

WHAT SEEMS.

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"Wise judges are we of each other." My fate a bright—a bliss? Alas, if thou couldst see me—as I am. Why even now my bosom seems like an abyss of fire...

IN THE CHAPARRAL.

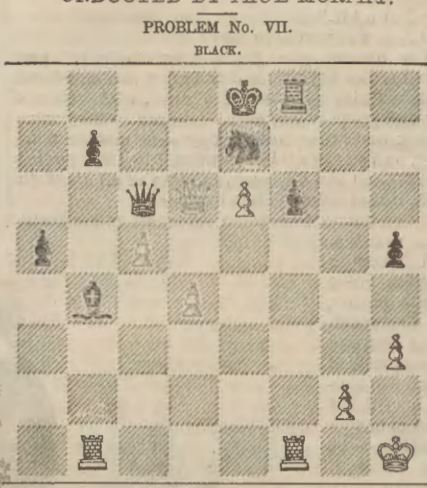
Notwithstanding the many mountain landmarks, which lift their ragged outlines to the skies, or hang frowningly over the narrow valleys, it is one of the easiest things imaginable, for the stranger, travelling over the Table Lands of Mexico, to become embarrassed, and lose himself in the thorny thickets...

In my eager search, I must have ridden several leagues before I made the above discovery; and when I at length found a beaten trail, it led me into an extremely wild and desolate region. Around me the dark mountains reared their craggy heads, inclosing a tract of broken country, where the hard, gravelly soil gave birth to a stunted growth of cacti and palmettos...

we were convinced that they intended us no harm, but would reserve us for a ransom, which they had no doubt would cheerfully be paid by our brave old general. It was a lucky thing, however, for us that we happened to wear the insignia of officers, for we heard them positively assert that if we had been privates, the lasso would have saved them the expense of our suppers...

CHESS DEPARTMENT.

CONDUCTED BY PAUL MORPHY.



The above position occurred in the late match at the hands of the Knight between Mr. James Thompson and Mr. Morphy. White (Morphy) having to play, now forced the game. How?

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM VI. WHITE. 1. Kt. to Q. B. fifth. 2. Q. to K. R. fourth. 3. Q. to K. B. second (mate).

GAME SEVENTH.

Between Labourdonnais and M'Donnell. (SICILIAN OPENING.) WHITE. (M'Donnell.) 1. P. to Q. B. fourth. 2. P. to K. B. fourth. 3. K. Kt. to B. third. 4. P. to Q. B. third. 5. P. to K. fifth. 6. K. B. to K. second. 7. Q. Kt. to K. third. 8. Q. Kt. to B. second. 9. P. to Q. fourth. 10. Q. B. P. takes P. 11. K. B. to Q. third. 12. Kt. takes Kt. 13. K. to B. second (e). 14. K. R. to K. B. square (c). 15. K. B. P. takes P. (d). 16. B. takes Kt. 17. K. to K. square. 18. P. to K. Kt. fourth (f). 19. P. to Q. R. fourth. 20. Q. B. to K. third. 21. Q. to K. second. 22. Q. B. to Kt. fifth. 23. R. takes Kt. 24. R. takes R. 25. R. to Q. B. square. 26. Q. B. to Q. B. third. 27. B. to K. third. 28. Q. to Q. square. 29. R. to K. seventh. BLACK. (Labourdonnais.) 1. P. to Q. B. fourth. 2. P. to K. third. 3. Q. Kt. to B. third. 4. P. to Q. fourth. 5. P. to K. B. third. 6. K. B. to K. second. 7. Q. to Q. Kt. third (a). 8. K. Kt. to R. third. 9. Q. B. P. takes P. 10. Q. B. to Q. second. 11. Q. Kt. to Kt. fifth. 12. B. takes Kt. (ch). 13. Castles (K. R.). 14. P. takes P. 15. Kt. to K. B. fourth (e). 16. R. takes R. 17. Q. R. to Q. B. square. 18. K. R. to B. second. 19. Q. R. to K. B. square. 20. K. B. to K. second. 21. Q. to Q. Kt. sixth. 22. K. B. to Q. Kt. fifth (g). 23. R. takes Kt. 24. R. takes R. 25. R. to K. B. square. 26. Q. B. to Q. B. third. 27. Q. to Q. B. fifth. 28. K. B. to Q. R. fourth. 29. Q. B. takes R. P. And Labourdonnais wins.

WIT AND WISDOM.

