

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. M. Y.—The Knights of Sainte Ampoule, or the Holy Phial, were limited to four in number, who were usually the first in point of rank, family and fortune in the province of Champagne. At the coronation of the French Kings they were delivered to the Dean, Priors, and Chapter of Rheims as hostages for the return, by the great officers of the crown, of the holy phial in which the coronation oil was kept, and which, according to the legend, was brought from Heaven by the Holy Ghost in the form of a dove, and put into the hands of St. Remy, at the coronation of Clovis—an enormous crowd having prevented the messenger from bringing in time that which had been already prepared. The peculiarity of this order was that the knights were only knights for a day.

H. CARTER.—We cannot give a definite reply to your question.

A SUBSCRIBER.—The Provincial Secretary's recommendation to observe the first of July as a general holiday does not constitute that day a legal holiday; consequently the banks will be compelled to keep open their doors, and notes and other obligations maturing on that day will be protested if not paid.

J. M. Y.—In England the following ceremony is observed in giving possession of a benefice to a clergyman. Having received the Bishops' mandate to make the induction, the inductor takes the clergyman by the hand and lays it on the latch of the church door, then opens the door and puts him into the church and generally the church-bell is tolled to give notice to the parishioners.

MARIAN.—We have no recollection of them. Can you send us another copy?

ARGUS.—An ensign in the infantry or a cornet in the cavalry costs £450 sterling. There is no standard height for officers.

B. G.—Kyrio Eleison is a Greek invocation, used in the Litany of the Church of Rome, and translated in that of the Church of England by the words "Lord have mercy upon us." It is also the commencement of the 12th Mass.

LIZZIE E.—As we do not know from what it arises we cannot advise you.

J.—The tale is respectfully declined. We cannot undertake to criticise rejected contributions.

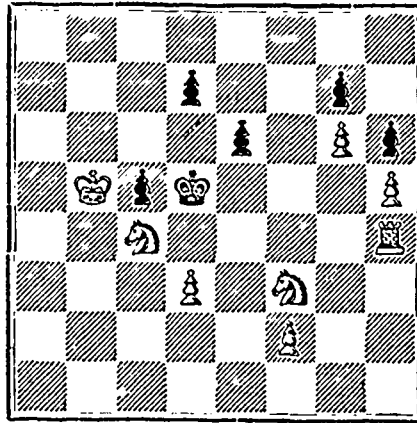
P. R.—Philip is from the Greek, and means "a lover of horses." Reuben—behold a son—is from the Hebrew.

A METEOROLOGICAL CLOCK.—Father Secchi, the celebrated Roman astronomer and natural philosopher, is now in Paris, and passes the greater part of the day at the Great Exhibition, where a curious clock of his invention is to be seen, which automatically marks down on a long strip of paper that is unrolled at one end and rolled up at the other, the hour, the direction and the intensity of the wind, the quantity of rain that has fallen within a given time, the height of the barometer, and the hygrometric state of the atmosphere. All this work is effected by half a dozen pencils constantly in motion, and which perform their task with unerring fidelity.

The following extract from the old Worcester newspaper of 1715 affords a curious illustration of journalism and credulity in those days:—"Aymstry, 4 miles from Leominster in Herefordshire, August 20. A strange Dragon of a vast magnitude, having Wings, 4 Legs, a long Tail, large Scales, of a brightish Colour, has been seen hereabouts. It inhabits about the Black Hill, a mile from hence. We hear it has this day destroyed many Sheep. People are in such fear that none dare pass that way. They have bought Powder and Ball to endeavour to destroy it, but it most commonly keeps in the Caverns of the Rocks.

CHESS.

PROBLEM, No. 16.
By ST. EDMUND.
BLACK.



WHITE.
White to play and Mate in two moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM, No. 73.

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| BLACK. | WHITE. |
| 1 Q to Q B sq. | K to Q 6 or (a.) |
| 2 B to Kt 3. | Any move. |
| 3 Q mates at Q sq or K 3. | |
- (a) 1 R to K R 8. K to Q 4.
3 Q to Q B 7 Mate. K to Q 3 or (b.)
- (b) If Black plays 2. K to K 5, or Q 5, Mate given by 3. Q to K 3; if 2. K to K B 3. White mates by 3. Q to Kt 5; and if 2. Kt moves, White replies with 3. Q to K B 4 Mate.

MACKENZIE-REICHHIEM MATCH.

This match for the championship of the United States was commenced at the Philadelphia Athenaeum on the morning of May 23th. Of the abilities of the combatants it is hardly necessary to speak, as they are familiar to our readers. Mr. Reichhelm has been considered one of the strongest American players. Mr Mackenzie came to New York from England about three years ago with a reputation established by his victory over the distinguished Andersen in the handicap Tournament in connection with the Congress of the British Chess Association, held at London in 1862. In this match the Prussian yielded the slight odds of Pawn and Move, and the celerity with which he was defeated proved that Capt. Mackenzie was entitled to rank as a first-class player. Since his arrival in this country constant practice has improved his play, and we believe the ablest European players would find in him a difficult adversary. In play he is perfectly cool and collected. Mr. Mackenzie's games give evidence of a thorough knowledge of all the openings and minutiae of the game, and we know of very few players whose games will stand the test of analysis better. The accuracy with which he conducts his endings is especially remarkable. At the conclusion of the contest the score stood, Mackenzie, 7, Reichhelm, 0; drawn 2. We give below the first game.

FRENCH DEFEAT.

