

CHECKMATED AND WON.

"Do you play the 'Royal Game,' Miss Kensington?" "Sometimes," was the young lady's reply. And at the next moment the gentleman was placing the men on the board.

"I observed, Miss Kensington, that you came with Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn," was Mr. Lovell's next remark. "Yes; they called for me. It is only a very little out of their way," and she was about to add, "they will leave me at my home, on their return," but was prevented by Mr. Lovell, who said:

An Incident of the War. The historian of "The Lost Cause," Edward A. Pollard, declares that the defeat of the Confederate Army of the Valley, near Winchester, Va., Sept. 19, 1864, was the beginning of the downfall of the Confederacy—since that victory, with the operations of the following month in the same quarter, destroyed the military power of the rebellion in the valley, closed permanently that broad highway of Northern invasion, by which the South had been able so long and so successfully to divert the war from the interior of Virginia to its boundaries, and effectually circumscribed the territory in that State.

A Riot Among Lepers. The great Leper Asylum at Mahaica, in British Guiana, has recently been the scene of a riotous outbreak, which threatened to be attended with much bloodshed and some loss of life. Fortunately, however, the riot was quelled, and its only result will be to hasten the adoption of additional precautionary measures which the Government of the Colony has long contemplated in its dealings with this troublesome portion of the community.

Daniel Drew. Daniel Drew was in many respects a genius. He was not only a cool, cautious, crafty financier, but he had a thorough knowledge of horse flesh, and could gauge the weight of a herd of cattle at a glance. He was at home with worldly men, many of whom learned by bitter experience that the old man was a match for the best of them; but it was among the ministers and church members that he shone resplendently. With a soft voice, in language as free from art as his soul seemed to be from sin, and with a never-changing smile, Uncle Dan always carried his point with professors of religion.

The Law of Hotels. Ignorance of the law is one of the prerogatives of American citizenship and whoever writes a book on the law of any subject of everyday life brings out a great deal of news, though he does nothing but popularize the old common law. A book on the relations of host and guest, which has lately been published, covers the hotel question in a way that furnishes considerable information, even if the style of the work is disagreeable and often vulgar.