

the second in the front of Birmingham's Lord Warden Hotel, where his Excellency proceeded immediately on landing; and the last at the railway station. Among the principal personages in attendance to receive the Duke of Malakoff were the Duke of Richmond, K.G., the Colonel of the Sussex Militia; the Marquis of Donegal, K.G., of the Royal Artillery Militia; the Marquis of Londonderry, K.G., the Colonel of the North Down Rifles, at present quartered at Shorncliffe, all of whom wore the Order of the Garter. The last-named nobleman arrived in the suite of General Maunsell, the Commandant of the South-Eastern District, as well as Colonel Blane, the General's Aide-de-Camp. Major-General Craufurd, the Commandant of the garrison, attended by Major Barnard, and Colonel Ward, R.E., Colonel Brown, R.A., and Comte de Jaucourt, of the French Embassy, were also in attendance, with Mr. Latham, the French Consul.

On *Le Cors* steaming up to the Admiralty pier the portly form of Marshal Pelissier was speedily recognised by several of the Crimean companions in arms. His Excellency was in undress uniform, and wore several decorations. Near him were his two Aides-de-Camp, Colonel Appert and Commandant Duval, and a numerous suite. Upon the landing-ladder being placed on board the steamer, Captain M'Ilwaine, the Naval Superintendent of the port, proceeded on board, accompanied by General Maunsell, General Craufurd, Colonel Blane, Major Barnard, Mr. Latham, and some other official personages, the band of the 11th playing the National Anthem, and the crew of *Le Cors*, who had manned the rigging, shouting "Vive l'Empereur!" The cheers of the French sailors were answered with hearty British "hurrahs" from ashore, the soldiers presented arms, the guns from the Drop Battery fired a salute, and the French Ambassador was upon English soil. The Duke of Malakoff shook hands with the officers wearing the Crimean medal, whom he seemed to recognise with all a soldier's frankness and cordiality. The reception was altogether particularly hearty; and the representative of the Emperor appeared much gratified with the tokens of pleasure which were manifested.

On the arrival of his Excellency at the Lord Warden Hotel, the Mayor, Mr. Thomas Birch, and the Corporation presented an address of congratulation.

The Duke of Malakoff, having advanced and received from the Mayor the address, replied in French in the following terms:—

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,—I thank you with every feeling of gratification for the reception you have accorded me upon my arrival here. Nothing could have afforded me greater pleasure than my appointment as Ambassador to this country, and it will always be my earnest desire to preserve those cordial relations which have hitherto existed between France and England. If this pleasure could have been enhanced, it has been by my meeting on landing here several in whom I recognise old comrades.

More than one passage in the address, as well as the reply, was warmly cheered by the distinguished company who had taken possession of the saloon in which the address was presented.

His Excellency and suite then immediately proceeded to the railway station, where a large number of persons were also assembled, and took his seat in the state carriage. The train left for London amid loud cheers.

THE CLOCK AND WATCH MAKERS' ASYLUM.

THE watch and clock makers of London have done honour to themselves by adding one more to the many benevolent institutions which adorn the suburbs of this great metropolis, in which the aged and infirm can pass their closing days, with the proud gratification that, instead of being dependent upon State charity, they rely on the freely-accorded assistance of their fellow-workmen, or, correctly speaking, on a joint stock to which the recipients have themselves contributed. These voluntary efforts among our artisans and others to provide for sickness and age are among the most gratifying signs of our time, and we are glad that the metropolitan watch and clock makers have shown themselves alive to the importance of co-operating to help themselves by adding this asylum to their existing charities. Nor is the unsectarian nature of this institution its least charm. The asylum is intended to provide a retreat for the decayed and deserving aged men or widows of the trade, irrespective of all questions of country or religious opinion. The Christian and the Hebrew, the workmen of London or any other town in the United Kingdom, or even of America, may become occupants of this healthy and quiet abode, and side by side pass their declining days.

