

CITY CHIMES.

QUIET REIGNS.—For some reason or other there is really nothing going on in the city to form topic for us poor scribes to scribble on. There does come a time occasionally when we find ourselves stranded, when even the concert halls are deserted, no one of any importance has done anything of any importance, and the only unfailing topic of conversation is the weather. Just now society is keeping Lent, consequently a calm pervades the social atmosphere. "The coal deal" is being discussed with much vigor from all points of view by our business and professional men, and whether "in it" or not all appear to be interested. It is to be hoped that this dull state of affairs will not long continue, but we cannot expect much change before the Spring opens, of which happy event no shadow has yet been cast before.

HALIFAX SCHOOL FOR COOKERY.—The school of cookery is, I am glad to note, meeting with gratifying success, and I have no doubt that its patrons will greatly increase in numbers as time goes on and the benefits that are being derived therefrom by the pupils in attendance are practically demonstrated. Miss Ormonde is a capable teacher, who thoroughly understands the work she has in hand, and the ladies who are under her tuition profess to have already acquired much valuable knowledge in the art of preparing dainty as well as substantial edibles.

THE WINTER AS IT IS.—This old-fashioned winter is holding out well, and, notwithstanding that we are nearing the end of February, the cold shows no signs of weakening. Many of those who a month or so ago were enthusiastic in their pleasure in the genuine winter weather have become more matter of fact, and now declare that a winter landscape is most advantageously viewed from the depths of a comfortable chair drawn close to a blazing fire. However sharp winds and frosty air seem to be rather enjoyed by our hardy young Halifaxians, who even though the mercury be hovering near zero appear to find pleasure in out-door sports. The snow is quite deep and the sleighing very good, the ice on the lakes has been cleared for the benefit of the skaters, and the rink also offers many attractions, so that while those who prefer home firesides these cold days may have their heart's desire, the more energetic may seek and find health and enjoyment in exercise in the open air.

Hood's PILLS act especially upon the liver, rousing it from torpidity to its natural duties, cure constipation and assist digestion.

A SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.—St. Matthew's Guild gave a very pleasant concert on Friday evening in the Conservatory of Music hall. The hall was well filled and an excellent programme was carried out to the satisfaction of all present. This society has provided some first-class entertainments since its organization and it is hoped will continue in its good work. Such a concert as that given on Friday last might well demand a larger admission fee than the modest sum asked on this occasion, and no doubt those who were purchasers of the Guild's tickets felt that they received more than their money's worth. I trust we may have another similar treat in the near future.

A Good Work.—Through the efforts of a few energetic Christian workers, a night-school has lately been started on Albermarle Street for the benefit of boys who could not attend the public schools, and who were growing up in ignorance. The young people who are carrying on this work are sanguine of success, their aim being to teach the boys whom they have under their charge to read and write, and at the same time to inculcate good principles. On Wednesday evening the boys were entertained by their teachers, and through the kindness of a few friends a programme of music and readings was given, greatly to the delight of the boys. Refreshments were served, and there could be no doubt of the guests' thorough appreciation thereof. The object of this organization is worthy of attention, and it is to be hoped the highest expectations of the workers will be realized.

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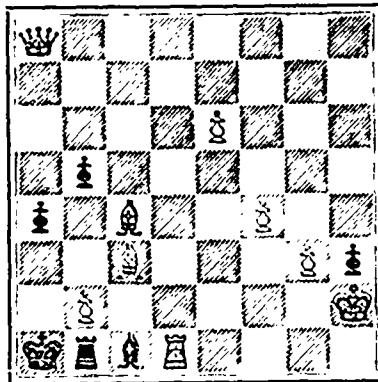
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CHESS.

Solution to Problem 150 :

- White. Black.
- 1 R (Kt2) - Kt7 K - B3
 2 R (Kt1) - Qb7ch K - Q4 or Q3
 3 R - Kt6 mate.
- 1 K - Q3 or K3
 2 R (KKt7) - QB7 K moves.
 3 R - Kt6, mate
- 1 K - K4
 2 R - KKt6 dis. ch. If K - B5
 3 R - KKt4, mate. If K - K5
 3 R - QKt4, mate. If K - Q4
 3 R - QB7, mate.
- Solved by C. W. L.

PROBLEM 152.
Black 6 pieces.



White 9 pieces.
White to play and mate in three moves.

