Books and Authors

THE LITERARY OUTLOOK

NEW AND NOTABLE BOOKS—A BIOGRAPHY REPUBLISHED—"LIKE ANOTHER HELEN," A NEW NOVEL MISNAMED—NELL GWYN ON THE STAGE AND IN A BOOK—MARIE CORELLI AND THE PRIEST.

Correspondence of The Journal.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The past week has witnessed the publication of several notable books and during the coming week many other valuable books are promised. Among the best are Booker Washington's "Up From Slavery," and Miss Ida M. Tarbell's "Life of Napoleon. The latter is not exactly a new book, a former edition having sold nearly 100,000 copies, but the present edition is so thoroughly revised and there is so much new matter included within its covers that it might well be called a new book. Miss Tarbell has, it would seem, continued her study of Napoleon and has now felt that the Empress Josephine should have more recognition. A sketch of Josephine is one of the important additions to the former work.

Mr. Washington's book is timly and valuable in that it comes as an antidote to Mr. Thomas' recent arraignment of the negro as a people. The volume is more than an autobiography; it is a history of the rise and progress of the black people in the United States since the civil war, and, as Mr. Washington has had a large share in this general progress, it is only fitting that such a history should be woven into the story of his own life.

Of the fiction recently published, perhaps George Horton's "Like Another Helen," will attract the most attention. It is a story of the war between Turkey and Greece and the action takes place on the island of Crete. The Helen of the story is a Cretan girl who is captured by the Turks, rescued by her friends, recaptured and rescued two or three times. The hero of the tale seems to be a young American, but in reality a war-loving Swede is the one who should take the place. The story appeared serially a few months ago under the title, "The Unspeakable Turk," but evidently the author has chosen to let the public approach the book as a love story rather than as a tragic horror. Mr. Horton was the United States Consul at Athens for some time and his local color may be trusted.

Nell Gwyn has been exploited on the stage in three or four different versions and now we are to have her in a novel built about one of these plays. Fortunately this version is the best, but it seems strange that the author should have elected to write the story after the play was produced. According to the publishers, the story must not be understood as a re-writing of the play. Mr. Hazleton, the author, a young Philadelphia lawyer, has simply chosen a theme with which he is thoroughly familiar through the study incident to writing the play that Miss Crossman has presented. The apparent apology for the book,however, should not be necessary, for a playwright of so evident ability as Mr. Hazelton should not find it difficult to present an attractive story on the same theme. Those who saw the play bear witness to the fact that it is full of the elements which should make a story of the same kind "go." If the author can reproduce the dialogue of the play in story form alone, there will be no doubt as to the success of the book. The volume is to be brought out in a manner in keeping with its character. The type will be the old style lettering, the cover a copy of a cover of the time of Nell Gwyn and a reproduction of Sir Peter Lely's portrait of Nell Gwynn will be included in the text.

Marie Corelli, according to report, was the favorite novelist of the late Queen Victoria. Now we have Miss Corelli's tribute to the queen, a small volume which has just been published. If one is tempted to read Marie Corelli this book will probably be found harmless; there is not much opportunity for the author to attack social schemes, religion, etc. Writing of Miss Corelli recalls a story of a Catholic priest who in a burst of confidence expressed to a friend the highest admiration for that writer. As the Catholic church has placed Miss Corelli's books under the ban, the friend was considerably surprised at the priest's very complimentary remarks about her. Whereupon, the priest replied, "My good friend, did I ever say I had ever read any of Marie Corelli's books?"

—Herbert Brewster.

NEW BOOKS

Romance of a Disappearance—Mrs. Alexander is generally very felicitous in the disposition of her characters, but she has done a somewhat better piece of work than usual in "A Missing Hero," where she makes her hero, Geofrey Lisle, disappear in the first chapter as suddenly as though he had been caught away into the superial by some spirit hand. The book, of course, is an unraveling of the initial mystery, and the reader finds himself taken to South Africa, where he encounters some very nice people and also some very bad people, including the villain of the tale, who is ever on the hot trail of Geoffrey to kill him, but fortunately does not succeed. The scene changes to London, and the clearing up of the mystery is very satisfactory, except that one naturally objects to the scoundrel Forrester surviving unpunished for his crimes. The love episode is charming. New York: R. F. Fenno & Co., Nos. 9 and 11 E Sixteenth street. Minneapolis: The Minneapolis Dry Goods company. Price $1.50.

An Englishman on the Pacific Slope—A very entertaining book is "Life and Sport on the Pacific Slope," by Horace A. Vachell, an Englishman who married an American wife, and writes, as he admits, with a very free hand about the men, women and children of the west, of ranch life, society, as well as of sports and pastimes, methods of agriculture, etc. The author has large experience, and the book gives valuable hints to settlers in California and to sportsmen generally. While an enthusiastic admirer of the strenuous life of the west, the sturdy perseverance of the men who "never take the word failure home to their wives," and equally an admirer of the women who "go until they drop," he packs his pages with some very tough stories about their independence and of the class who live idly at hotels or improve their minds at the expense of their souls, and of the horrible neglect of the children, the irreligion of the fathers and all that sort of thing. Amusing are his stories of women who work. He has come across some queer children, as he recalls a small boy who astonished his mother one night by suddenly sitting up in bed and saying: "Well, I am a damn fool; I've forgotten to say my prayers!" The ranch life tales are rich and racy. The book is illustrated. New York: Dodd, Mead & Co. Price $1.50. Minneapolis: Donaldson & Co.

