THE CRITIC'S REVIEW.

New Books of Poetry by Robert Louis

Stevenson and Others.

HAMILTON'S PLACE IN HISTORY.

Joe Jefferson's Story of His Own Life is

Charmingly Told.

JOHN ERICSSON'S ORIGINAL GENIUS

There is a little bit of Scotch in Robert

Louis Stevenson's "Ballads" (Charles

Scribner's Sons: J. R. Weldin & Co., \$1),

but most of the scene is laid in those far-

away Pacific islands among which the au-

ther has elected to take up his abode.

"Heather Ale" is Scotch enough, and "Ti-

In the days of the fued and the fight.

Somebody heard it, such is the legend, some

kilted Highlander; but whether his name

was Cameron or Campbell, there seems to be

some discussion. Some man in Scotland, in a bad dream after a fight with a tragic

ending, heard the name Ticonderoga spoken

by the man he had murdered, and met his

own death years afterward in that region of of trees and redskins. Mr. Stevenson has

made a capital ballad out of the story, with

"The Song of Rakers" and the "Fenst of

the right swing and ring in the lines of it.

Famine" are tragedies from the Marquesas,

told in long, rayming lines, with the back-

ground of strange scenery, and with heroes and heroines attired in delicate, elaborate

and graceful tattooing. Here is a fair pict-

Out of the groves of the valley, where clear the blackbirds sang. Sheer from the trees of the valley the face of

the mountain sprang:
Sheer and bare it rose, unscalable barricade,
Beaten and blown against by the generous
draught of the trade.
Dawn on its fluted brow painted rainbow light,
Close on its pinnacled crown trembled the stars
at night.

Or the silver beard of a stream hung and swung

The book is exquisitely bound, and so

printed and margined as to be a delight to the eyes of everybody who has a love for the fuir faces of books.

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The third volume in the "Makers

America" series is a study of Alexander Hamilton by Prof. W. G. Sumner, of Yale

University. (Dodd, Mead & Co., J. R. Weldin & Co., \$1 23.) Prof. Summer is a

man with most agreeably definite opinions, and the gift of expressing them after a

definite, positive and cocksure fashion, which is always readable, always attractive

and sometimes convincing. There is no writer who goes straighter at the very center of his

subject. We take up any book of his with a reasonable assurance that we will not

be bored. Mr. Sumner tells us at the start

biography of Hamilton or a history of his

in what sense, Alexander Hamilton was one

or the makers of this American State."

just that and nothing else in view."

that he does not purpose to write either a

times. He undertakes to show "how, and

have constructed my book," he says, "with

loose a whole pandemonium of anarchistic spirits of evil. What sort of temper the time was of cotemporary France shows

well enough. In 1789, the year in which

George Washington was made President,

and our present government was organized, they were putting down the Bastile over on

the other side of the water, and beginning the operations of the guillotine. During

the years which followed, while we we

setting things on sure foundations, good

enough to need no mending yet, they were running about the streets of Paris like mad-

men, with a torch in one hand and a sword

The word revolution has two meanings,

significantly different, according as you put the adjective American before it, or the ad-jective French. Now, this difference, which

is the difference between chaos and order, depended partly, no doubt, on the various

temperaments of the two nations. But a great deal, also, upon the temper of their

Robespierre. We had those eminent men whose names were signed to the Declaration of Independence. We had Washington and Adams and Jefferson and Hamilton. Alexander Hamilton, chief among them—this is Prof. Sum-

ner's position-prevented the disaster of

anarchy. One phase of anarchy is the re-fusal to pay one's honest debts. Disorder al-

ways gets its hands into its neighbor's pockers. The Revolution of the American col-

onies, like all revolutions, set loose turbu-lent anarchistic elements. On the financial

side this spirit of disorder threatened repu-

diation. "The contest with anarchy and re-

pudiation was the great work which went to

last century, and Alexander Hamilton was one of the leading heroes of it." This is the

thesis of which this book is the demonstra-

MIL. A fine, handsome volume in an embossed

cover white as lvory, is the "Autobiography of Joseph Jefferson." (The Century Co., J. R. Weldin & Co.). We have all read

it, month by month, as it came out in the

Contury Magazine, and we are all glad to have it in a good book, with fair pages and big print,

there we can read it all over again,

The proface is a delightful introduction. It begins by quoting the Irishman's wise

opinion that "no man should write his autobiography but himself," and goes on

commenting pleasantly about the advant-

nges of telling one's own story in one's own

way. Indeed, there is no more agreeable reading in all book-land than the half

dozen treasured volumes, going back to St. Augustine, in which a hero, or a saint, or

u artist, or a man of letters, has taken us

into the quiet of his own withdrawing room

and talked to us page after page, about his doings and his thinking. Everybody greets "Joe Jefferson." Nobody has a wider company of friends. And the

privilege of this long and charming mono-logue is one to be appreciated. It is notable

how well the book is written, looking at it from the technical point of view as a piece

or composition. Here is a man without training in the art of authorship who

sits down and writes a book. And behold! it is a good book, e read-

able, clear, entertaining, and pretty much everything else which a literary work ought

to be. Mr. Jefferson makes allusion to his

literary arens. But the adventure is its own justification. It is well done. And it

goes to prove (what ought not to need any proving), that what we who read books are

in quest of is simplicity, straightforward-

anaffected way of telling it. That is what

we have in this excellent story of the life of

a good man, It was the wish of John Eriesson that

William Conant Church should write the record of his work. Mr. Church bas bad

access to all the sources of information there are, and his work, in two handsome vol-

umes, is the life of that eminent inventor in

its complete and finished snape. Messrs.

