

AN EMBLEM.

BY SALLIE M. BRYAN.

I saw a lonely bird rise from the vale:
The air was cold, and many shadows lay
Dimly around it, and its wings were frail,
And heavy mist hung o'er its weary way.

SEA AND LAND.

A BIT OF HEART HISTORY.

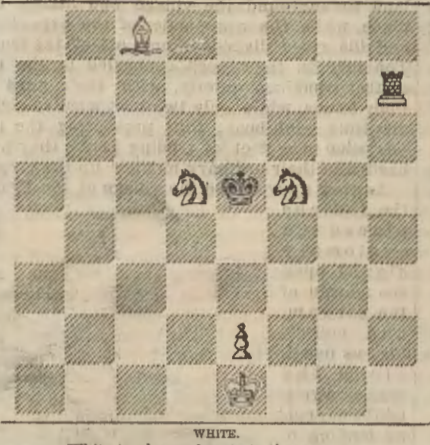
I was just sixteen when I said farewell to the home-orchestra, and went to sea for the first time.
Some months passed away before all preliminary steps had been taken, and the time for leaving home arrived. My parents were dead.

Hitherto our voyage had been almost eventless. Few of the vicissitudes of ocean life had been encountered. True, we had experienced several storms, but none that were sufficiently violent to cause any danger to ship or crew, or to drive us from our course.

before my twenty-first birthday, I landed in New York, just five years from the time I left it.
I hurried on shore, and waiting only to draw my pittance of wages, I took passage on board a North river steamer for home.

CHESS DEPARTMENT.

CONDUCTED BY PAUL MORPHY.
PROBLEM No. XIV.
By Kling and Horwitz.



White to play and mate in three moves.
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM XIII.

1. Q. to K. B. fifth (ch) 1. Kt. to K. fourth (A)
2. B. takes R. (ch) 2. K. to Q. B. fourth
3. Q. takes Kt. (mate)

GAME FIFTEENTH.

Eleventh in the series between Labourdonnais and McDonnell.
White, McDonnell. Black, Labourdonnais.
1. P. to K. fourth 2. P. to K. fourth
2. P. to K. B. fourth 3. Q. to K. B. fifth (ch)

WIT AND WISDOM.

ORIGINAL AND SELECTED—PREPARED EXPRESSLY FOR THE LEDGER BY GEO. D. FRENCH.

MANY have gone out of the world as becomingly as Caesar, who had plotted their lives away like Catiline.
It often happens that those, who presume to call themselves the "friends" of this man or that woman, are the very ones, above all others, whom in the hour of death that man or woman is most likely to salute with the valediction—would to God I had never seen your face.

(a) This gambit, although named by the earlier writers, was neither well analysed nor much practiced until about the period of these matches. McDonnell has the honor of having first elaborated the attack, and Labourdonnais, in the course of these games, discovered and employed the defenses which, until very lately, were generally regarded as the best.

MISS BEECHER ON THE MOVEMENT CURE.
The Water Cure originated with a peasant, and was, at first, entirely empirical, but has gradually, by practice, been, in a measure, reduced to a science.

THE PRINCE NAPOLEON and his wife, the Princess Clotilde, have become embroiled in a domestic war which threatens serious consequences.
The Prince went from Paris to Geneva, leaving the princess behind, against her will.

A PARTY of hunters from St. Joseph, Mo., while out hunting in that vicinity, heard one of their dogs growl and then howl a short distance in a thicket; and on rushing thither, they found him in the coils of a huge serpent.

A MAN was found dead near Vidalia, La., a short time since, with a tenpenny nail driven to the head into his right eye.
There was no mark or sign by which the deceased could be identified; and from the fact that he had nothing valuable on his person, it is supposed that he had been murdered and robbed.

A COUPLE of gamblers at Pike's Peak got into a fight a short time since about the division of their spoil, and drawing their bowie-knives, mangled each other horribly.
One had his left eye cut out and his stomach ripped open, and the other's head was nearly severed from his shoulders.

A LAD sixteen years of age, named Granson, living in Northern Iowa, while in the woods looking for his father's cows that had strayed away, was attacked by a large black bear, which (having a rifle with him) he wounded severely, and then despatched with a pocket dirk-knife.

SEVERAL young men of Maryland have been expelled from the religious society to which they belonged, for "playing cricket against the remonstrance of the pastor and elders."
Other young men have received warning, and their hands are now forbid to touch the once familiar ball.

It is said that Lady Franklin has expended her entire fortune in her devoted efforts in prosecuting the search for her husband, and is now reduced to penury.
If this be so, a subscription should be set on foot for her, to which every civilized community should be privileged to contribute.