Gen. J. H. Wilson on China — A third edition of General J. H. Wilson's valuable work on China, bringing it up to the present year, has been issued. General Wilson, in this edition, includes much new matter. He was ordered to report to General Chaffee from Cuba last year at the beginning of the Boxer troubles, as he had had long experience in China and was well acquainted with the people and with the geography of the country. His sketch of the people, history and resources of China is most interesting, and, upon the recent disturbances, his book throws much light, notably upon the secret organizations like the Boxers. The author attributes much of the discontent to the introduction of foreign goods and machinery, which have displaced much Chinese labor and impoverished the masses. The competition of the steamboats on the great rivers and in the coasting trade has displaced the junks and thrown out of employment a vast number of boats and boatmen. This has been a serious matter, and yet it is not possible for the retrograde party to prevail. The development of China has begun and will go on. Russia is secure as against the outside world in her Asiatic position. The navies of the world could not stop the supply of her troops on their concentration along the northern borders of China or in Manchuria. France has already acquired a vast portion of southern and southeastern China, at least 243,000 square miles with 18,000,000 population; Germany has secured a slice of Shantung province with Kiao-Chao; Great Britain has Wei-hai-wei, and Hongkong, and Japan is bound to add to Formosa the kingdom of Korea and whatever else she can obtain. As for the United States, General Wilson believes that abstention from territorial acquisition in any form is our duty and that, standing up for our commercial rights and equal advantages in China, we shall, under any conditions, be relatively better off in respect to trade than any of our competitors. The book contains valuable maps. New York: D. Appleton Co. Price, $1.75.

A Great French Hero—In the Heroes of the Nations Series an interesting biography of Louis IX. (Saint Louis) has appeared, written by Frederick Perry, M. A., Fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford. Louis IX. is worthy of inclusion among the heroes. He was the true hero of the middle ages, although an analysis of his character reveals curious contradictions, as he was a strenuous believer in feudalism, and hit it some very severe blows; was a loyal son of the church, and yet, like some other distinguished French churchmen, crossed the will of the pope, the "vicar of Christ," more than once, with Gallican independence of action; was of a sweet disposition, and yet did some most intolerant things; a lover of peace and yet brave as the bravest in war. Louis' mother, the regent, Blanche of Castile, was wise and diplomatic and secured for him the mastership of the greater part of south France. Louis stood up for French rights against popes and potentates secular during the thirteenth century. He made the Emperor of Germany set at liberty French prelates and refused to remove the restrictions which he had placed on the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical tribunals, even on demand of the pope. His crusading exploit in 1248-1254 was a miserable failure, St. Louis being captured. On his release he returned to France, but, after a few years, he engaged in another crusade, this time against Tunis, where he died of the pestilence, with most of his army. Louis suppressed nearly all private wars in his kingdom and substituted royal justice for individual violence, and the evidence of witnesses and written proceedings replaced trials by physical combat. If he defended his own rights, he defended those of his subjects also. He stopped the coinage of bad money by decreeing that only his own coin of the realm should be received in the royal domain. He maintained the liberties of the Gallican church and restricted the impositions which the church of Rome had placed upon the churches of France, and, at the same time, he showed symptoms of the cruel spirit of his age by punishing blasphemers by piercing their tongues with a red-hot iron. The book is well illustrated and the many maps are very helpful. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 27 West Twenty-third street. Minneapolis: N. McCarthy. Price $1.50.

Hard on St. Paul—St. Paul has been a very much abused man. The "higher critics" of the Christian scriptures do not like him because the supernatural element had so much to do with him and he had so much to do with the supernatural. Paul's experience stands in the way of assailants of Christianity and they have been trying to discredit him for a long time. In "To Nazareth or Tarsus?" an author who does not give his name endeavors to prove that Paul was insane and the doctrines he taught are the products of a mind hopelesly diseased. As the Pauline theology and the Petrine theology differ in no wise from the Christ theology, if a charge of insanity can be made good against the man of Tarsus, it will hold with equal force against the latter. It is evident from the weakness of the author's logic that he has been a very superficial student of the writings of the profound dialectician of the University of Tarsus. New York: J. S. Ogilvie Publishing company, No. 57 Rose street.

Life Best Lived—Mr. L. G. Janes borrows the title of his suggestive little book, "Health and a Day," from Emerson's expression: "Give me health and a day and I will make the pomp of emperors ridiculous." He contemplates life from Herbert Spencer's standpoint, the continual adjustment of internal relations to external relations, and believes that the key of health is always within our reach if not always in our complete possession. The specializing tendencies of the day result in uneven development and the remedy is found in a duly proportionate exercise of the physical and mental. There would be no microbe to annoy us if we were all perfectly cleanly in our habits and the author shows how obedience to simple hygienic laws and persistent education up to those laws is the key to happiness and that, if highly organized beings have greater sensitiveness to pleasure or pain they suffer more than others, yet they have higher and diviner satisfactions. The secret of both bodily and spiritual health lies in fronting the future bravely, not dwelling supinely on either the failures or the successes, the joys or the sorrows of the past. Let the past teach us but not command us. Let the history which we and the world are making be more to us than the story of the past that is written in books. Let us follow the ideals that beckon us rather than the precedents that hold us back." Boston: James H. West company. Price, $1.

