

courage, but at that instant she tried to plunge. I struck her several times with the boat hook, which had the effect of keeping her upon the surface, and I also wounded her with my knife repeatedly—her velocity doubled, and in a few minutes more we had nearly reached the land. You cannot conceive, my dear friend, my utter despair, on beholding her return with frightful speed to regain the south shore. I believed my last moment come; strength deserted, terror took possession of me, and I felt myself slipping into the water. In about an hour passed in the most mortal agony, seeing only the sky and the monster that carried me, I at last desisted. the south shore, already Fox River was in view—when—the accursed brute again changed her course to the East—I was in full view of the shore, all the time,—Griffin Cove, Cap des Rosiers and la Vieille, the last point of land on the south coast. The whale seemed inclined in leaving la Vieille to make for the ocean, but God in his mercy desired to spare my life, and suggested to my mind to direct her course by beating her violently on the left side of her head with the boat hook. Feeling herself thus ill-treated, she re-took her first course, lolling with all her might and running swifter than the wind. I passed two or three fishing boats, but at too great a distance for them to come to my aid.

"On perceiving me, however, they hurriedly made sail for the land, believing that it was the devil himself who was passing. I was now opposite Cap des Rosiers, and on nearing the shore prepared to commit myself to the water on the first indication of the whale to change her course. But, thanks to God, I had not this trouble—my monster was too frightened to see the shore, and rushed at her full speed upon les Galais du Cap where she stranded.

"Several fishermen came to my assistance, and brought me ashore."

Such, Mr. Editor, is the terrible adventure that befell Mr. Bernier, just as he related it to me, and which may undoubtedly be ranked with the first of miracles of the nineteenth century.

I remain, Mr. Editor, your humble and obdt. servant,
DAVID RICHARD.

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HINTS IN RABBIT KEEPING.

ONE essential is a comfortable house, substantial and warm, in order that the occupants may be well protected from damp, as dampness is conducive to the rot. But in your eagerness to provide a good house be careful not to make it air tight, as fresh air is as essential as warmth. In building hutches, care should be taken to leave plenty of room for exercise and breeding. Rabbits should be provided with two apartments—a bedroom and dining room. The hutches should always be kept clean, and to facilitate this it would be well, where there are two divisions in the hutch, to confine the rabbit in one room whilst cleansing the other.

As the profitableness of rabbits depends a great deal upon their food, rabbit fanciers should give great attention to this point.

Vegetables, if supplied judiciously and in great variety, are very good food, but they should never be given in a wet state. I have generally found lettuce, dandelions, dock-leaves, raspberry and currant leaves, also potato, celery, parsnip, and carrot agree very well with rabbits. In autumn when green food begins to get scarce, the waste stalks of beans and peas and the leaves of apple-trees should be resorted to. In winter turnips, and brewers' grains are generally safe food. The twigs of green trees are sometimes given to rabbits; stripping the bark affords them amusement, and the bark itself is nutritious food.

Rabbits should be fed three or four times during the day. Many persons adopt a feeding trough. An improved trough has come into vogue during the past ten years. In the improved trough a board is suspended by hinges from the top, and when the rabbits remove their heads from the trough, this board falls, and they are prevented from getting into the trough and spoiling the food.

Rabbits commence to breed after the sixth month. If the litter is large, it is wiser to select four or five of the best, and remove the rest. Young rabbits may be taken from their mother when they are six weeks old.

Fattening rabbits is a very simple process; allow them plenty of green food for a month, and they will become as juicy and tender as could be desired. The two principal diseases that rabbits are subject to are "the rot" and the "Liver complaint;" both of these are said to be incurable. A dry hutch is the best remedy for the first, and preparation for the table, for the second.

Somebody has made some curious calculations in regard to rabbits. He says, "three females and a male will give you a rabbit to eat every third day in the year. Also that from a single pair of rabbits one million two hundred and seventy-four thousand eight hundred and fifty were produced in four years."

PASTIMES.

PUZZLE.

Six of the following ciphers are to be struck out, leaving each row, each way, to count an even number, say two, four, or six.

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ANAGRAMS.

Members of Legislative Assembly for Upper Canada:

1. As our mornings.
2. Match red cats so H.
3. L let Bob err.
4. Wi a miller and cheap owl.

CHARADE.

1. I am composed of ten letters; my 6, 3, 10, 9 is rather emphatic; my 9, 3, 8, 7 is kept by all good musicians; my 2, 5, 8 are very numerous; my 1, 6, 5, 8 signifies "the faithful and true;" my 4, 5, 7, 6 is to appear; my 10, 9, 7, 1, 2 is a mighty and useful power; and my whole are acceptable to Canadians.

ACROSTIC.

1. An ancient Roman famed for his integrity.
2. A Canadian lake.
3. A Bishop of London, who suffered martyrdom.
4. An Italian painter.
5. A kingdom in Europe.
6. A Chinese city.
7. A celebrated dreamer.
8. A remarkable European city.
9. An early English king.
10. An eminent Grecian philosopher.

The initials will give the name of one of the characters in Hamlet.

TRANSPOSITION.

About fifty years ago, a young gentleman desirous of writing to his lady-love privately, and not being able to accomplish this through the ordinary channel, and not having an opportunity of seeing her personally to make an arrangement, sent her the following, which she, after much trouble, was able to decipher, and the correspondence which ensued was of the most satisfactory character, and of long duration. Will any of our readers try to make it out?

