

press, and took her way to Mrs. Black's, carrying them with her own hand, unused even to such dainty burdens as they were.

In the darkened parlour she found the music-master, Charles Devoe.

"Take these flowers," she said. "You have given her many of them ere now. These are the very last."

"Sweets to the sweet," he said sadly. "Thank you, Miss Velt."

She had looked upon the fair, dead face, and had gone homeward.

The day had passed, and others had slipped away.

The lessons had been discontinued for some time, when one afternoon she heard the notes of the piano, and that well-known touch again.

By force of habit her feet carried her to the conservatory.

He would not seek her there, she felt sure.

But if it should be that he did, he should find her.

It was his step at last.

He stood close to her.

She looked into his face.

"I have come to say good-bye," he said; "I am going away."

Not a word did she say.

Soon he spoke again.

"Mrs. Black has told me how kind you were to my poor little cousin. Hers was a sad story. You may have heard something of it."

"In our childhood, our parents foolishly set us apart for each other. When she was sixteen we were to have been married—neither of us loving each other."

"Though I did not know then but that the brotherly tenderness I felt for her was all sufficient."

"She knew better than I. She eloped one morning with a rascal."

"When she returned to her father's, insulted, neglected, even beaten by the fellow, the old man turned her from his door penniless."

"Of course, I did not leave her to starve. But when she left this world she was rich. Her father died suddenly."

"Probably he would have made his will had he lived longer; but, as it is, all went to her, poor girl."

He paused. Miss Velt's head was turned away.

She was looking pensively at the ground.

"Love comes to every man at last," he said. "I did not love that beautiful little cousin of mine, whom once the fates seemed to destine me to marry. I thought, perhaps, I should never love anyone—that I was not made of the stuff that nature makes lovers of. I know better now. Perhaps I know it to my cost. Before I leave this place I must make sure."

He drew nearer to Miss Velt.

She still looked away from him.

"I think you know the language of flowers?" he said.

"Will you give me a red rose?"

Miss Velt looked at him now.

He looked at her.

A red rose drooped so low beside her that its petals almost touched her hair.

She lifted her white hand and broke it from its stem and gave it to him.

An hour afterwards he said this to her—

"After my cousin I am heir to all my late uncle's property. I am a rich man, else I should not have asked Miss Velt to give me a red rose."

Miss Velt hardly felt glad to hear it.

Rich or poor, it was the same to her.

She had given the red rose long ago, when she only seemed to give him tuberoses.

Music and the Drama.

Campanini will sail for England in about a fortnight.

Tom Taylor's new historical play is called "Clancarty."

"Ingomar" has been done into a burlesque by Mr. Reece.

A new opera house is to be erected on the Thames embankment.

M. Gounod is writing a new three-act opera for the Paris Opera Comique. It will be produced next winter.

The season of the Royal Italian Opera commenced on Tuesday, March 31st, and that of Her Majesty's on the 17th.

A dramatic adaptation of Dickens's "Seven Poor Travellers" has been performed at the Theatre Royal, Brighton.

Giroflé-Girofla, the new opera by Charles Lecocq, the composer of "La Fille de Madame Angot," is to be produced at Brussels on the 15th inst.

Toole is to play with the London Globe company for a season before his departure for this continent, appearing in a new comedy by James Albery.

"The School for Scandal" is the rage in London. Both the Gaiety and the Prince of Wales Theatres are preparing to revive that ancient intrigue.

A new drama, by Miss Braddon, entitled "The Missing Witness," was to have been produced at the Alexandra Theatre, Liverpool, on Easter Monday.

Wilde Collins's story of the "Dream Woman" has been dramatized, and under the title of "The Ostler's Vision," is being played at the Pavilion Theatre, Whitechapel, London.

"La Perichole" is to be extensively "done over." Offenbach will write an extra song of two, besides revising the music, and MM. Melhac and Halevy will furnish a new third act.

A St. Petersburg letter mentions that the opera of "Life for the Czar," by the Russian composer Glinka, has just been performed in that city for the 403rd time, its popularity showing no sign of abating.

