

successive issue. In the number before us the topographical features—the mountains, lakes, parks, forests, rivers and streams; climate, natural divisions, soil and vegetation; irrigation, forests, geology, minerals, zoology, birds, and general industrial features, of Colorado are exhaustively treated. Added to this are the editorials, original and contributed articles, selections, and historical notes, occupying thirty large pages.

LITTEL's *Living Age*, for June 21st, contains the following collections: James Hope Scott, A Mysterious Dwelling, Fashionable Philosophy, Henry Greville's Diary, Moonlight and Floods, Arminius Vambery, Dr. Goodford, Earthquakes in England, Wild Flowers of Irish Speech, Five Letters of Pope, The Abandonment of Wind Power, The Coins of Venice, etc.

"THE CONTINENT" for June ought not to have been overlooked so long. It is simply marvellous how the most enterprising publishers can afford to give so much good reading matter beautifully illustrated at the price. Here are some thirty subjects, varied in matter and style, many by well-known writers, filling 128 large pages of excellent letterpress, and all at a nominal figure. 'Tis not in mortals to command success, but surely the proprietors of the *Continent* have done more—deserved it.

### LITERARY GOSSIP.

MACMILLAN & Co., are issuing a new and revised edition of their valuable Educational Catalogue, which embodies, besides their own comprehensive list, the Clarendon Press Series and Pitt Press Series of Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

ALPHONSE DAUDET's new novel, "Sappho," is a sad ruin of the pleasing illusion that there was one clean French author. Edward King says he "quite out-Zolas Zola, and fairly enters upon the domain so long gallantly inhabited by Paul de Kock."

THE copies of "The Shakspearean Show-Book" which Scribner & Welford have imported are said to be the first offered for sale outside of the show at Albert Hall. Only seven thousand were printed, and the book will soon be "scarce" in England, if it is not so already.

WE are glad to hear that Professor Seeley is engaged in the preparation of a second and enlarged edition of his admirable work, "The Expansion of England," perhaps the most useful book that has been issued of late years. The new edition, it is said, will contain a chapter on Egypt, and a reply to critics such as Mr. John Morley and Professor Goldwin Smith, the Prophets of the Contraction, as Professor Seeley is the Prophet of the Expansion, of England.

PROFESSOR HENRY MORLEY's "Universal Library," now being published at frequent intervals by George Routledge & Sons, is to be enriched by a number of extremely well-selected works during the present year; among them are Herrick's "Hesperides," Colderidge's "Table Talk," Chapman's translation of the "Iliad," Johnson's "Rasselas," and many other standard literary works. This library promises to be an invaluable compendium of the classic literature of the world.

S. W. GREEN'S SON, of New York, announces the publication at an early day of the "Evolution of a Life," being the memoirs of Major Seth Eyland, containing the record of the author's personal experience in the war as Captain of the First New York Mounted Rifles, Provost Marshal, and Judge Advocate, with new and interesting anecdotes about Lincoln, Grant, McClellan, Scott, Butler, Joe Johnston, Stonewall Jackson, Martin Van Buren, Horatio Seymour, President Arthur, and others.

IN view of the Commencement Season, Macmillan & Co. are issuing a new and revised edition of their valuable Educational Catalogue, forming a volume of over 100 pages, 12mo, embodying, besides their own comprehensive list, the well-known *Clarendon Press Series* and *Pitt Press Series* of Oxford and Cambridge Universities. As containing works by men of the highest eminence in the educational world, this catalogue should have much interest both for the profession and for the earnest student.

IN regard to the report that the Comte de Paris has suspended his work on the "History of the Civil War in America," Messrs. Porter & Coates, who are the authorized publishers of the work in this country, say they are positive it is a misstatement, and will have it officially contradicted. They know that Comte de Paris has the manuscript of Volume VII. (French edition) ready, and all the material for Volume VIII. (French edition) in such condition that he can finish it at an early date. These volumes will be translated and published by the American publisher on the same day they are issued in France, and will make the fourth volume of the American edition. The work will be completed at the earliest moment after he has digested all the material necessary to do so.

