

THE GLEANER.

Jacques Herne, aged 97, is the oldest veteran in the Hotel des Invalides, Paris. He lost both arms and one leg at the battle of Waterloo.

THERE has recently been started in Regent street, London, a new club for ladies. It is called the Victoria. It contains a refreshment and waiting rooms, a buffet provided with light food, and a dining-room.

THE *Castalia* is in high favour with French travellers, who, to their infinite delight, can now cross the Channel almost certain to avoid sea sickness. The number of passengers increases every week, a large proportion of whom are foreigners.

RESKIN protests against long clothes. "I have lost much of the faith I once had in the common sense and even in the personal delicacy of the present race of average English women by seeing how they will allow their dresses to sweep the street, as if it was the fashion to be scavengers."

Terra del Fuego has been traversed by Lieut. Masters, R.N., who has discovered that the natives believe in devils, and hold them to be the departed spirits of members of the medical profession. The main object of their religious ceremonies is to keep these devils at a distance from them.

THE old practice of troops cheering on charging an enemy, which was abolished in the British army some time ago, is to be revived. An order to that effect has been issued by the authorities, and the Second Battalion of the Sixth Fusiliers has been exercised at drill on Woodwich common in charging and cheering.

THE Italian Government has resolved to abolish the religious element in the forms heretofore in use in administering oaths. There is to be no such invocation of the Deity as "So help me God," or "In the presence of the ever-living God." It is simply "I swear," and the usual penalties are retained for perjury.

A French physician, who has just been received by the Pope, reports: "The Pope is healthy and vigorous; he has no disease. All his organs are in perfect harmony, and his countenance, voice, and gesture are those of a man of 60, not of 85. He can, and even should, sport from unforeseen accidents, live thus ten years more."

It is stated from Jamaica that a quantity of treasure has been discovered on the Columbian Coast, and is supposed to have been there for about two centuries, being originally in possession of Morgan, the buccaner. The finder has recently visited Kingston seeking assistance in its recovery, and had with him some of the doubloons which he stated he had fished up.

NEAR Cairo, Egypt, the ceremony of opening the Nile took place this season in the presence of the principal ministers and officials and several thousand persons. This ceremony is held when the river attains a certain height. An opening is cut to admit its fertilizing waters to the numerous canals spread all over Egypt. The effigy of a woman in gorgeous apparel, and bedecked with jewelry, is floated down the stream, and money is distributed to the peasants present, in token of the riches and abundance that will result whenever the Nile flows.

It is unusual to summon a peer's son to sit in the House of Lords during the lifetime of his father, but this has just been done in the case of Viscount Bury, the only son of the Earl of Albemarle who has been called to the Upper House as Baron Ashford, which is one of his father's titles. Viscount Bury was born in 1832, served in the army in India, was in the Colonial service from 1859 to 1876, and has been several times a member of the House of Commons.

February 12th, 1877, is Darwin's sixty-ninth birthday. It is proposed in Germany to give him on that day an album containing the photographs of all his admirers and disciples who wish thus to have themselves enrolled, with name, station and residence beside each. The album is to be a work of art. The first page is to have a dedication in German, with pictorial decoration by Scheuren, the Dusseldorf painter. Rade, the Superintendent of the Zoological Section of the Westphalian Association for Science and Art at Münster, and Prof. Haeckel, the celebrated Darwinian of Jena, have charge of the preparation of this testimonial.

HEARTH AND HOME.

"GOOD MORNING."—Don't forget to say "Good morning." Say it to your parents, your brothers and sisters, your schoolmates, your teachers, your servants—and say it cheerfully, and with a smile. There is a kind of inspiration in every "Good morning" heartily and smilingly spoken that helps to make hope fresher and work lighter. It really seems to make the morning good, and to be a prophecy of a good day to come after it. And, if this be true of the "Good morning," it is also true of all kind, hearty greetings. They cheer the discouraged, rest the tired one, and somehow make the wheels of life run smoothly.

LIGHTENING LIFE.—If we take from business and worldly cares no time for thought of other things, no time for recreation and relief, no time for acts looking to the future and a better life, the hour is certain to arrive, sooner or later, when a crisis will confront us, compelling us to do all these things which we so much

neglect in the routine of business or professional life. How much better is it, then, to make rest, recreation, reflection, thoughts of a future and a better, purer, and holier state of existence, a part of our daily experience, combining business with charity, industry with kindness, perseverance with fortitude, experience with religion, a commingling of qualities and hopes that lighten life as we go through the world, and add to the pleasures of the present with a view to the hereafter!