Scribners have bound the books in strong,

Scribbers have bound the books in strong, tasteful and worthy bindings.

When John Eriesson died, on the 8 h day of March, last year, most people had forgotten that he was alive. For years he had lived so by him-

self, with such stout bars across his doors, that he was as good as dead, so far as the

general world was concerned. It was re-membered, with an effort, that he had been

emerity in walking thus serenely into the

the making of this nation at the end of the

aders. France had Marat and Danton and

"The great struggle of the Revolution set

at night.

Here and there in clefts clustered contorted of

ure out of the "Feast of Famine"

By the sides of the rainy sea.
Where never a stranger came,
On the awful lips of the dead,
He heard the outlandish name.
It sang in his sleeping ears,
It hammered in his waking head:
The name—Ticonderogo,
The utterance of the dead.

conderoga" is both Scotch and American.

This is the tale of the man Who heard a word in the night

In the land of the healthy h

By the sides of the rainy sea, Where never a stranger can

once associated with a boat named the Moni-

tor; but just what kind of a boat it was, or

precisely what service it performed, people remembered but vaguely. Old men knew

remembered but vaguety. Old men knew well, and young boys and girls who were studying the history of the United States at school knew, but few others could pass much of an examination upon the achievements of John Ericsson. Ericsson was himself responsible for much of his late

obscurity. He was eccentric, and excessively tond of work, and he had an objection

(which he had no hesitation in expressing)

to the conversation of bores.

But behind that locked door, and in that queer house in Beach street, in New York,

lived a genius, one of the great men of the century, whose name will endure as long as our history continues to be read. A queer house it was, and most

characteristic of the man. Ericsson was in-dependent to the last degree. It was impos-sible to work with him. The fact that a thing had always been done in a certain

way was, with him, an argument for doing it in some other and original way. He asked

no suggestions. He wanted no help. In a deorway in his bed room, he had two short

ropes, with nippers at the ends, to hold his coat for his rheumatic arms. Nobody

should hold a coat for him! Eighteen hods of coal stood always in fire-weather beside his chamber door. The handle of the tin cup in which he heated his shav-

ing water was four feet long, that he might not burn his face. Summer and winter he were vests and stocks of buff pique, having once bought 150 yards of it to last the rest of

his natural life. So with everything else. There was never but one man in the world

like John Eriesson, and that was John Eriesson. And he was proud of it.

The story of a great and useful life is told in this book. The geniuses, as Mrs. Carlyle said, are pretty hard to live with; but genius they have, for

all that. The caloric ship, the caloric en-

gine, the solar engine, the Monitor, are

notable accomplishments. Tipped back

ngainst the wall, with shut eyes, as if asleep, John Ericsson thought out things whose end is not yet. Mr. Church's book is minute, clearly divided, interesting and

"Electricity in Daily Life," (Charles Scribners' Sons. J. R. Weldin & Co., \$3), is a capital handbook of progress up

to this date in the wonders of this new force.
Mr. Howells calls this the neo-electric age,

when a new element enters into human life

as significant as the discovery, several milleniums ago, that weapons could be man-ufactured out of stone. The papers which

compose the book have appeared in Scrib-

all the excellent illustrations. A flash

all the excellent illustrations. A flash of white electric light goes zigzaging along the cover. The telegraph and telephone, the electric railway, the electric light, the uses of eletricity in fighting and in heating, are all considered. From Faraday to Edison, what a record of progress! And, one day, how antiquated all these bright pages will be, in the face of the wonders which await discoveries in the nure! With what patronizing interest

uture! With what patronizing interest will these first usings of this wonderful

force be commented upon several decades

THE HOME can be made brighter the

long winter evenings by adding to it a copy of THE DISPATCH. Get to-morrow's

DONNELLY'S CIPHER.

An English Divine Tries Conclusions With

Three years ago Mr. Ignatius Donnelly,

the discoverer, or rather the inventor, of the

alleged Shakespeare cipher, sought to prove

the correctness of his Baconian theory by

challenging anyone (1) to bring out the

cipher story given by him by the use of any

other "root numbers" or "modifiers" than those used by himself, and (2) to extract from the First Folio text, by the use of the

same numbers, any other cipher story.

Although the acceptance of the challenge

meant an immense amount of work, the Rev. Dr. A. Nicholson, of Leamington,

Eng., undertook the task, and with com-plete success. He has produced the Don-

nelly cipher story by the use of other roo

numbers, and he also, by the use of the

Donnelly numbers, dug out a sentence re-terring to the ecclesiastical trial of the

is. Dr. Nicholson's root number is the date of the Hegira of Mahomet, and says that

"by the arithmetical law of combinations Mr. Donnelly's contrivance secures to the

operator on almost incalculable number of

chances (3,309,000 to 1) for picking up from

the column any words required for the man utacture of stories."

ECHOES FROM CHRISTMAS,

Some Presents That Came in a VeryTimely

Manner.

