

THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON.

One glorious picture oft uncalled, but welcome,
Rises before me from a vanished time:
The strangeness of its beauty falling o'er me
Like the rich twilight of a sunny clime.

'Tis never out of season—that old story
The picture brings me—for I can it over,
And find it wondrous in the time of blossoms,
And in the ripening time grand as before.

Where floors of marble wind through gates of beauty,
I gaze, the carven glories all between,
And see, within a hall enthroned, a monarch
Goodly of form and beautiful of mien.

There seems a solemn passion in the silence
To throb and thrill, as there before the king,
Two women, deathly pale with strife and anguish,
A fair young babe into the presence bring.

And one is youthful—her dark eyes and tresses,
And glossed brown cheeks, telling of Egypt's
strand—
The full, soft, melancholy lips resembling
The immemorial statues of her land.

But sadder than the wail of wretched exile,
Comfortless by the stranger's river-wave—
Sadder than distant strains of wedding-music
To widow by her husband's new-made grave,

Is the great woe that presses on her spirit,
The troubled vision in her eyes that shine,
And the mad loneliness thrilling through the fingers
That with the baby-fingers clutch and twine.

Her sorrow-freighted thoughts go backward—back-
ward—
Where joy was found disguised in misery:
So much, so much we lost, yet to her bosom
The mother-love from every stain is free.

And simple words flow from her heart's deep sorrow:
"At midnight, while I lay upon my bed,
This living child was stolen from my bosom,
This woman gave to me her baby dead:

"Thy handmaid slept, O king! as one who trusted
Her treasure safe, and waking turned to see
What death had kissed, but lo! the grace was want-
ing—
And beauty of the dear one born to me.

"Thou, that in wisdom rulest thine own people,
Judge with just judgment from thy righteous
throne—
Thou, who art ever merciful to strangers,
Favored of Heaven, oh, give to me mine own!"

The other speaks. Her beauty to my spirit
The presence of "a joy forever" brings:
While even with awe I mark her eye's cold splendor
Meet with a level glance the mighty king's.

Judea's lily-buds in early girlhood
Had made the fitting garland for her brow;
And still that brow is fair, but she, the fallen,
Would for its decking pluck no lily now.

She stands before the king in robe of scarlet,
In vain delights of France and clasp of gold,
And skilled embroiderer's work and lace of purple,
For these—her better life was sold.

Fearful she stands, and yet with proud scorn,
Her bosom shakes her showery hair beneath:
While her small foot stamps a defiant menace,
And her height seems to grow with every breath.

Now her eyes drop, her lips part, and she utters
Her story with a feigned simplicity:
"My lord, the king, she has reversed the story—
Her child is dead; this child belongs to me."

Out-spake the king: "Go, bring a sharp sword
hither—
Divide the child—give unto each a part:
The story is the very same they tell me,
So will I satisfy each mother's heart!"

Would that thy soul, oh, daughter of Judea,
Soared up like Deborah's, or as Ruth's were pure!
Is pity's fountain frozen in thy bosom,
That this with bitter smile thou couldst endure?

But loneliest wind that moans across the desert,
Or egypt whispering by a sepulchre,
Breathes not such woe as that Egyptian pleading:
"Let the child live—even give it unto her!"

Then the king smiles: the sword sleeps in its scab-
bard:
"Dark Egypt's daughter, thou the mother art!
Press with thy lips thy babe's, clasp him, caress
him—
How a king's words make summer in the heart!"

And Judah's daughter saw, and all the people,
And fearing, praised the judgment of the king:
Better than rubies was the wealth God gave him,
Wisdom that was and is unperishing.

Great Solomon! the glories of thy Temple
Earth could not keep: but from the mighty Past
Thy words of wisdom echo, and the Ages
Repeat and glory and hold them fast.

CHEATING IN GRAIN SHIPPING.

"The wheat pluggers are about as plenty as
the men who always get the best fruit on top of
the half bushel, the good eggs in the top of the
box, the best hay on the outside of the load,
and so on. You see, we spend millions of dol-
lars every year to convert the heathen in foreign
lands, while the heathen at home are cheating
their neighbors out of their boots. The word
plug has reference to a way dishonest country-
men have of cheating grain shippers. They load
the bottom of the car with chaff or bran or low
grade grain, and put good grain on top of it,
and, as it is sold by sample, when it reaches its
destination, and the receiver discovers the cheat,
the shipper has to make good the loss.

"Is there much of this plugging done?"
"It is still very common, but not near so
much as it used to be. There is never a man
sharp enough to invent a trick but there is an-
other one sharp enough to detect it. We 'drop
onto' all their little games. And there are
hundreds of country shippers who can't even
now imagine how we inspectors see the bottom
of a car without unloading it."

