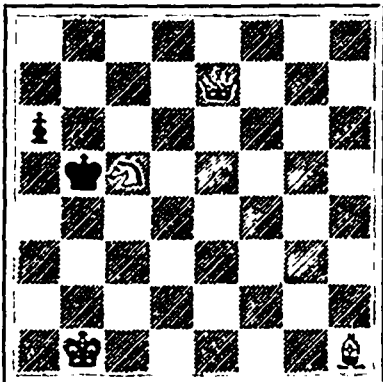


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SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 191.
R-Ksq etc.

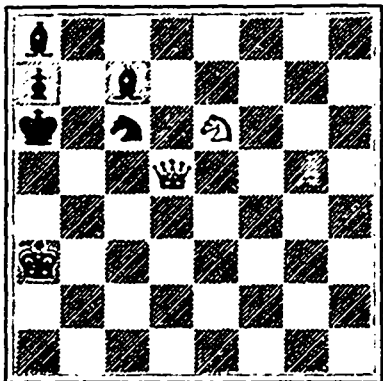
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 192.
B-KK14

PROBLEM 195.
Black 2 pieces.



White 4 pieces.
White to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM 196.
Black 4 pieces.



White 4 pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME 179.

This is a specimen of the Ruy Lopez, which becomes interesting from the start. Between his eleventh and thirteenth moves black's play is weak.

RUY LOPEZ.

WHITE Heywood.	BLACK Lord.
1 P-K4	P-K4
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3
3 B-K15	Kt-B3
4 P-Q3	B-B4
5 P-B3	P-Q3
6 Castles.	Castles
7 B-R4	B-KKt5
8 B-B2	Kt-K2
9 P-Q4	P x P
10 P x P	B-K13
11 Kt-B3	Kt-K13
12 B-K15	P-KR3
13 B x Kt	Q x B
14 Kt-Q5	Q-K3
15 Kt x B	RP x Kt
16 K-Rsq	Kt-R5
17 P-Q5	Q-B3
18 Q-Q4	B x Kt
19 Q x Q	B x KtPch
20 K-Ktsq	P x Q
21 Resigns.	

COMMENTS.

The following notice refers to an ex-Halifaxian and should therefore be of interest. It is taken from the *New York Recorder* of the 18th inst. The "association" referred to is the "New York State Chess Association," about the strongest organization of its class in the country.

The winner of the sixth handicap tournament of the association, Mr. Hermann Helms, is well known to

The Recorder's readers. He recently won the junior championship of the Brooklyn Chess Club, and that of the Brooklyn Y. M. C. A. Chess Club. His style of play is an excellent one; he is cautious, as a rule, steady and brilliant when opportunities offer. It is safe to say that he is the strongest among the young chess players of the Greater New York.

In one of the sessions of the continuous tournament in the Brooklyn C. C. Mr. Helms made a remarkable score of 152 games won to 42 lost—that is, .791 per cent. He has been champion of the Y. M. C. A. Club several times in succession.

Mr. Helms is an excellent solver of problems. Those who compete in The Recorder's solving contests know it but too well.