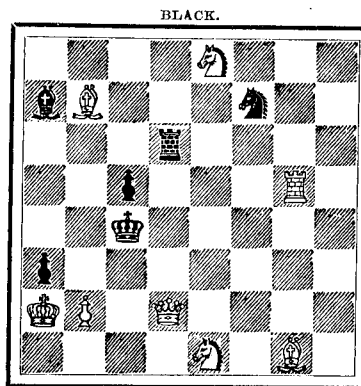
THE *Art Interchange* of June 19 contained designs for a dish and a half dozen fish plates. These designs show marine plants, fishes and shells arranged in a charmingly decorative way. A design in colour for sofa pillow decoration, by the Boston Society of Decorative Art, is also given. A unique design of oak leaves and acorns, for the larger dishes of dinner service, and an exquisite woodland scene, "The Ruined Abbey," by Lalanne, are also to be found in this issue. In Decorative Notes is given some interesting information as to novelties in pottery, porcelain, glassware, vases, lamps, screens, yach pillows, photograph frames, sachets, birch bark calendars. In Notes and Queries department questions are answered relative to pastel painting. Kensington painting, siccatis de Harlem and siccatis de Courtray, decorative arrangement of peacock feathers, embroidery, the celebrated Duran palette sketching on linen and brass work.

### CHESS.

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PROBLEM No. 22.

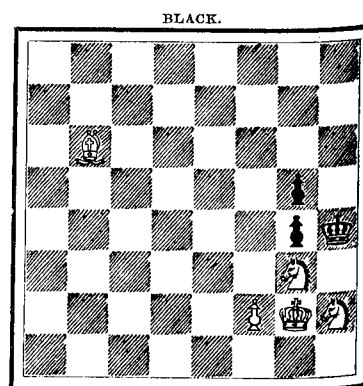
By CHAS. W. PHILLIPS.



White to play and mate in two moves.

PROBLEM No. 23.

By CHAS. W. PHILLIPS.



White to play and mate in four moves.

#### SOLUTION TO PROBLEM No. 14.

1. Kt to R 4 if 1. K takes B, 2. Q takes P ch 2. K takes Q, 3. R mates, if 2. K moves 3. Q mates, if 1. K B 3 2. K B 6, 2. K moves 3. Q mates. Correct solutions received from E. B. G., Montreal; H. J. C., London; W. B. M., Detroit; G. S. C., Toronto; L. C. C., Arnprior.

#### SOLUTION TO PROBLEM No. 15.

1. R B 5 1. any move, 2. Kt Kt 5 2. any, 3. R mates. Correct solution received from E. B. G., Montreal; W. A., Montreal; H. J. C., London; L. C. C., Arnprior; W. B. M., Detroit; G. S. C., Toronto.

#### "THE WEEK" PROBLEM AND SOLUTION TOURNEY.

We again draw the attention of our readers to the problem and solution tourneys which we are about to inaugurate.

#### "THE WEEK" PROBLEM COMPETITION.

Through the liberality of an esteemed correspondent who insists on being nameless, we hereby offer a prize of six dollars in chess material for the best three move problem contributed to THE WEEK, on or before the 15th September, 1884.

#### RULES AND CONDITIONS.

1. Problems to be direct, unconditional three move mates never before published.
2. Each competitor to enter as many problems as he pleases.
3. Joint compositions barred.
4. Rectification of problems allowed to closing date.
5. The problem on a diagram with motto, and having solution on the back in full, to be mailed in an envelope, addressed Chess Editor THE WEEK, Toronto, and a simultaneous envelope bearing inscription "Problem Competition," containing motto, name and address of the sender, to J. H. Gordon, 111 St. Patrick St., Toronto. The problems to be exclusive property of THE WEEK until the award of judges.
6. Want of compliance with any of the above rules will debar problems from competition. The standard of award will be: Difficulty, 15; Beauty, 15; Originality, 15; Variety, 10; Economy, 10; Correctness, 10. The judges' names will be given in a future issue.

#### "THE WEEK" SOLUTION TOURNEY.

For the most complete set of solutions and criticisms of problems published in THE WEEK commencing with the issue of July 3rd, 1884, and ending with the issue of October 30th, 1884, we offer a prize of five dollars in chess material, and for the second best, a prize of four dollars in chess material.

#### RULES AND CONDITIONS.

1. No prizes will be awarded unless at least eight competitors enter.
2. Solutions and criticisms to be mailed within two weeks of date of issue, to Chess Editor, THE WEEK.
3. Marks for solutions will be awarded as follows:—For two move problems, 2 points; for 3 move problems, 3 points; for 4 move problems, four points, with an additional point for every indispensable variation of White's 2nd move. For second solution, further points will be awarded in the same way. The criticisms must be short and to the point.