BRELOQUES POUR DAMES.

Why is a fight between a man and his wife like a collision at sea?—Because the weaker vessel is apt to get the worst of it.

It is the shrewd remark of a close observer that women do not want equal rights half so much as they want more room in the street cars.

No man can play a good game of whist and kiss his right-hand partner between hands. It is high time this fact was thoroughly understood.

"SHE makes all the conquests she desires," said a gentleman of a reigning belle to a lady. "True," was the sharp response, "but she'd give all her slaves for one master."

JONES, who is an incorrigible bachelor, says he has decided to wait till he is old and then have a golden wedding. Always wanted to pluck the rose without the thorn.

FLIRTATION is said to be attention without intention. Few people can realize to what an extent flirtation may be carried till they have seen a gang of laborers at work on the streets.

NOTHING in the world will make a man so mad as to dream that he is kissing an academy girl, and wake up to find that a depraved fly is waltzing around the ragged edge of his mouth.

A PENNSYLVANIA clergyman, seeing a young man standing in the doorway of the church and looking hesitatingly about, paused in the midst of his sermon and exclaimed, "Go out, young man! She is not here!"

Two young ladies of Perth, Ontario, have resolved to indulge in "constitutional" every afternoon by walking from two to six miles. Their first attempt was very successful, they having walked two miles in twenty-five minutes.

"AUNT JULIA," said a blooming girl of seventeen, "what is necessary in order to write a good love letter?"—"Well," replied the aunt, "you must begin without knowing what you mean to say, and finish without knowing what you have written."

WHEN you see a young man and woman leaning over the garden gate in the twilight and hear a sound like the "squash" of a potato dug beneath a farmer's heel, you instinctively feel that there has been a climax of two souls.

A maiden lady said to her little nephew, "Now, Johnny, you go to bed early, and always do so, and you'll be rosy-cheeked and handsome when you grow up." Johnny thought over this a few minutes, and then observed, "Well, aunt, you must have sat up a good deal when you were young."

QUITE a common sight along the street now is to see a woman standing in front of a dry goods store, pensively gazing upon the "latest fall goods," while at the same time she convulsively clutches a pocket-book, containing a sample of "stuff" from another store, and recollections of an irritable husband at home float through her brain.

WHILE a young lady at a recent party in Saratoga, was talking about the "psychological significance of dress," and maintaining that a person's character could to a considerable extent be inferred from his attire, a foppish young Englishman, wearing a blue coat and brass buttons, inquired, with a supercilious air, what that kind of coat indicated, to which the young lady instantly responded, "The blue is indicative of the wearer's feelings; the brass, of his manners."

As a lady of great personal beauty was walking along a narrow lane, she perceived just behind her a hawk of earthenware, driving an ass with two painters laden with his stock in trade. In order to give the animal and his master room to pass, the lady suddenly stepped aside, which so frightened the donkey that he ran away, and had not proceeded far when he fell, and a great part of the crockeryware was broken. The lady, in her turn, became alarmed, lest the man should load her with abuse, if not offer to insult her; but he merely exclaimed, "Never mind, ma'am; Balaam's ass was frightened by an angel."

SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN WONDERS

In an old copy of the "German Evangelical Calendar," published in St. Charles, Mo., I find an article by the Rev. Dr. Steiner (recently deceased) upon the significance of the figure 7. As there is generally more importance attached to the "lucky 2" we may as well give 7 a chance and see how conspicuously it figures in the history of the world, more particularly in religion.

—Translator.

When God created the world he rested on the 7th day. There are 7 days in the week, 7 letters in the name of Jehovah, 7 syllables in the Mohammedan formula of prayer—la illah ill Allah. As the flood was to begin on the 7th

day and continue 7 weeks, Noah selected 7 pairs of clean animals and birds, male and female, and gathered them into the ark. On the 7th day the dove returned with its message. Every one is familiar with the 7 lat and 7 lean kine, the 7 fruitful and 7 barren ears of corn, 7 years of plenty and 7 years of famine. Jacob served 7 years for Rachel, and was cheated with Leah and served another 7 years and received his reward. Seven days he was followed by Laban his father-in-law. (That was before the unhappy days of mothers-in-law.) When Jacob died his son Joseph lamented for him 7 days. Every 7th year the Israelites permitted their fields to remain idle and untilled. (This was called the "Sabbatical year.") At the siege of Jericho 7 priests with 7 trumpets (trumpetones) went around the walls of the city, and at the 7th blast the walls fell. (We have no such dangerous wind instrument in our day, although there would be little difficulty in finding "blowers.") Seven times ten years were the Israelites held captive in Babylon. Seven times ten Hebrew scholars translated the Old Testament into Greek for the Alexandrian library. There were 7 times ten members of the high council of Jerusalem, not counting the presiding high priests.