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P mbez efs J xjti up ufmn
Nz tdfsu upohint up uiff
Cou ll lopx—gbs upp xlmn
Nz mfaust, zpo, mbz ofwis sfbdi,
Vomfit tpat mfbot J dbo etwjtf
Cz xjldi ulptf mfaust J mbz tfoe
Xjapou dsfbujoh b tosnjtf—
J xpomo opu, sfo, usotu b gsfsoo
Boo opx nz tdfitf J xjmm sfwfwm.
Uispoli uif Qptu l'ggjdf J'mm xsjuf up zpo,
Uif becsstf zpo xjmm qmfbtf d'pofsbm
J tibmm ejsidu up—J. M. V.
Xifo J up zpo b mfaust tfoe
J xjmm tfoe b ofxtobqis upp
J'mm becsstf uif qbats up zpos obnf
Boo nbel po ju—J. M. V.
Jg uif tdfitf zpo voefstubo
Qmfbtf xsjuf, ofbs mbez, boo thz tp,
Jg zpos b'qspwbn: ju epul d'panboo
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ANSWERS TO ANAGRAMS, &c., No. 22.

ANAGRAMS.—1. Christopher Dunkin. 2. John Rose. 3. A. A. Dorion. 4. John Hillyard Cameron. 5. Charles Magill. 6. Arthur Rankin.

CONUNDRUMS.—1. By adding B to it. 2. Dun Kin (Dunkin).

DECAPITATIONS.—1. Fox ox. 2. Shovel hotel. 3. Maria aria. 4. Estate state. 5. Music u sic. 6. Skate kate ate.

CHARADES.—1. History. 2. Brantford. TRANSPOSITIONS.—1. Indivisibility. 2. Erobus. 3. Tennessee. 4. Prince of Wales.

ARITHMETICAL PROBLEMS.—No. 1—2, 4, 8. No. 2—396 wersts.

The following answers have been received: Anagrams.—All, Georgie, Wymbledon, Gd. E. H., 2nd and 3rd Bonum.

Conundrums.—Wymbledon, Georgie, T. Graham, H. H. V. Cloud.

Decapitations.—Wymbledon, Margravine, Cloud, H. H. V., Festus, Jas. H. Violet, Ellen B. 1st. and 2nd. R. T. B. Kingston.

Charades.—Both, Margravine, T. Graham, Georgie, Cloud, H. H. V., Violet. 1st. R. Hamilton. 2nd. R. T. B. Kingston, Gd. E. H. Bonum.

Transpositions.—Wymbledon, Georgie, H. H. V., Cloud, Festus, 1st, 3rd, 4th. T. Graham, Bonum, 1st and 3rd R. T. B. Kingston, 2nd and 3rd Margravine.

Arithmetical Problems.—Both, Margravine, T. Graham, Cloud, Violet. 2nd. Wymbledon, Gd. E. H.

CHESS.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 10.

WHITE.		BLACK.	
1 Kt. to Q. B. 5th.		K. takes P. or (a) (b)	
2 Kt. to Kt. 5th (ch.)		K. moves.	
3 Kt. Mate.			

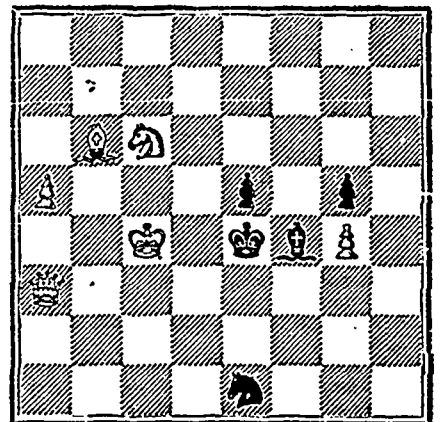
(a) 1. P to Q 7th, or P takes P.
2 Kt. to Q. 3rd.
3 P. to K. 4th. Mate.

(b) 1. K. to B. 5th.
2 Kt. to Q. 3rd (ch.)
3 P. to K. 4th. Mate.

PROBLEM No. 12.

BY MR. F. HEALEY.

BLACK.



WHITE.
White to play and Mate in three moves.

We clip the following smart little game, between Mr. Boden, of England, and an amateur, (the former giving the odds of the K. Kt.) from "Wilkes' Spirit of the Times."

IRREGULAR OPENING.

(Remove White's K. Kt.)

WHITE. (Boden.)		BLACK. (Mr. S.)	
1 P. to K. 4th.		P. to K. 4th.	
2 B. to Q. B. 4th.		K. to Q. B. 4th.	
3 Castles.		P. to Q. 3rd.	
4 P. to Q. Kt. 4th.		B. takes Kt. P.	
5 P. to Q. B. 3rd.		Kt. to Q. R. 4th.	
6 P. to Q. 4th.		Kt. to Q. B. 3rd.	
7 Q. to Q. R. 4th.		B. to Q. 2nd.	
8 P. to Q. 5th.		Kt. to Q. 5th.	
9 Q. takes K. B.		Kt. to B. 7th.	
10 P. to K. B. 4th.		Rt. takes K.	
11 P. takes K. P.		P. takes P.	
12 P. to Q. 6th.		Q. B. P. takes P.	
13 B. takes B. P. (ch.)		K. to K. 2nd.	

White Mates in two moves.