A letter from Aix-la-Chapelle speaks very highly of M. Rummel, a young Belgian *débutant*, whose recent performance on the piano has created some sensation. He is spoken of as likely to rival the celebrated Liszt.

It is reported that the comedy bringing nightly crowded houses to the Teatro de Apolo (Madrid), entitled "El Libro Talonario" (The Cheque Book), is the work of Senor Echegaray, Spain's present Chancellor of the Exchequer.

During the last ten years not less than twenty actresses in New York have been married off the stage by men of some note in entirely different walks of life, and of these, over half of them, it is said, have returned to the boards.

The Tichborne trial is actually wandering into the realms of music. No less an artist than Mr. Charles Gounod has written

a song concerning the same, which is shortly to be published, and will be called "Childlike Tichborne." The substance of the song consists of words quoted in the Attorney-General's closing speech.

Musical folk will remember Mr. Dan Godfrey, band-master of the Grenadier Guards, who came over to assist at that matter in Boston in the summer of '72. His son has written a play called "Queen Mab," which is to be produced in a few days at the Haymarket Theatre, London, and which those who have read it say contains many fine points.

The total cost of the New French Opera, estimated at 82,600,000 francs, will amount in reality to 83,346,000 francs, or, in round numbers, 33,500,000 francs, without including the price of the ground, which, at 717 francs the metre, came to 10,500,000 francs; also, without counting the new scenery and properties, for which a credit of 2,500,000 francs is asked, so that the total expenditure will reach 46,500,000 francs.

Mr. Sothorn, who is one of the trustees of the Royal Dramatic Fund, of England, has been again indulging in one of his characteristic acts of generosity. It was found at the end of last year that the fund needed \$1,395 to meet claims, and this sum was promptly contributed by Mr. Sothorn. Two years ago Mr. S. went over to London expressly to act for the benefit of the fund, and last year he gave it \$500. It is said that Mr. Sothorn's late engagement in San Francisco was peculiarly the most successful ever played by any actor in any country in any age.

Mr. Carl Rosa has decided upon founding a scholarship at the Royal Academy of Music, in memory of his late wife, Madame Parepa Rosa, which will bear her name. It will be awarded by competition to British-born female vocalists between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two years, and the successful candidate will be entitled to two years' free education in the Royal Academy of Music. In connection with this scholarship there will be also a prize of a gold medal with Madame Parepa Rosa's likeness, which will be awarded to the best female vocalist in the Royal Academy of Music at the annual public distribution of prizes in July.

Among the novel musical instruments now exciting attention in Germany is the piano-quatuor, invented by Budet, of Paris. The piano mechanism is so arranged that at the will of the player the accompaniment of the quatuor, particularly violoncello and double-bass, can be brought out, though these string tones are somewhat nasal, owing to the steel springs used. R. Lechleitner, of Innsbruck, has also recently exhibited a grand piano (Pigral form), combined with harmonium and organ, so that all can be played together, or the piano separately. The instrument is called pantynphonium. The price of the first is about eight hundred thalers, the last from eight to twelve hundred.

News of the Week.

THE DOMINION.—The West Durham election to fill the seat rendered vacant by the appointment of the Hon. E. B. Wood to the Chief Justiceship of Manitoba, has resulted in the election of Mr. Burk, the Ministerial candidate, by a majority of 263 over his opponent, Mr. McClung. George Brown, of Halifax, has received a challenge from Coulter to row a five-mile race at Toronto on the 29th June, for one thousand dollars aside. It is likely the challenge will be accepted. Another match has been arranged between Brown and Fulton, of St. John, to come off in Halifax Harbour some time in June.

A rumour is in circulation that the Great Western Railway Company have determined to provide the Babcock fire extinguisher for their passenger trains in case of fire. An improvement has also been made in the manner of lighting the saloon used in first-class carriages, by replacing the lamps once in use by candles, which are so adjusted as to be safe and meet all requirements. Mr. C. J. Brydges has resigned the Grand Trunk management, and will be appointed manager of the Intercolonial Railway.

