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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 58.—Since preparing the solution that we published to this problem last week, but too late for us to then use, we received from Dixie, Antigonish, the following, that we consider worthy of appearing in type. Mrs. Moseley also sent a solution, which was in accord with that printed last week. The position was as follows:—black kings 11, 14, 22, 23, white men 12, 21, kings, 2, 32; black to play and win. Dixie's solution is. 22-18 18-23 19-24 18-15 32 28 24 28 21 17 13 9 23-19 23-19 24-28 10-6 28 32 28 32 32 27 9 5 19-15 14-18 15-18 6-1 32 27 32 27 17 13 24 28 15-10 18-15 28-32 15-19 27 24 27 32 27 24 b.wins.

PROBLEM 61.—This fine position only elicited responses from three persons, among whom two are new solvers. Correct replies were received from S. Granville, Halifax, and Mrs. Moseley, Dartmouth. "L. M. B.'s" solution only draws, while, as he will see, white has a win within reach. The position was—black men 4, 13, 20, 27, kgs. 17, 23, 26, 28; white men 7, 10, 11, 14, 19, 22, 24, kg. 21; white to play, what result?

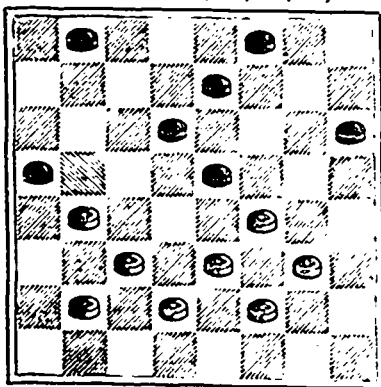
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23-16 4-11 13-17 25-29
25 21 10 3 8 11 19 24
28-19 17-10 17-22 20-27
7 3 3 8 11 15 32 23
16-7 26-17 22-25 w. wins

PROBLEM 62.—We have received only two solutions to this problem, and as both are incorrect, we hold this over in the hope that some of our checkerists may give this problem some more study before giving it up. The position was:—black men 3, 13, 14, 15, 19; white men 21, 22, 31, 32, kg. 1; white to play and draw.

PROBLEM 65.

By Percy M. Bradt, "the Boy Wonder," Champion of Wisconsin, in N. Y. Clipper.

Black men 1, 3, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15.



White men 17, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. Black to play and win.

Will half-a-dozen correct solutions to this problem be contributed by Nova Scotia players? We hope so, but doubt it.

GAME XVI.—"BRISTOL."

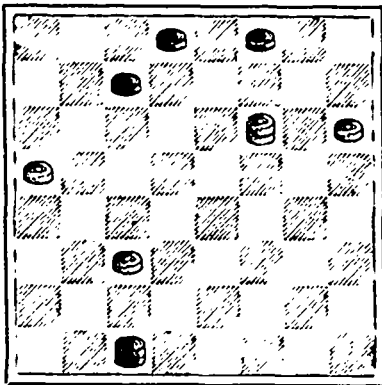
This was a blindfold game played between our Checker Editor and a Halifax amateur:—

11-16 5-9 14-17 14-17
22 18 25 22 21 14 8 11
8-11 4-8 9-27 17-21
25 22 31 27 16 12 11 16
16-20 1-5 27-31 21-25
29 25 19 16 11 8 26 22
10-14 12-19 13-17 18-23
18 15 15 11 22 13 24 19
11-18 8-15 31-22 25-30
22 15 18 11 28 24 16 20
9-13 10-14 22-18 23-16
24 19 (a) 27 23 30 26 *20 11
7-10 20-24 (b) 5-9
23 18 23 16 8 4
14-23 24-27 9-14
27 18 32 23 4 8

(a) This is a slip in which white seldom indulges when in practice.
(b) Black here might have taken a far shorter road to victory by moving 18-15.

PROBLEM 66.

Black men 2, 3, 6, kg. 30.



White men 12, 13, 22, kg. 11. Black to play and win.

CHESS.

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GAME No. 32.

FOUR KNIGHTS.

WHITE.	BLACK.
Donisthorpe.	W. M. Gattio.
1 P to K4	P to K4
2 Kt to KB3	Kt to QB3
3 Kt to B3	Kt to B3
4 B to B4(a)	P to B4
5 P to Q3	P to Q3
6 Kt to K2(b)	Kt to QR4
7 B to K13	Kt takes B
8 RP takes Kt	P to B3
9 P to R3	P to QR3
10 P to Q4 (c)	P takes P
11 Q to Q3	Q to K2
12 Kt to K13	B to K13
13 Castles	P to B4
14 B to B4	B to B2
15 P to K5	P takes P
16 B takes P	B takes B
17 Kt takes B	Castles
18 KR to Ksq	Q to B2
19 P to K4	P to Q Kt3
20 P to Kt5	P to QR4
21 Kt to B6	B to K3
22 Kt to K4	Kt takes Kt
23 R takes Kt	B to B4
24 Kt to K7, ch	Q takes Kt
25 R takes Q	B takes Q
26 P takes B	KR to Ksq
27 QR to Ksq	K to Bsq (d)
28 R takes R, ch	R takes R

29 R takes R, ch K takes R
30 P to QKt3 K to Q2
31 K to Bsq K to Q3
32 K to K2 K to K4
33 P to Kt3 P to Kt4
34 P to B3 P to R4
35 K to Q2 K to K3 (e)
36 K to K2 P to R5
37 P to B4 P takes KtP
38 P takes P P to Kt7
39 K to B2 P to B5
40 KtP takes P P to R5
41 P to B5 P takes P
42 P to QKt6 K to Q3
43 P to R4 P to R6
44 P to R5 P to R7
45 K takes P P Queens
46 P to R6 Q to Kt7, ch
47 K to Kt3 Q takes P
48 K to Kt4 Q to Qsq
49 K to B5 Q to KRsq
Resigns

(a) Not so good as the usual move, B to Kt5 Black can play Kt takes P, followed by P to Q4.

(b) B to K3 is a better move.

(c) An unsound sacrifice. He might have obtained a fairly good game by Kt to Kt3 and Castles.

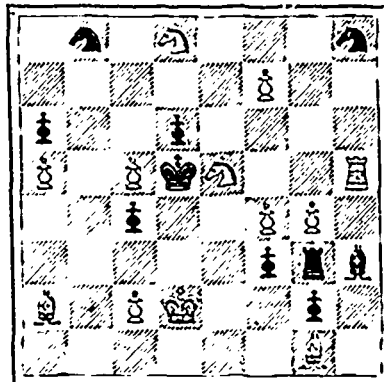
(d) This move virtually wins. White has nothing better than to exchange Rooks, and Black is left with a winning, though difficult, end game.

(e) An ingenious and essential move to enable him, after playing P to B5, to overtake the White KtP.

PROBLEM No. 42.

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BLACK—10 pieces.

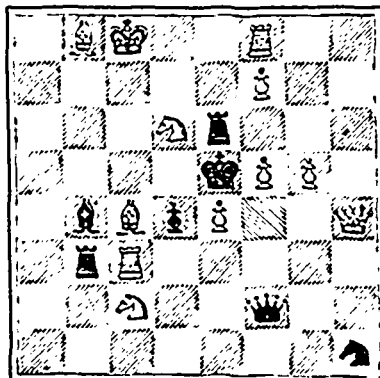


WHITE—12 pieces. White to play and mate in 2 moves.

PROBLEM No. 43.

Croydon Guardian.

BLACK—7 pieces.



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