When Peter asked, "Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother, is it enough 7 times?" Jesus replied, "I say unto you not 7, but seventy times 7."

"A just man falleth 7 times and riseth up again."—Prov. xxiv., 16.

When thine enemy speaketh fair believe him not, for there are 7 abominations in his heart (Prov. xxvi., 25). There are 7 attributes of the Almighty, 7 gifts of the Holy Ghost, 7 psalms of penance, 7 supplications in the Lord's prayer, 7 words of the cross, the Catholic church has 7 sacraments. There are 7 wounds of Christ on the cross. In Revelations there are 7 angels with 7 golden chalices filled with divine wrath; also 7 lamps with 7 flames are mentioned there. Who does not know of the "7 sleepers," the 7 youthful Christian martyrs who escaped into a cavern near Ephesus and fell asleep, and slumbered undisturbed for 200 years. There are 7 wonders of the world; 7 wise men of Greece. The Mohammedan's paradise contains 7 heavens. Rome has been governed by 7 kings, likewise Prussia, for the 7th is Emperor Wilhelm. During the 7 years' war under Frederick II. history mentions 7 important battles. The war in Spain between the Carlists and Christians lasted 7 years. The Franco-Prussian war lasted 7 months, and the 7th regiment was the first to distinguish itself.

On the 28th (four times 7) of September, 1870, Strasburg surrendered; on the 28th of October Metz, and on the 28th of January, 1871, Paris. Rome is built on 7 hills; so are Constantinople, Nuremberg, Bamberg, and Lisbon. Ancient Thebes, also Athens, Bagdad, and Morocco, each had 7 gates. Seven cities claimed the honor of being Homer's birthplace. There were 7 steps leading to the tomb of Darius, the Persian King; 7 steps to Solomon's throne; 7 arms or branches to the lamp in the temple at Jerusalem; 7 wicks in the perpetual lamp (eternal flame) to the rites of the Greek Church.

The River Nile has 7 mouths (but still remains discreetly silent about its source). There are 7 Canary islands, 7 Ionian islands, 7 colors in the rainbow; there are 7 tones in the musical scale, 7 precious metals. Pleiades, one of our beautiful constellations, numbers 7 stars.

There are 7 cardinal virtues; three of these are, faith, hope, and charity, "and the greatest of these is charity." The Duke of Wellington had 7 marshal's staffs.

The Pope is priest of 7 churches. The human head has 7 openings.

The entrances to the celebrated dome at Cologne have 7 pillars set upon 7 pedestals surmounted by 7 statues.

We might continue to enumerate for a column or more, and after we have exhausted our memory, some 7th son of a 7th son might predict a new set of 7 wonders, arising from the Centennial era, not omitting the Missouri exhibit.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

All communications intended for this department to be addressed Chess Editor, Office of CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS, Montreal.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

Student, Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 87, received. Correct.
M.J.M., Quebec.—Solution of Problem No. 88, received. Correct.
Sigma, Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 86, received. Correct.
J. R., Hamilton.—Letter and Game received. Many thanks.

The following gentlemen were elected officers of the Canadian Chess Association, at the annual meeting held in Hamilton last week:—President, Professor Howe, Montreal; Vice-Presidents, Thomas Workman, Esq., Montreal; E. T. Fletcher, Esq., Quebec; C. P. Champion, Esq., Quebec; Dr. Orton, Ancaster, Ont.; and—Case, Esq., Hamilton, Managing Committee—Owen Murphy, Esq., Mayor of Quebec; E. B. Holt, Esq., Quebec; D. R. McLeod, Esq., Quebec; and E. Sanderson, Esq., Quebec.

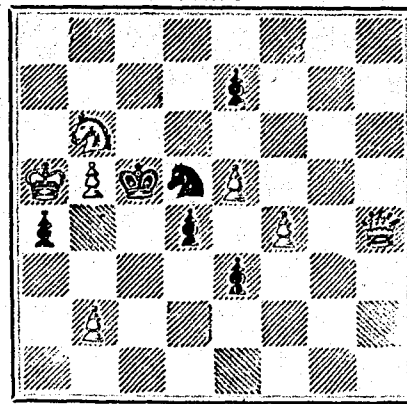
In the late Counties Chess Association Tourney in England, Mr. Burr, of Liverpool, obtained the highest score, and in consequence became finally entitled to the silver cup of the Association, as he had held possession of it during the two preceding years.