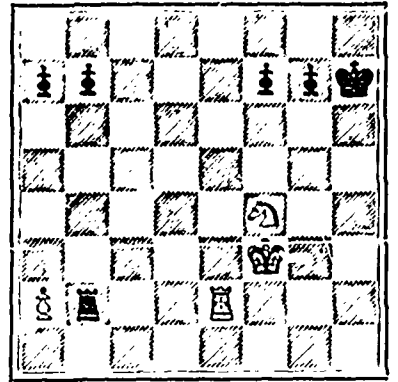
GAME No. 154.

The third game of the Havana match between Lasker and Golmayo. On the fifteenth move, Lasker deliberated thirty minutes.

ZUKERTORT'S OPENING.

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| Lasker. | Golmayo. |
| WHITE. | BLACK. |
| 1 Kt KB3 | P Q4 |
| 2 P Q4 | Kt KB3 |
| 3 P QB4 | P K3 |
| 4 Kt B3 | P B3 |
| 5 P K3 | B Q3 |
| 6 B Q3 | Q KtQ2 |
| 7 Q K2 | Castles |
| 8 Castles | R Ksq |
| 9 R Qsq | P K4 a |
| 10 P tks KP | Kt tks P |
| 11 Kt tks Kt | B tks Kt |
| 12 P tks P | P tks P |
| 13 Q B2 | B K3 |
| 14 B Q2 | B tks Pchb |
| 15 K tks B | Kt Kt5ch |
| 16 K Kt3 | P KR4 |
| 17 R R sq c | Q Kt4 |
| 18 P B4 | Q to R3 |
| 19 P K4 | P Q5 |
| 20 Kt K2 | QR Bsq |
| 21 Q R4 d | Kt K4 |
| 22 P tks Kt e | Q takes B |
| 23 Q RQ sq | Q K:4ch |
| 24 K R2 | Q tks Pch |
| 25 P Kt3 | B Kt5 |
| 26 Q RRsq f | P R5 |
| 27 Q tks QP | P tks Pch |
| 28 K Kt2 | Q takes Q |
| 29 Kt tks Q | Q RQsq |
| 30 B Kt5 | R K4 |
| 31 B K2 | B tks B |
| 32 Kt tks B | R tks P |
| 33 K tks P | R Q6ch |
| 34 K B2 | R Q7 |
| 35 K B3 | R K3 |
| 36 Kt B4 | R tks R |
| 37 R tks R | R tks P |
| 38 R K8ch | K R2 |
| 39 RK2 | |

Black (Golmayo) 6 pieces



White (Lasker) 4 pieces.

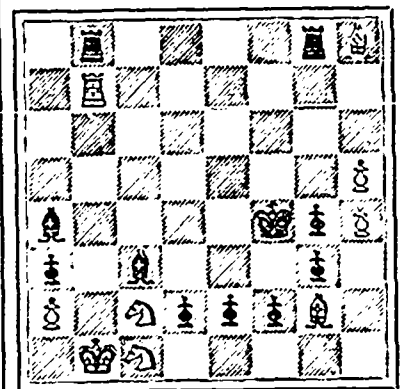
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| 40 Kt tks R | 39 R tks R g |
| 41 Kt B3 | 40 P KKt4 |
| 42 Kt K4 | 41 K Kt2 |
| 43 Kt Q6 | 42 P Kt4 |
| 44 K Kt4 | 43 P R3 |
| 45 P R3 | 44 P B3 |
| 46 Kt tks P | 45 P B4ch |
| 47 Kt Q4 | 46 P R4 h |
| 48 P R4 | 47 P Kt5 |
| 49 Kt Kt3ch | 48 K B3 |
| 50 Kt tks P | 49 K K4 |
| 51 Kt Kt3ch | 50 K Q5 |
| 52 P R5 | 51 K B5 |
| | 52 R signs. |

NOTES BY E. LASKER.

- a Strong play.
- b These movements are bold, but it is very doubtful whether they are sound.
- c Forcing exchanges with B B5 would be better; if 17 B B5, Q Kt4, 18 B tks Kt, B tks B; 19 K R2 with the better game.
- d This is a mistake; Q Q sq seems to be more solid.
- e Again a mistake. Q R3 ought to have been played here.
- f 26... Q tks Q P; 27 B tks Kt, B tks B; 28 R B5 wins the piece at all events.
- g More judicious play would have been not to exchange rooks.
- h The losing move, K B3 would have drawn.

AN END-GAME.

Black 11 pieces.



White 9 pieces.

It being white's turn to play, can he draw the game. If so, how?

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