her dress, and drew her aside, out of the Warden's sight.

"I am not a Catholic," said Alice, in a tremulous whisper.

No matter, child," said the little Nun, taking her face between her hands and kissing her eyes;
"you are a woman. Good by, till to-morrow;
and say your prayers, like my own good girl."
Alice stood gazing at the spot where she had
stood, long after the door had closed. Then she

turned and looked through the window at the bright sky, with her hands clasped at full length before her. As she looked, a sparrow perched on her window-sill, and she smiled, almost laughed, at the little cautious fellow. She took some crumbs from her shelf, and threw them to him; and as she did so she thought that she might have done it every day for five years, had

she been as happy as she was then.
(From Moondyne, by John Boyle O'Reilly.
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THE USES OF LENT.

On the optimistic principle that everything in life comes into being or exists for some good end, that portion of the society world which is accustomed to hold this view of matters terrestial, has, by this time, reconciled itself to the comparative quiet and cessation from gaiety which the penitential season brings, and is busy with plans which shall make the remainder of the time pass swiftly and pleasantly. It recognizes the fact that there may be other forms of amusement than those generally pursued during the gay season, and which will probably meet with fivor as suitable to a time of fasting and prayer, chiefly because not associated with the aforesaid gay season. These amusements are generally of a kind possessing some improving qualities, and are consequently to be commended. But it of the season itself that we would more particularly speak and of the ad vantages to the world of society. It has been well said, that if the Church had not established Lent, the medical fraternity, or at least the honest and respectable portion of the fruternity, would have done so, even if they had given it a different name. Strange but true it is that this the religious law should accord so well with the natural. When could the Church have chosen a better time, since it affords a chance for rest from the winter's fatigues and preparation for the enervating heats of coming summer? Just as in the ordinary week one day of rest is necessary for the physical welfare of man and beast, independently of religious obligation, so in the year a season of rest is also indispensable for physical considerations.

Passing over then the first great use of Lent

which is of course the spiritual strengthening and refreshing afforded by the services of the Church and the abstinence and self-denial it enjoins, we come to its second use which is especially of benefit to those who lead the gay life of society the remainder of the year, namely, physical rest. It matters not how careful one may be to get a proper amount of sleep during the day to make up for the fatigues of the night, to keep make up for the fatigues of the night, to keep up strength by the enjoyment of proper and healthful exercise, weariness will ensue, and rest best gained by a cessation from gaiety must in some way or other be obtained. The mere change in the manner of anusement is in itself a rest, quite as good a one as a change of surroundings ever induces. We get into ruts in our pleasures quite as often as in other and perhaps weightier matters. "Germans" even grow monotonous, theatre parties to be a bore, and dinner parties an infliction. The tired society man or woman turns to the Cooking Club therefore as a relief, the Literary Club as a diversion, and the Musicale as a boon and find in them

And so this brings us to another use of Lent, and perhaps one of the greatest. It affords some time for improvement. The days are longer now. Why not visit the picture galleries? The desire has been present all winter to do so, but this or that party, call or reception has delayed its execution day by day. Let them be visited them and studied; the chief potsin of interest noticed and what is worth further study ascertained Now also is the time for reading and the literary clubs, now so fashionable, will aid in this pursuit. Here is that book which has been so much criticized and talked about, and which you only know of by hearsay. Now is your time to read it carefully and fit yourself to be able to praise or condemn it understandingly. Keep up with the literature of the day. You have probably fallen behind. Here is a chance to get a little of what has been brought forth by great miads

his winter which will serve you in the future.

Then finance and politics should not be neg-Then mance and pointes should not be neglected and the daily making of history all over the world kept up with. Music, too, should have its place in your studies, and, in fact, in these various ways last mentioned, every hour of Lent could be employed. And, lastly, the days of Lent can be used in making plans and preparations for the spending of the coming hot season. The demands of fashion require such an early leaving of the city that it is not at all too early for those who bend to her decree, to bestir themselves in regard to their Summer abodes. The relative merits and defects of this or that resort must be discussed and investigated; the important decision of mountain or seaside must be made, and when once made and the spot selected in either locality, accommodations must be secured, and at as early a date as possible, lest other seekers for similar things got the advantage.

