THE CRITIC'S REVIEW.

A Trait of Human Nature Described by James Whitcomb Riley.

MENUS OF DECEMBER MAGAZINES.

Attractive Collection of Toothsome Holiday Literature.

BOYS AND GIRLS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

What a picture of human nature! What a capital take-off on our neighbor—for, of course, we do not any of us behold our own selves in this looking-glass. James Whitcomb Riley is the writer in the December *Century:*

Wunst we went a-fishin'—me
An' my Pa an' Ma—all three,
When they was a picnic, 'way
Out to Hanch's Woods, one day.

An' there was a crick out there,
Where the fishes is, an' where
Little boys 't ain't big an' strong
Better have their folks along.

My Pa he ist fished an' fished!
An' my Ma she said she wished
Me an' her was home; an' Pa
Said he wished so worse 'n Ma.

Pa said ef you talk, er say
Anythin', er sneeze, er play,
Hain't no fish, alive er dead,
Ever go' to bite, he said.

Purt' nigh dark in town when we
Got back home: and Ma, says she,
Now she'll have a fish fer shore!—
An' she buyed one at the store.

Nen, at supper, Pa he won't
Eat no fish, an' says he don't
Like 'em. An' he pounded me
When I choked!—Ma, didn't he?

I.

Now the leading articles in half a dozen of the leading magazines, are these:

Popular Science Monthly: "Early Steps in Iron Making," W. F. Durfee (beginning of a series; American industrial development since Columbus). "What shall we do with the 'Dago?'" (the "Dago" being the Italian immigrant with his perplexing dietary eccentricities). "The Identity of Light and Electricity" (discoveries described by the discovered). "Defences of Burrowing Spiders," Dr. McCook; the Pororoca or Bore of the Amazon (that is, the fearful rush of the spring tide in the river's northern mouth). "The Duk-Duk Ceremonies" (the initiatory ordeals of the Pacific islanders).

The Forum: "The Government of American Cities," A. D. White (away with wards; let the Aldermen be elected on a general ticket; enter a board of control, representing property owners, to manage expenditures and franchises; and so exit corruption and enter equity). "Formative Influences," Archdeacon Farrar (especially Milton and Coleridge). "Family Stocks in a Democracy," President Eliot; "Does China Menace the World?" President Martin (No). "Notes on Ghosts," Andrew Lang.

The Atlantic Monthly: "The House of Martha," Frank R. Stockton (serial, but not serious; this month's instalment capital; the adventures of the wasp and the nun). "The Wife of Mr. Secretary Pepys" (an interesting reading in that ingenious old journal). "The New Departure in Parisian Art" (the revolt of Meissonier, the battle of the medals). "Sir Walter Raleigh" ("James I., after venting choice abuse upon a cult too ethereal for his tastes, played his trump card by cutting off the first English smoker's head. Raleigh was faithful. On his last morning, after making his peace with heaven, he had breakfast and a pipe, and so, with colors flying, made his glorious exit"). "From King's Mountain to Yorktown," John Fiske, and interesting book reviews.

Lippincott's: "An Army Portia," Captain Charles King, (the complete novel for this month. Portia's lover in the army gets into trouble, and Portia gets him happily out it). Not much else in the magazine. Joel Cook explains the McKinley bill; H. Walsh describes the Bermuda Islands; W. W. Crane objects to "Types in Fiction."

The Century Magazine: The December number begins in California. Trip in California before the Gold Discovery, Ranch and Mission Days in Alta California (with good illustrations). "Some Views on Acting," Salvini, (good epilogue to the Jefferson autobiography). "Franklin in Allegory" (with reproductions of French prints). "The Borderland of China," W. W. Rockhill, (tramps in unbeaten paths). "Can a Nation have a Religion?" Lyman Abbott. (Yes; indeed! "Despotism may govern without faith," says De Tocqueville, "but liberty cannot"). "A Record of Virtue," Anna Farlin Spencer, (a bit of real life, well told and full of inspiration). Several Christmas things, in prose and verse; and several first-rate short stories; an uncommonly good number.

St. Nicholas: "The Fortunes of Toby Trafford," J. T. Trowbridge (serial). "The Boy Settlers," Noah Brooks (serial). "Lady Jane," Mrs. C. V. Jamison (serial). "The Land of Pinck" (glimpses at Holland, by the editor). "A Race with Idaho Robbers," Joaquin Miller. "An Elephant Hunt in Siam," Alice Maude Ewell. "The Golden Fleece," Andrew Lang. Not a particularly Christmasy number, but interesting, bright and full of clever pictures.