The Asiatic Question—Captain Mahan very impressively discusses, in his "The Problem of Asia and Its Effect upon International Policies," some of the most interesting questions of the day. The contents are drawn chiefly from articles which have appeared in the North American Review and Harper's Magazine. The captain suggests that our own interest in the Asiatic problem has been greatly increased by our sudden acquisition of heavy responsibility in the orient through our occupation of the Philippines and the palpable decrepitude of China, manifested during the past year. Under no government can the United States stand by and see substantial injury done to the welfare of her citizens by the undue preponderance of an inimical system of occupation or of influence, is Captain Mahan's strong word of advice. He believes the three Teutonic nations—Germany, Great Britain and the United States—should co-operate because they have community of interest, and Japan may, with them, co-operate as an expediency to aid in introducing the Teutonic leaven. These powers, sea powers all, will be sufficient to hold in check the great northern power, Russia, and what is to be done is to prevent preponderant political control of China by any one external state or group of states; to insist upon the open door in its broadest sense. The United States cannot let the question of China drift at the sport of circumstances. The reactionary movement must be resisted. "China may not—cannot—be forced to drink, but she must at least allow the water to be brought to her people's doors. If the United States stands wholly aside, this work will be done all the same, lacking only our individual contribution to it. Can we, without responsibility to God and man, decline our aid, which our respect for nationality and personality—carried at times to an excess even absurd—will render especially disinterested, as well as especially helpful through the confidence it commands?"

There is in this volume an interesting paper on the Transvaal dispute, showing the absurdity of the view which contemplates the Dutch Boer as the unimpeachable and pure-minded champion of human liberty, civil and religious. It embodies a careful review of the history of the contact of the British with the Boers. Boston: Little, Brown & Company. Price $2.

Literary Notes.

The MacMillan company have in press "American Diplomatic Questions," by John B. Henderson, Jr., large attention being given to the discussion of the Monroe doctrine.

George Barrie & Son, Philadelphia, announce a sumptuously illustrated edition of Honore de Balzac's Comedie Humaine in the original French and in forty-six volumes, containing 200 etchings and 200 typogravures.

The Century company has issued, in a new library edition in four volumes, "Battles and Leaders of the Civil War," by R. U. Underwood and Clarence C. Buel, with 1,700 illustrations, maps, statistics, etc., which make it a complete encyclopedia of the war. Reduced in price to $15 cloth and $30 morocco.

The Independent will publish a short story by the late Maurice Thompson, entitled "Jere Jones' Ride," on March 28, and a poem which will apepar in the Memorial Day number.

The Game of Chess.

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Correspondence.

Rev. W. H. Knowlton, Estherville, Iowa—Thank you for problem.

G. A. White, Portland, N. D.—In problem No. 21, the black bishop on QR8 should be on QKt8. The error was corrected the following week, but you probably did not notice it. With this correction the bishop cannot take the knight.

Solution and Solvers.

Solution to problem No. 23, by W. H. Knowlton:

1—QR to B5, etc. Solved by Dr. M. C. Johnston, Aberdeen, S. D.; W. W. Kingsbury, Jeffers, Minn.; George E. Thompson, Minneapolis, Minn.; R. W. Hitchcock, Minneapolis, Minn.

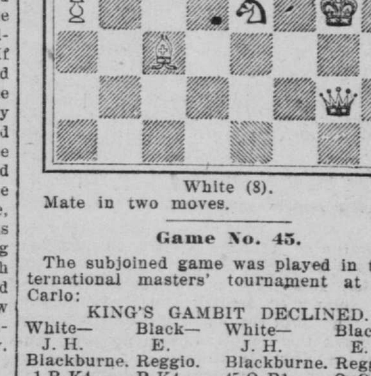
Solution to problem No. 24, by Neis Nelson, Hopkins, Minn.: 1—Kt to Q5, etc. Solved by W. W. Kingsbury, Jeffers, Minn.; John L. Burns, Cody, Wyo.; George E. Thompson, Minneapolis, Minn.; R. W. Hitchcock, Minneapolis, Minn.

Solution to problem No. 25, by W. H. Knowlton: 1—Q to Q3, etc. Solved by P. L. Plantin, Minneapolis, Minn.; W. W. Kingsbury, Jeffers, Minn.; John J. Burtscher, Devils Lake, N. D.; John L. Burns, Cody, Wyo.; George E. Thompson, Minneapolis, Minn.; R. W. Hitchcock, Minneapolis, Minn.

Problem No. 27.

BY A. H. GANSSER.

Black (4).



White (8).

Mate in two moves.

Game No. 45.