#### GAME No. 15.

From the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette. Played at New Orleans, May 12, 1884.

Philidor's defence.

Mr. J. McConnell.	Dr. Zukertort.	Mr. J. McConnell.	Dr. Zukertort.
WHITE.	BLACK.	WHITE.	BLACK.
1. P K 4	1. P K 4	13. Kt takes Q P	13. B Kt 2
2. Kt K B 3	2. P Q 3	14. Castles (Q R)	14. P takes P (g)
3. B B 4 (a)	3. Kt Q B 3 (b)	15. Kt K 6 ch 1	15. B takes Kt
4. P Q Kt 3 (c)	4. P K B 4	16. Q takes Q P ch	16. K K 1
5. P Q 3	5. Kt K B 3	17. B takes B	17. Kt Q 4
6. B K Kt 5	6. P K R 3 (d)	18. Q 7 ch	18. K B 1
7. B takes Kt	7. Q takes B	19. B takes Kt (h)	19. R Q 1
8. Kt Q B 3	8. Kt K 2	20. Q takes Kt P	20. Q B 5 ch
9. Kt Q Kt 5 (e)	9. K Q 1	21. K Kt 1	21. B takes Kt
10. Q Q 2	10. P Q B 3	22. Q takes B P!	22. B B 3
11. Kt B 3	11. P K Kt 4	23. B takes P	and Black resigns.
12. P Q 4	12. P takes Q P (f)		

#### NOTES.

- (a) A continuation favoured by Mr. Boden, is generally held inferior to 3. P to Q 4. Of late, however, some strong players, notable among them Mr. Blackburne, we believe, have shown a predilection for the text move.
- (b) 3. B to K 2, introduced by Harrwitz in his match with Loewenthal, is more usual and apparently stronger.
- (c) Evidently to provide a retreat for the Bishop, should the adverse Knight attack from K 4, but 4. P to Q 4 seems preferable either in this or White's next move.
- (d) Here once again 6. B to K 2 appears best.
- (e) A well-timed advance. White has now secured a marked advantage in position.
- (f) Would not 12. Kt to Kt 3 instead have been a much stronger reply?
- (g) Too covetous by half, and seemingly quite unprepared for the pretty stroke of play with which his opponent at once replies.
- (h) Even 19. Kt x Kt would have been safe, as Black had nothing but a few unavailing checks. Indeed, the latter's game has been most seriously compromised, if not defenceless for some time past.

#### NEWS ITEMS.

ZUKERTORT is in San Francisco. MR. JOHN RYAN has won the Championship Tourney of the Manhattan Chess Club in such style as to win the encomiums of Herr Steinitz. THE current number of the Brooklyn Chess Chronicle is to hand, and is filled with good games and racy news items. The Problem Department, however, seems a trifle neglected. There are only four problems given each month, and this month one of them, a four mover, can be done in three. We cull from our contemporary some interesting items. THE Manhattan Chess Club proposes to hold a summer Handicap Tournament. In the Elmira Telegram's Correspondence Tournament Mr. Thowalter, of Kentucky, stands first, Mr. Anderson next. MR. WM. SHAYER has won the Danites (N.Y.) Chess Club Tourney with the fine score of 134 won and 24 lost, Dr. Raymond second, Mr. A. Simis third. AT the inauguration of the Amiens Chess Association, M. Rosenthal played ten simultaneous games, winning all. The end position of one of these is very pretty, and the final play elegant. White (M. Rosenthal), K Kt 1, Q Q 1, R K 2, Kt K B 3, B K R 3, P's Q R 2, Q Kt 2, Q B 2, K B 2, K Kt 2, K R 2. Black (Amateur), K Kt 1, Q Q R 5, R's Q R 1, K R 1, B K B 1, P's Q R 2, Q Kt 2, Q B 2, Q 3, K 4, K Kt 4, K R 3. White having to move played 1. Kt takes K P, Black replied 1. B K 2, and after 2. R K 4 2. Q takes R, White mates by force in six moves. WE learn on the authority of the Cincinnati Commercial that Messrs. Zukertort and McConnell played in all 22 games during the former's visit to New Orleans. Score—Zukertort, 14; McConnell, 5; drawn, 3. We give one of the games above. MR. STARBUCK, one of the strongest players in Cincinnati, is dead. In the Loewenthal Cup Competition in London, Mr. Minehin has won with a score of 6; Mr. Wayne, second, with 5½; and Mr. Gattie Hind, with 3½.