Scribner's Magazine: "Japonica," Sir Edwin Arnold (first paper on Japan; there is a good portrait of Edwin Arnold in this month's *Book Buyer*). "My Disreputable Friend, Mr. Raegen," by Richard Harding Davis (the writer's name is always a promise of something good, and this is especially good). "A Pastoral Without Words" (and needing no words), Howard Pyle. "Amy Robsart," "Kenilworth," and "Warwick," W. H. Rideing. "The Plumb Idiot," Octave Thanet (good, short story). In the "Point of View," the fact is discussed, to which these December magazines nearly all of them bear witness—the fact of the apparent departure of the spirit of Christmas. The writer classes this fact with this other which The Critic is forever complaining about—the tendency to eulogize the pathos of life in modern fiction. The stories, short and long, are more than half of them sad. They end as unpleasantly as the old Sunday school books, and the characters have a hard time of it even from the first chapter. And now the year must go out in the same dismal fashion, and we must have no more jollity at Christmas time! It is all of a piece.

II.

So much the warmer welcome have we for such a cheerful writer as Ludovic Halevy. "The Abbe Constantine," is, perhaps, the the most delightful story in any language. It is one of those bright glimpses of an ideal life, where, from the beginning to the end, everybody behaves in a perfectly ideal way, and everything comes out exactly right. "So they were married, and lived happily ever after." We ought to have a Corrector General, as they had in the days of the inquisition, who should refuse his *imprimatur* to all novels which do not end with some equivalent of that satisfactory conclusion. That is the way in which "A Marriage for Love" begins, as well as ends. It is by the author of "The Abbe Constantine." Dodd, Mead & Co. are the publishers. J. R. Weldin & Co. are the booksellers. The price is $10. Does that seem a good deal of money? But you should see the book, with its broad, fair pages, and its generous margins, and its attractive paragraphs, and its unexceptionally pleasant pictures, and its reading—covers of embroidered silk! He kept a journal before he was married, and so did she. And after they were married they spent one charming evening reading out of these journals the comments they had made each upon the other. The translation is a little bit awkward here and there, but you scarcely notice it, in the pleasure of the graceful story.

Another holiday book, so fine that it comes in two boxes, one inside the other, is "Summerland." (Lee & Shepard. J. R. Weldin & Co. $3 75.) "And so I open this little gallery of pictures to you. I want them to tell you of hills in the sunshine, meadows with perfumed air, the brook fringed with flowering grasses, and cool, quiet reflections; the winding path that suggests the cottage life just over the hills, with its warm, blue breathings of the hidden hearth; the healing breath of the pine woods; music of quiet waters," and a great many other delightful scenes, which are all described and made real and living in Margaret Macdonald Pullman's graceful and sympathetic pictures. The sea and the sky, the trees and the meadows, the glow of autumn and the warmth of summer are here brought into our winter sitting rooms, and set beside our December firesides.

Austin Dobson and George Wharton Edwards have joined in a fruitful partnership, which gives us this handsome book of verse and pictures, "The Sun Dial." (Dodd, Mead & Co. J. R. Weldin & Co. $7 50.) The pictures begin with the rain and end with it, but there is sunshine in between, and though the verses are but few, there is space in them for two love stories. The book is carefully, tastefully and beautifully made.

III.

The boys and girls in these days, so the fault finders grumble, know more than their fathers and mothers. Perhaps they do. They ought to. The wisest and most interesting people in the world are busy teaching them, and drawing pictures for them, and telling them stories. Take these two beautiful pictured volumes of *St. Nicholas.* Here is almost everything that you can think of. Stories, long and short; poems, grave and gay; glimpses at ocean storms, visits to Indians, journeys with Asiatic dogs, careful explanations of the modus operandi of the "drop kick," free tickets to great games of baseball. St. Nicholas deserves a halo. The good old saint of Myra, so the legends say, went about one hard winter and did good deeds to poor families, throwing his generosities of loaves and gold into the open window and hurrying away before any gratitude might find him out, but the new saint of New York comes every month to the homes of hundreds of thousands of boys and girls, and makes everyone of them happier for the sight of his saintly face. If it is the mission of literature, especially of fiction to minister to the happiness of the world, here, then, is an ideal sort of missionary. Long life and good health to him. (The Century Co. J. R. Weldin & Co., $4). "Cutlass and Cudgel," G. Manville Fenn (Brentano's) "Battle Fields and Campfires," Willis J. Abbott (Dodd, Mead & Co., $3). "Wanneta, the Sioux," Warren K. Moorhead, (Dodd, Mead & Co., $2.) "Little Jarvis," Molly Eliot Seawell, (D. Appleton & Co., $1.) "On the Blockade," Oliver Optic, (Lee & Shepard, $1 50.) "Rodney, the Partisan," Harry Castlemon, (Porter & Coates, $1 25.) All for sale at Weldin's.