The subjoined game was played in the international masters' tournament at Monte Carlo:

KING'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

White—J. H. Blackburne.	Black—E. Reggio.	White—J. H. Blackburne.	Black—E. Reggio.
1 P-K4	P-K4	45 Q-R1	QxQ
2 P-KB4	B-B4	46 RxQ	KtxR
3 Kt-KB3	P-Q3	47 RxP	Kt-Q8
4 B-B4	Kt-QB3	48 P-B4	R-Q7 ch
5 P-B3	Kt-B3	49 K-Kt3	RxP
6 Q-K2(a	B-KKt5	50 R-K8 ch	K-Kt2
7 P-KR3	BxKt	51 R-K7 ch	K-B3
8 QxB	Q-K2	52 RxP	R-QB7
9 P-B5	P-QR3(b	53 R-QB7	R-QKt7!
10 P-Q3	Kt-Q2	54 R-K6 ch	K-K4
11 Q-Kt3	P-B3	55 P-Kt6	P-R6
12 Kt-Q2	Kt-R4	56 R-B5 ch	K-K3
13 B-K6	B-R2(c	57 R-QR5	R-Kt6 ch
14 P-Kt4	Kt-B3	58 K-B4	Kt-Kt7
15 Kt-B1	Kt-Q1	59 P-Kt7	KtxP
16 B-Kt3	P-B3	60 R-R4	RxP(n
17 B-K3	P-QR4	61 RxKt	P-R7(o
18 P-Kt5	P-R5	62 R B6 ch	K-Q4
19 B-QB4(d	BxB	63 R-R6	R-Kt7
20 KtxB	Kt-Kt3	64 K-Kt5	R-R7
21 R-QKt1	KtxB	65 P-R4	K-B5
22 KtxKt	Castles	66 P-R5	K-Kt6
23 Q-K3	Q-QB2	67 K-R6	K-Kt7
24 Castles	P-B4	68 R-Kt6 ch	K-B8
25 P-Kt4	Kt-B2	69 R-B6 ch	K-Kt8
26 Q-Kt3	KR-Q1(e	70 R-Kt6 ch	R-Kt7
27 Q-Kt2	R-Q2	71 R-KB6	R-Kt2
28 R-B2	QR-Q1	72 R-B1 ch	K-Kt7
29 Kt-K3	P-B5(f	73 R-B2 ch	K-R6
30 PxP	Q-B4	74 R-B3 ch	R-Kt6
31 R-K1	P-Q4(g	75 R-B1	R-Kt4
32 KPxP	Kt-Q3	76 R-B3 ch	K-Kt5
33 P-Kt5(h	KtxQBP	77 R-B1	R-QR4
34 Kt-Kt4(i	K-R1(k	78 R-B4 ch	K-B6
35 R-K4	Kt-Kt7(l	79 R-B1	R-Q4
36 Q-B3	RxP	80 R-B3 ch	R-Q6
37 PxP	PxP	81 R-B1	R-KR6(q
38 KtxBP(m	R(Q4)-Q3	82 K-Kt7	R-R7(r
39 K-R2	Kt-Q6	83 R-QR1	R-QKt7(s
40 R-Kt2	RxKt	84 KxP	R-Kt7 ch
41 Q-Kt3	Q-B1	85 K-Kt6	K-Kt7
42 R-K3	Kt-B5	86 RxP ch	
43 R-KB2	RxP	Drawn.	
44 Q-B3	Kt-Q4		

(a) The standard continuation is P-Q3. The play adopted results in naught but loss of time, as the sequel shows.

(b) Preparatory to Kt to QR4, which otherwise would be answered by B to Kt5 ch, whereupon the knight would have to interpose, for if * * * P to B3, B to K2, followed by P to QKt4, would win a piece.

(c) Guarding against P to QKt4.

(d) If 19, BxP, then BxB; 20, KtxB, RxB.

(e) Planning P to Q4. Black's game is for choice already.

(f) Black pursues his operations in masterful style. If KtxP, then P to Q4, and must recover his pawn with advantage.

(g) All this is very fine, indeed. It is immaterial how the pawn is taken, the reply being always Kt-Q3.

(h) The ensuing part is played by Blackburne with daring ingenuity. Of course, his only hope of saving the day rested with "mixing up matters." With the present move white opens an important square for the knight.

(i) After the exchange of knights, white's scattered pawns would be easy prey for the enemy.

(k) White's threat of winning pawn and exchange by PxP, PxP; 35, KtxP ch, is hereby cleverly parried, for the rejoinder now would be 35, * * * R to Kt2; 36, Kt to Kt4, P to R4.

(l) Now black in turn threatens to win the exchange by Kt to Q8 or Q6.

(m) There is nothing better. He cannot hope to withstand the concerted attack of black's forces; if, for instance, 38, K to R2, Kt to Q6; 39. R to B1, Kt to B5, followed by R to Q6, etc. The actual move loses a pieces, but leaves him plenty of fighting ground.

(n) The sacrifice of the piece is sound enough; simpler, however, would have been Kt to Q3; 61, RxP, RxKtP.

(o) Far better were R to R2.

(p) White's king is now free to enter the enemy's camp. Blackburne speculates on winning the KRP, whereupon he can readily give up his rook for the QRP, as black then in turn must sacrifice the rook to prevent a new queen, a scheme in which he ultimately succeeds. Black's task of holding on to the QRP and at the same time defend the other pawn could have been rendered easier had he played as suggested in note (o).

(q) Black at last has obtained the winning position.

(r) Throwing away victory which he might have secured by RxP.

(s) If K to Kt2, 84, RxP ch, followed by P to R6, draws; 83, * * * RxP; 84, RxP, also leads to a draw.

Chess News.