So Lent has its uses, many and manifold. We have only briefly alluded here to two or three of the most prominent. Others there are which will suggest themselves from day to day, whether in the line of spiritual, mental or physical benefit. We have endeavored to show how the season may be made far different from one of mourning, and if rightly used, it will, we are sure, be looked back upon with more real pleusure than any other portion of the year. A religious writer has not hesitated to call it, "The Dear Feast of Lent," and so in very truth it may be made.

SOAP GREASE OR FREEDOM.

At one time during the civil war, when the Yankees made a raid into Ouachita Parish, La, a good many negroes went off with them. Among the number who started was an old woman the idea of being free; she clapped her hands and shouted and called her friends to go with her. "Come 'long wid me, folkses, I'm gwine her." to glory! Gwine to glory in dis here waggin! Come 'long all of you, an' go wid me to glory?

But when the baggage was inspected it was found that Aunt M'lissy was taking an undue allowance, for besides her trunks she had several kegs, bags and barrels, some containing ashes and others full of old bones and meat-skins for soap grease. The officer had them all thrown out in the street, declining to transport such out in the street, declining to transport such freight. This highly incensed Aunt M'lissy. She quit shouting "glory" and indignantly jumped out of the wagon and refused to go a step to freedom without her treasures, "You speck me to go Norf an' leave haaf my plunder this, 't Him me down dat air hair binned trans-'hin'? Hice me dcwn dat air hair-kivered trunk er mine and my blue chis', and my dog-iurns, and dat yuther yaller trunk; I'se gwine ter stay here, I is! Ketch me leavin' dese diggin's 'dout my little bags er bones, an' my little baral ashes, an' my little keg er bacon-rines?

Some other darkey reminded Aunt M'lisy that

she was losing a glorious opportunity for gaining her freedom, but she muttered: "What's use

bein' free if yer ain't got no soap grease!"
So her trunks and her "blue chis'" were
"histed down," and she returned home, happy
to resume her old life rather than part with her cherished soap grease. - A fact. - Detroit Free

LCHOES FROM LONDON.

Ar the annual meeting or "commemoration" in Manchester of St. John the Baptist's Church Society recently, the rector (the Rev. Dr. Marshall) announced his intention not to observe the recent admonition of his diocesan in matters of ritual. A resolution was thereupon passed expressing gratitude to the rector for maintaining the service at St. John's in the form to which the congregation had long been accustomed, and regretting his difficulty in obtaining clerical help. The Bishop has refused to license any new curate to St. John's in consequence of Dr. Marshall's attitude in the matter, and the meeting appointed a deputation to wait upon the Bishop to ask him to consider his decision.

THE report of the Chaplain at Pentonville does not tend to show that education has diminished crime, as so many sanguine people said it must, and the following painfully confirms his remarks:—Amongst the items of news relating to events occurring in England, and contained in a single issue of a daily paper recontained in a single issue of a daily paper re-cently:—1, Child murder at Nottingham; 2, ditto, and attempted suicide in London; 3, murder of one collier by another at Wigan; 4, a weman drowned by an ironworker at Tipton; 5, wife murder in Southwark; 6, the strangled corpse of a little girl found in the Medway, with a brick tied round its waist; 7, a dying bargee found, covered with blood, on the towing path at Rochdale, and the list is not yet ex-

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

All communications intended for this Column should be addressed to the Chess Editor, Canadian Illus-rrated News, Montreal.

W. F., New Castle, Delaware.—Postal received

Thanks.

J. B., Minsedoss.—Papers to hand. Thanks.

J. W. S., Montreal, P. Q.—Papers hand. Thanks.

We have evidences every day of the rapid spread of chess over many parts of the world, but we were led to consider it as a thing almost unknown, or at least entirely neglected, in the great North-West.

A communication which we have just received has shown us our error.