Six books about fighting, such as will delight the boys. "Cutlass and Cudgel" is a sea story about smuggling, with lots of adventures, set out with many pictures, and by a writer whose work is always worth reading. "Battle Fields and Campfires" is the fifth of Mr. Abbott's war books, and the second of his books about the war of '61. This one begins where last year's story left off. It tells of the second period of the war, the day of Confederate success, extending from the defeats of McClellan to the accession of Grant. The history of the war is told here graphically and accurately. The pictures are an improvement over those in last year's volume. "Little Jarvis" begins a series under the title "Young Heroes of Our Navy." This is a story which won a $500 prize offered by the *Youth's Companion.* It deserves that commendation. The pictures are particularly good. Nobody will go astray who gets this book for a boy's Christmas. "Wanneta the Sioux" is of especial interest just now from the attention which is being attracted to the tribes whose life is pictured in its pages. Mr. Moorhead has lived in that wild country, and knows what he is writing about. There are portraits of some of the chiefs whose quaint names are well known to us, as "Sitting Bull" and "Rain-in-the-Face." Fact and fiction meet in these entertaining chapters. This book will be interesting not only to the boys but to the boys' fathers. Oliver Optic and Harry Castlemon need no introduction to the boys and girls.

Here are half-a-dozen more books for young readers which deal with gentler phases of life than shipboard and battlefield: "Pards," Effie W. Merriman (Lee & Shepard, $1); "Elsie Yachting With the Raymonds," Martha Finley (Dodd, Mead & Co., $1 25); "The Drifting Island," Walter Wentworth (Roberts Bros., $1 25); "The Kelp Gatherers," J. T. Trowbridge (Lee & Shepard, $1); "Crowded Out o' Crowfield," W. O. Stoddard (D. Appleton & Co., $1 50); "Little Giant Boab," Ingersoll Lockwood (Lee & Shepard, $2); "Horse Stories," Thomas W. Knox (Cassell Publishing Company, $2 50). These also are at J. R. Weldin & Co.'s bookstore.

The "Two Pards" are two little homeless boys, who talk very bad grammar (as is natural to homeless boys), but have very good hearts and make their way. One of them dies at the end. Elsie, in her "Yachting Trip," gets into her sixteenth volume, a sufficient proof of her popularity among the children. "The Drifting Island" is a sequel to that capital story, "Kibboo Garey," which The Critic commended a year ago. The scene is in Africa, and there is a big gorilla on the cover. A well-told story, "The Kelp Gatherers," like everything by J. T. Trowbridge, is thoroughly good, manly, helpful and interesting. The scene is laid along the coast of Maine. On the cover is a small boy on a rock in the blue sea waving a signal to a distant sail, out of which perilous predicament he is rescued with a due accompaniment of adventure. All readers of *St. Nicholas* know what a fine story is Mr. Stoddard's "Crowded Out o' Crowfield," one of the most imposing and uplifting tales of plucky boyhood which has ever been written, and entertaining from cover to cover, worth half a dozen tons of ordinary boy's books. "Little Giant Boab," is an extravaganza like its mate of a year ago, the "Little Baron Trump." The pictures of Clifton Johnson fit the text admirably. Boab is another Gargantua, and his adventures are truly remarkable. Thomas W. Knox, in "Horse Stories," tells the experience of two boys in managing horses, and adds accounts of other animals. There are pictures on almost every page.

Finally, the Brownies! "Another Brownie Book," by Palmer Cox. (The Century Company. J. R. Weldin & Co. $1 50.) What could be more delightful than these big pages, where crowds of tricky elves hold rollicking and roistering carnival? Here are brownies of all ages, and all nations—except babyhood—and all degrees of adventuresomeness and mischief-making. Rolling snowballs, stealing apples, sailing, fishing, shooting, on the tugboat, on the race track, on the tally-ho, in all manner of predicaments, always awake and alert, grinning at the reader from the margins and the covers. The boys and the girls are not yet weary of Mr. Cox's first company of brownie pictures; 150,000 copies of last year's book have been sold already. And here are more, with all sorts of new experiences, and new rhymes, ready for all the old readers, and for hosts of new ones; a perennial delight to all the young people, and almost equally attractive to such old people as

THE CRITIC.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

You are invited to attend the great auction sale of fine diamonds, watches, jewelry, silver and silver-plated ware, onyx and marble clocks, bronzes, etc., now going on. This stock is all first-class goods; in fact, the finest line of goods ever offered at auction in this city. Sales daily at 10 A.M., 2:30 and 7:30 P.M., until my entire stock and fixtures are disposed of. Remember, all goods warranted the same as though bought at private sale, by M. G. Cohen, Diamond Expert and Jeweler, 533 Smithfield street.

ANNUAL holiday and clearing sale commences Monday, December 1. Bargains in all departments. HUGUS & HACKE.
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NEWMARKETS at $4, $5, $6, $8 to $18 75, at Rosenbaum & Co.'s. WThS

MONEY IN A CHEST.

Peculiar Case Developed in the Orphans' Court Yesterday.

A MAN NOT SUPPOSED TO BE RICH

Hid His Savings Where They Were Found After His Death.

