toronto two representatives in the team.
 The experiment of hatching white fish from spawn at the fish breeding establishment at Petite Cote is likely to prove a success, notwithstanding sundry drawbacks and difficulties in the way of proper water supply.

PERSONAL.

Hon. Mr. Brennan, a prominent merchant in Prince Edward Island, is dead.
 ANOTHER old pioneer of Middlesex died yesterday, Mr. Richard Thomas, of Lambeth, aged 85 years. He settled there in 1834.
 Mr. Geo. Tolley, the able and genial editor of the Montreal Star, has returned from six months spent in Europe, and resumed his duties. We congratulate both himself and the paper on his return.
 Mr. SAMUEL HUTCHINSON, for many years a short-hand reporter of the *Globe*, and latterly editor of the *Galt Reformer*, died here last week of dropsy. After retiring from the publication of the *Reformer*, Mr. Hutchison removed here and devoted himself to law, and at the time of his death had just completed his studies. He was well known and respected by all the newspaper men of the Dominion. As a short-hand reporter Mr. Hutchinson had few equals and no superiors.

THE GLEANER.

It is rumoured that an early edict may be expected from Cardinal Manning, restricting the Church music of his communion in England entirely to plain song.
 M. GUICHARD, a French chemist, has dispelled by experiments the old notion held by miners that a man cannot be poisoned by an atmosphere which will support the combustion of a lamp.
 MISS IDA MAY, the affianced of James Gordon Bennett, is a niece of the celebrated Captain May, of the United States Dragoons, who captured General La Vega in a famous charge in the Mexican war.

THE Farmer's Club of the American Institute have asked Congress to make the subject of tree culture and economy a standing branch of study in agricultural colleges receiving aid or support from the Government.

A Middletown compositor has calculated that in the course of a year's type setting the average compositor will put up more than 7,000,000 separate pieces, which, with their distribution, require more than 15,000,000 motions of the hand.

AN English vicar has put a notice in a Plymouth paper, requesting his correspondents to address him as "G. W. Manning." He hopes that correspondents who prefix to his name the now desecrated title of "reverend," will not be offended if he rejects their letters.

PROF. BATESTIERI of Naples has invented a new method of illumination for lighthouses, which is an apparatus composed of several disks of polished silver or copper, so arranged that all the rays falling upon the disks are concentrated into one powerful beam.

A general congress of the women of Germany has been held at Gotha. Addresses were delivered calling on German women to unite and struggle for their rights, especial reference being made to the practice of medicine. On the motion of a gentleman present, a resolution was carried condemning the present style of women's dress.

GARIBOLDI receives visitors in an arm-chair. He is supported by pillows, and is incapable of moving without crutches. The fingers of both hands are stiffened into utter rigidity, with the exception of the thumbs. His face, however, bears the hue of health, and his mind remains as vigorous as ever.

It is already perceived that the new German military system will operate disastrously upon the country in respect to the propagation of the human species. The strong, healthy, spirited youth stand a good chance of being killed off in war or reduced to physical wrecks, while the weak and diseased remain at home, escape the recruiting officer, and found families.

THE American Fish Culturist Association intend to make a remarkable exhibition at the Centennial. It will embrace not only live, iced, and stuffed fish, whales, seals, porpoises, turtles, frogs, alligators, crabs, lobsters, corals, sponges, algae, and other marine creatures, but prepared fish and roes, dried, salted, smoked, pickled, or corned, and also oils, spermaceti, gelatine, isinglass, glue, leather, shell, and whalebone.

The following is a calculation of letters, words, verses, chapters, and books, in the Old and New Testaments, and the Apocalypse:—

	Old Testament.	New Testament.	Total.
Letters.....	2,728,100	878,380	3,606,480
Words.....	292,430	161,253	453,683
Verses.....	23,214	7,968	31,182
Chapters.....	929	263	1,192
Books.....	39	27	66

ANACRYA.