The leading scores of the Flour City Chess Club annual championship tournament are as follows:

Player—	Won.	Lost	Pct.
George E. Thompson	14	3	824
Guy M. Thompson	15½	3½	816
E. P. Elliott	19½	4½	813
F. N. Stacy	19½	4½	813
Dr. F. A. Huxmann	13	9	591

The match between the Minneapolis Y. M. C. A. Chess Club and the University of Minnesota will probably be played on Wednesday night. The Y. M. C. A. team will be as follows: Board 1, Guy M. Thompson; 2, George E. Thompson; 3, P. L. Plantin; 4, R. W. Hitchcock; 5, W. C. Fitchett. The university team will have at the top boards Hal Stevens and G. F. Jonsson.

After having been in abeyance over six months, the publication of the Steinitz memorial book has now been assured. Subscriptions will be received by the secretary of the committee, H. Cassell, postoffice box 1201, New York city. The price is $1.10.

William A. Haller, one of the strongest St. Louis players, who has been in the Klondike for two years, and who is now at home, gives this item of news from that region:

Readers of The Journal may be interested in knowing that chess is actively played in the Klondike, and that the city of Dawson boasts a large and active chess club. Dawson is a small city of 4,000 population, but her chess strength is equal to that of the ordinary city of 200,000. This can only be accounted for by the fact that her population is made up of the very best of the continent, including a similar class from Europe, the average of intelligence being therefore, much higher than here in what is called civilization.

The Dawson Daily News, which is by long odds the best paper published in the Northwest territories, devotes a column to chess once each week, and as it circulates throughout the mining regions of Klondike, it distributes chess information, problems and games, not only to devotees in the metropolis, but to many a lonely camp where pleasures are few, but where mental caliber is equal to that physical courage necessary to the task of converting a subarctic wilderness into a prosperous community, where churches abound and the chief pride is the public school.

Sidney P. Johnston, while in Davenport last Saturday and Monday on a business trip, played simultaneously twice against all comers, losing one game, drawing two and winning the remainder in a total of about thirty-five.

The Game of Checkers.

Edited by W. H. Grimshaw.

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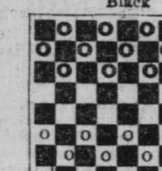
White
THE BOARD NUMBERED

Black



White
THE MEN SET FOR PLAY

The black men will cover squares from 1 to 12. The white men will cover squares from 21 to 32. The black men should move first.

All communications for this department should be addressed Checker Editor.

Matters for current insertion should reach this office not later than Wednesday. Problems and games at all times welcome.

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The asterisks indicate the essential moves to sustain the terms.

A Trap to Be Avoided.

GAME NO. 1354—OLD FOURTEENTH.

11-15	4- 8	10-14	14-21	a) 9-14
23-19	17-13	26-23	23- 7	
8-11	15-18	7-10	3-10	
22-17	24-20	21-17	27-23	

(a) At last move black enters trap No. 285, and white proceeds to win as follows:

30-26	19-16	23- 7	31-27	27- 2
21-30	12-19	30-23	2-11	

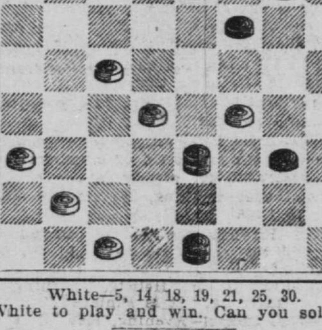
W wins.

I have worked this trap on the inexperienced many times, and consider it one of the best on the board.—Editor.

Problem No. 598.

BY M. J. LEBLOND.

Black—11, 24; kings, 7, 8, 23, 31.



White—5, 14, 18, 19, 21, 25, 30.

White to play and win. Can you solve it?

Selected Games.

GAME NO. 1355.—FIFE.

Contributed by A. L. Oliver, Stoneham, Mass.

11-15	14-18	6- 9	14-23	11-16	15-24
23-19	21-17	13- 6	17-13	22-18	28-19
9-14	9-14	2- 9	1- 6	16-23	12-16
22-17	25-21	26-22	22-17	18-11	19-12
5- 9	7-11	18-23	23-26	8-15	4- 8
17-13	1)30-25(a	17-18	31-22	24-19	17-14

Drawn.

The above game is by J. Smith, and was published in the Draught Players' Quarterly Review, in September, 1898, but had been published previously in the Northern Leader.

(a) We believe this move originated with Mr. Wyllie.

(Var. 1.)

29-25	28-19	20-16	24-20	16-11	13- 6
3- 7	11-15	12-19	1- 5	26-30	25-22
26-23	20-11	23-16	16-12	11- 7	17-13
11-16	15-24	14-18(2	18-23	2-11	22-17
30-26	27-20	26-23	25-22	12-14	16-10
7-11	18-27	18-27	10-15	30-25	17-14
24-20	32-23	31-24	20-16	22-17	
15-24	8-15	15-18	23-26	6- 9	

Drawn.

This variation, which was Variation 3 of above game, is by that fine analyist, Dr. Schaefer, and was, we believe, first published in the Woodsocket Reporter, in February, 1888, with the remark that, there having been some doubt expressed as to the draw on this 21-17 line, this play was presented with the wish that some one would make a wound in it that Dr. Schaefer, assisted by Professor Charles Kelly, cannot heal. The above game is also Variation 2, Fife analysis, New York Checker Monthly.

(Var. 2.)