NOTES FROM THE DIFFERENT COURTS

A peculiar case developed in the Orphans' Court yesterday. It was at the hearing of the exceptions to the account of John C. Weiderich, Jr., and Charles Repp, executors of the late John C. Weidrich, of the Twenty-second ward. Mr. Weiderich died leaving all his effects to his wife. He was supposed very well fixed in this world's goods and an old chest standing in his bedroom was not disturbed. Mrs. Weiderich had sufficient income for her wants and died a short time ago without disturbing the estate.

After her death the two sons of the couple and Repp, one of the executors, went through the house. In the old chest they found $5,900. The money was counted and then returned to the chest, the brothers agreeing to divide it without going through the regular mode of administration. Some time afterward the money was counted and found to be $560 short.

The executors filed their account in court, not referring to the money found on account of the agreement to divide it without a regular administration. The other brother, however, filed exceptions to the executors," account asking the Court to surcharge them with the missing $560. He did not allege that they took the money, but that they were negligent in leaving it in the trunk.

The defendants claim that under the agreement between the two brothers to divide it, the money did not come into their hands to administer, and they were not responsible for it. Also that a mistake might have been made in counting the money the first time.

The Court reserved its decision.

THE GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

Long List of Indictments Returned, and a Bunch Ignored.

The grand jury yesterday returned the following true bills:

Charles Beach, Samuel Harris, Josephine Moses, Mary Miller, D. McFadden, Fred Osterman, G. Richter, P. Sullivan, A. Braun, James Dorsie, G. Letsch, Anton Wolf, William Weltzel, Edward Zurckert, assault and battery; Ed Cross, M. Hanley, William Goldstein, M. Mozersky, Harry Hopp, A. Sevenson, Robert Black, James Coen, Yee Yeo, aggravated assault and battery; Nora Dickson, W. H. Wilkinson, felonious assault; Samuel Wright, John Tawn, pointing firearms; Fred. Drewe, Fred. Helfrick, Joseph Greenwalt, Patrick Dolan, R. Langoden, Bert Hicks, larceny; William Waters, alias Young, larceny from the person; Mark Watson, receiving stolen goods; Ruben Bowers, assault and battery with intent to rob; Joseph Arthurs, keeping a ferocious dog; Julia Kimp, cruelty to animals; Franz Maier, Mary A. Neville, selling liquor without a license.

The following bills were ignored:

Frank Dunn, Mary A. Neville, Mary Bottleo, John Town, R. Thomas, assault and battery; Martin Elman, aggravated assault and battery; Charles Hoffman, Samuel Myers, entering a building with intent to commit a felony; Patrick McCarthy, attempted burglary; J. M. Phillips, William Richards, John Stevenson, Rosina Schwartz, larceny; P. H. Wertmeister, J. W. Williams, William Perry, larceny by bailee; J. L. Orr, J. E. Speck, false pretense; Elizabeth Towner, malicious trespass; Franz Maier, selling liquor on Sunday; Juliet Bzanza, selling liquor without a license; Elizabeth Ford, enticing a child from its parents.

DIRECTLY REVERSED ITSELF.

The Quarter Sessions Court Ignores One of Its Own Precedents.

The Quarter Sessions Court reversed itself yesterday. A man named M. White was charged with having stolen some copper and another man, H. J. H. McElroy, with receiving it. White was defended by a young man named Goss, who is in Major Montooth's office, and the Major had McElroy's case, and concluded to assist Goss, as the cases were closely interwoven. The jury acquitted White, when Major Montooth suggested to District Attorney Johnston that it would be only a waste of time to try McElroy, as if the copper had not been stolen by White, McElroy could not be held to have received it as stolen goods. Judge Stowe agreed, and a nolle pros. was allowed.

In the same court some time ago a similar case was tried. While the jury were debating in the case as to whether a party had received a stolen watch, knowing it to be so, another jury that had gone out previously in the case of the party charged with the stealing brought in a verdict of acquittal and was followed in a few minutes by the the jury that had in charge the case of alleged receiving of the stolen watch, and it decided that the receiver was guilty, not knowing that a verdict of acquittal had been given in the preliminary case.

DEPRIVED OF MEDICAL SERVICE.

John Mensdorf Gives That as a Reason for a Suit for Damages.

John Mesendorf, of Etna, will to-day enter suit against Dr. G. R. B. Robinson, President of the Physicians' Protective Association, of Sharpsburg and Etna, for $10,000 damages. In the statement of his case Mr. Mesendorf alleges he received a notice from Dr. Robinson as President of the association, stating that the physicians had organized themselves into an association to better enable themselves to collect delinquent accounts. It stated that the plaintiff's account was overdue, and unless he paid it or satisfactory arrangements were made by July 1, 1890, his name would be placed on the list of delinquents, and medical attendance would be refused him. Mr. Mesendorf claims he was not indebted to the defendant whatever, and paid no attention to the bill or notice he received. The defendant then, he states, without cause and maliciously placed his name on the list of delinquents mentioned in the notice.