Books.....	14
Chapters.....	183
Verses.....	6,081
Words.....	152,185

THE present roller-skates are by no means an entire novelty. The idea was heard of in France more than fifty years ago. In 1819, a M. Petifled invented a skate which had rollers of metal, wood, or ivory, with either fixed or rotating axles. In 1823, a fruitier, of Piccadilly, Tyers by name, brought out skates mounted on wheels, with a break or stop at the heel. Another Frenchman tried his fortune in 1828, but was not more successful than his predecessors, and it was not till 1849 that we heard of the next. Since then the inventions have been numerous.

THE Paris police while searching lately a very old house in the Rue Saint-Honore for some stolen property, came upon a door which apparently had not been opened for many years. The door opened on to a staircase, at the foot of which was found an empty coffin, which had almost crumbled to dust. From inquiries which have since been made, it has been ascertained that this secret chamber was a hiding place for several Huguenots during the massacre of St. Bartholomew, and that Henry IV. took refuge during that terrible night in the house, which is close to the entrance to the old Louvre.

MR. BIRD, the English chess player, has concluded to remain in America until after the Centennial. He has hopes of securing a fair representation of European players at the Chess Congress to be held in Philadelphia during the summer. A sensation was produced in the Café International lately by the report that a stranger was beating the English champion. Three games had been played, of which Mr. Bird had lost two. The other tables were deserted and a throng quickly gathered around the chairs of the contestants. A half dozen games were then played, a majority of which were won by Mr. Bird. At length a final game was announced, at which each player nerved himself to win if possible, and Mr. Bird lost. The stranger, a leading lawyer in this city, whose name was prominently connected with the Singer will case, was formerly well known in chess circles. He is remembered as having played creditably several games with Paul Morphy just after Mr. Morphy's return from his famous tour of conquest in Europe. He played a quick, vigorous, forcing style of game with Mr. Bird, and generally compelled him to remain on the defensive. His initials are W. J. F.

M. ROSENTHAL's chess contest against thirty adversaries simultaneously took place at Lemarday great room, 100, Rue Richelieu, on Friday evening. The tables were placed in a square

form, M. Rosenthal occupying the space in the centre, the players the exterior line, and behind them were the spectators. The games commenced at twenty minutes to nine, the number of antagonists having been reduced to twenty-nine, owing to the absence of the Prince de Villafranca. The challenger had undertaken not to dwell more than one minute over each of his moves, but, instead of making use of his right, he played with such marvellous rapidity that he did not take the half. Among the antagonists were:—General Fournier; the Count Boissy d'Anglas; M. de Loc-Maria; the Viscount de Bornier, the author of the *Fille de Roland*; M. Jobiet, of the Comédie-Française; MM. Morel, Chasseraie; Captain Moreau, of the Artillery; Colonel Count de l'Eglise, of the Staff; Baron Boissy-d'Anglas, Baron d'André, M. Goupin, M. Le Beauvin, M. H. d'Almagro, M. Morpurgo, and a foreign doctor, M. Klopz, an excellent player. As to the crowd of lookers-on, it was composed of all the principal chess amateurs of Paris, including M. Preti, M. Labure, and MM. Barre, Prudhon, Maubant, and Garraud, of the Théâtre-Français. The play terminated in the middle of the night, and the final results were, that M. Rosenthal won twenty-five games, lost two, and two were drawn.

CYPRUS, one of the chief seats of the ancient worship of Venus, still keeps up sundry festivals derived from the worship, though mingled with Christian, or at least Biblical ideas. One of the strangest of these occurs on the 11th of June in each year, and is called the "Cataclismo," a name that is merely the Cypriot form of "Cataclysmos," meaning, of course, the Flood. But the festival has nothing more than its name that can refer to the Deluge. As the day approaches, gay preparations are made on shore, and the boatmen paint their boats in gaudy colors and adorn them with flags and streamers. When the day comes, a young girl in her teens, as remarkable for beauty as can be found, is forcibly captured and carried out on the sea in a boat, the other boats of the neighborhood accompanying in a fleet. At the proper distance from shore, with various (and probably appropriate) ceremonies, the girl is thrown into the sea. As she rises again from the water she is picked up, with loud demonstrations of joy, taken into the gayest boat, and carried to the shore again in triumph. She is then crowned, provided with attendants of honor, and worshipped all the day as a queen or demi-goddess. Besides the ceremonies, which are much like those of an English Mayday, there is an abundance of noise and revelry, which are usually kept up through the following night, rendering sleep in the neighborhood impossible. The scholar will at once recognize here a relic of the worship of Venus Anadyomene, who rose from the waves near Cyprus. The inhabitants say this ceremony has existed among them "from the time of Venus," in whom they believe as a veritable personage.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

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TO CORRESPONDENTS

W. G. M., Montreal. Your problem is susceptible of solution in two moves. We will send you by post a diagram and solution.