15-19	14-18	10-15	6-10	2-11
31-27(b	26-22	16-11	11- 7	c)13-19

(b) This move is very weak; 16-11 is much stronger.

(c) While looking for more worlds to conquer we ran over the above analysis with the result of satisfying ourselves that the D'Ks draw was O. K. The above play was one of the lines we looked over and present it here, not that it is of any value, but for the purpose of showing the strength in the black pieces in a much exposed situation and still winning in two ways. Continue the play from Note C with 4-8, 9-6, 19-23, 27-24, 15-19, and black can win without giving up the won piece. Now, to continue again from Note C, we find black has still another win, but in this one it is very close, and the gained piece must be sacrificed for position, as follows:

11-16	20-27	4- 8	31-13	9- 2	9-14
9- 6	2- 7	10-19	25-22	22-18	
19-23	27-31	1- 6	13- 9	2- 6	
27-24	7-14	22-15	21-17	18-15	
16-20	31-26	26-31	6-10	6- 9	
6- 2	14-10	19-26	15- 6	17-13	

Black wins.

GAME NO. 1356.—SINGLE CORNER.

F. J. Elgas.

11-15	10-17	16-20	6- 9	24-27
22-18	25-21	32-27	15- 8	2- 6
15-22	8-11	8-11	3-12	27-31
25-18	21-14	30-25	18-15	6- 9
12-16	4- 8	a) 6- 9	9-18	31-25
18-14	24-19	24-19	23-14	9-13
9-18	16-23	b) 9-13(12	12-16	20-24
23-14	27-18	25-21	15-11	14-10
10-17	1- 6	13-17	16-18	
21-14	26-23	31-26	11- 2	
6-10	11-16	2- 6	19-24	
29-25	28-24	19-15	27-23	

White wins.

(a) No draw after this move.

(b) Solution to No. 186.

Variation 1.

2- 6	19-15	7-14	18- 4	14-17
25-22	11-16	15-10	9-13	8-12
3- 8	14-10	6-15	4- 8	

White wins.

Variation 2.

7-10	11-18	9-14	9-13	17-22
14- 7	23- 7	31-26	22-18	16- 7
3-10	2-11	5- 9	14-17	22-26
18-15	25-22	26-23	19-16	23-19

White wins.

GAME NO. 1357.—DENNY.

Jordan's move—

10-14	9-14	2- 9	10-26	18-22
23-19	26-23	29-25	19- 3	3- 7
14-18	6-10	8-11	11-15	22-25
22-15	28-24	26-22	30-23	27-24
11-18	1- 6(c	9-13	21-30	26-22
21-17(a	31-26	32-28	23-19	7-11
8-11	11-15	3- 7	15-18	25-30
17-13(b	25-21	21-17	19-15	11- 4
4- 8	6- 9	14-21	30-26	
24-20	13- 6	23-14	24-19	

Barker won.

(a) New move introduced by Joseph Maize.

(b) 17-14 runs it into "Laird and Lady."

(c) Joseph Maize put in a draw here by 2-6. The position is:

Black—1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 18.

White—13, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32.

White to play.

31-26	26-17	25-22	22-18	13- 6
11-15	15-18	18-25	10-15	1-10
25-21	30-25	29-22	19-10	
18-22	8-11	5- 9	6-22	

Drawn Maize.

GAME NO. 1358—KELSO.

Played at the Chicago Chess and Crecker Club between Joseph Workman and J. T. Denvir. Denvir's move.

10-15	5- 9	11-16	14-18	10-14
23-18	26-17	14- 9	5- 9	28-24
12-16	9-13	5-14	7-11	2- 6
26-23	17-14	13- 9	9-14	24-19
16-20	13-17	4- 8	18-23	6-10
22-17	29-25	9- 5	27-18	19-16
15-22	1- 5	8-12	20-27	10-15
25-18	31-26	5- 1	32- 7	16-11
9-14	11-15	16-19	15-31	15-18
18- 9	25-22	23-16	14-18(a	21-17
6-22	8-11	12-19	3-10	
30-26	22-13	1- 5	18-23	

Drawn.

(a) If 23-19, then 18-23, 19-26, 31-22, 11-7, 22-18, 7-2, 14-17. Drawn.

Solution of Problem No. 597.

Black, 5, 11; kings, 1, 18. White, 7, 10, 13, 24.

7- 2	16-19	6- 2	5- 9
11-16	24-15	11-15	6- 2
2-6	18-11	2- 6	

B wins.

The following solvers are correct: C. P. Hill, St. Paul; J. T. Denvir, Chicago, Ill.; P. D. Fallis, Minneapolis; E. A. Benjamin, Menomonie, Wis.; S. L. Haight, St. Thomas, N. D.; F. L. Foss, Algona, Iowa; H. B. Sleeper, Wahpeton, N. D.; Eyra Von Camp, St. Thomas, N. D.; D. N. Mallough, Wheatland, N. D.; C. A. Dover, Watertown, S. D.; C. J. Ericson, Winthrop, Minn.; W. A. Harley, Watertown, S. D.; Irving Kimball, Champlin, Minn.; C. V. Faus, Alexandria, Minn.; Ray Ord, Minneapolis, Minn.; G. A. Pierce, Medford, Wis.; J. D. Groesbeck, Bozeman, Mont.; Richard Jackson, Duluth, Minn.; George A. Demo, Minneapolis; J. E. Biglow, Alexandria; G. L. Melcher, St. Paul, Minn.