Ex-Councilman P. W. Siebert made

very acceptable Christmas present of \$3,000

to Mrs. Watt, widow of Griffith D. Watt,

lately deceased. Mr. Watt was a member

of the Royal Society of Good Fellows, who

thus opportunely remembered Mrs. Watt. This is the thirl death in Penn Assembly

No 95 this year, and \$9,000 have been paid

The other recipients were the widows of Charles F. Baer and John Alford. Western Star Lodge No. 24, I. O. O. F., on Christmas presented the widow of each deceased member with a turkey and trim-

mings. One of the ladies remembered living in Wisconsin, and another in Delaware,

the money to purchase the birds was sent in

THE DIFFERENCE.

Crackers Fresh From the Oven Are the

Only Kind to Eat.

Did you ever think what a difference

here is in crackers? A stale cracker is

just as much of an abordination as stale

of crackers, principally because they can get the best that are made in the country

Pittsburg is one of the greatest cracker baking towns in the world. The mammoth

Marvin establishment alone turns out almost enough to keep the entire popula-tion of half a dozen States eating 24 hours

a day And there is this about the Marvin goods

they can always be relied upon as being thoroughly pure and fresh. The great ovens are going constantly, and a score or more of wagons are busy from morning till

night delivering the crackers to grocers in the two cities. Of course, Pittsburg can consume only a small portion of the product

of the factory. The rest is shipped to al-most every State in the Union, for the fame

of Marvin's crackers is not merely local. Everybody from Maine to California has

heard of them, and everybody who knows a good cracker when he sees it wants to get

them. If you don't already use Marvin' crackers, order some from your grocer. If

you try them once you will never want any

Then there's bread, Palace bread. Have you tried it? If you haven't, you ought to. It's just about the finest thing in this line in the market. Marvin's breads are baked

fresh every day. An army of wagons de-livers them to the city trade and express trains carry them to towns within reach all

Ask your grocers for Marvin's Palace bread and see if it isn't just about the nice-est thing you ever tasted. Tussu

DRESS good bargains, extreme novelty

HUGUS & HACKE.

cheviot plaids and stripes reduced from \$1 50 and \$2 00 to \$1 00 a ward.

ACT quickly. New Year presents in um-brellns, toilet and fancy sets, silk handker-chie's, mufflers, etc., at Arthur, Schondel-myer & Co.'s, 68 and 70 Ohio street, Alle-

Read display ad., this paper. To-day and

over the western part of the State.

fresh from the ovens every day.

Pittsburg people are great lovers

Bishop of Lincoln, the latter result showing

it and Succeeds.

THE CRITIC.

further on by some successor of

's Magazine, and are here reprinted with

fair. (J. R. Weldin & Co., \$6.)

ARGUMENTS

In the Cases of the Oil Men Whose

Pumps Worked on Sunday.

YOST SAYS IT WAS UNNECESSARY,

But Attorneys for the Defense Tried to

Prove it Otherwise.

PROGRAMME FOR THE CRIMINAL COURT

In Criminal Court yesterday Judge

Stowe heard the argument in the cases of

T. A. Gillespie & Bros. and Patterson &

Jennings, prosecuted by Captain Wishart

for violation of the Sunday laws under the

The defendants have oil wells in the

Haysville fields, which are pumped all

week, including Sunday, and this occasioned the suit. Under ad-

vice from their attorneys, the de-fendants pursued different courses.

Gillespie Bros. admitted having a man em-

ploved at their well on Sunday, while Pat-terson & Jennings claimed that they em-

ployed no man, but that the engine was started late on Saturday night and continued

on Sunday without any aid or added fuel.

Gillespie Bros. were represented by Clarence Burleigh, James Knox and J. S. Fer-

guson, while Judge Bredin represented

Patterson & Jennings, William Yost ooked after the Law and Order Society's

side of the case.

Mr. Yost opened the argument and stated

that the work had proved not to be one of necessity. If a well was pumped automat-

ically the automaton produced money for the defendants and worked for them just as

he considered the cases very important, and

would render a decision as soon as possible.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

List of the Persons to Stand Before the

Criminal Court Bar. The following is the list of persons to be

Joseph Aland, Thomas Beadling, Mary Cregan, John Hoefler, 2; Frank Hoefler, 2; George

Hoefler, 2; Phillip Hoefler, 2; J. A. Hay, Wil-

liam Menniger, John Thompson, Jr., Andrew Water, W. H. Thackeray, William Weitzel, Curtis Hessner, James Davis, M. Liston, H. S.

The Mercantile License Cases.

To-Day's Trial List.

Criminal Court—Surety and desertion cases— Commonwealth vs Jehn Bopp, Bernhart Micos,

John H. Lewis, James Lappan, John Burns, Alfred Miller, Franz Klat, Job Smith,

A STEER HUNT.

to the Bacon barn and secured. The roads

being rough between the Bacon barn and camp, Mr. McReavey concluded he could

transport his beef cheaper on foot than with

about 40 feet in length, with which he se-

cured his steers.

Three stout men were placed at the end of

forward movement. The force on the ropes pulled ahead, and the file closers shoved

and prodded behind. After sulking awhite

an opportunity presented to take a turn

around a tree, when they stumbled and were thrown heavily to the ground. The tactics

of prodding up and snubbing were repeated

until one of them gave in and walked quietly

to camp. The other was not so easily sub-dued but outgenerated his adversaries

HE WANTED TO KNOW.

Particular Train.

the car, "where d'ye buy your clothes?"

pose I go to England for an \$18 overcoat,

you Nogswallager?"
"That settles it," calmly put in the brakeman. "You've set your coat aftre with that eigarette o' yours, and I want no Gilbert damage suit on this road. Brookl en Tompk

THE New Year's menu, from Ellice Serens

will interest the ladies. See THE DISPATCH to-morrow. Twenty-four pages.

