

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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To CORRESPONDENTS.

OLIVER MCGILL, Yarmouth.—Your last post-card would doubtless have been quite interesting if you had not forgotten to record the play by which you proposed to solve the problem. As, however, you unfortunately neglected this little formality, the communication was quite unintelligible.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 335.—The position was: black kings 14, 27; white men 17, 31, 29; black to play and draw. We deferred giving the solution in its regular order last week in order to give problemists a further opportunity to solve it. The result has been that Mr. Wickwire, of Shubenacadie, has sent us the following, which is correct, and entitles him to the prize that we offered and which we have mailed to him.

14—9	6—2	15—18	14—17
17 13	18 14	13 9	
0—6	2—6	18—22	drawn.
29 25	14 9	17 14	
27—23	6—1	22—17	
25 22	9 5	14 10	
23—19	19—15	17—14	
22 18	21 17	10 7	

PROBLEM 337.—The position was: black men 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 24; white men 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 26, 30, 31, 32; black to play and win.

24—27	1—6	31 24	6—31
18 9			b. wins.

GAME 222.—"OLD FOURTEENTH."

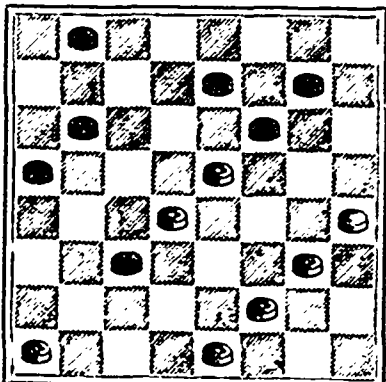
Called from *The Manitoban*, Winnipeg, by Mr. Wickwire, of Shubenacadie, and given to us.

11—15	8—11	6—9	12—19
23 19	26 23	13 6	24 15
8—11	3—8	2—9	17—22
22 17	23 14	25 18	*28 24
4—8	9—18	9—13	
17 13	21 17	17 14	
15—18	18—22	10—17	
24 20	25 18	32 28	
11—15	15—22	5—9	
28 24	30 25	19 16	

* This brings us to the following position, which we present as

PROBLEM 339.

Black men, 1, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 22.



White men 15, 18, 20, 24, 27, 29, 31
Black to play and win. This may seem a rather easy problem, but we think that a close examination will show our readers that it is both interesting and critical.

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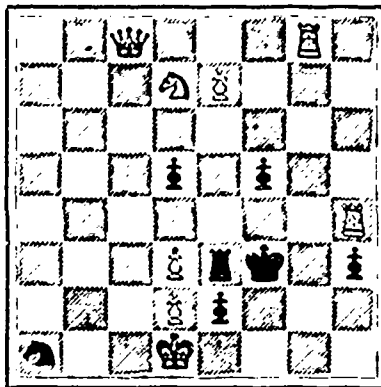
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SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 181.
Q—R8, etc.

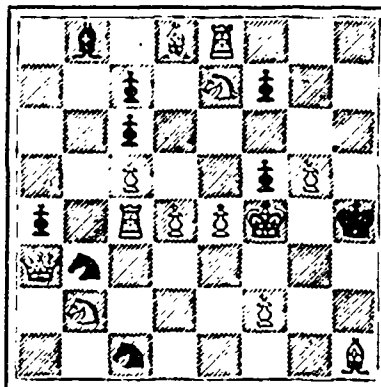
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 182.
B—KB3

PROBLEM 185.
White 8 pieces.



Black 7 pieces.
White to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM 186.
Black 9 pieces.



White 13 pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.

COMMENTS.

The answer to the sui-mate given two weeks ago is R—QKt7 etc. etc.

The game given this week is too long to admit of further notes under this heading, and an interesting four mover has to be held over until next week.

GAME 173.

HISTORICAL CONTESTS.

Paul Morphy's Coup d'Essai.

Whisper low. The wreaths, immortal, and the crumpled diadem of a greatness gone that was past compare.

Many had heard the traditions of the adventurous Knights who joined Sir Palamedes in his noble game. Many had heard of the renowned Syracusan, Paolo Boy, who fought Charles the V and vanquished him; whose victory over Don John of Austria, the victor of Lepanto, was commemorated by the construction of a court of 64 large squares of black and white marble, and the repeated playing on it with living men of the martial game between vanquished and vanquisher; whose victories over the Popes elicited from Paul III the offer of a Cardinal's hat, immediately after the administering of one glorious mate in the thronged Vatican; and whose lessons to the Lady Erminia, the beautiful and pallid flower of Venice, and ward of the aged Barberigo, taught her, by flight with her perceptor, to give to the selfish designs of her guardian what they so richly deserved,

an unexpected checkmate. But who had ever dreamt that the feats of the Paolo Boy would be elipsed as they have been by those of "the boy Paul?" His coolness and concentration over the chess board, his immunity from fatigue, his courteousness and tact, singularly fitted him to earn and receive, as he afterwards did, the homage of the whole chess world.

IRREGULAR GRECO GAMBIT.

Played at New Orleans.
WHITE. BLACK.
Paul Morphy at the age of 12. Paul Morphy's Uncle.

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| 1 P—K4 | P—Kt4 |
| 2 Kt—KB3 | Kt—QB3 |
| 3 B—B4 | P—B4 |
| 4 P—Q4 | Kt—B3 |
| 5 Castles | P—Q3 |
| 6 Kt—Kt5 | P—Q4 |
| 7 P tks QP | Kt tks P |
| 8 Kt—QB3 | QKt—K2 |
| 9 Q—B3 | P—B3 |
| 10 QKt—K4 | P tks Kt |
| 11 Q—B7ch | K—Q2 |
| 12 Q—K6ch | K—B2 |
| 13 Q tks KPch | Q—Q3 |
| 14 Q tks Qch | K tks Q |
| 15 Kt—B7ch | K—K3 |
| 16 Kt tks R | P tks P |
| 17 P tks P | K—B3! |
| 18 P—QKt4!! | B—K3 |
| 19 R—Ksq | B—Ktsq |
| 20 B—Kt2ch | K—Kt4 |
| 21 R—K5ch | K—R3 |
| 22 B—Bsq ch | P—KKt4 |
| 23 R tks P | R—Ksq |
| 24 R tks Kt dis ch | K—Kt2 |
| 25 K—RKt5ch | K tks Kt |
| 26 B—Kt2ch | B—Kt2 |
| 27 B tks B mate. | |

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