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| WHITE. (Mr. Mackenzie.) | BLACK. (Mr. Reichhelm.) |
| 1 P to K 4. | 1 P to K 3. |
| 2 P to Q 4. | 2 P to Q 4. |
| 3 P takes P. | 3 P takes P. |
| 4 K Kt to B 3 | 4 K Kt to B 3 |
| 5 B to Q 3 | 5 B to Q 3. |
| 6 Castles. | 6 Castles. |
| 7 B to K Kt 5. | 7 P to K R 3. |
| 8 B to K 4 | 8 P to K Kt 4 (a) |
| 9 B to Kt 3. | 9 B takes B. |
| 10 B P takes B. | 10 Kt to K 5. |
| 11 P to Q B 4. | 11 Q Kt to B 3. |
| 12 Q Kt to B 3 (b.) | 12 Kt takes Kt. |
| 13 P takes Kt. | 13 B to K 3. |
| 14 P takes P. | 14 B takes P. |
| 15 Kt to K 5. | 15 Kt takes Kt. |
| 16 P takes Kt | 16 Q to K 2. |
| 17 R to B 6. | 17 Q takes P (c) |
| 18 R takes P. | 18 R to K 5. |
| 19 B takes B. | 19 Q takes B. |
| 20 Q to R 5. | 20 Q to K sq. |
| 21 P to K R 4. | 21 Q R to Q sq. |
| 22 Q R to K B sq. | 22 K to Q 3. |
| 23 QR to K B 6 (d.) | 23 Q takes B. |
| 24 R takes R. | 24 R takes R. |
| 25 Q takes P (ch.) | 25 R to K Kt 3. |
| 26 Q to K 5. | 26 R to Q 3. |
| 27 P to K Kt 4 | 27 K R to Q sq |
| 28 P to K R 6. | 28 P to Q B 3. |
| 29 P to R 6. | 29 R to K 3. |
| 30 P to Kt 5. | 30 R to K B sq. |
| 31 Q to K 7 | 31 K to K 3 |
| 32 P to K R 7 (ch) | and Reichhelm resigns. |

NOTES.

- (a) Injudicious.
(b) Q to B 2 appears to be a still stronger move.
(c) This move loses the game. He should have played K to K 2, and, on his adversary retorting Q to K 5, K to K R sq.
(d) Winning the Queen for two Rooks.
Kingston (N. Y.) Journal.

WITTY AND WHIMSICAL.

"ENTERTAINING" KNOWLEDGE.—Ascertaining the cost of a dinner party.

Why is a dishonest bankrupt like an honest poor man?—Because both fail to get rich.

How does the Irish Cupid inflict his wounds?—With his "Arrah, be jubers!"

To all this the ruffian made but one answer. He clenched his fist, and striking out at her, felled her with a blow.

A MAN in the City has got so deep into debt that not one of his creditors has been able to see him for months.

Why is it impossible for a person who lisps to believe in the existence of young ladies?—He takes every miss for a myth.

THE WRETCH!—A correspondent suggests that "mum" is used as a title for ladies on account of their well-known love of silence.

ABANDONED.—A moral debating society out west is engaged in a discussion on the following question:—"If a man deserts his wife, which is the most abandoned, the man or the woman?"

"ONE might have heard a pin fall," is a proverbial expression of silence; but it has been eclipsed by the French phrase, "You might have heard the unfolding of a lady's cambric handkerchief."

An editor says he has become so hollow from depending on the printing business for bread, that he purposes to sell himself for a stove-pipe.—American Paper.

AN AWEWARD TRANSCIENCE.—A writer, in describing the last scene of "Othello," had this exquisite passage:—"Upon which the Moor, seizing a bolster full of rage and jealousy, smothers her."

ON DIR.—A new paper will shortly make its appearance, and most likely its disappearance. It is to be the organ of the hotels and chop-houses, and will be called *The Fresh-egg-hamner*.—Punch.

FRIENDSHIP.—"That's a very stupid brute of yours, John," said a Scotch minister to his parishioner, the peat-dealer, who drove his merchandise from door to door in a small cart drawn by a donkey, "I never see you but the creature is braying."—"Ah, sir," said the peat-dealer, "ye ken the heart's warm when friends meet."

A MAN advertised for a wife, and requested each candidate to enclose her *carte de visite*. A spirited young lady wrote to the advertiser in the following terms:—"Sir, I do not enclose my *carte*, for, though there is some authority for putting a cart before a horse, I know of none for putting one before an ass."

The late Dean Buckland is said to have been so intimately acquainted with the properties of all the geological formations of England, that being one night belated, and not knowing where he was, he alighted from his horse, took up a clod of earth, and examined it, when he immediately exclaimed, "Ubridge!" and proceeded on his journey.

When Dr. Johnson asked the widow Porter to be his wife, he told her candidly that he was of mean extraction, that he had no money, and that he had an uncle hanged. The widow replied that she cared nothing for his parentage, that she had no money herself, and though she had not had a relative hanged, she had fifty who deserved hanging. So they made a match of it.

ADVICE TO YOUNG LADIES.—Josh Billings in the *Troy News*, gives us weekly scintillations of ripest wisdom. The last is in the form of advice to a young lady as to how she shall receive a proposal. "You ought to take it kind, looking down hill, with an expreshun about half tickled and half scart. After the pop is over, if yure luvver wants tew kiss you, I don't think I would say yes or no, but let the thing kind of take its own course. There iz one thing I hayo always stuck tew, and that iz, give me long courtships and short engagements."