The cost of the asylum has been—land, £700; building, £2500; grounds, &c., £100, including drainage, &c. The houses are now quite fit for occupation, and only wait the accumulation of the necessary funds for the maintenance of the inmates. The surrounding ground is duly levelled, and the paths are gravelled; but the fencing is only temporary, a more ornamental kind being in operation.

The building is situated on an eminence at the junction of the East Barnet and Southgate roads. The front, which has a southern aspect, faces the latter road, which is shaded by some fine old trees. The scenery, looking northwards, is varied and beautiful; and in the distance the view is closed by the hills at East Barnet, crowned with woods and studded with magnificent mansions. Whichever way the eye turns, it is delighted with beautiful objects; and one cannot imagine a more charming retreat for persons in their old age, when, worn out by the struggles of life, they sigh for repose.

The Clock and Watch Makers' Asylum consists at present of thirteen houses, in the Tudor style, and a board-room and clock-tower in connection with the central houses. The committee have secured ample building ground, and it is in contemplation at a future period to add to the present edifice two wings. Each house contains a parlour and kitchen on the ground floor, and a good-sized bed-room on the first floor, with suitable outbuildings. Due attention has been paid to the important matter of drainage, and a copious supply of water has been obtained from the Colney Hatch Waterworks. The architect is Mr. Pulgrave, of West Brompton; and the architect Mr. R. Batterbury, of Fitzroy-road, Camden-town.

The completion of the asylum was celebrated by an inaugural dinner at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday last, when more than one hundred gentlemen assembled, under the presidency of Lord Ebury, to do honour to the occasion. His Lordship, on proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Clock and Watch Makers' Asylum," eloquently advocated the claims of the asylum on the benevolence of the influential watch and clock makers of London, and on the public generally. The result of his Lordship's appeal was a collection of nearly £600.

FINE ARTS.

SIGNOR GATTI'S COLLECTION OF SCULPTURES.

Signor Gatti's collection of marbles and alabasters, now exhibiting at White's Rooms, in beauty, extent, and variety surpasses anything of the kind hitherto brought to this country. Signor Gatti, himself a sculptor of eminence, has for many years past employed the best hands in Florence in the production of beautiful objects in marble and alabaster, some from the antique, others original; and by this means has kept up, as it were, a school of art at modern Art's great fountain-head, which, if not inspired by the genius of yore, displays always a high order of executive excellence. The collection now before us comprises an immense number of statuettes in white, green, and black marble, together with an endless variety of cups, vases, and other ornamental articles of various devices. Amongst the latter claiming especial admiration are three magnificent vases of Tuscan agate, measuring eleven feet high—being the largest, as we understand, that have ever been produced. Of the original subjects, and which will serve to illustrate the tendencies and characteristics of modern Italian art, we remarked as possessing considerable merit:—"The Repose of Cupid," and "Venus Entering the Bath," by Franchi; "Charity," by Franchi; and "Paul and Virginia," by Cherassi.

Messrs. Dickinson's Exhibition of Portraits.

Messrs. Dickinson have opened a second Exhibition of Contemporary Portraits in Oil and Water Colours, combined with, or aided by, Photography, at their Gallery in New Bond-street, in which we recognise most of the members of the aristocracy, and many distinguished members of the world of art. The large picture of the "Officers of the 1st Life Guards, in their Mess-room," containing thirty-six portraits, though unfinished, will excite interest amongst the friends of the originals and the fair habitués of Almack's.

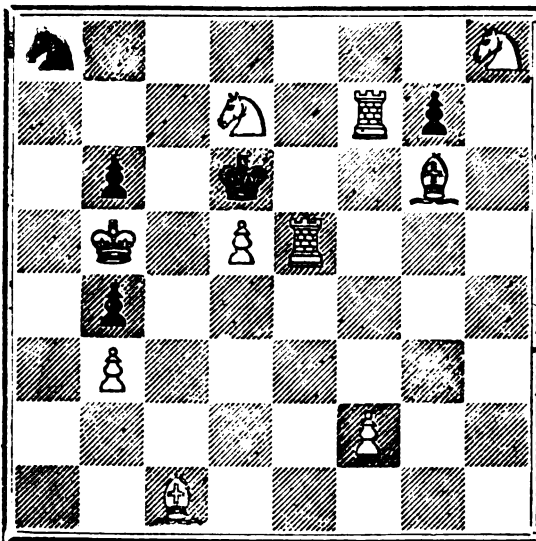
The *Cologne Gazette* announces that the celebrated pianist, Liszt, was solemnly received on the 11th into the order of Francis and St. Elizabeth.