M. J. M., Quebec.—Solution of Problem No. 60 received. Correct.

J. R. F., Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 59 received. Correct. Also solution of problem for Young Players, No. 57. Incorrect. The solution of this Problem in our Column should have had for Black's first move, K to Q 5th.

H. A. C. F., Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 60 received. Correct.

From all accounts it is now certain that Messrs. Steinitz and Blackburne began their trial of Chess skill in London Eng., on Thursday the 17th of the last month. The player who scores the first seven games will be the conqueror. The stakes are stated to be £120 sterling, and here we must repeat what we have previously said that we are sorry to see anything of this nature mixed up with Chess, as we believe it is likely to prevent the game from becoming what it most certainly ought to be—a home amusement for all classes of society.

This match has been anxiously looked forward to by Chess players generally, and now that it is begun, the games will be eagerly sought for by all having an interest in the game.

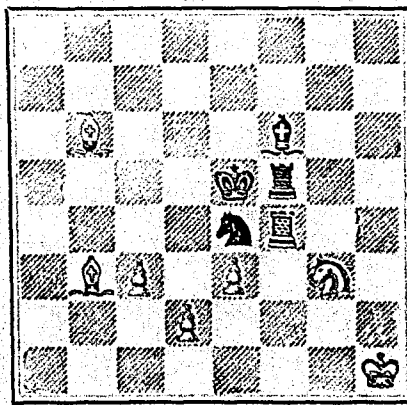
We shall do our best to insert them in our Column as they come to hand.

At the Vienna Congress of 1875 Mr. Steinitz won the first prize and Mr. Blackburne the second, the two players tying, and Mr. Steinitz winning only the extra match.

PROBLEM No. 62.

By H. A. C. FUCHS, Montreal.

BLACK



White to play and mate in three moves.

GAME 82ND.

(From Land and Water.)

CHESS IN AMERICA.

Subjoined is the nineteenth and final game in the match between Messrs. Bird and Mason. The whole of this contest confirms our impression that Mr. Bird was throughout incapable of playing up to his best form.

(Irregular opening.)

WHITE.—(Mr. Bird.)	BLACK.—(Mr. Mason.)
1. P to K B 4th	P to K B 4th (a)
2. P to K 3rd	K Kt to B 3rd
3. P to Q Kt 3rd	P to Q Kt 3rd
4. B to K 2nd	P to K 3rd
5. B to K 2nd	B to K 2nd
6. B to K B 3rd (b)	Kt to B 3rd
7. Kt to K R 3rd	B to K 2nd
8. P to B 4th	R to Q Kt sq
9. Castles	Castles
10. P to Q 3rd	P to Q 4th
11. P to Q 4th	P to K sq
12. Kt to B 3rd	Kt to Q sq
13. R to B sq	P to B 3rd
14. Q R to B 2nd	P to Q R 3rd (c)
15. B to K 2nd	Kt to B 2nd
16. Kt to B 3rd	P to Q R sq
17. B to Q 3rd	Kt to B 3rd
18. B to K 2nd	R to Q B sq
19. Kt to Kt sq	K to R sq
20. Kt to Q 2nd	R to K Kt sq
21. Kt to B 3rd	Kt to K 2nd
22. Kt to R 3rd	P to Kt 5th (d)
23. B to B sq	P Kt takes Kt
24. Kt to K 5th	P Kt 5th (e)
25. B Q takes Kt	Kt to Kt 4th
26. Kt to B 4th	Q to K 4th (f)
27. Kt to R sq	Q to R 3rd
28. B takes P	P takes P
29. B to R 3rd	P to B 4th
30. P takes P	Q R to Q sq
31. P to Q 5th	Q to R 5th
32. P to K 4th	P takes Q P
33. K P takes P (g)	Kt takes B
34. P takes P	Kt takes P (h)
35. P takes Kt	Q to K 5th (ch)
36. Kt takes R	B takes Kt
37. R to B 3rd	B to R 5th
38. K R to K B 2nd	Q takes K P
39. R to B sq	P to K B 3rd
40. Q to Q 2nd	Q to K 7th
41. Q to K B 4th (i)	

And Mr. Bird resigned the game and the match.

