her dress, and drew her aside, out of the Warden's sight.
" 1 am not a Catholic," said Alice, in a tre mulons 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 your prayers, like my own good girl." Alice stood gazing at the spot where she had tood, 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 crambs from her shelf, and threw that she im ; and as she did so she thought that shad she been as happy as she was then. $O^{\prime}$ Reilly. Boston: Roberts Bros.)

## THE USES OF LENT.

On the optimistic principle that everything in ife comes into being or exists for some goo end, that portion of the society world which accustomed to hold this view of natters ter restial, has, by this time, reconciled itself to th comparative yulet and cessation fom is busy with plans which shall make the remainder of the time jass swiftly and pleasautly. It reco gnizes 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 amnsements are aforesaid gay season. These amusements are
generally of a kind possessing some improving qualities, and are consequently to be com. mended. But it of the season itsel of the ad. would more particularly speak and of the ad said, that if the Church had not established Lent, the medical fraternity, or at least the honest and respectable portion of the fraternity, 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 afiords a chance or for for from the winter s ats 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 courso the spiritual strengthening and refreshing afforded by the services of the Church and the abstinence and seli-denial it enjoins, we 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 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 amusement is in itself a rest, quite as ever induces. We get into ruts in our pleasure quite as often as in other and per. haps 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 Clab therefore as a relief, the Literary Clab as a diversion, and the Musicale as a boon and find in them rest.
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 visit the picture galleries i 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 80 fashionable, will aid in this parsuit. Here is that book which has bich you only criticized and talked about, and our time to read know of by hearsay. Nourself to be able to praise it carefully and anderstandingly. Keep ap with the literature of the day. You have probably fallen behind. Here is a chance to get a littie of what has been brought forth by great miads this winter which will serve you in the future. Then finauce and politics 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, lantly, the days of Lent can be cose in ing 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 oace made and the apot selected in either locality, accm and 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 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 o mourning, and if rightly used, it will, we are ure, be looked back upon with more real ple's re than any other portion of the year. A re 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 living in Munroe. She seemed quite rejoiced at the ide of being free; she clapped her hands and shouted and called her friends to go with her. "Come 'long wid me, folkses, I'm gwin to glory! Gwine to glory in dis here waggin Come 'long all of you, an' go wid me to glory Glory!"
But wh
But when the baggage was inspected it wa allowauce, for besides her trunks she had severa kegs, bags and barrels, some containing ashe 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 freight. This highly incensed Aunt M'lissy. She quit shouting "glory" and indignantly jumped out of the wagou and refused to go a step to frerdom without her treasures, Yo speck me to go Norf an' leave haaf my plunde 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'don 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 glorions opportunity for gaining her freedom, but she muttered: "What use bein' free if yer ain't got no soap grease !,
So her trunks and her "blue chis', "ho her trunks and her sturned home, we to resume hor ld life rather than part, with her cheris

ECHOES FROM LONDON.
AT the annual meeting or "commemoration" in Manchester of St. John the Baptist's Church Society recently, the rector (the Rev. Dr. Mar-
shall) announcei his intention not to observe the recent admonition of his diocesan in matters of ritual. A resolntion was thereapon passed expressing gratitude to the rector for maintain ing the service at St. John's in the form to which the congregation had long been accustomed, and regretting his diffculysed to licens clerical help. The BI Jop hn's in consequence of Dr. Marshall's attitude in the matter, and the Dr. Marshaln's ated a deputation to wait upon the Bishop to ask him to consider his decision.

The report of the Chaplain at Pentonville loes not tend to show that education has diminished crime, as so many sanguine people said it must, and the following painfully con firms his remarks :-Amongst the . ms of news relatiug to events occurring in eaglana, and contained in a single issue or a Nottingham ; 2, ditto and attempted suicide in London; murder of one collier by another at Wigan; 4, a woman drowned by an ironworker at trptol 5, wife murder in Southwark ; 6, the strangay 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 no yet ex path at R

## OOR CHESS COLUNN

All commnnications Intended for thic Column should
adireesed to the Chess Editor, OANADIAN ILLEB Te adilresed to the Ch
TRATED NEWB, Montreal.
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J. B., Minaodonat-Papors to hand. Thanks.
J. W. S., Montreal, P. Q. - Paperi hand. Thanks.

We have evidences every day of the rapid spread of chess over many parts of the world, bnt we were led it
consider it as a thing almost unknown, or at least en tirely neglected, in the great North. West.
A communtation which wo have just Mr. J. Barry, a member of the Montreal Chess Clab
who is at prosent journeyiog weetwand, arrived lately a place named Birtle, near Furt Ellice, where he was led ao slaocken hin paoe, on learring that an enthusiastio
onemplayer had pablioly annuunoed his desire to meet over the obeckered board a fuemano worthy of his ateo,
The result was a conteat in the Town Hall where Barry, by winning the whole of the rames in the en
conuter, ancoeeded in maintaining his reputation as one counter, aucceeded in maintainin
of the best players of Montreal.

We are anxions to call the attention of our readers the following extraot from the Chess Colamn of Tur
Field and Farm, and we wisb the ladies of New Yort every succeas in their outerpriso. Wre are sure that the
carry ing out of their undertakiog will do muoh towards andranctrg the cause of the game. The fallore of a simp
ilar clab in connection with the . Ladies ' Cllege of Lonliar clab,
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the fact that it was tacked on to anuther Inatitution, and, the fact that it was tacked on to another inaturunon, and
consequently, it had not that vigorous groth whioh is in an independent oondition. New York are moving in "Tbe lady cheseplayers of New York are moving in
the direction ff the formantion NA a ohees olub. The more
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 Turf. The location of the new olab aill be on West
Twenty fourth street, near Sixith aveune. Gentlemen
will be eligible ar membera. ill be eligible as members.
We are informed that Mr. Ferrif, of New Castle, Deia-
Ware, has now eleven namee on hil list of the conlemplated Cincinnati Commeroial Correspontandence
 alreary enrolled. The list will be open till A pril 1 1ti,
Mr. Ferrit hopes to have twenty competitors. and we
beartily reoommend our players to send in their namer.

Play in the telegraphio match now pending between Pisy in the telegraphio maseb on Saturday evening,
Toronto and Quabeo wae resumed on
March 11th, and oonitinued till mindight. The resuit March 11th, and onntinued till milnight. Ther resu o
rave another game finished in favour of the players o

 Quebeo cooring throe each.

PROBLEM No. 373
ByJ. W. Abb


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