UNITED STATES.—Leading inflationists in the Washington Senate own to having lost ground during the last few days, and do not expect to be able to fully carry their point in consequence. Among the bills recently passed was one reported by Mr. Manning, of Ohio, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, requesting the President to use his good offices with the British Government for the discharge from prison of a Fenian prisoner, Edward O'Meara Conlon, of Cincinnati, convicted on a charge of murder in Manchester, England. The Inman and National have withdrawn from the compact for harmony of action hitherto existing between the various Transatlantic steamship lines. The Erie R. R. strike is completely ended, trains running regularly, and all the disabled engines have been put in working order. The additional bank-note circulation of \$6,000,000, voted by the United States Senate last week, is considered a finality. New York advices say that the decision in the Court of Common Pleas with reference to Police Justices has been agreed upon, and that the former Justices will be reinstated on Tuesday, thus rendering illegal all convictions under the new régime. Kate Stoddard will be tried this month for the alleged murder of Charles Goodrich.

UNITED KINGDOM.—The Queen will review the naval brigade of the Ashantee expedition at Portsmouth on the 22nd inst. Latest advices from Cape Coast-Castle are to March 12th. An embassy numbering, with its escort, 250 persons, had arrived there from the Ashantee king. It is reported that they had refused to discontinue human sacrifices, and disputed the amount of the indemnity. The Committee of Investigation in the case of Mr. Whalley, M. P., have reported that Chief Justice Cockburn only did what was his duty, and no further investigation was necessary. Mr. Whalley gave notice that he would move for a new committee of inquiry.

GERMANY.—The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cologne has been arrested for violating the ecclesiastical laws.

SPAIN.—Operations at Bilbao were resumed on the 3rd inst. with the bombardment of Abanto by the Republican forces. Previous to that date there had been no fighting until the 29th of March. Marshal Serrano is reorganizing his forces, and the Carlists are doing everything to strengthen their position. General Tristany is reported to have surprised and captured 600 Republicans near Cataf, 45 miles from Barcelona. The surprise was so complete that the Republicans surrendered without fighting.

CUBA.—Havana advices state that the new Captain-General Concha will propose a temporary cessation of hostilities, to be followed by a formal treaty of peace. The bases of the treaty are made known, and include the pledge that the Island shall remain united to the Crown of Spain; that the people shall elect representatives to the Cortes; that slavery shall only be interfered with by the consent of the owners, and in case emancipation should be decreed, then owners of slaves are to be indemnified. Concha arrived at Havana on Monday.

JAPAN.—The Saga insurrection has been quelled.

INDIA.—The reports from the famine-stricken districts show a continued improvement in the general situation. The authorities are now in a condition to hope that the difficulties are over, except in the north-east portion of Tirhoot, where over 500,000 persons are just dependent upon Government for food. The spring crop has yielded well, except in Tirhoot.

Oddities.

Weather report—A thunder clap. "Madam, what do you hold on this question of female suffrage?" "Sir, I hold my tongue."

Japanese editors are allowed to carry swords, and a common man has to take off his hat to them.

Cooling is well enough before marriage, but the billing doesn't come till after; and then it comes from the tradesmen.

Two rival belles at a ball—"How well you look under the candle-light!" exclaimed one, with a stress on the candle. "And how very charming you are in the dark!" answered the other.

"Why," asked a lady governess of her little charge, "do we pray God to give us our daily bread? Why don't we ask for four days, or five days, or a week?" "We want it fresh," replied the ingenious child.

Kentucky has introduced a new feature into its schools. When one of the girls fails to spell a word correctly, the boy who spells it right has permission to kiss her. Several girls are fast forgetting all they ever knew about spelling, while the boys are improving, with unexampled rapidity.

"If I put my money in the savings bank, when can I get it out again?" asked one young lady of another. "Well," was the reply, "I have not become quite familiar with the rules yet, but I think that if you put it in to-day, you can draw it out tomorrow by giving sixty days' notice."

