

LITERARY GOSSIP.

MESSRS. MACMILLAN AND Co. will issue immediately a new novel by Pen Oliver, entitled "Charley Kingston's Aunt." The story, we learn, turns upon the actual experiences of a medical student.

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN AND Co. announce that fifty thousand subscriptions have been received to the illustrated edition of Longfellow's works published by them, in the superb quartos familiar to the public.

A COMPANION volume to "Men of the Time," devoted to women of mark and comprising 400 names well known in art, literature, science, music, and the drama, has been compiled by Francis Hayes, and will shortly be published by Messrs. Chatto and Windus.

LORD TENNYSON has said so many fine things about Freedom in his time that it is much to be regretted that he cannot now leave her alone. "Of old," in the palmy days of his genius, she "sat upon the heights," but she has come down to the flats with a vengeance in the stanzas with which he introduces the December number of *Macmillan*.

To the present generation, Lord Hervey's "Memoirs of the Reign of George II." is a book almost unknown, though it is full of interest, and met with a very cordial welcome from the English public when first issued, in 1847. Messrs. Scribner and Welford now announce a new edition, in three volumes. The work is edited by John Wilson Croker, whose own Memoirs have recently been given to the public.

THE London *Telegraph*, which manufactures its own paper, has bought a large tract of railroad land in the Mojave desert in California, and will use the yucca plant, or "Spanish bayonet," instead of the customary wood-pulp as the base of the paper. The "hitherto despised yucca" will be shipped to some point on the Colorado River, where it will be ground into pulp. The pulp will be shipped to New Orleans and thence to Liverpool.

PROF. HUXLEY, who came from the Adriatic to London to be present at his daughter's wedding, has returned to Italy to cure his liver and prolong his life under a prescription of absolute idleness. Smalley says his first idea of "absolute idleness" was eight hours a day instead of sixteen—"time now to do some of the things I have had to put off." But he has found that a delusion. He will be sixty years old in May, and has no energy to spare.

THE *Manhattan* has apparently made its final appearance, in spite of a good deal of talk about its revival by Messrs. Arnold, Constable and Co. There is apparently no movement in that direction. An illustrated magazine is not the kind of enterprise which a great dry goods house would care to conduct. It is reported that Arnold, Constable and Co. have offered the magazine on the most liberal terms, but have failed to find a purchaser.

CHAMBERS'S *Journal*: At one of Sheridan's dinner parties the conversation turned upon the difficulty of satisfactorily defining "wit." Forgetting that he was expected to hear, see, but say nothing, Master Tom informed the company: "Wit is that which sparkles and cuts." "Very good, Tom," said his father. "Then, as you have sparkled you can cut!" and poor Tom had to leave his dinner unfinished.

A VERY interesting account of "Madagascar: its History and People," has just been published by Messrs. William Blackwood and Sons, of Edinburgh and London, in the shape of a substantial volume, the author being the Rev. Henry W. Little. The object of the book is to describe the habits, customs and natural features of the country, and direct public attention to a small but progressive and worthy people, who are at the present moment passing through a great national crisis.

MRS. HENRY WARD BEECHER will henceforth editorially conduct the "Home Interests" department of *The Brooklyn Magazine*. A special feature, which it is said will resemble the recent congratulatory testimonial of the *Critic* to Dr. Holmes, will constitute the leading attraction of the January number of the magazine. The publishers do not announce the name of the distinguished gentleman to be honoured; but in order that the surprise may not be discounted the publication of the January issue has been postponed until the 6th proximo.

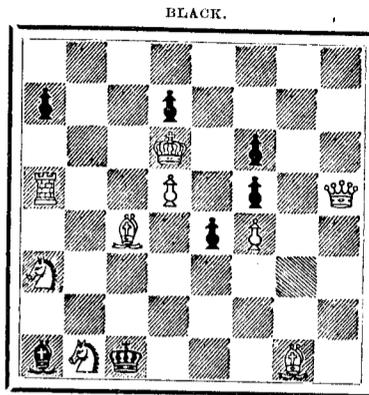
THE three most popular New York novelists at present seem to be E. P. Roe, Dr. Hammond and Edgar Fawcett. Mr. Roe's "A Young Girl's Wooing" will pass rapidly, it is thought, through four or five editions, although there were 25,000 copies in the first edition. Dr. Hammond's "Lal" has paid the author and publishers handsomely, and his new book "Dr. Grattan," is selling fast; the first edition of "Dr. Grattan" was purchased by the dealers within an hour, and a second edition is now in preparation. Edgar Fawcett's "Rutherford," published a few months ago by Funk and Wagnalls, has sold by thousands, though it is one of his weakest novels.

BONA-FIDE lovers of good music will be glad to hear that the enterprise of Messrs. Suckling, of Toronto, in publishing a "Canadian Copyright Edition of Standard Pianoforte Studies and Solos," has been rewarded with success, and that many of them have gone into a second edition. The get-up of these selections is far in advance of anything hitherto attempted in Canada: the paper is of the best quality, the printing is bright and clear, and the idea of giving sample bars of the newest and most popular pieces on the last page has been adopted. "En Route," by Sidney Smith, which Messrs. Suckling have favoured us with, is too well known to require comment. "Ever with Thee," from the same house, music by T. C. Jeffers, of Toronto, set to Barry Cornwall's words, is a pretty song, suitable for a tenor voice.