Mr. J. Barry, a member of the Montreal Chess Club, who is at present journeying westward, arrived lately at a place named Birtle, near Fort Ellice, where he was led to slacken his pace, on learning that an enthusiastic chessplayer had publicly announced his desire to meet over the checkered board a forman worthy of his steel. The result was a context in the Town Hall I where Mr. Barry, by winning the whole of the games in the encounter, succeeded in maintaining his reputation as one of the best players of Montreal.

We are anxious to call the attention of our res We are anxious to call the attention of our readers to the following extract from the Chess Column of Turf, Field and Farm, and we wish the ladies of New York every success in their enterprise. We are sure that the carrying out of their undertaking will do much towards advancing the cause of the game. The failure of a similar club in connection with the Ladies' College of London, Eng., may have been owing, in a great degree, to the fact that it was tacked on to another institution, and, consequently, it had not that vigorous growth which is much more likely to be found in an association existing in an independent condition.

"The lady chessplayers of New York are moving in the direction of the formation of a chees club. The movement was begun about a fortnight ago by Mrs. M. E. Favor and Mrs. Worrall, and it has been prosecuted with such energy and vigor that players of the sterner

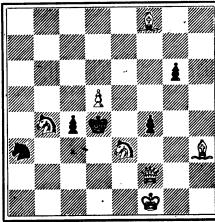
sex, who have been loudly talking of a new club for a year or more, may have cause to blush to find themselves dutdone. A modest announcement in one of the city papers by these ladies of their proposed plan brought the names of fifteen other ladies who were willing to assist in the tormation of a chess club. Last week a preliminary meeting was held, and another is appointed, full particulars of which we hope to give in next week's Turf. The location of the new club will be on West Twenty-fourth street, near Sixth avenue. Gentlemen will be eligible as members.

We are informed that Mr. Ferris, of New Castle, Delaware, has now eleven names on his list of contestants in the contemplated Cincinnati Commercial Correspondence Tourney, the programme of which appeared in our Column of the 4th inst. We are pleased to see that a lady is one of the number. Four Canadian players are already enrolled. The list will be open till April 1st, Mr. Ferris hopes to have twenty competitors, and we heartily recommend our players to send in their names.

Play in the telegraphic match now pending between Toronto and Quebec was resumed on Saturday evening. March 11th, and continued till midnight. The result gave another game finished in favour of the players of old Stadacons.

Last Saturday night, March 18th, four games were nished in the chess match between Quebec and Toronto. So far six games have been concluded; "Toronto and Quebec scoring three each."

> PROBLEM No. 373. By J. W. Abbott. BLACK.



White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution of Problem No. 371. Black. White.

1. Kt to Q R 2 2. Mates acc

1. Any

GAME 500TH.

CHESS IN LOND N. One of eight blindfold and simultaneous games played recently by Mr. Blackburne at Leigh, England.

Two Knights' Defense. White.—(Mr. B) Thite.—(Mr. B)

1. P to K 4

2. Kt to K B 3

3. B to B 4

4. Kt to Kt 5

5. P takes P

6. Kt takes B P

7. Q to B 3 ch

8. Kt to B 3

9 P to Q 4

10. B to K Kt 5

11. Castles (Q R) 1. P to K 4
2. Kt to Q B 3
3. Kt to B 3
4. P to Q 4
5. Kt takes P 6. K takes Kt
7. K to K 3
8. Q Kt to K 2
9. P to B 3 9. Pro B 3
10. Q to K sq.
11. P to K R 3
12. B takes B
13. K to Q 2
14. Q takes Kt
15. K to B 2
16. B to K 3
17. Q takes B
18. K R to Q sq.
19. R takes R
20. Q takes P
21. Q interposes
22. K to Q sq.
23. K takes R 10. B to K Kt 5
11. Castles (Q R)
12. Q B takes Kt
13. Kt takes Kt
14. Kt takes B
15. P takes P dis oh
16. K R to K sq
17. B takes B
18. Q to Q R 3
19. R to Q 6
20. P takes R oh
21. R to K 7 ch
22. Q to K Kt 3 ch
23. R takes Q ch
24. Q takes Kt P ch
25. Q takes R P ch

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