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Modjeska, of Poland, and Kate Claxton, of America.

CLAXTON TO LEAVE THE STAGE.

the Has Been Stricken with Paralysis. Modjeska's American Career-"The Two Orphans"-Charles Stevenson, Kate Claxton's Husband.

Madame Modjeska has denied the rumors that she is to become a member of the Booth-Barrett combination, and the theatrical publie will not have the privilege of seeing these three great artists expound Shakespeare in one company. Probably the chief reason why Modjeska will not join forces with Booth and Barrett is that enormous as are the profits made by the latter in their combination, there would not be a very great margin left for the middlemen after a division between a trio of high priced exponents of the bard. Moreover, Modjeska, appreciative as she undoubtedly is of the artistic advantages of a union with two such mimetic Napoleons as Booth and Barrett, her enthusiasm balts when her purse is in the scale, and she can make more money as Modjeska alone than she could were she but one of so noble a triumvirate.

MODJESKA'S AMERICAN CAREER. Modjeska is 45, although you would not think so to see her in Rosalind. She was Po-



ca. Her repertory in her native language included 284 parts. She was extremely popular in Russia early in the 70s, but it was worry over the tyranny of the Russian censorship and her failing bealth that induced her to leave the stage in

fore she thought of coming to Ameri-

1876. When she MODJESKA. came to America and settled on a ranch near Los Angeles, Cal., she had no idea of ever adopting the American stage. She hoped to establish a Polish colony in California. But she had been on the stage too long to be easily contented when separated from it, and it was not long before she began to sigh for laurels on this continent. She went to San Francisco in 1877 and studied English for four months. In this short time she gained a sufficient mastery of the language to appear at the California theatre as Adrienne Lecouvreur. On the first night the house was slim. But during the rest of the week, and the next, the house was packed to suffocation and her success was electric. Her piquant accent, her marvelous intensity and her magnetic appearance created an enthusiasm that is rare on the Pacific coast. From that time her career as an American actress has been a continual triumph. She adheres closely to her Shakespearean repertory now, her principal roles being Beatrice, Juliet and Rosalind.

Modjeska's English is very nearly perfect, as everybody knows, but she evidently lost confidence in it one day, for she asked a gentleman she was talking with what it was to have "the blues." "Oh!" he said, with perfect seriousness, "you mean the 'jimjams.'" What was his horror, some time after, when he overheard her telling some one, in the course of conversation, that she was feeling very badly, for she "had the jimjams terri-

KATE CLAXTON'S ILLNESS.

The fact that Kate Claxton, who recently suffered a severe stroke of paralysis while in Minneapolis, will have to retire from the stage will be regretted by a great number of people, especially in the west, where her popularity is unbounded. Although Kate Claxton has infrequently played "The Two Orphans" during the past few years, it was the play in which she achieved her great reputation. She is 41 years of age, and first appeared on the stage with Lotta. She soon afterward became a member of Daly's Fifth Avenue Theatre company in New York, and then of the Union Square company, but attracted little attention. When "Led Astray" was produced in New York in 1873 she be-

came famous as Mathilde. In the early part of the season of 1876, at the Union Square theatre, under Mr. A. M. Palmer, "The Two Orphans" was produced with enormous success. Her Louise was never altogether equaled by her successors in

the part, although Sara Jewett, Nina Varian and others acted it untll finally the play came under her exclusive control. She starred in it for some seasons. Shook & Palmer held the ownership of the drama for I some years, and it was at a special revival of it, under their management, that the fatal de-



struction of the Brooklyn theatre by fire took place. Kate Claxton became widely known for her coolness on that occasion, and by her efforts to calm the audience and prevent the rush for the doors, in which so many were killed. The tragic circumstances of this event gave a peculiar interest or notoriety to the actress, and her presence in the Southern hotel at St. Louis, when that house was burned, was remarked on as an odd coincidence. In this fire she also displayed great bravery and coolness, saving ber own and her brother's life, and escaping by a burning stairway that fell just after her foot had left the last step. After this many superstitious people, regarding her as specially unlucky, avoided the theatres when she played.

She continued to act in "The Two Orphans" for nearly ten years, acceptably to the public and with a steady accumulation of profit, She certainly tired of its constant success and made trials of many other pieces, "Constance," by Lancaster and Magnus, was in her repertory. For a while she availed herself of "The Sea of Ice." In 1879, at the Lyceum theatre (New York), she produced "The Double Marriage," a version of "White Lies," by Charles Reade.

An addition could be made to this list of plays essayed by her in attempting to escape from "The Two Orphans." Her powers are limited, but definite.