-For some time past it has been the prac-

tice of the Treasury to return to China at Gov-ernment expense all Chinese laborers convicted

but the brakeman continued:

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Lewiston Journal.1

tried in the Criminal Court next week:

act of 1794.

for the Company.

'Twas a melancholy looking man who

marshaled himself and an ominous frown

into the car at Grand avenue on Friday

morning. His right hand was bare and cleached and his left was enveloped in a

thick, woolen mitten. He suspended him-

self from a strap because no seat was ready

to receive him and his too apparent anxiety,

and as he gently lurched from side to side

he viewed with evident envy the more or less placid faces bent over the morning

prints. The main object of his observation was a thin man with mutton-chop whiskers, who edged this way and that to give leeway for the unexpected movements of the new passenger. The latter opened his right hand, gazed ruefully into it, pushed the thin man's paper aside and said:

"Is that a counterfeit?"

plied in a self-desensive tone:
"How do I know?"

Brooklyn Eagle.

CHESS.

PROBLEM NO. 20.

(Composed for THE DISPATCH.)

By W. E. Mitchum.

Black: 4 pieces.

A MOTHER'S GRATITUDE.

CHRISTMAS WEEK.

In her own words Mrs. Walker said: "Myson Jesse is 10 years old; ever since he was a babe

Either as wife, sister, husband or brother, if you would have a happy samily life, renember two rules:
In matters of principle, stand like a rock.
In matters of taste, swim with the current.



Wolff's ACME Blacking

WILL STAIN BARY'S COACH AND

No POISONS in FREEMAN'S

Face Powder. Medicated. Free From POISON, Harmless as Dew. Don't Rub Off. Purest, only perfect beau-tifier. The LATEST PERFUME "HIAWATHA." It's Exquisite. At Druggists, viz.

On Market St.: Pleming & Son, 412; Moerech's renge & Co., 21s; MrKonnan's, 411; Hyer'

-Fire at San Augustine, Tex., destroyed a number of stores and business houses Thurs-day. Loss, about \$50,000; insurance, \$10,000. -William Carnavan, a well-known and wealthy citizen of Susquebauna, N. Y., was thrown from his cutter and instantly killed,

-Mrs. Ellen Gibbons, aged 80 years, was burned to death at her house in Saratoga, N. Y. It is not known whether her death was accidental or self-murder.

James Walker, a burglar, was shot and killed by a private watchman named Butz, while breaking into the fruit warehouse of Thomas G. Kane, in Philadelphia, The Canadian Custom Department has imposed a fine of \$900 on the German sealing schooner Adele, charged with making a false clearance and failing to report on returning to Victoria.

—General Charles S. Taylor, a well-known citizen of Mt. Holly, N. J., committed suicide by drowning in the creek at the identical point where his brother drowned himself a year or

more ago.

-The largest retail firm in lows, Henry Fisman & Co., drygoods, of Council Biuffs, made an assignment Thursday. Llabilities, \$200,000; assets, \$200,000, as estimated by themselves. They owned branches at Omaha and Missouri Valley.

-Labor Commissioner Matthews has completed the compilation of abandoned farm statistics of Maine. The number of abandoned farms reported aggregate 3,310. The total council of these farms is \$78,512 and their value.

farms reported aggregate 3,810. The total agreage of these farms is 254,512, and their valuation for taxation is \$1,248,769.

If you find

in your watch,

you can rest assured

THE DUEBER WATCH WORKS

Canton, Ohio.

that you have the

best Time-keeper.

the name

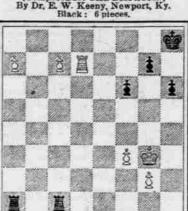
"DUEBER"

A GOOD NEW YEAR. BY JAMES OGG.

dent of St. Paul, will change station in a few days for Philadelphia.

THE GAME OF DRAUGHTS. CONDUCTED BY J. B. FERGUSON.

White: 5 pieces. White mates in two moves. END GAME NO. 12.



SOLUTIONS,

The key to Problem No. 17 is R. to Kt. 6. XVIII.-FRENCH DEFENSE. The following gem, one of four simultanes games, was played at the Pittsburg Library December 3, 1890, between W. H. K. Pollock (white) and J. L. McCutcheon (black):

(white) and J. L. McCutcheon (black):

White. Black.
1. P K 4 P K 3
2. P Q 4 P Q 4
3. Kt Q B 2 Kt K B 3
4. B K Kt 5 B Q Kt 5
5. P K 5 P K 3 3
6. B K 3 B X Kt C 2
7. P X B K K K 5
9. B C 3 K X Q B P
10. Kt B 3 P K 4 4
11. Q R 3 Kt K 5
12. Custles Kt Q B 3
13. B X Kt F P K 1
14. Kt Kt 5 P K 1

NOTE.

(a) Position after Black's 28 K K 2:

A very pretty ending. THE GUNSBERG-STEINITZ MATCH. XIX.-FOURTH GAME.

