

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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CHAMPIONSHIP OF ENGLAND.

The tournament to decide the championship of England, which has been vacant since the death of James Smith, of Spennymoor, in February last, and open to all English draught players, commenced on Monday, the 30th of March, at the Polytechnic Institute, Regent Street, London. Sixteen players entered the lists hailing from all quarters of England. The players were paired by ballot, and it was agreed that each tie should be decided by the best of six games, the losers retiring each round. The competitors were as below and paired as follows:

Christie, of Sunderland, vs. Horsfall, of Halifax; Dunne, of Warrington, vs. Butler, of London; McLay, of London, vs. Granger, of London; Kear, of Bristol, vs. Jordan, London; Richmond, of Marsden, vs. Battie, of Liverpool; Moriarty, of London, vs. Bradley, of Hull; Gardner, of Leeds, vs. Teschtleit, of London; Freeman, of London, vs. Lewis, of London.

At the commencement of play Richmond, Battie and Gardner were looked upon as the probable winners, and the two former being paired in the first round they attracted general attention.

The decisive game between them was as follows:

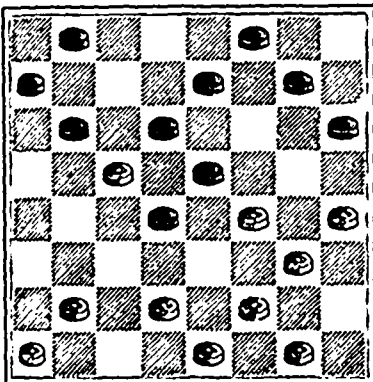
GAME 101—"WHITE DYKE."

11-15	10-17	11-15	6-10
22 17	21 14	26 23	
5-11	4-8	6-9	
17 14	24 20	30 26	
9-18	15-18	2-6	
23 14	28 24	23 19	

This play brought about the following position, which we present as

PROBLEM NO. 217.

Black men 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9,
10, 12, 15, 18.



White men 14, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26,
27, 29, 31, 32.

White to play and win.

SOLUTION.

Problem No 215—The position was:
Black men 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14,
king 32; white men 13, 17, 20, 21,
22, 23, 26, 30, 31. White to play.
What result?

31 27	23 16	30 23	2 7
5-9	12-19	18-27	10-14
23 19	7 3	14 9	17 10
32-16	8-12	6-10	1-5
26 23	3 8	21 17	7 16
10-15	14-18	27-32	12-19
17 10	22 17	9 6	drawn.
9-14	19-23	32-28	
10 7	17 14	6 2	
16-19	23-26	28-24	

We have failed to find a black win, but if there is one would be obliged to

any of our readers to point it out to us.—[Ed.]

Mr. McGill, of Yarmouth, is the only one who sent us the above play.



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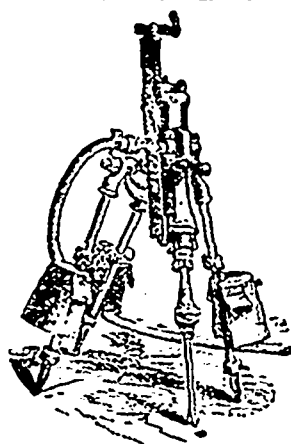
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