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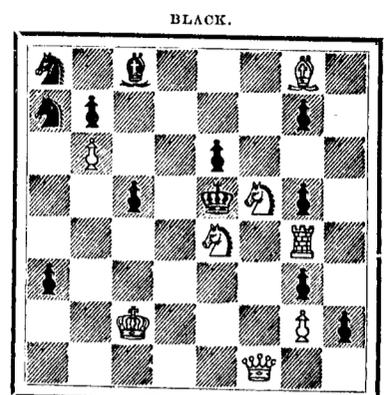
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PROBLEM No. 67.
Composed for the WEEK.
By Morley Punshon, Toronto Chess Club.



White to play and sui-mate in four moves.

PROBLEM No. 68.
TOURNEY PROBLEM No. 16.
Motto:—"My Lance."



White to play and mate in three moves.

TORONTO vs. QUEBEC.

BOARD "D."

The following well-contested game was played between Messrs. E. Pope and E. C. Fry, of Quebec, and Messrs. J. H. Gordon and W. Wilson, of Toronto, in the recent telegraphic match:

TORONTO.	QUEBEC.	TORONTO.	QUEBEC.
White.	Black.	White.	Black.
Messrs.	Messrs.	Messrs.	Messrs.
Gordon and Wilson.	Pope and Fry.	Gordon and Wilson.	Pope and Fry.
1. P K 4	P K B 3 (a)	47. Q Q R 3	K B 2
2. P K B 4	P K 3	48. B Q sq	P Q R 4
3. P Q 4	Kt K 2	49. P K Kt 3	Q R 3
4. Kt K B 3 (b)	P Q B 3	50. B K 2	B Kt 4
5. P Q B 4	P Q 4	51. B Q sq	P Kt 3
6. Q B P takes P	B P takes P	52. Q Q R sq	B Q 6
7. P K 5 (c)	P K B 4	53. B Q B 3	Kt B 3
8. Q Kt B 3	Kt Kt 3	54. Q Q Kt 2	B Kt 4
9. B Q 2	B K 2	55. B K B 3	P Q R 5
10. Q Q Kt 3	Castles.	56. P takes P	B takes P
11. Kt K 2	Kt Q B 3	57. Q R sq	P Kt 4
12. R Q B sq	P Q R 3	58. B K 2	Q Kt 2
13. Kt K Kt 3	K Kt R 5	59. R Q Kt 2	R Q Kt sq
14. Kt takes Kt	B takes Kt	60. Q Q R 3	Q B 2
15. Q Q B 3	B Q 2	61. K Kt 2	Q K 2
16. B K 2	R Q B sq	62. Q Q R 2	Q R 2
17. Q K 3	Q K sq	63. R Q 2	P Kt 5
18. Castles (d)	B takes Kt	64. B Q Kt 2	B Kt 4
19. P takes B	Q Kt 3	65. Q takes Q	Kt takes Q
20. K B 2	P K R 3	66. B takes B	Kt takes B
21. R K R sq	Q R 2	67. K B 2	Kt R 6
22. R K R 4	Kt K 2	68. R Q 3	R Q R sq
23. B Q 3	R takes R	69. R Q Kt 3	Kt B 7
24. B takes R	P K Kt 3	70. K K 2	R Q B sq
25. P K Kt 4	B K sq	71. K Q 2	K K 2
26. Q K Kt 3	K R sq	72. K Q 3	K Q 2
27. Q R 2	Kt Kt sq	73. B B sq	R B 5
28. P K Kt 5	Q Q B 2	74. B Q 2	Kt takes P
29. B Q 2	P K R 4	75. R takes P	R takes R
30. R K R 3	Kt K 2	76. B takes R	Kt Q Kt 4
31. Q K Kt sq	K Kt 2	77. B B 5	K B 3
32. B Q Kt sq	B B 2	78. B B 2	Kt R 6
33. P Q Kt 3	Kt B 3	79. K Q 4	K Kt 4
34. K Kt 3	Q Kt 3	80. K B 3	Kt B 5
35. B Q B 3	R Q B sq	81. B Kt sq	K R 5
36. K R 2	Kt R 2	82. B B 5	K Kt 4
37. B Q Kt 2	Q Kt 5	83. B B 2	Kt R 4
38. Q B 2	Kt Kt 4	84. B Kt sq	Kt Kt 2
39. P Q R 4	Kt R 2	85. K Q 3	Kt B 4 ch
40. R Q 3	B K sq	86. K Q 4	Kt K 5
41. Q Q 2	Q Kt 3	87. K Q 3	Kt takes P on Kt 3
42. Q K sq?	B takes P	88. B B 2	Kt K 5
43. Q Q sq	B Kt 4	89. B K sq	K B 4
44. R Q 2	B Q 2	90. B Q R 5	P Q 5
45. B B 2	Kt B 3	91. B B 7	P R 5
46. Q Q R sq	Kt Kt 5	92. B Q 6 ch and White resign.	

NOTES.

- (a) An exceedingly slow, but not necessarily bad opening.
- (b) B Q 3 we prefer.
- (c) Weak on principle.
- (d) The remainder of the game calls for little comment. White's play exhibits an enormous amount of *finesse*, and Black's is characterized by an abnormal development of caution. In fact, one seems afraid, the other dares not.

NEWS ITEMS.

THE Detroit *Free Press* Christmas column contains eleven problems. Eleven valuable prizes are offered for the best solutions.

SIXTY-TWO problems have so far been entered in the *Mirror* Tourney. THE Toronto Chess Club Tourney is in full swing. Some of the new blood is exerting a powerful influence.