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is chess, which the oldest Persian and Arabic authorities state to be of Indian origin. We find the game specifically referred to in Sanskrit literature 200 years before the birth of Christ. Enthusiasts to-day might deem the

methods then in vogue somewhat primitive, the board usually called an "eight square" to distinguish it from the board on which parchisi or backgammon was played. In the earliest known attempt at romance in Indian literature the "Harsacarita," there is a punning passage, which reads: "Under this monarch * * * only nees: quarrel in collecting dews (dues); the only feet cut off are those in meter; only chess boards teach the position of the four members." That was written in the first half of the seventh century. There is a Persian tradition to the effect that an Indian sovereign sent a Persian monarch the game of chess between 531 and 579 A. D. By way of returning the compliment the latter King sent the former the game of ward or

backgammon. The game was introduced to the Flowery land as comparatively recently as the sixth century (A. D.). It was probably first known in Spain in the tenth century, for in the eleventh we already find it a popular amusement. At the beginning of the twelfth it began to be known in this country, as well as in France and Germany; and it unfortunately has to be recorded that at the close of the century it had become a favorite gambling game all over the continent of Europe. Many men who have figured prominently in the pages of the world's history were pas- water.

sionately fond of the game. Perhaps the most noted example of this was Louis XIII., who, though he hated games of chance so much that he would not allow them to be played at his court, was nevertheless so amazingly keen on chess that he played even while riding in his carriage. It is interesting to record in this con-

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John Frederick, Elector of Hanover, proved that the ruling passion was strong in death. He had been made prisoner in 1547 by Charles V., and was playing chess with Ernest of Brunswick, his fellow captive, when he got the news that he was condemned to die. He merely made a few remarks on the irregularity of the Emperor's proceedings and coolly went on with his game. On winning it he expressed his Dispensing keen satisfaction; then he betook himself to the religious exercise befitting one in his unenviable situation.-London Express.

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