CHESS.

* * * The customary notices to chess correspondents are postponed, from want of space, until next week.

PROBLEM No. 740.

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WHITE.

White to play, and mate in four moves.

CHESS BY CORRESPONDENCE.

The following are two games played by letter between the Chess Clubs of Cambridge and Stourbridge, both of which were won by the University players. The running commentary on the moves is by one of the leading combatants on the Cambridge side.

(Ruy Lopez's King's Game.)

- | WHITE (Cambridge). | BLACK (Stourbridge). | WHITE (Cambridge). | BLACK (Stourbridge). |
|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|
| 1. P to K 4th | P to K 4th | 19. Q R to Q sq | B to Q Kt 2nd |
| 2. Kt to K B 3rd | Kt to Q B 3rd | 20. P to Q 5th | |
| 3. B to Q Kt 5th | B to Q B 4th | (White has now regained the attack.) | |
| 4. P to Q B 3rd | Q to K B 3rd | 21. Kt to Q 4th | P takes P |
| 5. Castles | K Kt to K 2nd | (It is not easy to say which is the best retreat for Queen.) | |
| 6. P to Q 4th | P takes P | 22. Q takes Q | R takes Q |
| 7. K B takes Kt | | 23. Kt takes K B P | Q R to Q sq |
| (The Kt was taken for the sake of getting out of the "bookwork" as soon as possible.) | | 24. P to K 6th | P to Q B 3rd |
| 8. Q B P takes P | K B to Q Kt 3rd | (A grave move. They should have played Q P takes P.) | |
| 9. Q B to K Kt 5th | Q to K 3rd | 25. B to Q B 7th | Q R to Q R sq |
| 10. Q Kt to B 3rd | Castles | 26. P to K B 4th | K R to Q B sq |
| 11. P to K R 3rd | | 27. Q B P takes Q P | Q B P takes P |
| (This move was made under a misapprehension. When the committee met to decide upon their play, they inadvertently, in setting up the men, placed Black's Queen at Q 3rd, instead of K 3rd. The mistake was not discovered till several moves had been played on both sides, when Stourbridge, rather than spoil the game, very generously allowed the move up to the 11th to be retraced.) | | 28. Q R to Q B sq | R to K sq |
| 12. B to K R 4th | P to K R 3rd | (This combination is un sound. They should have played P to Q 5th, in which case White must have played P to K 6th, as any attempt to win the exchange would have cost them dear.) | |
| (Perhaps B to Kt would have been better.) | | 29. Kt to Q 6th | R to K 2nd |
| 13. B to K Kt 3rd | Kt to K Kt 3rd | 30. Kt takes B | Q R to Q B sq |
| (What is the object of this move if they did not intend to pawn the Pawn upon the B?) | | 31. P to K B 5th | |
| 14. P to K 6th | R to Q sq | (This is which renders Black's 30th move useless.) | |
| 15. K R to K sq | B to Q R 4th | 32. Kt to Q 6th | Kt to K B 5th |
| (This looks like playing White's game. Q to K B 2nd, followed by Q to K 3rd, would have hampered White terribly.) | | (If they now take the Bishop the game is lost at once.) | |
| 16. Q to R 4th | B takes Kt | 33. K R to K 5th | P to Q 5th |
| 17. P takes B | K to R 2nd | 34. Q R to Q B 4th | P to K Kt 3rd |
| (An unfortunate move.) | | (If 31. P to K Kt 4th, then White plays K B to Q 5th, and wins.) | |
| 18. P to Q B 4th | P to Q Kt 3rd | 35. P to K B 6th | Q R takes K B P |
| And in a few more moves Black resigned. | | 36. B to Q 8th | Q R takes K P |

GAME II.

