

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;

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.

(From Moondyne, by John Boyle O'Reilly. Boston: Roberts Bros.)

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 terrestrial, 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.

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.

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.

Then finance 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.

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.

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 living in Munroe.

But when the baggage was inspected it was found that Aunt M'Issy 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.

Some other darkey reminded Aunt M'Issy 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!"

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. Marshall) announced his intention not to observe the recent admonition of his diocese in matters of ritual.

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 recently:—1, Child murder at Nottingham; 2, ditto, and attempted suicide in London; 3, murder of one collier by another at Wigan; 4, a woman 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 exhausted.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

W. F., New Castle, Delaware.—Postal received Thanks. J. B., Minasoda.—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.

Mr. J. Barry, a member of the Montreal Chess Club, who is at present journeying westward, arrived lately at a place named Birnie, 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 checkerboard a foeman worthy of his steel.

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 lady chessplayers of New York are moving in the direction of the formation of a chess 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 outdone. 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 formation of a chess club.

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.

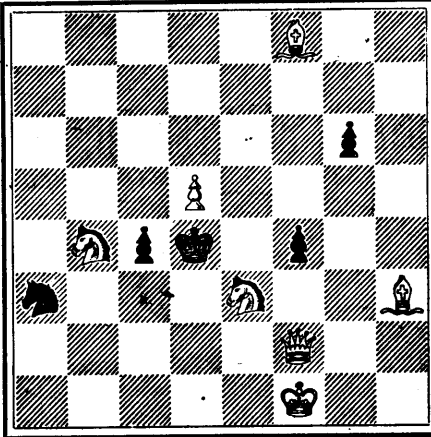
Play in the telegraphic match now pending between Toronto and Quebec was resumed on Saturday evening, March 11th, and continued till midnight. The result gave another game finished in favour of the players of Old Stadacona.

Last Saturday night, March 18th, four games were finished 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.

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution of Problem No. 371.

White. 1. Kt to Q R 2. 2. Mate acc Black. 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) Black.—(Mr. M.)

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

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(A) Postal Car Bags open till 8.45 a.m., and 9.15 p.m. (B) Do 9.00 p.m. Mails leave for Lake Superior and Bruce Mines, &c. Mails for places on Lake Superior will leave Windsor on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Mails for Bruce Mines, Garden River, Little Current, &c., will leave Parry Sound on Tuesdays. Mails leave New York by Steamer: For Bahamas, 8th and 21st December. Bermuda, 1st, 15th and 29th December. Cuba, 10th December. Cuba and Porto Rico, 3rd, 17th and 22nd December. Cuba, Porto Rico & Mexico, 3rd, 15th & 24th Dec. Cuba and Mexico, 8th and 29th December. Curacao and Venezuela, 10th & 24th December. Jamaica and West Indies. Jamaica and the U.S. of Columbia (except Panama), 15th and 30th December. For Hayti direct, 6th, 17th and 28th December. Hayti, St. Domingo and Turks Island, 13th Dec. Porto Rico, 10th December. Santiago and Cienfuegos, Cuba, 6th December. South Pacific and Central American Ports, 10th, 20th and 30th December. Brazil and the Argentine Republic, 5th and 24th December. Windward Islands, 10th and 28th December. Grevtown, Nicaragua, 16th December. Mails leave San Francisco: For Australia and Sandwich Islands, 17th December. For China and Japan, 3rd and 21st December.