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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ANDREW WHITE, N. F.—Your note is received with thanks. Accept best wishes for a pleasant voyage and a safe return.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 53.—This, it will be remembered, was an end position, growing out of Game XIV, by Mr. W. Campbell, of Glasgow, in the *West Lothian Courier*. Solved by Mrs. Moseley and "Dixie." Position:—black men, 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 18; white men, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32; white to move and win: 20 16 14—21 30 5 30—23 12—19 20 23 21—30 27 2 21 17 19—26 31 26 w. wins

PROBLEM 54.—Solved by Mrs. Moseley and "Dixie." Position:—black men, 2, 11, kg., 22; white man, 24, kgs., 3, 28; white to move and win.

3 7 10 14 24 19 26 23
(1)11—15 18—23 15—24 7—11
7 10 14 18 27 26 23 19
15—18 22—15 2—7 w. wins

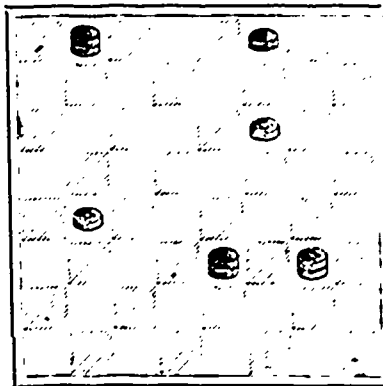
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11—16 6—9 13—17 29—25
7 11 23 18 18 14 14 18
16—20 22—17 17—22 25—29
28 32 15 10 19 23 18 22
20—27 9—13 22—25 white
32 23 10 15 23 26 wins.
2—6 17—21 25—29
11 15 15 19 26 30

PROBLEM 57.

By R. A. Gurley.

Black—man, 3, kgs, 1, 23



White—men, 11, 17, kg., 24.
Black to move and win.

PROBLEM 58.

Black—kgs, 14, 14, 22, 23.

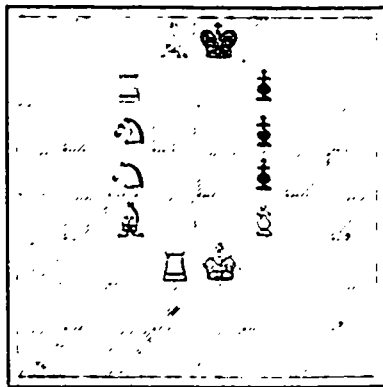


White—men 12, 21, kgs, 2, 32.
Black to play and win.

CHESS.

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The Egg of Columbus.
(From *Tomlinson's Annual*)
BLACK.



WHITE

This scientific Egg is to be broken in such a manner that White shall in twenty moves give mate with the Pawn, without taking one of the Black Pawns.

GAME NO. 26.

A well contested partie, played April 18th, 1888, in the championship tournament of the Manhattan Chess Club, New York:—

SCOTCH GAMBIT.

WHITE.	BLACK.
Mr. W. M. De Visser.	Mr. D. G. Baird.
1 P to K4	P to K4
2 KKt to B3	QKt to B3
3 P to Q4	P takes P
4 Kt takes P	B to B4
5 B to K3	Q to B3
6 P to QP3	KKt to K2
7 Kt to B2(a)	B takes B (b)
8 Kt takes B	P to Q3
9 Kt to Q2	Castles
10 Q to B2	K to R
11 P to KKt3(c)	Kt to K4
12 B to K2	Q to R3(d)
13 P to KB4	P to KB4
14 P takes Kt(e)	Q takes Kt
15 P takes QP	QBP takes P
16 Q to Q3	Q takes Q
17 B takes Q	P takes P
18 B takes P	B to R6(f)
19 Castles (QR)	P to Q4
20 B to B2	Kt to B4
21 B takes Kt	R takes B
22 QR to K(g)	P to Q5
23 P takes P	R to QB(ch)
24 K to Kt	R to KB7
25 Kt to K4(h)	B to B4
26 K to R	B takes Kt
27 R takes B	R takes RP
28 R to Q	P to KR3
29 P to R3	QR to B7
30 P to Q5	R takes P
31 P to Q6	R to R7(ch)
32 K to Kt	KR to QKt7(ch)
33 K to B	

Drawn (i).

NOTES

(a) The Meitner-Fleissig attack, introduced by those Viennese masters at the International Congress of 1882.
(b) Opinions differ as to Black's best reply, but the weight of authority is with the text continuation, which is approved by Dr. Zukertort, Capt. Mackenzie and von Bardeleben, the first, however, continuing 8 Kt takes B, P to Q3; 9 Kt to Q2, B to K3, instead of 9 * * Castles, as in the text. Steinitz, we believe, recommends 7 * * B to Kt3.
(c) We should have preferred 11 Kt to B3, intending 12 Castles (QR), and to begin a rapid assault on the K's side by P to KR4 in due course
(d) Probably the best move, as fol-

lowed up, to neutralize the menaced advance of the adverse KBP.