For the disrepute into which his name and character have been brought, without cause, and the deprivation of medical service, Mesendorf asks $10,000 damages. Mr. Mesendorf is an old soldier and has a family. He denies he ever contracted a bill.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT.

Some Found Guilty, Others Pleaded Guilty and Three Acquitted.

Following were the convictions in Criminal Court yesterday: Charles Kaine, larceny of a watch and $1 05; George Zindle, entering a building to commit larceny, and sentenced to three months in the workhouse; Peter Lemantowski, assault and battery; L. B. Schaffer, larceny; John Bretinger and Walter Burns, crimes against morality.

Following were those who pleaded guilty: Owen Quincy, selling liquor without a license, sentenced to five months in the workhouse and $500 fine; Frank Caufriest, larceny, sent to the Huntington reformatory; Peter Dober, selling liquor without a license; Richard Hynes, larceny, 30 days in the workhouse; Bridget McLaughlin, selling liquor without a license, $550 fine and three months in the workhouse; Patrick Sullivan, assault and battery, $25 and costs.

Those acquitted were: Morris White, Theodore Haupt and William Keyser, all charged with larceny.

To-Day's Trial List.

Criminal Court—Commonwealth vs E. F. Braley, Mary Cregan, W. S. Greer, Stephen Higgins, James Hooper, Willis Johnston, Richard Joyce, Adam Mouthsart, Henry Schultis (2), Joseph Smith, Mrs. E. B. Zwickert, William Kneeland, Thomas Clark.

Little Court Briefs.

A VERDICT for the defendant was given yesterday in the suit of William McIlwain against Jacob Alter, for an alleged illegal levy of road tax.

IN the suit of the Arnheim Live Stock Company against Davis and Berryman, a verdict was taken yesterday for the defendants by consent.

A VERDICT for the defendant was given yesterday in the suit of Harry Rech against Booth & Flinn. It was an action for damages for injuries received.

JUNIUS BRUTUS BOOTH played in London for $8 a week. Frank A. Burr, who is now writing from England for THE DISPATCH, has discovered some valuable manuscripts concerning the great actor, and these will be published to-morrow, together with some interesting facts about Poverty Corner in the English capital. All the news, 24 pages, 192 columns.

SMALLER BULLETS FOR WAR.

More Men Will be Wounded, but the Wounds Will Not be so Serious.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

There are many reasons to be urged in favor of the reduction in the caliber of military rifles that is now going on all over the world, and which is being considered by the authorities of the War Department. Range can be increased and the weight of the cartridges to be carried by the soldier diminished by the use of a smaller projectile, but there are one or two disadvantages which have not, as it seems to me, received proper attention. The number of fatal casualties from the new bullets will probably be larger than those from the calibers now in use, but wounds will not be nearly so disabling.

It is well known that an army is much more seriously crippled by a number of wounded men than by an equal number of soldiers killed outright. Where the new bullets do not strike a mortal part they will cause comparatively little injury. Their light weight will prevent extensive muscular laceration, and the high velocity will cause fractures of bones to be comparatively insignificant, as a round hole will be drilled and shattering reduced to a minimum. Slightly wounded soldiers will be able to continue the combat, as a small ball with high velicity does not disable by paralyzing muscles as a larger one flying less swiftly. This will be peculiarly the case when the new weapons are used against cavalry. A horse, unless a vital organ is touched, or a leg broken, will not be stopped by a bullet of 30 caliber, whereas one of 45 would bring him to the ground by paralyzing the muscles involved. The efficiency of cavalry on the battlefield would be greatly increased, as it is hard to stop horses by firing balls of the size of homeopathic pills at them.

CABLE LETTERS from all over Europe are special features of TO-MORROW'S DISPATCH. See for yourself. Twenty-four pages.

COLONEL CONGER WRATHY.

Disgusted With Harrison for Ignoring Him in an Appointment.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Colonel A. L. Conger, the Ohio member of the National Republican Committee, is a disgusted man to-night. He regards the President as no better than an ingrate. His wrath is caused by the President's nomination of William B. Gamble to be Postmaster at Akron, O. Mr. Gamble is one of the "boys," and is backed by Mr. Smyser, the Republican Congressman of the district.

Colonel Conger, who lives in Akron, while Mr. Smyser is a resident of Wooster, supported an old soldier named Major Taggart, and insisted that his place as one of the Executive Committee of the National Committee, entitled him to consideration, and that his man should be selected, especially as Mr. Smyser will be succeeded in the next Congress by a Democrat. The contest has been fierce, but the President decided in favor of Mr. Smyser's man, and Mr. Conger now reflects on the ingratitude of the Republican Government.

