

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Letters intended for the Editor, should be addressed "Editor Saturday Reader, Drawer 401," and communications on business to "R. Worthington, publisher."

SCOTIA.—The thistle first appeared on the coins of James the Fifth. It was not until two reigns later that the motto "Nemo me impune lacessit" was added.

A CONSTANT READER.—The chairman of a committee is undoubtedly entitled to a vote as a member of the committee as well as a casting vote as chairman; but in the case stated by you, a decision was already arrived at, the numbers being three to four, and the chairman could not reverse that decision by giving his two votes. If he desired to vote as a member of the committee, he should have voted with the other members, and then, after the vote was taken, he could have given his casting vote as chairman.

J. W.—Paganini died in 1840. A. B. S.—The length of the Great Eastern is 680 feet, and her breadth 83 feet. We have seen it stated that she is to proceed to New York for the purpose of conveying visitors to the Paris Exhibition, but are not aware that a contract to that effect has been already signed. She can carry ten thousand passengers without difficulty.

ANNE H.—"Sofa" is derived from *Sophi*, a title given to the ruler of Persia.

GEORGIE.—If our correspondent should be returning from an evening party at a late, or rather an early hour, she would not be expected to invite the gentleman who accompanies her home to enter the house; neither should the gentleman accept an invitation if given. On ordinary occasions, however, it would be no breach of etiquette for a young lady to extend an invitation, or for a gentleman to accept it.

J. M. K., QUEBEC.—We beg respectfully to inform J. M. K. that we do not require contributions of the kind referred to.

PERICLES.—The article is reserved for more careful perusal; if accepted, it will appear in the course of a week or two.

R. V. R., JR.—We will communicate with you per mail.

SWINTON AND J. E. D'A.—Will please accept our thanks for contributions to our Pastime column.

J. H. O. N., CACOUNA.—Any contributions our correspondent may forward will receive our careful attention; and will, of course, be published, if accepted.

W. G.—The translation is respectfully declined; we shall nevertheless be happy to hear from you again.

Geo. B.—The prefix of *Fitz* in proper names is derived from the French *filz*, a son. *Fitzwilliam* therefore means "the son of William."

DAVID F.—Remember the advice of the great Duke of Wellington anent early rising: "Let the first turn in the morning be a turn out."

PASTIMES.

RIDDLES.

- 1. What is that we all drink, though it is sometimes a man and sometimes a woman?
2. What thing is that which is lower with a head than without one?
3. Why is a melancholy young lady the pleasantest of all companions?

CHARADES.

- 1. My first signifies opposition, 'tis true. My next varies much in size, texture and hue; May you live in my whole, and die in the same, 'Tis not a bad wish—now pray give me a name.
2. I'm a part of a column, as architects know; Of a plant I'm the stem, upon which no leaves grow. A title, a prayer, a vote, a decree, A favour, an elegance pleasant to see, When joined to my first, of my second deficient, For nothing that's good am I reckoned efficient.
3. My whole consists of 23 letters. My 16, 14, 15, 12, 6, 20, 5, 19 signifies a period of time. My 7, 5, 9, 5, 19, 6, 5 is the name of a city in British North America. My 18, 5, 19, 21, 8 is one of its principal streets.

My 4, 5, 19, 4, 8, 9, 3, 10 are often listened to with pleasure. My 4, 2, 12, 15, 17, 16, 3, 11 affords innocent amusement. My 5, 9, 21, 17, 19, 21, 15, 20, 19, 16, 3, 9 is a much abused character. My 22, 8, 12, 23, 2, 3, 9 is one of Scotland's emblems. My whole is the title of a celebrated poem by Burns. SWINTON.

SQUARE WOODS.

- 1 Not easily obtainable.
2 To declare.
3 To stray.
4 A vessel for water.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

The initials forward and finals backward will name two celebrated generals of the present century.

- 1. A bird.
2. An architectural order.
3. Prominence in figure.
4. A town in Ireland.
5. A plant.
6. Three-fourths of affection.
7. A Spanish title of royalty.
8. A town in Norfolk.
9. Common earth.
10. A defence for the body.
11. One of the heavenly bodies.
12. A dwelling.
13. A tree.
14. A title.
15. Two-thirds of a falsehood.
16. A city in France.

ANSWERS TO ARITHMOREM, &c.

No. 69.

- Arithmorem.—Charlemagne.—1. Constantius. 2. Herculeaneum. 3. Artaxerxes. 4. Rome. 5. Lepidus. 6. Euclid. 7. Messina. 8. Alexandriano. 9. Guagamela. 10. Numa Pompilius. 11. Evil Merodach.

Enigma.—A smile.