Giuoco Piano. Gunsberg. Steinitz. White. Black
White. Biack. 25 Kt K 2 P Q 4
1. P K 4 P K 4
2. Kt K B 8 Kt Q B 3
3. B B 4 B B 4
3. P K 5 Kt Y
4. P Q 3 Kt B 3
3. Q R 3 Kt C Y
4. P Q 3 Kt B 3
3. Q R 3 Q X Kt C K X Y
4. P Q 3 Kt B 3
3. Q X K 5 Kt C Y
5. P K 5 Kt Y
6. P Q 3 Kt B 3
6. P Q 3 Kt B 3
6. Q X Kt C K X Y
7. P X 5 Kt Y
7. P X 5 Kt Y
8. P X 5 Kt Y
8. P X 5 Kt Y
8. P X 5 Kt Y
9. P X 5 Kt 22. PR5 KXP
23. QXKtch KXQ
24. PXQ PXF
25. Kt Q B 4 RQ R
25. Kt Q B 4 RQ R
25. Kt Q B 4 R RQ R
26. KXR B 4 K R B
27. KXR B 4 K R B
27. KXR B 4 K R B
27. KXR B 4 K R R
27. KXR B 4 K R R
28. KX R B 4 K R R
29. KX R M R R
29. KX R M R
29. KX R M R
29. KX R
29. KX R
29. KX R
20. KX R
2

Queen's Gambit accepted.

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NOTES,

SIXTH GAME XXI.-Queen's Pawn Opening. Gunsberg.

Chess News.

days for Philadelphia.

"The heavity of his endings is some measure of a player's strength. That of the expert is like the completion of a pyramic; while the weak player blunders through, wasting time and effort, as if torturing a victim or mutilating a corpse."—W. H. K. Pollock,

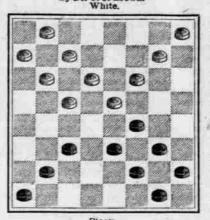
1 2 3 4 REFERENCE BOARD. 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 :-: ways move first.

Checker Headquarters—Home Hotel, Duquesne way, between Eighth and Ninth streets, and at Samuel Seeds', 96 Seventh avenue.

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

W. T. ENGLISH-Yours to hand. Glad al came right.
L ARMSTRONG—Your favor received. Accept thanks for games. Will be pleased to have all you can spare. Think they will prove interest-

THE GOATS' DILEMMA.



Black.

The white and black pieces to change places by advancing one step, or vaulting over "one" man at a time. The moves are not necessarily alternate.

Now in these mountains are three deep defiles, In length—two of them seven, and one eight miles.

Two run together, and the other cross (See Diagram if you are at a loss).

And up each portion, toward the center bent, Six companies of goats in hurry went.

Lewiston, Me., Journal.] the old system of blood and iron! Europe

GAME NO. 23-FIFE. BY L. M. STEARNS, DERRY DEPOT. N. H.

VARIATION 1. VARIATION 2. VARIATION 3. 19-16-4 | 13-16 | 28-22 | 30-14 | 15-8 | 14-10 12-19 | 14-18 | 17-25 | 8-11 | 3-19 | Drawn Bradt. VARIATION 4.

This variation Master W. Hill won from L. M. VARIATION 5.

After about 50 moves Mr. Stearns won the VARIATION 6.

Mr. Stearns won the game from Master Hill when the latter thought he was sure of a draw.— Turf. GAME NO. 24-OLD FOURTEENTH.

In answer to ours of last week Mr. Patterson sent us the following game with notes, No. 9. "Northern Leader, played between the late James Smith, champion of England, and J. Taylor, at Spennymoor. Smith's move:

(a). Draughts Editor of THE DISPATCH

(a). Droughts Editor of THE DISPATCH states 21-17 at this point, the only move to draw. J. Smith here says move in text is preferable to 21-17. [We will publish next week; a game between J. Mulholland and the editor where 21-17 is taken and white wins. We hope our readers will look it up and send us their analysis.—ED.]

(b) 10—28 is better.

*Only moves to draw.

POSITION IN GAME NO. 18.

Black—1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 18, 21, White—14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30. White to move and win. In solution to position above, 15-10 was given and Mr. Ellis showed across the board that it would allow black to draw by 17-22, etc. Mr. L. Armstrong sends the following play by mail to show the draw against the 15-10 15-10 | 18-22 | 10-6 | 13-22 | 18-9 | 7-10 17-22 | 25-18 | 1-10 | 9-6 | 5-14 | B. for 26-17 | 9-13 | 14-9 | 10-14 | 6-2 | choice. But the position still wins, and Mr. Patterson had it on hand, until the 34th move of game, instead of 20-16.

Mr. Tyson, of Big Run, Pa., sends the fol-19-15 | 13-17 | 26-23 | 26-31 | 24-29 | 31-6 9-132 | 20-16 | 22-25 | 11-4 | 26-31 | 2-18 22-19 | 18-22 | 16-11 | 31-26 | 15-10 | W.wins

Ance mair, my brethren o' the brod,
A gweed New Year I wis' yer
May blessin's meet you on life's road
An' a' misfortunes miss ye;
May love's bricht love licht up your hame,
An' fill yer hearts w' cneer,
An' wins, an' draws, an' pleasant game
Mak' sunshine a' the year.

An' a' we should hand dear; An' Gweed preserves frae ilka ill Throughout a' this New Year!

The Time of Joyous Festival

Since the beginning of the fifth century, not-withstanding there is a difficulty in accepting the twelfth month as the date of the nativity, it being the height of the rainy season in Judea where neither flocks nor shepherds could have been at night in the fields of Bethlehem, the 25th day of December has been generally agreed upon, set aside and kept by all Christian communities in memory of the birth of the Savior, apparently laying more stress on keeping a day in memory than on success in selection of the actual and precise date of the event.