"Well, it is somewhat mysterious—how do
you manage it?"
"You see this," said he, taking a charm from
his watch chain, "this is the instrument in
miniature that we use. By forcing this down
through a car of grain and then drawing out the

piston we have a vacuum into which, through
holes in the sides, the grain falls. This gives us
a sample of the grain in every inch of the car to
the bottom."

"And yet there are still people who will put
bad grain on the bottom?"

"Yes, but the complaint is growing less. You
see our orders are, when we discover a plugged
car to give it the lowest grade on our scale.
That sickens them. Some time ago a man sent
a car of grain in here with orders to ship it to
St. Louis if it didn't grade so and so here. Upon
inspection I found perhaps two wagon loads of
damaged wheat spread over the car about a foot
from the top, so it was sent to St. Louis. The
inspector passed it. A short time after I heard
from the shipper. He said it was loaded just as
I said it was, but he thought he would run the
risk of its passing here or St. L. us."

"What are some of the other plans used to
deceive the alert inspector?"

"Well, they will put damaged grain all
around the edges, for instance, and put little
layers here and there through the car. There is
a chance of distributing a wagon-load of bad
wheat through a car so that the inspector misses
it, and, like the men, above, they run the
risk."

"What is the best trick in your opinion you
ever discovered?"

"About the cutest thing I have seen, I re-
member, was this: Eastern shippers would fill sacks
with bad wheat and distribute them about a
car, standing them on the mouth of the sack,
and fill up the car. When they got the sacks
covered they would then pull them out, leaving
the bad wheat standing in a column just the size
of the sack, you know, and an inspector might
probe all day with his gauge without touching
one of these pillars."

"Do you hope to break up the practice in
time?"

"We can hardly hope to do that altogether,
but we can keep the evil at its minimum, which
is about what we are now doing."

ECHOES FROM PARIS.

PARIS, Sept. 15.

THE favorite shade of the season is a beautiful
soft blue-grey, very delicate and refined, but
having the drawback of being extremely perish-
able.

M. HENRI ROCHEFORT epitomises the position
of the Monarchists in France neat y. "Yester-
day," he says, "it was fusion; to-day it is con-
fusion."

THE second volume of *Keraban le Têtu*, the
novel from which Jules Verne's new piece of
that name at the Gaieté has been drawn, has just
been issued by the Hetzel Library.

A LITTLE Kalnuck came into the world this
week at the Jardin Zoologique d'Acclimation,
the mother being a member of the interesting
group who have been attracting the curiosity of
the habitués of that popular place, and the in-
vestigations of those given to the science of
ethnology.

PERE HYACINTHE left Paris last week for
Munich, where he will spend a few days with
his old friend and fellow-dissenter, Dr. Dollinger.
Shortly after his return the Père and his
wife, Mme. Loysen, will sail for America. The
great preacher is to deliver a series of lectures in
the United States, in aid of the rather scanty
funds of the Church in the Rue d'Arras. He
will return to Europe before Christmas.

THE fashion of the bathing costumes of Paris
ladies at the seaside has this year been copied
from the dresses of the women of Ischia and
Capri, who wear remarkably short petticoats,
very wide, and of the brightest of colors. They
are embroidered with gold. The edifice is
crowned by large red or blue hats, with enor-
mous pins to keep them flopping down at the
side.

A DUEL has taken place at Aix-les-Bains be-
tween two Italian gentlemen, General Danesi
and Signor Mass, the general being shot in the
thigh. The cause was a blow received by Signor
Massa for pushing against a lady's chair, an
apology for that offence not being considered
sufficient by the general, who struck out from
the shoulder and levelled the signor. These
sort of things disturb society for the moment,
but are finally considered out of the range of
civilization and unworthy of more than the
passing recognition, no effort being made to
analyse the cause for right and wrong.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications intended for this Column
should be addressed to the Chess Editor, CANADIAN
ILLUSTRATED NEWS, Montreal.

We take the following diagram and accompanying
remarks from the Chess Column of the *St. Louis
Globe-Democrat*. The position after Black's 50th
move, and White's failure to take advantage of it,

constitute a curiosity in chess play when we consider
the importance of the contest in which they occurred.
Any of our readers who may be sceptical as to the
correctness of the diagram and moves, which are
given, and may be desirous of ascertaining for them-
selves, will find the game referred to, in our Chess
Column of the 9th of June, 1883. It is numbered 582.