- Riddles.—1. Because he is generally lead.
2. Because it makes "ill" "will."

- Charades.—1. Tourney. 2. Stream. 3. Papa. 4. Basket.

Problems.—21 1/2 minutes past 4 o'clock.

The following answers have been received:

Arithmorem.—J. E. D'A., Folio, H. H. V., Camp, Argus, Grove.

Engma.—Folio, Argus, Camp, J. E. D'A., Grove.

Charades.—J. E. D'A., Arthur H., Violet, Grove, Argus.

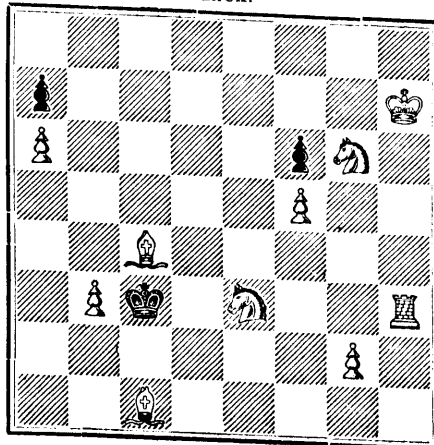
Problem.—J. E. D'A.

CHESS.

PROBLEM No. 50.

By J. A. GRAVES, BROOKLYN, L. I. (From Kingston (N. Y.) Journal.)

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in four moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM, NO. 48.

- WHITE. 1. B to K sq. 2. B to Q B 3 (ch.) 3. Q Mates.
BLACK. B to B 4 or (a. b.) Any move.
(a.) 1. Q to K Kt 3 (ch.) K takes R. 2. Q to K Kt 3 (ch.) And mate next move.
(b.) 1. Q to Q B 7 (ch.) K to Q B 4. 2. Q to Q B 7 (ch.) And mate next move.

A fine little partie, showing Herr Anderssen's great fertility of resource.

BISHOP'S GAMBIT.

Table with two columns: WHITE, (Schulten.) and BLACK, (Anderssen). It lists chess moves for both sides, such as 1 P to K 4, 2 P to K B 4, 3 K B to B 4, etc.

- (a.) P to B 6, would lose time, e. g.: 5. P to B 6. 6. K B to Kt 5 (ch.) 7. K Kt to B 3, &c.
(b.) A very good move as the sequel shows.
(c.) So hampered that he voluntarily sacrifices a P to relieve his cramped position. It is not a good move however; we should decidedly have preferred 14. Kt take K B P.
(d.) K B to B 4 would have prolonged, but could not have saved the game.
(e.) A pretty termination.

WITTY AND WHIMSICAL.

WHEN are Piesse and Lubin like a balloon?—When they are making a-scent.

A WORTHY Canongate Bailie, in days of yore, is said to have granted a warrant to search a soldier's knapsack for a cart-wheel.

OF course Napoleon was right when he said that "now-a-days bayonets think." Polished steel must be capable of reflection.

RIDDLE ME THIS.—"Sambo, can you tell me in what building people are most like to take cold?" "Why, no; me strange in de town, and can't tell dat." "Well, I will tell you—it is de bank." "How is dat?" "Because there are so many drafts in it." "Dat is good; but can you tell me, sah, what make dere be so many drafts in it?" "No." "Because so many go dere to raise the wind. Yah, yah, yah!"

A SCHOOLMASTER, who had an inveterate habit of talking to himself when alone, was asked what motive he could have in talking to himself. Jonathan replied that he had two good substantial reasons: In the first place, he liked to talk to a sensible man; and, in the next place, he liked to hear a man of sense talk.

NO BODY IN THIS.—The man who made a shoe for the foot of a mountain is now engaged on a hat for the head of a discourse.

IRREGULAR VERBS.—An American who was once teaching English to a German, and on being asked if there were no irregular verbs in English, replied by giving the following solitary example: "I go, thou wentest, he departed, we made tracks, you cutsticks, they skedaddled." But, on asking for a repetition of it, the German found that it varied every time, and he had at last to give it up in despair.

THERE was something exquisite in an American's reply to the European traveller, when he asked him if he had just crossed the Alps, "Wal, now you call my attention to the fact," said he, "I guess I did pass risin' ground."

A WIT says—"No Yankee is satisfied with the truth, unless you can prove to him that it is worth eight or ten per cent."

A GOUTY gentleman in Palace Yard one night sitting alone by his parlour fireside, a well-dressed man came very civilly into the room, and said, "Sir, I observe your servant is just gone to the alehouse, and has carelessly left your street door open; now how easy would it be for any rascal to come in, and blow out these two wax candles, thus! and thus! and run away with this heavy pair of silver candlesticks!" which he accordingly did, without waiting for a reply.