Checker Chatter.

Burt Titus has succeeded in playing 1,000 games without losing one and only thirty drawn. This is a remarkable record and places Mr. Titus up among the best dozen players in the country.

Last week my opponent had the black men on 3, 9, 10, 13, 26. I had the white on 8, 20, 21, 23, 30, succeeded in forcing win with white to move. Can you do it? and if so, how?—Editor.

Strange but true it is that there is no pastime about which the public is in such ignorance as the game of checkers, scientifically regarded. Persons of marked intelligence in other matters often fail to comprehend the very crudities of the game. The moves are so simple in themselves that it is necessary to be a student of the game to discover how little many very clever persons may know about it, without in the least suspecting their ignorance.

Speaking of the strength of the players who faced Pillsbury in his New York exhibition, a well-read follower of the pastime said Jimmie Reed, in simultaneous blindfold play, once went up against this combination: L. S. Head, J. T. Denvir, C. Hefter, L. B. Starkweather, Ed Crowell, G. H. Slocum, W. L. Brown, R. L. Quarles, Mr. Suwalski and Mr. Farmer. Reed won eight, lost one and drew one. The game lost went to Head on a slip.

A friend wants the editor to publish a little pamphlet on each opening. Thanks for the compliment, but we have not time at present. Nevertheless, the scheme would pay.

The Game of Whist.

J. H. Hemphill.

Ladies' Night.

Eleven tables of ladies and gentlemen attended the regular weekly game at the Minneapolis Whist Club Tuesday night. Mr. Barnard and Miss Rankin made high score for the evening, no one else being anywehe near them. The prize for the evening was a large bunch of roses. Following is the score in detail:

NORTH AND SOUTH.

Mr. and Mrs. Mix	233
Mr. and Mrs. Wellington	229
Mr. and Mrs. Parsons	226
Mr. and Mrs. Glotfelter	224
Mr. and Mrs. Moulder	219
Mr. and Mrs. Pierce	211
Mr. and Mrs. Barnes	226
Mr. and Mrs. Christian	223
Mr. Gardner and Miss Hamm	226
Mr. Harris and Miss Candee	228
Mr. Jennison and Miss Sercombe	223
Average	225 3-11

EAST AND WEST.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxon	197
Mr. and Mrs. Fraser	200
Mr. and Mrs. Kilbourne	200
Mr. and Mrs. Satterlee	205
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence	202
Mr. and Mrs. Higbee	206
Mr. and Mrs. Pike	200
Mr. Shannon and Mrs. Barber	201
Mr. Briggs and Mrs. Paul	214
Mr. Barnard and Mrs. Rankin	224
Mr. Dalby and Mrs. Conkey	192
Average	203 8-11

The Barnaby Trophy.

Captain Longbrake and his team, whom every one thought to be invincible, have at last met an enemy who are worthy of their steel. The challengers were an entirely new team and were successful in their first match, winning from the Longbrakes by eleven tricks. Mr. Longbrake played his regular team, Longbrake, captain; Boutelle, Wellington and Brooks, and the challengers were Moulder, captain; Parsons, Travis and Dr. Todd.

A St. Paul-Minneapolis Deal.

The hand given below is published by The Journal to demonstrate two plays which occur very frequently and which are seldom correctly handled even by players who consider themselves authorities. The first play occurs at trick three both tables, and the second play referred to occurs at trick four table two. Minneapolis played the east and west hands at table one and the north and south at table two. The cards were dealt by west and were distributed as follows:

North: ♠—9 8 7 3; ♡—9 6; ♣—A 5 4; ◇—K J 6 3

West: ♠—A 6 5; ♡—K Q 5; ♣—K J 8 3; ◇—A Q 2

East: ♠—Q 2; ♡—10 8 7 4; ♣—Q 10 9 7 2; ◇—8 7

South: ♠—K J 10 4; ♡—A J 3 2; ♣—6; ◇—10 9 5 4

Trump five of spades, leader north.

TABLE NO. 1.

Trick.	North	East	South	West
1	3◇	7◇	9◇	Q◇
2	♣4	♣Q	♣6	♣3
3	♣A	♣7	5◇	♣K
4	K◇	8◇	10◇	A◇
5	♡6	♡7	♡A	♡K
6	7♠	Q♠	J♠	5♠
7	♡9	♡4	♡2	♡Q
8	6◇	2♠	4◇	2◇
9	♣5	♣2	4♠	♣J
10	3♠	♣9	K♠	A♠
11	8♠	♣10	10♠	6♠
12	J◇	♡8	♡J	♡5
13	9♠	♡10	♡3	♣8

COMMENT TABLE 1.

Tricks 1 and 2—The usual openings.

Trick 3—West returns the club. South (St. Paul) discards the diamond five and, by doing so, tells his partner he has trumps and invites him to play for his hearts.

Trick 4—North, having four trumps himself and nothing in his partner's hearts, properly continues his diamonds, which require but one more round to establish.

Trick 5—West leads the heart now in order that he may be sure of one trick in that suit. There is evidently no use in forcing South, as it is apparent that both North and South are strong in trumps.

Trick 6—West passes the jack as St. Paul leads the jack from both king-queen-jack and king-jack-ten combinations.