(King's Bishop's Opening.)

- | WHITE (Stourbridge). | BLACK (Cambridge). | WHITE (Stourbridge). | BLACK (Cambridge). |
|--|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1. P to K 4th | P to K 4th | 17. Q Kt to Q B 4th | Q R to K Kt sq |
| 2. B to Q B 4th | B to Q B 4th | 18. Kt takes B (ch) | Q R P takes Kt |
| 3. Kt to K B 3rd | P to Q 3rd | 19. P to K Kt 3rd | R to K B 5th |
| 4. P to Q B 3rd | Q to K 2nd | (To prevent Q R to K and then to K 2nd, which would in a great measure have neutralised the attack. Another advantage, arising from compelling the Q R to go to K 2nd, is that the King cannot escape to the other side of the board.) | |
| 5. P to K R 3rd | | 20. Q R to K B sq | P to K R 4th |
| (Major Jackson characterises this as a lost move, but his proof does not seem quite satisfactory.) | | 21. Q to Q sq | P to K R 5th |
| 6. B to Q Kt 3rd | B to K 3rd | 22. Q to K 2nd | Q to K Kt 3rd |
| (Better have played 4. B takes B. The Queen at her Kt 3rd is quite out of play.) | | (To allow of Kt to K B 3rd.) | |
| 7. Q takes B | B to Q Kt 3rd | 23. K to Kt 2nd | P to K B 3rd |
| 8. Castles | Q Kt to Q 2nd | 24. Q P takes P | Kt to K B 4th |
| (Had Black played 8. Kt to K B 3rd, White might have replied with 9. Kt to K R 4th, threatening to pawn the Pawn on the King's side, and for the success of this scheme it was desirable that the Q B should be out of the way.) | | 25. K to K B 3rd | |
| 9. P to Q 4th | Kt to K B 3rd | (P takes Q P would have been fatal. Black cannot now play K R P takes P.) | |
| (To tempt White to pin the Kt with their Q B. It was at this point of the game that Black resolved on commencing an attack by throwing up the Pawn on the King's side, and for the success of this scheme it was desirable that the Q B should be out of the way.) | | 26. Q to K 3rd | Q P takes P |
| 10. Q B to K Kt 5th | P to K R 3rd | 27. R to K Kt sq | R R P takes P |
| 11. B takes Kt | Q takes B | 28. K to K B sq | P to K 7th (ch) |
| 12. B to Q sq | | (Better than P takes K B P.) | |
| (Weak. The primary cause of all White's disasters.) | | 29. K to K sq | Kt to K B 5th |
| 13. Kt to Q R 3rd | P to K Kt 4th | 30. R to K Kt 3rd | B takes R |
| 14. K R P takes P | R to K Kt sq | 31. P takes R | Q takes P (ch) |
| 15. R to Q 3rd | R takes P | 32. Q takes Q | R takes Q |
| 16. K Kt to Q 2nd | Castles | 33. K to B 2nd | R to K R 6th |
| (It is usually very hazardous for the second player to castle on the Queen's side in this opening. In the present instance, however, White has no time to set up any counter attack.) | | 34. Kt to K B 3rd | to K R 6th |
| | | (White might have resigned at this point, as none of their pieces can stir.) | |
| | | 35. K to K 3rd | K to Q sq |
| | | 36. P to Q B 4th | K to K 2nd |
| | | 37. K to Q 2nd | K to K B 3rd |
| | | 38. K to K 3rd | K to K Kt 3rd |
| | | 39. Kt takes K P (ch) | K to K Kt 4th |
| | | 40. Kt to K B 3rd (ch) | K to K Kt 5th |
| | | 41. K to B 2nd | Kt to R 6th (ch) |
| | | White resigned. | |

PUZZLES.

(To the Editor of the ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS.)