(e) Better seems 14 Castles (QR), when if 14 * * Kt to Kt5, then 15 Kt takes Kt, P takes Kt; 16 P to B5, Q to Kt4; 17 P to KR4, etc., and if 14 * * Kt to Kt3, then 15 B to Q3, P takes P, 16 Kt takes P, etc., in either case a fine attacking position. The text play, it is true, secures the isolation of Black's QP, but White's attack becomes nearly, if not quite, dissipated by the forced exchanges resulting.

(f) Manifestly, in order to keep the K's side locked up, Black plays in good style all along here.

(g) Seemingly an oversight, 22 Kt to Kt3 apparently was proper, and would have prevented the neat little combination at once instituted by Black.

(h) And this mistake costs a valuable P. Either 25 Kt to B4, and then if 25 * * P to QKt4, 26 Kt to K3, or 25 R to Q and if 25 * * B to Kt5, 26 Kt to K4, seems an available continuation.

(i) "It was suggested," says our correspondent, who sends us the game, "that Mr. Baird might have played to win by exchanging one of the Rooks and attacking the QP, but he was short of time, and I presume did not wish to risk anything." The suggestion, apparently, is in order, e. g.: 33 * * R to R8(ch); 34 K takes B, R takes R. 35 R to K6, K to Kt; 36 K to B3, K to B2; 37 R to K7(ch), K to B3, 38 R takes QKtP, R takes P; 39 R takes RP, P to R4; 40 P to R4, P to Kt4, 41 P to R5, K to B4; 42 P to R6, K to Kt5; 43 R to R8, K takes P, and must win shortly. But the end game was almost certainly beyond analysis over the board and under a time limit.—*New Orleans Times Democrat*.

GAME NO. 27.

Played in Baltimore, November 18, 1859—Mr. Morphy giving the Knight to Mr. Nicholson:—

WHITE.	BLACK.
Mr. Morphy.	Mr. Nicholson.
1 P to K4	P to K4
2 P to KB4	P takes P
3 KKt to B3	P to KKt4
4 B to B4	B to Kt2
5 Castles	P to KR3
6 P to B3	P to Q3
7 Q to Kt3	Q to B3
8 P to Q4	KKt to K2
9 B to Q2	Castles
10 B to Q3	QKt to B3
11 QR to Ksq	B to Kt5
12 P to KR4	B takes Kt
13 R takes B	P to QKt3
14 P takes P	P takes P
15 R to R3	Kt to Kt3
16 Q to Qsq	Kt to R5
17 P to KKt3	P takes P
18 R takes P	B to R3
19 P to K5	P takes P
20 B takes KtP	
(After this Black's defence is difficult.)	
20	B takes R
21 Q to R5	Kt to K2
(An oversight, of course. He should have played Kt to K3)	
22 Q to R7	Mate

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Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed Tender for the St. Lawrence Canal, will be received at this office until the arrival of the eastern and western mails on *Tuesday the 25th day of September next*, for the construction of two locks and the deepening and enlargement of the upper entrance of the Galois Canal. And the deepening and enlargement of the summit level of the Cornwall Canal. The construction of a new lock at each of the three interior locks situated on the Cornwall Canal between the town of Cornwall and Maple Grove; the deepening and widening the channel way of the Canal; construction of bridges &c.

A map of each of the localities together with plans and specifications of the respective works, can be seen on and after *Tuesday the 11th day of September next*, at this office for all the works, and for the respective works at the following mentioned places.
For the works at Galops, at the lock-keeper's House, Galops. For deepening the summit level of the Cornwall Canal, at Dickson's Landing; and for the new locks &c., at the lock-station Nos. 18, 19, and 20, at the Town of Cornwall. Printed forms of tender can be obtained for the respective works at the places mentioned.

In the case of firms there must be attached the actual signatures of the full name, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same and, further, a *bank deposit receipt* for the sum of \$6,000 must accompany the tender for the Galois Canal Works, and a *bank deposit receipt* for the sum of \$2,000 for each section of the works on the summit level of the Cornwall Canal, and for each of the lock sections on the Cornwall Canal a *bank deposit receipt* for the sum of \$4,000.

The respective *deposit receipts* (before will not be accepted—must be endorsed over to the Minister of Railway and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the work at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted. The deposit receipts thus sent will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted. This Department, however, does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.
By Order,
A. P. BRADLEY, Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 8th August, 1888.

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