192 COLUMNS of news and reading in THE DISPATCH to-morrow. Get it and see for yourself.

IT IS WITHOUT A RAILROAD.

Astoria is the Largest City in This Country Without a Railroad.

It has frequently been stated, says the Portland *Oregonian*, that this is the largest city in the United States without a railroad connection, and taking into consideration the fact that it is located upon one of the best harbors in the country, this is the greatest phenomenon of the age.

There can be but one reason for this, and that lies in the fact that the great magnates of this country are in total ignorance of the resources and advantages enjoyed by Astoria, and when they are once enlightened, they will not be slow to avail themselves of so favorable an opportunity of developing a country that cannot but enrich them.

DECKER, HOWELL & CO.'S CONDITION.

Difference Between Liabilities and Actual Assets of $669,973 17.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Schedules in the assignment of Decker, Howell & Co., bankers, were filed to-day. They show liabilities, $9,430,330 17; nominal assets, $35,181,932 33; actual assets, $8,760,357.

The amount of the bond to be filed by the assignee, William Nelson Cromwell, was fixed by the Court at $150,000.

TRYING TO UNITE.

Committees From Two Labor Unions in the Same Trade Meet.

DANBURY, Conn., Dec. 5.—The hat manufacturers and committees from the finishers' and makers' unions have been in almost continuous conference for the last 60 hours, trying to agree upon some way of consolidating the old trimmers' union and the new one.

Until this is done no final settlement in the lockout can be effected. An early adjustment is expected.

ADJOURNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

Special Session of the New Hampshire Legislature Ended Yesterday.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 5.—The special session of the Legislature was declared adjourned by Governor Goodelle at 1:15 P. M. to-day.

The regular session begins the last Wednesday of this month.

Its Fifteenth Anniversary.

The fifteenth anniversary of the Pittsburg Association for the Improvement of the Poor will be held in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grant street, to-morrow evening at 7:45 o'clock. Interesting addresses will be made by Revs. E. Belfour and John A. Prugh, and reports of the general work, the fresh air fund and Children's Temporary Home will be presented.

Y. M. C. A. Annual Report.

The Young Men's Christian Association's annual report has been published in book form, and was sent out to the members yesterday. It contains much of interest to the members, including the entire membership roll. The report is the same that was read at the meeting of the association on November 9.

American Capital in Cuban Sugar.

HAVANA, Dec. 5.—An American syndicate has purchased the Sanramon sugar estate at Manzanillo for $600,000.

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CHESS.

All communications should be addressed to the Chess Editor, P. O. Box 463.

The Pittsburg Chess Club meets at the Pittsburg Library, Penn avenue.

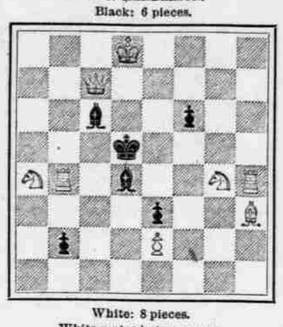
The Allegheny Chess Club meets at Dr. Miller's Hall, North avenue, every Monday evening.

PROBLEM NO. 17.

[From Canadian Chess Problems.]

BY J. HENDERSON.

Black: 6 pieces.



White: 8 pieces.
White mates in two moves.

SOLUTIONS.

The key to problem No. 12 is Q to Q Kt 8. If B x Q, Kt to Kt 1. If R x Q, R to B 4 dis. ch. If R x B, Q x R ch.

End game No. 7: 1 P Kt 6, P x P; 2 K Kt 3, K B 1; 3 K B 3, K K 1; 4 K K 4, K B 1; 5 K Q 5, K K 2; 6 K B 5, K K 1; 7 K Q 6, K B 1; 8 K Q 7, K Kt 1 (or a); 9 K Kt 7, K Kt 2; 10 K K 6, P R 4; 11 K Q 5, P R 5; 12 K K 4, and wins.

(a) 8 x x, P R 4; 9 K K 6, P R 5; 10 K x P, P R 6; 11 P Kt 7 ch, K Kt 1; 12 K Kt 6, and wins.

W. H. K. POLLOCK,
Ireland's Ex-Chess Champion.

Mr. Pollock arrived in the city on December 2. In the afternoon he played a number of off-hand games at the Pittsburg Library, winning them all. In the evening he played 11 simultaneous games at the Allegheny Chess Club, of which he won 7, lost 3 and drew 1. The local winners were Messrs. Lutton, Johns, Patterson and Crombie; the latter gentleman took Mr. Patterson's place, who was obliged to leave at an early hour. He left his game in good shape. Mr. Watts drew his second game and lost his first. On the evening of December 2 Mr. Pollock played ten simultaneous games, winning all except the one with Mr. Anderson, which was drawn. On the evening of December 3 he played seven simultaneous games, winning all except the one with Mr. Collins, President of the club, which was drawn. As soon as these games were finished he played a number of consultation games, winning all except the one with Messrs. Johns, Bippus and Watts, which was drawn. Mr. Pollock's visit has been greatly enjoyed by the local players, several of whom have requested the editor to make arrangements for another visit. We shall take great pleasure in doing so, and hope Mr. Pollock will carry away pleasant impressions of our city.