ALLOW me to ask the readers of your Paper if any of them will be kind enough to aid me in forming a good collection of ingenious puzzles (arithmetical, geometrical, or otherwise) calculated to interest, amuse, and instruct boys out of school hours. Many clever things, I believe, lie buried in old magazines, &c., while other morceaux are to be met with scattered here and there as part of the "floating capital" of society, needing only collection and arrangement to form a highly entertaining and valuable little volume.

Any communication on the subject will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Rev. J. Sidney Boucher, Holly Bank School, Birkenhead.

The Rev. George Rawlinson, M.A., late Fellow and Tutor of Exeter College, has been appointed by the heads of colleges Bampton Lecturer for 1859.

The sentence of death passed upon William Davies, who was convicted at the last Shropshire Assizes of having murdered an old woman at Westwood, near Much Wenlock, has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

EPITOME OF NEWS—FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.

The annual dinner of the Artists' Benevolent Fund Society is fixed to take place at the Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday, the 5th of May—Charles Dickens, Esq., in the chair.

Queen Christina is expected to pass the summer in the neighbourhood of Paris.

The Select Committee to try the petition in the case of the Limerick election will be chosen on Tuesday, the 4th of May.

The *Ocean* of Brest announces that Gomez, one of the Oranai conspirators, formed one of the band of convicts lately embarked on board the *Adour* steam-transport for Cayenne.

Mr. Smith, the foreman of the Woolwich Arsenal who went to Paris with the field-piece lately presented to the Emperor, has received as a present from his Majesty a handsome gold watch with the Imperial cipher engraved on it, and a gold chain.

A deputation from the medical corporations of Great Britain and Ireland waited upon Mr. Walpole on Saturday last, and expressed their strong disapproval of Mr. Cowper's Medical Bill, while they highly eulogised that brought forward by Mr. Headlam.

The sale of rabbits has, during the last five or six years, assumed a great extension in Belgium. Every week 50,000 are sent into England from Ghent, Eecloo, Thiliet, and Huyseide. At Ghent an extensive business is done in preparing rabbit-skins for exportation to France, Russia, and America.

The Jacksonian Prize of the Royal College of Surgeons has been awarded to Mr. Alfred Poland, of Guy's Hospital, for his essay on "Gunshot Wounds and their Treatment."

The Prince Consort has appointed James Moncrieff Arnott, Esq., F.R.S., to be Surgeon in Ordinary to his Royal Highness, in the room of Benjamin Travers, Esq., deceased.

Mr. Charles Dickens will read at St. Martin's Hall, on Thursday evening, April 29, his "Cricket on the Heath."

A Swedish journal says:—"Dr. Rhuders, physician, has set to music the palpitations and irregular beatings of the heart of a female who is a patient in the Hospital at Upsal. This disease, written in musical notes with quavers and semiquavers, forms a kind of waltz."

The Lord Chancellor has set aside a list of eight gentlemen recommended by the Bath Town Council for appointments as unpaid magistrates, and he has appointed six others whose names were derived from his private correspondents.

King Leopold of Belgium not long ago bought five tickets in the lottery loan of the year 1834, and last year he won with one of them the great prize of 200,000fr. (£20,000). It is related that he gave the greater part of the money to his daughter, the Archduchess.

The *Hero*, a new 91-gun screw-steamer, was launched at Chatham last Thursday.

James Gordon, a publican at Brixton, has been fined 40s. for keeping and using a rat-pit, at which terriers were trained.

The Russian Emperor has permitted the use of the Polish language by the authorities in matters of business carried on in Poland—formerly Russ only was allowed.

A thunderstorm occurred in various parts of the country on Friday evening. At Sellingham, a village near Malden, some farm-buildings were set fire to by the lightning and burnt to the ground.

The glorious old *Victory* is about to resume her post as flagship at Portsmouth, having been under process of refitting for some nine months.

Major Croker and his coachman have been drowned in a fish-pond near St. Blazey, Cornwall. The pond was overgrown with weed; the Major and his servant were in a punt clearing away the weed; by some mischance the boat was upset, they fell into the water, became entangled in the weed, and perished.