Trick 7.—East returns the heart.

Trick 8—West now forces East with the diamond, which he would have done earlier had he not held the ace of trumps.

TABLE NO. 2.

North and south, 6; east and west, 7.

Trick.	North	East	South	West
1	3◇	7◇	9◇	Q◇
2	♣4	♣Q	♣6	♣3
3	♣A	♣7	♡2	♣J
4	3♠	2♠	10♠	A♠
5	♡6	♡7	♡A	♡K
6	7♠	Q♠	K♠	5♠
7	8♠	♣2	J♠	6♠
8	6◇	8◇	4◇	A◇
9	♡9	♡8	♡3	♡Q
10	9♠	♡4	♡J	♡5
11	K◇	♣9	5◇	2◇
12	J◇	♡10	10◇	♣8
13	♣5	♣10	4♠	♣K

North and south, 8; east and west, 5.

COMMENT, TABLE 2.

Tricks 1 and 2—Same as table 1.

Trick 3—The club is returned as at table one, but the Minneapolis player, sitting south (J. H. Briggs), here discards a heart, his reason being that he and his partner together are much stronger in diamonds than he alone is in hearts, and, further, the diamonds have already been led and are just that much nearer establishment.

Trick 4—North now leads the trump. Had he held an honor in the trump suit, or command of the hearts, he should have continued the diamond; but, holding neither re-entries nor honors in trumps, he is obliged to lead the trump at once in order to give his partner the benefit of any finesse he may have in the suit. South finesses the ten, knowing the ace must be with the adversaries (North would have led it to South's implied strength had he held it), and the queen must, therefore, make, if West holds it, as he has a small trump in his hand (the turned card).

The remaining play is conventional.

Minneapolis vs. St. Paul.

The St. Paul Whist club sprung a rather previous April fools joke on the local whist cranks last Saturday evening. After the last match between the two clubs the saints evidently came to the conclusion that they were getting worse instead of better and voted to discontinue the series of games scheduled, which, of course, they had a right to do. They could, however, have notified the Minneapolis club a little earlier and have saved the boys considerable car fare. About thirty Minneapolis whisters journeyed to the village down the river, expecting to have the usual game and were rather disappointed when they found but one St. Paul man there to play against. The strangest part of the proceeding was that tho St. Paul club had a four in Minneapolis all Saturday afternoon and evening, playing for the American Whist Leagues' challenge trophy, and the fact of there being a game between the two clubs schedule for that evening had been freely discussed before the St. Paul gentlemen, without eliciting any response to the contrary. Apologies are now in order.

The American Whist League Trophy.

Minneapolis was again victorious in her contest for the challenge trophy, the match last week being between the local club's four and a team from her old rival, St. Paul. The match was the hardest fought and cleanest played of any of the present series of contests. The forty-eight deals played, presented an unusual number of chances for good play and it is surprising that the variations were not larger. St. Paul was represented by T. J. Buford, O. M. Metcalf, W. S. Hay and M. L. Countryman, and Minneapolis played J. H. Briggs, E. A. Mortgomery, O. H. Briggs and J. H. Hemphill. Minneapolis gained on eighteen deals, fourteen singles, three doubles and a triple. St. Paul gained on eleven deals, nine singles and two doubles, thirteen tricks altogether.

Following is the score by deals:

FIRST HALF.

Deal—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	—Gain
Minneapolis	5	3	9	8	12	8	9	7	— 4
St. Paul	5	4	8	8	11	8	8	6	— 1
Deal—	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	—Gain
Minneapolis	12	9	9	8	4	5	8	8	— 4
St. Paul	11	9	11	8	5	5	5	9	— 4
Deal—	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	—Gain
Minneapolis	11	1	4	6	7	2	7	11	— 2
St. Paul	11	1	4	7	5	2	7	12	— 2

SECOND HALF.

Deal—	25	26	27	28	29	30	21	32	—Gain
Minneapolis	6	6	4	6	8	7	7	7	— 3
St. Paul	6	6	4	7	8	6	6	6	— 1
Deal—	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	—Gain
Minneapolis	3	7	8	6	6	6	8	5	— 5
St. Paul	3	6	9	5	7	5	6	7	— 4
Deal—	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	—Gain
Minneapolis	10	10	9	8	4	9	4	1	— 5
St. Paul	9	9	10	6	4	8	4	1	— 1

Total gains: Minneapolis, 23; St. Paul, 13. Minneapolis wins by 10 tricks. Umpire, E. J. Larkin.

Commercial Club Whist.

There were nine tables at the usual Monday night game at the Commercial Club. Sykes and Jennison made high score, with plus 14. Following is the score:

NORTH AND SOUTH.

Smith and Gangelhoff	190
Gable and Gable	190
Raymond and Fisher	175
Nicholson and Van Nest	180
Jennison and Sykes	197
Wright and McMillan	185
Hendrix and Warner	181
Beygeh and Crume	178
Gray and McMillan	176
Average	183 5-9

EAST AND WEST.

Graham and Hitchcock	177
Bechtel and Lathrop	167
Crandall and Crandall	169
Peck and Armitage	162
Rittenhouse and Ely	168
Taylor and Carpenter	172
Burgess and Capen	162
Marson and Eichler	167
Shepard and Brush	163
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