

PROFESSIONAL CHESS PROFITS.

The Pecuniary Rewards Small in View of Demands on the Intellect.

Professional chess players, considering the laborious nature of their work, the character of mind, and the long preparatory study required, are probably as ill paid as any kind of intellectual workers.

A few professional chess players are men of means, but for the most part the passion for the game leads the professional player to put aside material considerations in order to follow his bent.

Professional chess players are rarely men of liberal education and usually men of one idea. Chess has been the diversion of great and broad minded men, but it is commonly the business of men devoted to one idea.

Famous as chess has long been, there are comparatively few really skilled amateurs, and it is impossible to maintain anywhere a very large chess club.

There are some oddly placed chess experts in remote villages who come to New York perhaps once a year, as to the chess headquarters of the country.

The Pope's Private Apartments. To the pope's bedroom only his private valet and his secretaries have access.

Besides these, there is his private study, in which the table and chair stand upon a little carpeted platform, other tables being placed on each side upon the floor, together with an extremely uncomfortable but magnificent straight backed armchair.

This private apartment occupies the second floor, according to Italian reckoning, though we Americans should call it the third. It is on a level with Raphael's loggia.

The Rev. Robert MacDonald is one of Boston's clergymen who may be described as sympathetic preachers. He has an easy presence in the pulpit and a face whose character denotes sympathy.

Completed to the Wrong Man. The mendicant stood before the wayfarer with outstretched hand.

"Well, that's no affair of mine," said the wayfarer. "Make your kick to the weather man if you don't like this kind of a day."

The empress of Russia owns an ermine mantle which is valued at \$50,000. It is a present from her subjects belonging to the province of Kherson.

ELECTRICITY IN THE EARTH.

Is It the Awful Force That Will Finally Destroy the World?

"Take a spade, turn up a small quantity of soil, hold a portion in your hand, hold it to your ear, then smell it. You will observe first a slight motion, hear a faint sound as of the moving of distant timber, and readily notice the odor of heat. Do you know that the forces held in your hand are from electricity; that the earth for three feet deep is alive with the invisible power and forms the secret of vegetable life?"

"Electricity, as is being gradually shown, is fire—the fire of friction, if you will, the first known by the inhabitants of our globe. Look at an arc lamp and see its combined sparks as they emit from the carbons so swiftly that they are taken for a regular flame of eye bedazzling light.

The incident occurred when she was a pupil at one of the fashionable New York schools. She, with a party of girls from her class, presented herself at a certain furniture dealer's to choose a gift for a favorite teacher.

The proprietor very politely, but also very decidedly, informed the girls that he could not do as they asked.

"Why," said the daughter of the great petroleum magnate, "I think my papa has an office down on Broadway. Possibly we can get the money there."

"His name is Rockefeller," replied the girl simply; "John D. Rockefeller. He is in the oil business."

The merchant gazed and looked at the girl in amazement. "John D. Rockefeller your father? Is John D. Rockefeller good for \$25?" he repeated in excitement.

London's lord mayor has to put on three suits of clothes on taking office. He wears a wide sleeved, velvet faced, fur trimmed robe of purple silk rep on presenting himself to the lord chancellor at Westminster; this he uses afterwards as a police magistrate.

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Why He Didn't Take His Wife to Rio. A professor of mathematics in an eastern college is so completely absorbed in his profession that he is becoming more and more absentminded every day.

"You see, I wanted to take my wife out for a drive and give her some fresh air, but when I came to make preparations I suddenly remembered that I never had a wife."

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The directors of the Paris Grand Opera, in answer to criticisms that, although subsidized, they were producing foreign instead of French works, recently drew up a list by which they showed that during the past 20 years they had mounted 38 operas by Frenchmen and only 6 by foreigners, the two outsiders being Wagner and Verdi.

It seems that the last generation of Frenchmen were not so particular as to the nationality of musicians. From the year 1800 down to the present time the Paris Grand Opera has produced works by 106 French and 82 foreign composers.

The Selfish Bishop. A story used to be told that Bishop Wilberforce always crowded the seats of his first class carriage with his papers to gain himself a separate carriage, and when asked if these seats were occupied would reply, "Yes—occupied," adding in a low voice as the applicant went away, "but not engaged."

A new bon mot of Napoleon III is just reported. When Nicholas I of Russia congratulated him on coming to the throne, he addressed him as "my friend" instead of "my brother," the usual royal phrase. "This is most flattering," said the emperor. "We choose our friends. We cannot choose our relatives."

In the Cyclopaen buildings at Baalbec there are stones 60 feet long, 4 feet thick and 16 feet wide. Some of them are 30 feet above the foundation.

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Statement of Cash. Receipts and payments to March 23rd, 1896. RECEIPTS: Dues, \$247,767 26 Insurance 370 12 \$248,137 37

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