NOTES.

- (a) P to Q 4th is the reply which meets with general preference.
- (b) This does not improve White's game.
- (c) This and the preceding move are quite inexplicable, and do not in the least contribute to the advancement of Black's prospects.
- (d) The last few moves on either side left matters pretty much where they were before, but now Black makes a start. His boldness, however, ought to have cost him the game.
- (e) This only drives the Knight to a better square.
- (f) Losing a Pawn for nothing.
- (g) An unhappy mistake which throws away a won game. White had only to play P to Kt third and B to Kt 2nd, in order to be quite safe.
- (h) Capitally played, and quite decisive.
- (i) It matters not where he plays.

GAME 83RD.

The following game was played during Mr. McKenzie's visit to Philadelphia, his opponent being one of the strongest members of the Philadelphia Chess Club:

KING'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

WHITE.—(Mr. McKenzie.)	BLACK.—(Mr. Barbour.)
1. P to K 4th	P to K 4th
2. P to K B 4th	K Kt to B 3rd
3. P takes K P	Kt takes K P
4. K Kt to B 2nd	Kt to Kt 4th
5. Kt takes Kt (a)	Q takes Kt
6. P to Q 4th	Q to R 5th (ch)
7. K to Q 2nd	Q takes P (ch)
8. B to Q 3rd	Q to B 5th (ch)
9. K to K sq	Q takes K P (ch)
10. Q to K 2nd	Q takes Q (b)
11. K takes Q	Kt to B 3rd
12. R to K sq	P to Q 4th
13. Kt to B 3rd	B to K 3rd
14. K to B sq	B to Q Kt 5th
15. B to K Kt 5th	P to K R 3rd
16. B to R 4th	P to K Kt 4th
17. B to Kt 3rd	Castles (Q R)
18. P to Q R 3rd	B to Q 3rd
19. B to B 2nd	B takes K R P (b)
20. P to K Kt 3rd	B to R 6th (ch)
21. K to K 2nd	Q R to K sq (ch)
22. K to Q 2nd	R takes R
23. R takes R	B to Kt 7th
24. Kt to Kt 5th	P to Q R 3rd
25. Kt to B 3rd	P to Q 5th
26. Kt to K 4th	Kt to K 4th
27. K to Q B sq	R to Q sq
28. Kt to B 5th	P to K B 3rd
29. P to Q Kt 4th	K to Kt sq
30. Kt to K 6th	R to R sq
31. Kt takes Q P	P to K R 4th
32. P to Kt 5th	P takes P
33. Kt takes P	P to Kt 3rd
34. P to R 4th	R to K sq
35. B to B 5th	P to B 5th

And the game was finally won by Black.

(a) P to Q 4th would have been better; but possibly Mr. McKenzie was just a little homesick when he made this move—or soon afterwards.

(b) Black's play is excellent. The Pawn was evidently left for capture, but the Bishop is neatly extricated.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 60.

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. B to K 8th	1. K takes B
2. R to Q 4th	K to K B sq.
3. R mates	

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 59.

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. B to K R 6th	1. K to R 5th
2. P to K B 4th	2. K to Kt 5th
3. P to K R 3rd (ch)	3. K to R 5th
4. B to K 5th mate	

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS.

No. 60.

(BY MION.)

WHITE.	BLACK.
K at Q 3rd	K at Q Kt 4th
R at K Kt 6th	Q at R 4
R at Q B 4th	R at Q B 3rd
B at K B 2nd	R at Q Kt 3rd
B at Q sq	B at K Kt 2nd
Kt at Q Kt sq	Kt at Q 4th
Kt at Q R 2nd	Pawns at Q R 3 and
Pawns at Q B 2nd and	4th and Q Kt 5th
and Q Kt 3rd	

White to play and mate in three moves.