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

JEFFERSON says that some men imagine that they are into the world booted and spurred by the grace of God; and we may add, that if they don't behave themselves, they deserve to go out of it "booted" by the grace of mankind. A VILLAGE Editor in Indiana boasts that he keeps one cow, and lives in "childlike simplicity." His allusion to the cow sufficiently indicates that he lives exactly like a child—by milking his mother. NORTH CAROLINA produces more turpentine than any other State, and it is claimed that South Carolina, in proportion to her population, produces more poultry. So the two Carolinas may be called tar and feathers. A MAN and woman were married in jail a few evenings ago in one of our western cities. As long as they remain there, they will not be likely to make each other jealous by straying off from home. THE separation of friends by death is less terrible than the divorce of true hearts that have loved, but have ceased to sympathize, while memory is still recalling what they once were to each other. HALP the reputations for wit that pass current in fashionable life are based on ill-natured sayings of persons, who would find it difficult to obtain any notice in society except by censorious observations. "FOLKS say, Mr. barkeeper, that I can't be trusted out of sight, but I'm in sight now—can't I have a cocktail?" "No, but you'll get a smash if you don't vanish instantly." WE read of one virtuous Joseph; but there are a good many silly ones—follows who, when warmly wooed by fortune, flee from her embrace half-naked, and live so forever afterwards. THERE are some persons in the world who never permit us to love them except when they are absent; as, when present, they chill our affection by showing a want of appreciation of it. "WHILE we live let us live," is an old maxim much admired by fast livers, men who live a month per week and die of their three score and ten at twenty-five. OLD men's lives are lengthened shadows; their evening sun falls coldly on the earth, but the shadows all point to the morning. In old times, the borrower was said to be "the servant of the lender;" but the relations of the two seem to be reversed in these days. SOCIETY seldom forgives those who have discovered the emptiness of its pleasures and learned to live independent of it and them. "Don't you think, wife, that tobacco-smoke would kill the musquitos in our room?" "It might, but it would kill me first." WE wonder, that, among all the titles bestowed upon the moon, none of her poetical admirers have ever spoken of her as Her Serene Highness. NONE are so seldom found alone, and are so soon tired of their own company, as those combs who are on the best terms with themselves. FORTUNE has been considered the guardian divinity of fools; and she is certainly very kind in helping those who cannot help themselves. THERE are some who write, talk, and think, go much about vice and virtue, that they have no time to practice either the one or the other. WE should do well to take counsel from the wise and warning from the foolish. STEALING money from a man's pocket to settle a debt due to him is to pay him in his own coin. SOME things are much better eschewed than chewed; tobacco is one of them. It is more respectable to black boots than to black characters,—to sew shirts than to sow strifes. "Sir, have you read the ode I composed to sleep?" "Oh yes, and it composed me to sleep." FLOWERS are the universal moralists; not one but has its lesson, its sermon, or its song. SOME writer defines a "stuffed duck" to be a young lady crammed with flattery by her lover. BE sure not to tell a first falsehood, and you needn't fear being detected in any subsequent ones. FEW men are above suspicion, but a great many are below it. CURRENT ITEMS. A COUNTRY gentleman who was trying to find a friend's house in Fourth street a few evenings since, accosted a well-dressed woman whom he met, and asked if she could tell him the way to Washington Square. She said she was going there herself and would show him the way. He politely offered her his arm, which she took. She also took his watch and purse, as he discovered some half an hour after he bade her good evening. In Wetzengrun, a small village of Saxony, a wine-merchant, with his wife, children and servants, eleven persons in all, were murdered one night not long ago, and all the goods in the store, and even two heavy counters covered with zinc, were removed, without any one's suspicion being aroused, though the establishment was situated in the most densely populated part of the village. A MARRIED woman apparently died very suddenly in a village in Ohio lately, and was buried the same day, by her husband's orders, notwithstanding the remonstrances of friends. She was soon dug up again, however, and in a few hours was resuscitated. The husband was arrested, but it is doubtful if any crime can be proved against him. A YOUNG man boarding in Thompson street having got behind in his promised payments, stole his landlady's jewelry, worth some fifty dollars, and decamped. He was soon caught, however, by the police, with pawn-tickets for the jewelry on his person. He will now probably be permitted to enter an institution whose inmates are allowed to work for their board. A DISCONTENTED couple who had become tired of each other's society voluntarily separated, with an agreement that each might marry again without molestation from the other. They both did marry again within a fortnight, and being informed against by some enemy, they were both arrested for bigamy and sent to prison. An Italian named Ninetti a few evenings since stabbed a journeyman printer who was returning home from his work, because the latter did not reply to a question addressed to him in the Italian language, which of course he did not understand. A summary mode this of exacting politeness. A NUMBER of imposters are going about this city and Brooklyn, with forged testimonials of good character from physicians, clergymen, and distinguished citizens, soliciting pecuniary aid. They tell plausible and pitiful stories, and do a good business. Look out for them. A GOUTY of physicians attached to the Charity Hospital, New Orleans, recently got into a quarrel, owing to professional jealousy, and drawing their pistols commenced firing at each other and continued to exchange shots until one of them fell, dangerously wounded. A FAMILY of nine persons was recently poisoned in this city, with arsenic that had become mixed with the contents of the sugar bowl. By timely medical aid, the lives of all but two were saved. An aged man was beaten to death by rowdy boys, in Baxter street, near the Five Points, a few evenings since. The victim's ribs were broken and his breast bone was crushed in. An old man, named Knapp, a few days ago fell down the hatchway of a vessel lying at Jersey City, and striking on his head was so badly injured that he died in a short time. A FEW mornings since, a young man who was walking along Chambers street fell dead upon the pavement. Apoplexy was pronounced to be the cause. "FROM DAWN TO DAYLIGHT, or, The Simple Story of a Western Home," by a Minister's Wife.—It is not often that we call attention to new books in "The Ledger," but this is a work of such peculiar interest that we cannot omit to do so. We are sure that the name of the author given to the public, we think the work would make a decided sensation. This much, however, we will say of her, that her husband is one of the most distinguished and popular clergymen in the country, so much so indeed that you can scarcely pick up a newspaper in which you do not find his name. The book is one which, as a contemporary reviewer writes, will make the reader the better for the reading, marks, will make the time it abounds in entertaining sketches of experiences and scenes which most interest the general reader. Do not fail to read it. Derby & Jackson, of 119 Nassau street, are the publishers. If you cannot procure it at some convenient book-store, enclose one dollar in a letter to the publishers, and they will forward it to you free of postage.