In the second-class Chess Tourney of the Association, Miss Rudge, a young lady who has on former occasions taken honor among Chess amateurs, came out the fourth of sixteen competitors.

PROBLEM No. 80.

By A. CYRIL PEARSON.

BLACK



White to play and mate in three moves.

GAME 127TH.

CHESS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Played some time ago between Messrs. Judd and Alberoni.

WHITE.—(Mr. Judd.)	BLACK.—(Mr. Alberoni.)
1. P to K4	P to K4
2. K Kt to B3	P to Q3
3. P to Q4	P takes P
4. Q takes P	B to K2
5. B to Q B4	K Kt to B3
6. Castles	Castles
7. Q Kt to B3	Q B to K3
8. B to K Kt5	Q Kt to B3
9. Q to Q3	Kt to Q Kt5
10. Q to K2	B to K Kt5
11. Q R to Q sq	Kt to Q B3
12. P to K R3	B to K R4
13. P to K Kt4	Kt takes Kt P
14. B takes K B	Q takes B
15. P takes Kt	B takes P
16. Q to K2	B takes Kt
17. Q takes B	Kt to K4
18. Q to K2	Q to K4 (ch)
19. K to R sq	Q to K5 (ch)
20. K to K2	Kt takes B
21. Q takes Kt	Q to K5 (ch)
22. K to R2	

Drawn by perpetual check.

GAME 128TH.

CHESS IN CANADA.

Played between Messrs. Henderson and Taylor, at Hamilton, in the late Canadian Chess Association Tourney.

WHITE.—(Mr. W. T. Taylor.)	BLACK.—(Mr. J. Henderson.)
1. P to K4	P to K4
2. P to Q4	P to Q Kt3
3. Kt to K B3	B to Kt2
4. B to Q3	Kt to K B3
5. B to K Kt5	B to K2
6. Kt to Q B3	P to Q B4
7. B takes Kt	B takes B
8. P to K5	B to K2
9. B to K2	P takes P
10. Kt to Q Kt5	Kt to Q B3
11. Kt to Q B (ch) (a)	B takes Kt
12. P takes B	P to K4
13. Kt to Q2	Castles
14. B to K B3	P to K B4
15. B to Q5 (ch)	K to R sq
16. Castles	Q to K B3
17. Q to K R5 (b)	Q takes P
18. B to Kt3	R to K B3
19. K R to K sq	R to K B sq
20. Kt to Q B4	Q to Kt sq
21. B to Q R4	P to K5 (c)
22. Q to Q sq	R to K Kt3
23. B takes Kt (d)	B takes B
24. Q takes P	R to K R3
25. P to K R3	R to K sq
26. Q to K3	Q to K3
27. Q R to Q sq	K R to Kt3
28. P to K Kt3	P to K B5 (e)
29. Q to K B3	P takes P
30. P to K B3	P takes P
31. R takes R	B takes R
32. Kt to K3	Q to Kt2
33. Kt to K B5	

And Black mates in two moves.

NOTES.

(a) An injudicious move.
(b) It is not easy to perceive the object of this move.
(c) These centre Pawns have now a formidable appearance.
(d) Winning back a Pawn, but bringing the B prominently into play.
(e) And White's game is hopeless.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 87.

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. Kt takes P (ch)	K moves
2. B to Q B5	Any move.
3. Mates accordingly.	

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 86.

WHITE.	BLACK.
K at K3	K at Q3
Q at K B4	Pawn at Q Kt3
Kt at K5	
Pawns at K4	
Q R4 and Q Kt5	

White to play and mate in two moves.

PERSONAL.

It is said that Hon. Dr. Tupper will shortly take up his residence in Toronto.

THE appointment to the Senate of Mr. Poyer, late M. P. for Beauce, is gazetted.

Jas. Redford, ex-M. P. for Perth, absconded from Stratford with heavy liabilities.

MR. CAMPBELL, the Conservative candidate's majority in Victoria, C. B., is exactly 100.

Mr. Kenneth McKenzie, Q. C., has been offered and has accepted the County Judgeship of York.

THE Montreal *Star* has apologized to Mr. Sanfield Macdonald for connecting his name and a young lady's improperly together.

Chief Justice Richards, administrator of the Dominion in the absence of the Governor General, was lately dangerously ill but is better now.

Hon. James Skead and J. M. Currie, M. P. have decided to send a consignment of sawn and manufactured lumber to the Exhibition at Sydney, Australia next April.