On Thursday week the final slab was placed over the remains of the late Duke of Wellington in the crypt at St. Paul's Cathedral. The tomb is constructed of the purest porphyry, highly polished. It lies immediately beneath the centre of the dome of the noble cathedral.

At a public meeting at Oxford, on Saturday, resolutions were adopted inviting the Agricultural Society of England to hold its meeting for 1859 in that city. £500 were subscribed on the spot towards the expenses.

At the St. Helen's Petty Sessions, last week, James Bixter, an old man who acted as clerk at Rainhill, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment for slipping out of church during service on Sunday, and robbing the incumbent's hen-coops of eggs. The depredations had been going on for some time, always on Sunday during service.

A ticket-of-leave man, named David Rodgers, being closely pursued by the police near Belper, on a charge of felony, one day recently, jumped into the Derwent, but before he could land on the other side was seized with cramp, and drowned.

Thomas Epps, late an under-butler, and John Barton, late a watchman, at Clumber House, near Worksop, the seat of the Duke of Newcastle, have been convicted of stealing therefrom a large quantity of wine, spirits, wax candles, and other valuable articles. They were each sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.

The French brig *L'Urgent*, which left Gibraltar on the 23rd ult. for Corunna, laden with barley, sprung a leak on the 28th off the coast of Portugal, near Faro, and foundered shortly afterwards. The crew were all saved.

On Friday week the three East India Directors nominated by the Crown—viz., Lieut.-General Sir George Pollock, G.C.B.; Major-General Sir John Robert Halsey Vivian, K.C.B.; and John Pellard Willoughby, Esq., M.P., took the prescribed oath and their seats.

A new tidal light has been put up at the pierhead, Maryport. It is said to be the best on the coast, and can be seen thirty miles seawards.

Mr. E. G. Holland, of America, will give three lectures at the Marylebone Institution, on Goethe, Swedenborg, and Carlyle—commencing with Goethe on the 5th of May.

The steamer *Sultan*, running on the Mississippi River, has been burned to the water's edge and sunk near Cape Girardeau, 160 miles below St. Louis, involving the loss of twenty lives.

A statue of Dr. Isaac Watts is about to be placed in the public park just formed in the town of Southampton. Watts was born in a back street in Southampton, and composed his first hymns for a chapel in that town. There is at present no memorial of him in his native place.

The returns of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, show that the number of patients relieved during the last week was 1146, of which 185 were new cases.

The Earl of Mansfield, K.T., has been appointed to be her Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

The deliveries of tea in London for last week were 833,296 lbs., which is an increase of 49,286 lbs. compared with the previous statement. The Queen has conferred the honour of knighthood upon John Barnard Jyles, Esq., one of the Judges of her Majesty's Court of Common Pleas.

The Queen has appointed Frederic Doveton Orms, Esq., her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General to the Republic of Bolivia, to be her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires and Consul-General to the Republic of Venezuela.

At the West Riding Court, at Bradford, on Thursday week, a farmer, named Robinson Robertshaw, was fined £3 for suffering a party of men from Leeds to fight cocks on his premises.

A considerable increase has taken place during the past quarter in most of the items of the French revenue.

The Priestship of Lincoln's Inn has been conferred upon the Rev. Dr. Thompson, Provost of Queen's College, Oxford.

Sir John Patteson, of Beniton Court, near Honiton, has been appointed Governor of King's College, London.

About eighty pieces of cannon from the foundries at Liège, France, the Sultan, have just arrived at Antwerp by the railway. They will be shipped in a few days for Constantinople.

With the object of rendering the lighthouse at the Eddystone more distinctly visible from vessels at sea during the daytime the tower is about to be coloured red and white in alternate horizontal bands.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Captain Charles Edmunds, R.N., to be Captain of the port of Gibraltar.

An ancient Scandinavian battle-axe was recently turned up by the plough at Kirk Andreas, Isle of Man.

A line of steamers is about to run between Mobile and other ports in the Gulf of Mexico and San Juan de Nicaragua, for the purpose of conveying passengers and emigrants to Nicaragua.

Mr. David Power, of the Norfolk Circuit, has been appointed one of her Majesty's Counsel.