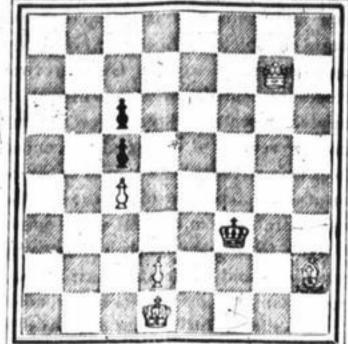
KATE'S MARRIED LIFE. When quite young Kate Claxton married Isidor Lyon, a New York merchant, but was subsequently divorced. In 1878, March 3, she was married to Charles Stevenson, an actor, whose capacity in affairs has been marked.

A. Latham, actor and ball player, is in Boston. The price of salt at the Hub has advanced five-eighths in less than three days, -Pittsburg Leader.

CHESS AND CHECKERS.

From The Chess Handbook."

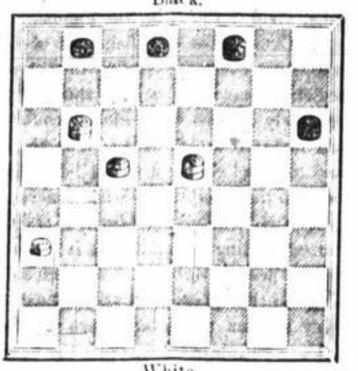
Problems for Those Who Are Expert to CHESS.



White,

White to move his King alone and mate in five moves.

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SOLUTIONS. Last week's checker problem: Black-1, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, *31,

2. Q K Kt 2

White-5, 17, 20, 22, 23, 80, 82, 14 19 6 15 80 25 24. 15 W. wins. Last week's chess problem: White. Black. 1. Q Q Kt 2 1. K tks R

3. Q mates. "STEAM ENGINE" GALVIN.

2...K moves.

He Is the Pitcher of the Pittsburg Team,

and Knows a Little About Ball. James F. Galvin (familiarly called "Steam Engine" Galvin), the famous pitcher of the Pittsburg club, is considered one of the most reliable men in the profession. He has been playing ball for a great many years. He was born in St. Louis thirty-five years ago, and in the occupation of a blacksmith he first developed the muscle which he displays in his cannon ball curves.

He began his career as a pitcher in 1875 with an amateur club of his native city. In

1876 he pitched for the St. Louis Red Sox, an independent professicnal team, which had remarkabla success that season, and he gained such a reputation that his services were in great demand. While with the Red Sex, in a game, against the Cass club, of Detroit, played Aug. 17, 1876, at Iona, Mich., be, for the first

time in the history of the national JAMES F. GALVIN. game,accomplished the remarkable feat, in a full nine inning contest, of not permitting even one of the opposing team to reach first base. Not a base hit was made by the Cars team, nor did any man reach first base on an error. Galvin, however, had previously that season been credited with the feat of retiring his opponents without a safe hit, he shutting out the Philadelphia club July 4, 1876. In 1877 be

Pittsburg, which made a great fight that seaon for the championship of the International In 1878 the managers of the Buffalo club obtained his services, and many games in the championships series of the International association were won by his effective pitching. In the winter of 1879-80, not being satisfied with the salary offered him by the Buffalo club, Galvin went to San Francisco, and

joined the then noted Allegheny club, of

pitched for the Athletic club of that city. Galvin was signed by Manager Phillips and in 1886 played with the Pittsburg club, which was then in the American association.

The Pittsburg club jumped into the National league that winter, and Galvin was once more among his old friends. He has done faithful work for the Pittsburg club ever since he became a member of it.

At the bat Galvin has never ranked very high, but in fielding in his position he has only few equals, and he is acknowledged by all to be the best pitcher in the country to hold base runners on their bases. His greatest pitching feat for Pittsburg was the shutting out of Boston with a solitary scratch hit July

Stanley the Bicycliste.



Here is a cut of Miss Lottie Stanley, of Pittsburg, who won the recent six day female bicyclist race in New York, going 610 miles and 4 laps, and became thereby champion bicycliste. It is understood that Mr. Troy, who manages eight of the recent match girls who rode, has arranged for a long series of contests between them similar to the one in New York.

Von der Ahe has signed Duffee, a Southern

league fielder.

Beatin, a pitcher last season for Detroit, has signed with Cleveland. There is little doubt that Hartford will be

represented in the Atlantic association. Louisville has signed ten men. Browning, Hecker, Cooke, Stratton and Vaughn are still

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terms of A. P. Albert, short stop of last year's

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