We have played it over, and can see no reason why
White at his 51st move should not take the Pawn at
Black's Q B 7. If he had done so, Black apparently
must have lost the game.

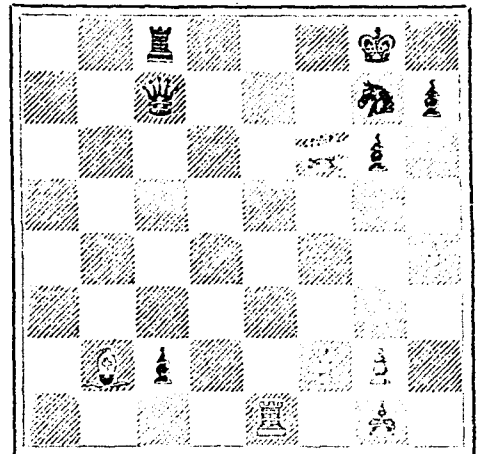
It is difficult to attempt any explanation of such
oversights on the part of two of the greatest players
of the day. It was undoubtedly a bad play for Black
to allow such an opportunity, as for his opponent to
fail to take advantage of it.

It may be that Mason had such a profound opinion
of his opponent's caution and skill that he never
dreamed of being allowed such a chance of winning,
and consequently overlooked it when it was plainly
before him.

AN OVERSIGHT OF THE MASTERS

The following position occurred in a game between
Mason vs Zukertort, in the Chess Congress at Lon-
don, It was published in the *New York Clipper* as
game 1,382, with notes and remarks, even going so far
as to style it "the promised masterpiece." This posi-
tion was published with the remark that Mason had
a chance to establish a "certain draw" on the move.
(See diagram.)

BLACK.—7 pieces.



WHITE.—7 pieces.

But Mason overlooked it, and the following moves
occurred:

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| Mason. | Zukertort. |
| 49 Q to Q 4 | 49 P to K R 4 |
| 50 R to Q B 1 | 50 K to R 2 |

Now, Mason played 51 Q to Q 3 and lost the game.
Mr. Holmes, of Bay City, Mich., suggests that Mr.
Mason should have played 51 R takes Q B P. If the
position is correctly reported by the *New York
Clipper* Mr. Holmes is entitled to credit for discover-
ing an oversight by two of the best players in the
world, as well as an oversight by the author of the
notes and remarks published in the *Clipper*, for White
had a certain win on the fifty-first move by R
takes Q B P.—*Detroit Free Press*.

Dr. J. L. Cassilly, of this city, pointed out to us the
same method by which Mr. Mason could have won.

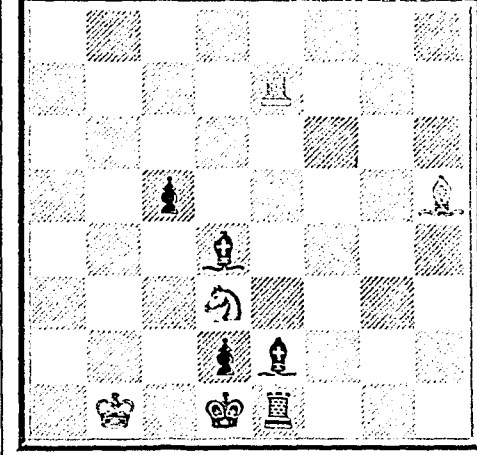
FRANCE.

In returning to St. Petersburg from London Mr.
Tschigorin stayed a short time in Paris, and played a
match of five games up with M. de Riviere. The re-
sult was that the Russian master won by the odd
game, the final score being—M. Tschigorin, 5; M. de
Riviere, 4; drawn, 1. The handiwork of the Cercle
des Echecs terminated in a brilliant victory for M.
Chamier, who won all his games except one which
was drawn. The Count Tausnier gained the second
prize, and M. Istel third.

PROBLEM NO. 43.

By Miss I. M. Jones.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 451.—(Kondelik.)

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| White. | Black. |
| 1 B to K R 4 | 1 Any |
| 2 Mates acc. | |

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

GAME 580TH.
Played in the International Tournament between
Messrs. Mackenzie and Bird.