SLOW TRAVELLING.—A traveller, on a miserable lean steed, was hailed by a Yankee, who was hoeing his pumpkins by the roadside—"Hullo, friend, where are you bound?" "I am going to settle in the Western country," replied the other. "Well, get off and straddle this pumpkin—it will grow and carry you faster than that 'ere beast."

A city merchant invited several well-known literary characters to dinner some time ago, to meet a large party. Two of the "book-builders" arrived somewhat early, and began conversing together, when their host rushed up to them, and exclaimed, "Not yet, gentlemen; not yet, if you please. Do wait till some more of the company will have arrived."

NEW SUBJECTS.—A lady out West is lecturing on "Kissing." The subject seems to have a smack to it; but how does she illustrate it? We suppose she calls for a good-looking chap in the audience. By the way, if our women lecturers were to follow the example of the men, and lecture on matters of which they know nothing, they would select such themes as "Cooking," "Washing," "Tending Babies," "Housekeeping," "Home Duties," &c.—*American paper.*

"Let me rest calmly within a shroud, With a weeping willow by my side," wrote a sentimental old bachelor, who affected to be tired of life; but the reckless printer put it—

"Let me rest calmly within a shawl, With a weeping widow by my side."

On reading that, the old bachelor really did want to die.

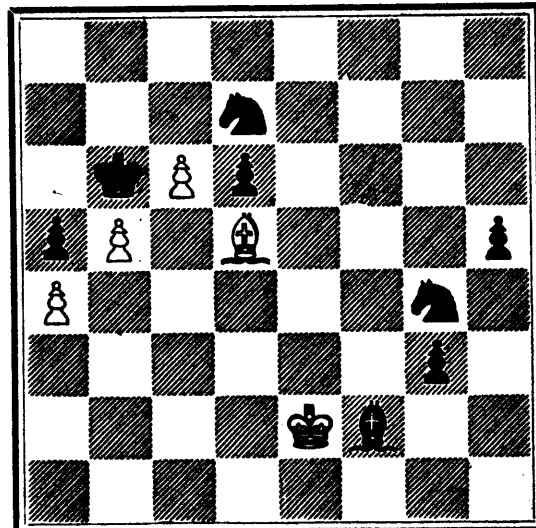
The Boston Traveller relates the following dog story: "G. F. Richardson, of Lowell, owns a magnificent Newfoundland dog. Mrs. Richardson took the children and dog to the photograph saloon to have the group taken; but the dog was in a willful mood, and would not pose, and was turned out. The next day the dog put in an appearance at the saloon and scratched at the door till he was admitted; he then proceeded directly to the spot assigned him the day before, and placed himself in the exact position desired by the artist. The photograph was taken and when completed put into a box and given to the dog, who carried it directly to his master."

Chess.

It is impossible for us to answer letters by mail. Games, Problems, Solutions, &c., forwarded are always welcome, and receive due attention, but we trust that our correspondents will consider the various demands upon our time, and accept as answers the necessarily brief replies through our "column."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.
CORRECT SOLUTIONS RECEIVED.—Problem No. 122, G. E. O., Montreal; Nos. 123 and 124, J. W. B., Toronto.

CHESS STUDY NO. 1.
By Mr. F. X. L., Ottawa.
BLACK.



White has the move. Before playing, however, find out the missing piece and place it on the proper square, then mate in two moves.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 122.

White.	Black.
1. B to Q R 8th	1. K to Q B 2nd
2. Q to Q B 6th ch	2. K to Q Kt 1st
3. Q to Q Kt 7th mate.	

3. Q to Q 7th mate.	2. K to Q 1st
2. Q to Q B 6th ch	1. K to Q B 4th
3. K takes P dis. ch. and mate.	2. K to Q Kt 5th

2. Q to K 5th ch.	1. Kt moves
3. B to K Kt 3rd mate.	2. K takes Q

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. 124.

White.	Black.
1. Kt to K B 6th ch.	1. R takes Kt
2. B to Q Kt 5th	2. Anything.
3. B or Kt mates accordingly.	

2. R to K Kt 4th ch.	1. B takes Kt
3. B to K Kt 6th mate.	2. P takes R