In all civilized countries the annual recurrence of Christmas has been celebrated with festivities of various kinds. In none, however, is it more joyfully welcomed than in America, In one way or another, to some in a greater and some in a less degree, it brings feelings of joy and gratefulness to us all. During a recent interview with Mrs. Walker, living at No. 509 Locust street, McKeesport, Pa., the writer listened to the following story of a mother's gratitude and happiness for the rescue of her boy.

most intelligent and lovable, stands alone, visible wall of ice rose between him and Usually this division is caused, not by cannot keep step with the prevailing habit of thought of their companions.
"I knew before I married," said a young wife, that Ben made his living by raising cattle. But I did not suppose that he took any special interest in them as cattle. When he talks every day of Alderneys and

Master Jesse A. Walker, 509 Locust sirect, Mo

Holsteins, of marks and pedigrees, he bores me unspeakably, and I tell him so."

This lack of sympathy and indifference to what makes an essential part of her hus-band's life—in other words, the failure to In her own words Mrs. Walker said: "My son Jesse is 10 years old; ever since he was a babe of 2 he has suffered almost constantly from an augravated catarrhal trouble, with all its terrible symptoms. I something help and advice of a great many dectors, but none seemed to understand his case. He grew worse and worse; the disease had undernoised his whole system: he became thin and weak, losing flesh rapidly. I had given up all hope and almost believed he could not be saved, when I read of Drs. Copeland & Blair and deelded to try once more. It was the happiest decision I ever made. My boy has been saved. I can hardly express the gratitude I feel toward these eminent specialists for the work they have performed. I most sincerely recommend them to all afflicted." fall in step with her husband-will probably insure to this wife and her husband an unhappy domestic future.

Young people are often unwilling to fall in step. It is not easy for them to perceive that they and the friend who differs from them can both be right. Besides, some minds are apt to feel that there is a certain

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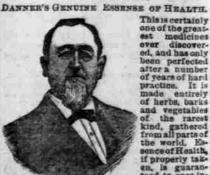
The Washington (State) Protective Association, a colored society, has been organized to encourage negro immigration.

The burning of a block of business buildings in Voroqua, Wis., entailed a loss of at least \$150,000, insurance, \$16,000. The extreme and moderate factions of the Italian Socialist party are endeavoring to unite and wage a vigorous campaign. —Dalmatian Italians protest against the an-nexation of their province to Croatia. Their ultimate wish is to be united to Italy.

-The body of Frank McGovern was found in the ruins of the Bristol block at Boston, which was burned on Wednesday night.

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To the Checker Editor of The Dispatch. 1

Please insert the following: Thomas Boyle, of the Southside, challenges G. D. Sherrow, of Pittsburg, to play a match of 20 games at checkers, wins and draws to count, for \$100 a side and the championship of Pittsburg, A forfeit of \$50 on behalf of Thomas Boyle will be deposited with the checker editor of This DISPATCH to-day (Saturday, December 37). This challenge will remain open for 30 days from date. At the expiration of said time, if this challenge is not accepted, Thomas Boyle will claim the championship of the city.

JOHN PRAIS. will claim the championship of the city.

JOHN PRAIS,

With authority from Thomas Boyle.

SOUTHSIDE, Dec. 25.

The above challenge was placed in our hands, and as the parties are known to each other, there can be no question but this will decide the disputed title of the Pittsburg championship. If Mr. Sherrow defeats Mr. Boyle in the proposed contest, we will not hesitate for one moment to acknowledge bim Pittsburg's champion. Until then we cannot give him that title, for we know well from the past that Mr. Boyle is his superior in every way as a checker player.

Mr. Rae, of Buena Vista, and Joseph Maize, of McDonald, while in the city, spent a very enjoyable time with the players of the city this week. Black men occupy squar 1 to 12; white men squares 21 to 32. Black men al-

In many families one member, often the

separate from the others, as though an in-

lack of love or good will, but by some differ

ence of manner or taste. In a word, they

istinction in belonging to the minority.

HOW WE ADVANCE.

classes. Laissez laire is done for, and men are beginning to see that a statesman in the next generation must attend to the land question, the labor question, sanitation and home life in cities, co-operation, government

and municipal controls of monopolies—or be relegated to the backyard feace.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

-Padlewski is supposed to be in Bulgaria.

-The Kenned; House, in Chattanooga, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$15,000 Thurs-day night.

-Superintendent Kline, of the Lake Shore, has ordered Brotherhood Telegraph to either

TO CORRESPONDENTS. WONDERFUL brain grafting discussed by

New York specialists in to-morrow's DIS-PATCH. The brain of a chimpanzee tran-ferred to the skull of a little girl results in suicide. A startling story. Twenty-four

DRIFTING APART. Families Go Asunder Because of a Dissimilarity of Tastes. Youth's Companion.]

A STUDY FOR NEW YEAR. By Dr. T. J. Brown. White.

Among the mountains of the land o' draughts, Where scent of heather on the breezes waits, Nineteen sagactous goats, with food well sated, Agreed to hasten homeward, ere belated. Ten white, nine black—They proved to all, that day, More just than mankind as to "Right of Way!"