(Ruy Lopez)

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| WHITE.—(Mr. Mackenzie.) | BLACK.—(Mr. Bird.) |
| 1 P to K 4 | 1 P to K 4 |
| 2 K Kt to B 3 | 2 Q Kt to B 3 |
| 3 B to Kt 5 | 3 Kt to Q 5 (a) |
| 4 B to R 4 (b) | 4 B to B 4 |
| 5 P to B 3 | 5 Kt takes Kt ch |
| 6 Q takes Kt | 6 Kt to K 2 |
| 7 Q to Kt 3 | 7 Castles (c) |
| 8 Q takes P | 8 P to Q 4 |

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| 9 P to Q 3 (d) | 9 P to Q R 4 (e) |
| 10 Castles | 10 R to Q R 3 |
| 11 P takes P | 11 R to K R 3 |
| 12 K to R (f) | 12 B to Q 3 (g) |
| 13 Q to K 2 | 13 Kt takes P |
| 14 P to K B 4 | 14 B to K Kt 5 |
| 15 P to K B 3 | 15 P to Q B 3 |
| 16 B to Q (h) | 16 B to K B 4 |
| 17 R to K 2 | 17 R to K 3 |
| 18 R to Q | 18 Q R to K 3 |
| 19 B to B 3 | 19 Kt takes K B 2 |
| 20 B takes Kt | 20 B takes B |
| 21 Kt to R 3 | 21 Q to Kt 4 |
| 22 P to K Kt 3 | 22 B to K 6 |
| 23 Q to Kt 2 | 23 Q to K 3 |
| 24 P to K Kt 4 | 24 B to K Kt 3 |
| 25 Kt to B 2 | 25 B to R 2 |
| 26 Q to Kt 3 (i) | 26 B to Kt 2 |
| 27 P to Kt 5 | 27 B takes Q |
| 28 P takes Q | 28 R to Q 5 |
| 29 P takes P | 29 R to Q |
| 30 Kt to Q 4 | 30 R to B 3 |
| 31 K to Kt 2 | 31 K takes P |
| 32 K to Kt 3 | 32 R to B 4 |
| 33 P to Q 1 | 33 K to R 3 (j) |
| 34 R to Q 2 | 34 R to K Kt |
| 35 B to K 4 | 35 R to Kt 4 ch |
| 36 K to B 3 | 36 P to K B 4 |
| 37 B to B 2 | 37 R to K |
| 38 Kt to B 5 | 38 B to R 4 ch |
| 39 K to B 4 | 39 R to Kt 5 ch |
| 40 K takes P | 40 Q R to Kt |
| 41 Kt to K 6 | 41 B to Kt 5 ch |
| 42 K to K 4 | 42 R takes Kt ch |
| 43 K to Q 3 | 43 P to Kt 4 |
| 44 P to B 4 | 44 B to Kt 4 |
| 45 R to Kt 2 | 45 R to K 6 ch |

And White resigns.

NOTES.

- By Zukertort, Hirschfeld and Bird.
- (a) Mr. Bird's own defence, which he has adopted frequently successfully. Nevertheless we do not think it perfectly satisfactory.
 - (b) Either taking the Kt or retiring the B to B 4 would be preferable.
 - (c) Which involves a hardly correct sacrifice of a Pawn.
 - (d) 9 P takes P would be vastly preferable.
 - (e) For the purpose of bringing the Q R into immediate action.
 - (f) Weak: he rushes into Charybdis to escape Scylla. White had a satisfactory defence with 12 B to Q, followed, as soon as possible, by B to B 3.
 - (g) Mr. Bird now conducts a fine attack with his known vigor and ingenuity.
 - (h) Better late than never.
 - (i) Preparing an exchange of Queens, which, if anything, is favorable to the opponent.
 - (j) Initiating a beautiful finish, which Black carries out artistically.—*Glasgow Herald*.



ST. LAWRENCE CANALS.

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SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for St. Lawrence Canals," will be received at this office until the arrival of the Eastern and Western mails on TUESDAY, the 13th day of November next, for the construction of a lock and regulating weir and the deepening and enlargement of the upper entrance of the Cornwall Canal. Also for the construction of a lock, together with the enlargement and deepening of the upper entrance of the Rapids Plat Canal, or middle division of the Williamsburg Canals. Tenders will also be received until TUESDAY, the 27th day of November next, for the extension of the pierwork and deepening, &c., of the channel at the upper entrance of the Galops Canal. A map of the head or upper entrance of the Cornwall Canal and the upper entrance of the Rapids Plat Canal, together with plans and specifications of the respective works, can be seen at this office, and at the Resident Engineer's office, Dickenson's Landing, on and after Tuesday, the 30th day of October next, where printed forms of tender can be obtained. A map, plans and specifications of the works to be done at the head of the Galops Canal can be seen at this office and at the lock keeper's house, near the place, on and after TUESDAY, the 13th day of November next, where printed forms of tender can be obtained. Contractors are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and—in the case of firms—except there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same; and further, an accepted Bank cheque for the sum of Two Thousand Dollars, must accompany the Tender, which sum shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted. The cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted. This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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