

THE GAME OF CHESS.

It is Probably the Oldest Pastime Known to Man.

The oldest game known to man is chess. The origin of this game, or mimic battle, as Goldsmith called it in his translation of Vida, dates back to 3000 B. C. It is rich in legendary anecdotes, and its venerable nomenclature has been transmitted through all changes in language from the earliest tongues of the Indo-European to the latest.

A peculiar thing about chess, with its combination of idle amusement and extreme mental toil, is that it is the only game sanctioned by priesthods of all beliefs. The principal piece in the game derives its name, king, from the Persian shah, or ruler.

Many men whose names have gone down to posterity, such as Charlemagne, Tamerlane, Frederick the Great, Charles XII., Voltaire, Rousseau and Ben Franklin, have been devotees and students of the game.

Chess is Asiatic in origin, and originally more attention was paid to it by Asiatic students and philosophers than by men of western countries. Of late years, however, its popularity has greatly increased among western nations, and national chess tournaments are now held by experts from nearly all countries.

The history of chess may be divided into three periods—the age of the primeval Indian game, extending from its origin down to the sixth century A. D.; the age of the mediaeval chess, from the sixth century to the sixteenth century, and the age of the modern chess, from the last of the sixteenth century to the present day. Of course many changes in the method of play took place in the course of development of the game, and as it is played now it is different from the game the ancients knew.

Chess has been played in nearly every country. Chessboards have been found among the ruins at Pompeii, and in the Roman Forum one may still see the outline of a checkerboard roughly scratched on the stone wall by some senatorial page of Caesar's time. In the orient both games have been played from time immemorial.

The Refreshment of Change.

A charming old lady who was socially inclined, but who was kept rather closely at home by the pressure of many cares, used sometimes to exclaim, "I do just love to drink out of somebody else's teacups!"

A fitting pendant to this agreeable anecdote is another of a little girl whose supper invariably consisted of bread and butter, milk and apple sauce, a monotonous diet, of which she frequently complained. One day she was asked out to supper at a neighbor's. At a late hour the hostess found that no apple sauce had been prepared for the little guest, so she sent one of the maids to the child's home for a supply. The little girl on returning to her mother was enthusiastic about the delightful visit and particularly about the "beautiful supper," when she had been allowed to pour milk and cream for herself from the daintiest little pitchers.

"And, oh, such good apple sauce, mamma, the best I ever tasted!"

Queer Decorations.

Many Japanese women gild their teeth. Women of Arabia stain their fingers and toes red. In Greenland women paint their faces blue and yellow. In India the women of three high castes paint their teeth black. A Hindoo bride is anointed from head to foot with grease and saffron. Borneo women dye the hair in fantastic colors—pink, green, blue and scarlet. In New Holland scars made carefully with shells form elaborate patterns on the women's faces. In some South American tribes the women draw the front teeth, esteeming as an ornament the black gap thus made.

His Explanation.

A bishop, recently returned from a tour of his diocese, according to the Springfield Republican, brought this story: He was the guest of one of the pillars of the church in a rural community. Beefsteak was the piece de resistance, and the guest sawed at it with such energy that its toughness was perfectly obvious. Finally the host thought it necessary to do something to save his reputation for hospitality. "It's fine meat," he remarked; "nice and tender. But, you see, we have to keep the knives very dull on account of the children."

Salt a Luxury.

Salt is the greatest luxury known in central Africa. In some sections among the poorer inhabitants salt is never used. Even among the better classes a man who eats salt with his food is considered a rich individual. In some tribes where salt is not so scarce children are so fond of it that they may be seen eating it like our American children would pieces of lump sugar.

HOW THE SEXES DIFFER.

Contrary Ways of Men and Women in Doing the Same Thing.

Ever watched a man as he takes a chair? He'll move it—every time, even if it's only an inch. He would not sit in it just where it was for the world. Watch him next time and see if he doesn't move it. A woman will seat herself without touching the chair. A woman is more philosophical anyhow.

Men are queer creatures, as every one knows. A man will always stir his coffee before drinking it. This is very foolish. He should taste it first to see if it needs stirring.

Few men open their personal correspondence without looking at the postmarks to see the time of posting. Women, on the other hand, tear open the envelope at once. They are in too much of a hurry to waste any time.

When a man puts on his hat he almost always looks inside it first. What he expects to see remains a mystery, but he looks for it, all the same.

He subjects the point of his pen to the same careful scrutiny before commencing to write a letter. A woman starts right off, jabs her pen in the ink pot and straightway begins to scribble as if her life depended on it.

It is the man who reads with his back to the light, holding his book in one hand. Herein lies wisdom. A woman rests her book on the table and leans both elbows thereon. But the foolishness of the man's act lies in the fact that he is seeking comfort and seldom takes this position because it is the most scientific one. Of course he finds it isn't comfortable. His arm aches after the first ten minutes, whereupon he puts his book down and remarks he is going out.

It is the man who lets out secrets—not by telling them, but by ill timed silence; He does worse; by refusing to gratify the curiosity of his questioners he invariably causes them to jump to conclusions much more damaging than the truth of the matter.—New York Press.

Diplomatic.

"Mr. Gidsmore," began the young man, "when you proposed to your wife—or to the estimable lady who is now Mrs. Gidsmore—did she tell you to ask her father?"

"She did, my boy," affably replied Mr. Gidsmore.

"And did you try to shirk the job?"

"Well, come to think of it, I did. I—I believe I tried to get her to do the asking, 'pon my soul! Ha, ha!"

"And when you did ask him—of course you had to speak to him finally?"

"Of course I did; of course."

"And when you did ask him did your knees shake, and was your tongue dry, and did you have stage fright generally?"

"I was scared to death."

"Well, that's the way I feel. I told Gladys I knew I could find some mutual bond of sympathy between us when I came to tell you that she has promised to marry me." —Life.

Silk From a Fish.

Byssus, of which fine, iridescent stockings and shawls are made in Sicily, is a silk made by a fish. The puina is a Mediterranean shellfish that has an odd little tube at the end of its tongue. Out of this tube, spider fashion or silkworm fashion, it spins a silk thread, with which it fastens itself to any rock that it wishes to adhere to. When the puina moves on its fastenings its silk cable remains behind. This cable, which is called byssus, the Sicilian fishermen gather. Byssus weaves into the softest, finest, sheeniest of fabrics, but it is very rare and expensive.—Popular Science Siftings.

On Even Lines.

In the olden days many a good Scotchman fought in the ranks of La Belle France. A MacDonald, whose sword had won him a captaincy, while at mess with his brother officers was jeered at by a provincial major for a foreigner. "Bah," exclaimed the sneerer, "you beggarly Scots but fight for gold!" "And what fights my brother Frenchman for?" exclaimed Mac. "For honor," exclaimed the Frenchman. "Well, well, man," coolly replied the Scot as he emptied his glass, "we both are fighting to gain what we need the most."

A Revelation.

In the midst of his passionate declaration she yawned slightly. Though, with her white and jeweled hand, she attempted to conceal the movement, it did not escape him. His torrent of burning words ceased. The light died in his eyes. "But why," he said hoarsely, "why speak to you of love? You are heartless—heartless. Your yawn showed it." "Oh, Clarence," she whispered, horror stricken, "did I open my mouth as wide as that?"

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