XII.

RUY LOPEZ.

Played in the New York tournament 1889, between Herr Weiss (white) and Mr. Pollock (black). Score and notes from "Chess Exemplified."

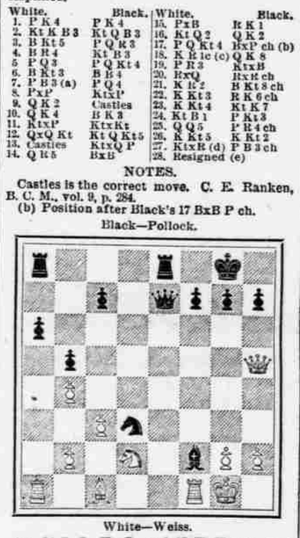
White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1. P K 4	P K 4	16. P x B	R K 1
2. Kt K B 3	Kt Q B 3	16. Kt Q 2	Q K 2
3. B Kt 5	P Q R 3	17. P Q Kt 4	Kt P ch (b)
4. B R 4	Kt B 3	18. K R 1c (c)	Q K 8
5. P Q 3	P Q Kt 4	19. P R P	R x R
6. B Kt 3	B B 4	20. R x Q	R x R ch
7. P B 3 (a)	P Q 4	21. K K 2	B Kt 8 ch
8. P x P	Kt x P	22. K Kt 3	R K 6 ch
9. Q K 2	Castles	23. K R x 4	Kt K 7
10. Q K 4	B K 3	24. Kt B 1	P K 3
11. R x Kt	R x R	25. Q Q 5	P R 4 ch
12. Q x Q Kt	Kt Q Kt 5	26. R K 3	K Kt 2
13. Castles	Kt x Q P	27. R x R (d)	P B 3 ch
14. Q R 5	B x B	28. Resigned (e)	

NOTES.

Castles is the correct move. C. E. Ranken, B. C. M., vol. 9, p. 284.

(b) Position after Black's 17 B x B P ch.

Black—Pollock.



White—Weiss.

(c) If R x B, R x R, and if K x Kt, Q K 6 ch; 20 K B 1, Q K 8 mate.

(d) This very interesting ending has been conducted in a most masterly manner by Mr. Pollock. RANKEN.

(e) 28 K R 4, B B 7 ch; 29 P K Kt 3, B x P mate.

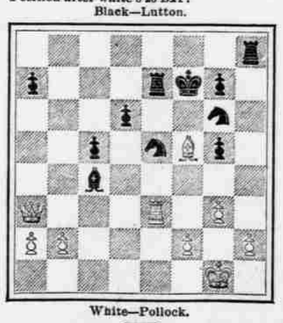
XIII.—SCOTCH GAMBIT.

Played December 2 at the Allegheny Chess Club between Mr. W. H. K. Pollock (white) and Mr. B. H. Lutton (black), one of ten simultaneous games.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1. P K 4	P K 4	16. K K 1	Kt K 4
2. Kt K B 3	Kt Q B 3	17. Q R 4 ch	P B 3
3. P Q 4	P x P	18. B R 1	Kt (K 2) x Kt 3
4. Kt x P	Q R 5	19. P Q B 4	B K 3
5. Kt B 5	Q x R P ch	20. Q R 3	P Q B 4
6. K K 3	B B 4	21. P K Kt 3	K R 2
7. B Q 3	Q K 2	22. B Kt 2	B x P
8. Castles.	R x Kt	23. B x P	Q R K 1
9. B x B	P Q 3	24. R K 3	R K 2
10. Kt B 3	B K 3	25. B K 4	P B 4
11. R K 1	P K R 3	26. B x P (a)	Kt B 6 ch
12. Kt Q 5	B x Kt	27. R x Kt	R K 8 ch
13. B K 5	P x B	28. K Kt 2	B B 8 ch
14. R x Q	K Kt x R	29. K Kt 1	B K 6 mate.
15. Q R 1	P B 3		

Position after white's 26 B x P.

Black—Lutton.



White—Pollock.

STEINITZ-TSCHIGORIN MATCH.
Evans Gambit.

The game has reached the following position:

Tschigorin. White.	Steinitz. Black.	White.	Black.
1. P K 4	P K 4	9. P Q 5	Kt Q 1
2. Kt K B 3	Kt Q B 3	10. Q R 4	B K 13
3. B B 4	B B 4	11. Kt K 3	P Q B 3
4. P Q Kt 4	B x P	12. B K 2	B B 2
5. P B 3	B R 4	13. Kt B 4	Q B 1
6. Castles.	Q B 3	14. P Q 6	B x P
7. Q Q 4	Kt K R 3	15. Kt Kt 6	R Q Kt 1
8. B K Kt 5	Q Q 3	16. Q x R P	Kt K 3
		17. B B 1	

TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENSE.