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MINING OUTLOOK.—Dullness is the general feature of gold mining, that is, when sales of properties are looked for. At most mining camps there is the usual activity, and prospecting is being prosecuted to a considerable extent. A rapid glance at the districts east of Halifax proves that work is being pushed on many old properties. At Montagu the two English companies and the Salisbury Company keep at work with varying success. At Lawrencetown there is great activity in prospecting, and if a stamp mill was running in that locality it would doubtless receive a large amount of custom work and tend to facilitate the opening up of the district. At Lake Catcha there is a lull in the large returns of the Oxford mine, but this property the Anderson and Cogswell are of undoubted value, and sooner or later will be heard from. In Tangier Barton and Murphy are hard at work, and at Mooselands the Mooselands Gold Mining Company so well managed by Mr. Stenshorpe continues its regular gold yield. Prospecting is also being done by Mr. Mason and others. The Dufferin mine at Salmon river is yielding low grade ore, but this may change in character at any moment. With its large leads, its splendid facilities for mining and milling ore at the minimum of cost, this mine should pay on very low grade ore. At Isaac's Harbor the Richardson, North Star and other properties are being extensively worked, the Richardson yielding large profits and giving every indication of proving a lasting mine, and the same may be said of the North Star property. The trouble over the Palgrave properties is reported nearing a settlement, and this noted mine may in the near future be again numbered amongst the producers. At Country Harbor the Copeland and St. John companies have valuable mines, and the former company must have already won considerable profit. At Wine Harbor, Sherbrooke and other districts in Guysboro county there is nothing of importance to report or we should have heard from our valued correspondents in that section. One matter of news we have received and that is that Alex. McQuarrie, late manager of the Annand mine at Montagu, is opening up the Cochrane Hill mine. Mr. Dean S. Turnbull, manager of the Killag mine has placed the property in fine order, and is mining good pay ore. Good reports continue to come in from Mooselands and Caribou. In the former district Mr. D. Touquoy continues to win regular returns, and in the latter the Dixon mine is in the same category. The old Lake Iodo mine is being opened up by Mr. Sanders, and the Truro company's property on account of some internal difficulties is to be sold at auction. The Hardman and Taylor mines at Oldham are giving the usual large gold yields, and must be the best paying gold mines in the Province. We have no late reports from the Rhode Island and Columbia Mining companies in the same district. The West Waverley is the only producing company in the Waverley district at present, but the Tunnel company (Gue and Wilson) are getting rich quartz from the tunnel under Laidlaw's hill, and have timber out for a mill. At the Rawdons and Uniacke the returns are small at present but good work is being done, and some important discoveries of gold bearing leads have been made. Yarmouth county has not been heard from for some time, and very little news comes from Queens and Lunenburg counties. In the former county are such noted mines as the Molega, Whiteburn, Brookfield, Boston and Queens county, and in the latter the Millisigate and Pleasant River. An American company are now prospecting at Millisigate, and have cut a large gold bearing lead. A glance over the field shows that there is much real work being done in gold mining, giving profitable employment to a large number of miners and laborers.

IRON TITLES AT ARISAG.—As is generally known great care has to be exercised in this Province in taking up mining properties other than gold or silver. In the oldest grants only coal, gold, silver and precious stones etc. were reserved, while later grants reserved in addition iron, copper and lead. The result is that in some cases iron, copper and lead belong to the owners of the soil, in other cases to the Government. Therefore prospectors before taking out leases over such properties should carefully examine the original grants to find out what was reserved. Neglect to do this has just resulted in trouble at Arisag which is thus described by "RAMBLER" in the *Stallarton Journal*. "I hear there's a pretty fuss at Arisag, where the new iron mines are located. Certain parties secured leases of iron ore areas from the government, and thinking the leases were O. K., opened the mines and shipped a large quantity of ore to the furnace at Ferona. Now it is asserted that the mineral was not the government's to dispose of. It belongs to the proprietors—not having been reserved. Some of the proprietors hadn't thought of this. One wily fellow, however, knew about it. He did not step in at first and stop proceedings. Had he done that the ore might have been decreed. He waited till the ore was true and tested, then stepped forward and said, 'Gentlemen, you are trespassers: the ore belongs to the proprietors. It is further said that one cute fellow went round among the proprietors and got them to bond their properties. He is master of the situation.'

PERSONAL.—Geo. W. Stewart has resigned the managing directorship of the "Truro Gold Mining Company."

Mr. G. F. Monckton, late of Sherbrooke, N. S., has gone to British Columbia to engage in mining. Mr. Monckton was a member of the Mining Society of Nova Scotia and was quite actively engaged at one time in gold mining in the Sherbrooke district. We wish him every success in his new field of labor.

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