So true was instinct, in their brain-pans set, They in the middle, from each path, they met, The leading rams were in a trepidation, But rubbing beards, took in the situation, (For there were no side jumps, no going back), Yet soon they settled how to cross the track. Civilization Going Forward With Science Instead of Grim War.

So moved along, or jumped, without more bother,
Until each company had crossed the other,
The moves were not alternate (solve it right!)
The black moved—sometimes thrice, likewise
the white.

8. A. Lucas,

Long may oor gweed, an!'—farrant game
Its honored place maintain,
An' shed its genial rays an' fame
To earth's remotest en'!
May every votary o' the brod
Upon this rolling sphere,
Find life a gladsome, tunefu' ode
Throughout this ness-born year!

An' as oor mimic men we move,
An' subtly scheme an' plan.
Gweed gird aroon's the hands o' love,
An' knit us man to man.
An' may we grow in strength an' skill,

on His Way East.

Emil Laga, a young German opera singer

HIS KIND OF ARGUMENT The Thin Man Objected to Taking the Abuse

"Is that a counterfeit?"

The thin man wasn't pleased. Everybody in the immediate neighborhood saw that but he pushed down his spectacles and re "How do I know?"

"Look at it!" commanded the melancholy man. "Is there grease on it? Has
the sun melted the edge off? Is the date upside down, or," he added, assuming an air
of wakeful and sonorous suspicion, "does it (Composed for THE DISPATCH.)
By Dr. E. W. Keeny, Newport, Ky.
Black: 6 pieces.

look as if I made it outen an old lead pipe?"
"It doesn't interest me, sir," said the thin man, endeavoring to give the impression that an illustrated furniture advertisement in his paper had secured his whole attention. "I don't care one way or t'other." "Don't?" cried the other, whose melan-choly had given way to anger. "Do you mean to say, sir, that a cross-eyed ticket seller has a right to tell me this coin isn't worth anything when the train is about at the station? Do you mean to insinuate that I am running a counterfeit factory, where I turn out 5-cent pieces with a bullet mold the defendants and worked for them just a man would work. Mr. Yost held that the other wells in the vicinity had been able to to work your cadaverous features into the expression you haven't courage enough to that that crooked-nosed ticket

olose down and not pump on Mr. Burleigh pointed to the testimony of 15 expert witnesses, which showed that if the wells were not pumped on Sunday, at least enough to keep the sait water out, there would be a crystallization of the sait there would be a crystallization of the sait and thus plug up the porces of the oil-bear-and t great necessity. Mr. Ferguson and Judge Bredin argued on the chemical side of the Judge Stowe took the papers, stating that

selection in seemed to lead additional selection on the melancholy person and he snatched the paper from the thin man's hand, seized him by the collar and shouted:

"Why don't you talk? Why don't you have courage enough to say that I'm an escaped bank thief, a forger, a rag picker, a dealer in second-hand handorgans? What do ye twitch yer whiskers for? Why don't you talk up like a man and back up the black-muzzied ticket seller? You know you think that's a counterfeit, why don't you say-

The thin man broke off the speech by disturbing the other's breakfast. He laid the melancholy man's form on the matting, and while his arms flew around like a windmill on a stormy day, he gasped:

on a stormy day, he gasped:

"I'm not 'Constant Reader' [whack]; I'm
not 'Veritas,' nor [whack] any o' those fellows [whack]; but if you want a downright
[whack] argument [whack] on counterfeits,
here's [whack] one o' my kind for you."

The brakeman escorted the melancholy man out at the next station and gently told him where the nearest druggist did business. TWENTY-FOUR PAGES will be furnished

Curtis Hessner, James Davis, M. Liston, H. S. Luckett, Frank Miller, David Grass, F. M. Stewart, 5; C. W. Barton, William Bennett, Moses Horenstein, James Mitchell, James O'Brien, Edward Schwekuger, Jessie Pallett, alias Green, 2; Mary Burke, 2; Robert Brown, Charles Coleman, alias Collett, Charles Gardner, Isaac Feinberg, Joseph Miller, George Roesser, John Boyle, Patrick Boyce, 2; Edward L. Suess, William Bartiey, David McKnight, Josephine Demling, 2; Isaac Wormser, Joshua Wormser, W. J. McGregor. every reader of to-morrow's DISPATCH. It will be a splendid number, TOO MUCH STUDY. The County Treasurer yesterday received from Harrisburg the warrants for the pay-Germany Agitated About the Excessive ment of the costs of the Aldermen and Jus-tices of the Peace in the mercantile license Schooling of Its Youth. Lewiston Journall

Germany is now much exercised abou her schools which are turning out a lot of well-crammed but uneducated boys and girls. By that I mean that the German schools overtax the memory at the expense of the reason and fail to discipline by overinforming. Children of tender years study habitually by dim lamp light, many times Wild Pursuit of a Bad Bovine in the Maine until after 11 o'clock, and are aroused in early morning to go to school at 8 o'clock on the strength of a bit of bread and a cup of coffee. Their eyesight is soon dimmed Thomas McReavey, who lives somewhere in Washington county, lately bought a yoke and they become puny in body. I asked a German woman "Why do so many Germans of 4-year old steers of William C. Holway for beef to use in the woods. The animals