Steinitz. White.	Tschigorin. Black.	White.	Black.
1. P K 4	P K 4	10. P Q 3	Castles.
2. Kt K B 3	Kt Q K B 3	11. Kt B 3	Kt Q 4
3. B B 4	Kt B 3	12. Kt R 4	B Q 3
4. Kt Kt 5	P Q 4	13. K Kt Kt 1	P R B 4
5. P x P	R Kt R 4	14. P Q B 3	B Q 2
6. B Kt 5 ch	P B 3	15. P Q 4	P K 5
7. P x P	P x P	16. P Q B 4	Kt K 2
8. B K 2	P K R 3	17. Kt Q B 3	B K 3
9. K Kt R 3	B Q B 4	18. P Q Kt 3	

Chess News.

The winter handicap tournament of the Baltimore Chess Association opened on November 15, with 14 entrants with good prospects for 20.

Mr. Peterson has resumes his bright and interesting column in *Vonnoreve's News.* A match for the championship of Milwaukee is now going on between J. L. Garner and W. L. Simonds.

The Kentucky Chess Association held its annual meeting at Lexington on Thanksgiving Day. There were 14 players in the tournament. The brilliant game of the occasion was a Scotch Gambit between Messrs. Trabue and Showalter. Our friend, W. N. Lyons, through whose courtesy we have received the score of the brilliant game, was present and made a happy speech.

The St. Paul Chess, Checker and Whist Club are soon to occupy elegant quarters on Fourth street, in a new building next to the Minnesota Club.

At the recent meeting of the Virginia Chess Association, Mr. J. A. Kinnier, of Lynchburg, won the State Championship for the fourth time in succession.

The hurly-burly, of the Franklin Chess Club, of Philadelphia, is done with these results: First prize, Herman G. Voight; runner-up prize, Charles S. Martinez; consolation prize, John Welch Young; brilliancy prize, Joseph P. Morgan.—*The Times.*

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Positions, Problems, Games, and Checker News will at all times be welcome. All communications to be addressed Penn avenue, East End, Pittsburg, Pa.

F. DUNNE—The Guide and Companion to hand. Accept our thanks. It was like meeting a friend. It was several hours before we could give up its companionship.

HARRY LINDSAY, Southside, Pittsburg—Please send solution of the old gem, No. 16, and if you know its autho, please let me know and your will greatly oblige.

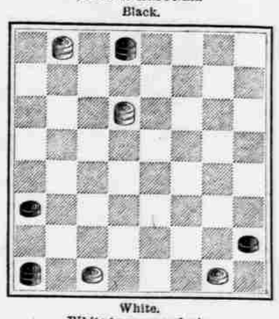
MESSRS. MEDER, ENGLISH, ORR, KAGY, MCNALLY, MILLER, CLARK—All your solutions were received. Accept our thanks. Now, boys, let us hear from you often. Send us some of your games. It will be the means of us getting better acquainted. The column is conducted for you and such as you. We want to help and encourage each other in our noble game.

R. R. REYNOLDS, McKeesport, Pa.—Yours to hand with thanks.

PROBLEM NO. 15.

BY A. J. HEFFNER.

Black.

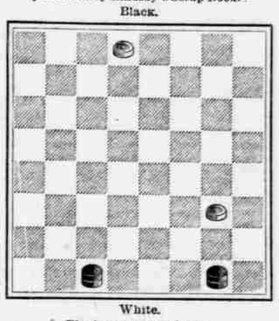


White.
White to move and win.

PROBLEM NO. 16.

[From Harry Lindsay's Scrap Book.]

Black.



White.
Black to move and win.

To the Checker Editor of The Dispatch.]

DEAR SIR—I received a letter to-day from a friend in Pittsburg, in which was inclosed a slip from last Saturday's DISPATCH containing your checker column. Problem No. 10 is a very instructive and useful ending, as it is liable to occur in play, as the following game will show:

GAME NO. 17—FIFE.

Played at Albany, N. Y., June, 1885, between George W. Tracy, of Kinderhook, N. Y., and Mr. McCaffery, a leading expert of Troy, N. Y.

Tracy's Move.

11—15	26—23	14—18	31—26	23—27	13—6
23—19	10—15	27—23	8—12	24—19	1—17
9—14	30—5	18—27	26—22	27—31	21—14
22—17	15—18	32—23	11—15	18—14	27—23b
5—9	25—22	8—11	23—18	31—27	Tracy won.
17—13	18—25	24—19a	3—7	14—7	
14—18	29—22	7—10	18—11	3—11	
19—16	10—14	28—24	7—23