find eyeglasses a necessity?" "Because," she replied, "the children study too much were already in the woods, where they had been through the summer, and the new owner started the other day to drive them in. The by candle light." The German Government is now prosecuting inquiries looking to reform in the school system of the empire. On July 1 all the German schools close, but after a summer vacation of four weeks they resume again. steers were found the first day, says the Whit-neyville correspondent of the Machias Re-publican, and after a hard race were driven The German schools, to be sure, have more interwoven holidays than ours; but this severe discipline exacts too much of tender years. Under-exercise of the body and overteams, so he obtained two stout ropes, each exercise of the mind is bad even for young colts—the trainers say—but for boys and girls it is a very serious mistake. We have two pale-faced young German cadets at the either rope, and two behind each steer to act as "file closers." He then commanded a Castle, 12 or 13 years of age. They are little men in their orange trimmed surtout uniforms, but last night our American colony got them to unbend in an oid-fashioned game of Yankee schoolboy tag, and the schoolma'am and all joined is—and I am the steers made a plunge ahead, snaking the men along at a fearful rate for a considerable distance, until sure the boys never before tasted so much sweet freedom in all their born days. The father of one of these German cadets distin

guished himself in the late war with

A GOOD TIME COMING.

Humanity Looks Always in the Future for

and leit them all prestrate upon the ground from sheer exhaustion, and with 40 leet of rope as a trophy of vic-tory won, he marched to the "bad lands." The next morning Mr. McReavey filled his Something Better. Men strive for earthly advancement. The poor boy, with scarce a shoe to keep the pockets with dougnuts and renewed the chase, which he kept up for four days. During that time it is estimated that a six-mile township had been crossed about foursoles of his feet from contact with the rugged soil, looks forward to the day when he shall sit, enthroned as it were, in the score times without any perceptible abate-ment of speed, and that steer is still going. Senate of his country; he strives, and he strives, and reaches the point; but once there, and is he content? No. There is a craving for greater honors-for further ad-No Fancy Damage Suits Wanted From That vancement. The monarch is restless under the burden of his supreme authority. He sighs for something else-he knows not what. No individual is satisfied "Say," blurted out the brakeman, abwith the present; we all regard the future as that which contains increased ruptly pausing in his stately march through enjoyment, as that which embodies perfect happiness. It is not so when we reach the The party addressed sported a novelty in bed of death. The vilest of the human race feel, when the time for dissolution arrives, chinchilla overcoats and a red mustache, He was too surprised to immediately reply, that there is yet something to erave-some-thing to indicate and exemplify progress. "Hurry up there, young feiler; tell me quick; soon be at the station!" It is the apread of the doctrine of the im-"None o' your blank, flam, jigwacked business," replied the passenger, between mortality of the soul to which may be attributed the grand results of what is termed "The grand and buoying reliance upon the suorts of rage.
"Tis my business, you'd better believe," continued the undisturbed brakeman. "The future"—upon something brilliant yet to be achieved—that proves, beyond a mortal doubt, this life is but the inception and the precursor of a longer and better one, in which there are no taxes, no bill collectors, no tight shoes, no boodle aldermen; nothing, in fact, except unalloyed happiness. company'll want to hear from me. Did ye get that overcoat in England?"
"To thunder with you and the grave robbing company," trumpeted the now thoroughly inturiated passenger. "D'ye sup-

RUDYARD KIPLING'S great story "The Light That Failed," and William Black's novel, "Stand Fast, Craig-Royston," are both concluded in THE DISPATCH to-morrow. concluded in THE DISPATCH to-morrow. Joaquin Miller's "City of the Desert," will

WENT BROKE IN ST. LOUIS.

who had evidently found more sorrow than ernment expense all Chinese laborers convicted of entering our territory in violation of the Chinese exclusion act. This applied to Chinamen smuggled over the Mexican and Canadian horders, as well as those coming direct from China. A resent decision by Judge Maxey, of the United States District Court of the Western district of Texas, however, will, if sustained, compel a material modification of this practice. It is, in effect, that the Government Chinese laborers who enter the United States from contiguous countries, unless evidence is produced that they came from China, or, in other words, that the language of law authorizing their "return to the country whose they came" should in such cases be construed to mean the contiguous countries and not China was sent to Cleveland.

Chief Elliot Aids a Stranded Opera Singer

Sunday, January 4.

Black announced mate in five moves.

XI.—Queen's Pawn Opening.

Steinttz.

Elack.

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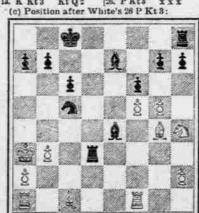
Chess News.

Mr. Thomas P. Bull, the editor of the chess column of the Detroit Free Fress, died December 12, after an illness of about ten weeks. His aliment was cancerous affection in the chest of long standing. For 25 years he has been a valued employe of the Michigan Central Railroad Company. "Mr. Bull was," says the Fress, "a man of extreme—one might almost say shrinking—modesty. He was a gentle sout thoughtful and considerate of others, and always ready to lend a helping hand. He was a man of fine attainments, but kept himself so much in the background that only close friends and intimates knew his real worth. In his death, Detrois loses a most exemplary citizen, and the chess world, in which Mr. Bull so delighted to live, a distinguished member."

The winter tourney of the Boston Chess Club began December 22. It is a two-class tournament, with handsome prizes for each.

Colonel Rockwell, for several years a resi-

NOTE. (a) The rest is devoid of interest, XX.-FIFTH GAME.



(a) This move gives Black the better game. (b) Mr. S, thinks the correct move is P K 4 or P K B 8, and attributes the loss of the game to