

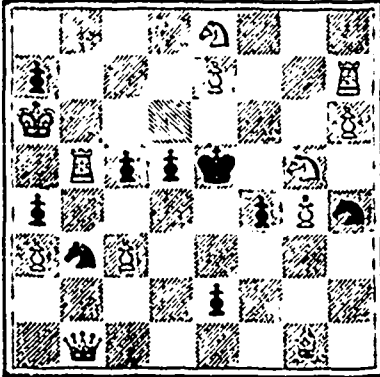
CHESS.

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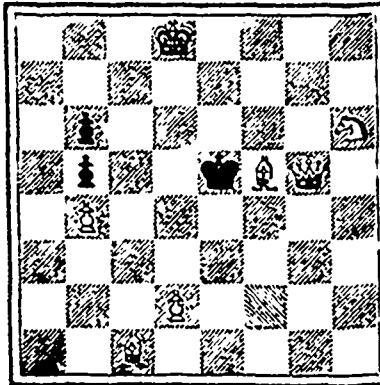
TO CORRESPONDENTS.

PROBLEM No. 50. "Croydon Guardian." BLACK—9 pieces.



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

PROBLEM No. 51. "Croydon Guardian." BLACK—3 pieces.



WHITE—7 pieces. White to play and mate in 2 moves.

GAME No. 37.

From the Quebec Chronicle.

- WHITE. Dr. Ryall. 1 P to K4, 2 Kt to KB3, 3 B to B4, 4 B to Q5 (a), 5 P to Q3, 6 P takes Kt, 7 Kt takes P, 8 P to Q4, 9 Kt takes BP, 10 Kt to K5, 11 Q to K2, 12 Castles, 13 Q to R5, 14 P to QB4, 15 Kt to R3, 16 Kt to B3, 17 Kt to QKt5, 18 R to K1, 19 B to Kt5, 20 R to K8, 21 Q takes R +, 22 R to K1, 23 Q to R5, 24 Kt to KR4, 25 P to KKt3 (d), 26 P to B4, 27 P takes B, 28 P to B5, 29 Kt to Kt6 +, 30 Kt to R4, 31 Q to Kt6 +, 32 R to K6, 33 B to B4 (f), 34 Q to R5. BLACK. Mr. Barry. 1 P to K4, 2 Kt to QB3, 3 B to B4, 4 KKt to K2, 5 Kt takes B (b), 6 Kt to K2, 7 Kt takes P, 8 B to Q3 (c), 9 Q to K2 + Castles, 10 Kt to R1, 11 P to B4, 12 Q to K3, 13 Kt to QKt5, 14 P takes P, 15 Kt to B3, 16 B to Kt1, 17 Q takes P, 18 P to QR3, 19 R takes R, 20 Q to Kt1, 21 P to Q4, 22 B to B4, 23 B to Q6, 24 B to K4 (e), 25 B takes P, 26 P takes Kt, 27 P to E3, 28 K to R2, 29 R to KB1, 30 K to R1, 31 R to B2, 32 Kt to K2, 33 R takes P.

- 35 Kt takes R, 36 Q to K8 +, 37 Kt to Kt3, 38 K to Kt2, 39 Q takes P, 30 Kt to B1. Q takes R, K to R2, Q to K8 +, B to Kt3, P to Q6, Q to K6+ and White resigns.

NOTES.

(a) Apparently a favorite move with the player of White. The German Handbuch gives but one variation: 4 R to Q5, 4 KKt to K2, 5 Kt takes P, 5 B takes P +; 6 K takes B, 6 Kt takes Kt, with the better game. (b) We would much prefer 5 P to Q3; if then 6 Kt to Kt5, Kt takes B; P takes Kt, Kt to K2, etc. (c) Why not B to Kt3 instead of this cramping move. (d) The student will observe that if White had played R to K8 Black would have replied with B takes P+, then R takes R. (e) The manner in which Black gets quietly but surely out of his constrained and dangerous position is highly commendable. (f) Up to this point both attack and defence have been carried on with great precision; we think that White should now have played K to B2.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The Chicago Evening Lamp has been received in exchange. Many thanks.

Problem 69 was correctly solved by Mrs. Moseley, but her solution reached us too late to acknowledge last week. As promised we herewith present the corrected solution by S. C. H. Yarmouth, of Problem 64. The position was:—black men 13, 18, 21, kg. 23; white men 12, 25, 30, kg. 16, white to play and draw:—

- 12 8 23-30 11 15, 13-17 16 11 22-29 drawn, 30 26 (1)17-22 15 22

VAR. I.

- 18-23 23-27 (2)27-32 drawn, 11 15 15 19 19 23

VAR. II.

- 27-31, 19 24 drawn.

Mr. H deserves much credit for this very fine and ingenious correction of the author's and all other solutions of this problem. In a regular contest for problem solution this would be the only one to receive full points.

PROBLEM 71.—As we have received but one attempt and that an incorrect one to solve this problem, we withhold its solution for the present, and meanwhile we call the special attention of our best solvers to it as we are sure they will profit by studying it. The position is as follows:—black men 3, 15, 18, 19, 22; white men 21, 27, 32, kg. 6; black to play and win.

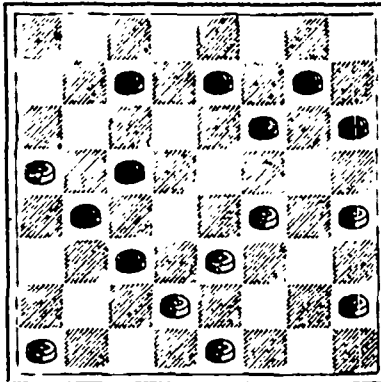
GAME XVII.

"Cross," FROM LYMAN'S BOOK OF PROBLEMS, by A. S. McKay, Dumfries, Scotland.

- 11-15 22 17 1-5 17 13, 23 18 14-18 22 17 14-17

- 8-11 17 14 18-22 27 23, 27 23 10-17 25 1E 10-14, 4-8 21 14 15-22 30 26, 23 19 7 10 24 20 * 2-7, 9-14 14-7 5-9, 18 9 3-10 32 27, 5-14 26 22 9-14

* This forms position 866 in Lyman's Book of problems and our PROBLEM 74. Black men 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 17, 22.



White men 13, 19, 20, 23, 26, 28, 29, 31.

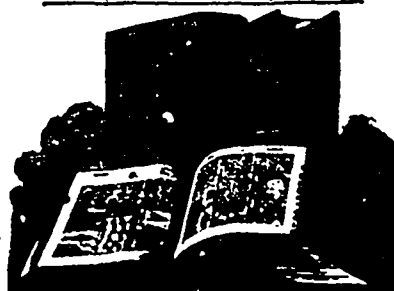
White to play. What result?

We doubt the soundness of the solutions given in Lyman's book. At the same time we have never seen a correction of it published. If any reader has we will be greatly obliged if they will communicate the facts to us.

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Sault Ste. Marie Canal.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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The works will be let in two sections, one of which will embrace the formation of the Canal through the island; the construction of locks, etc. The other, the deepening and widening of the channel way at both ends of the canal; construction of piers, etc.

A map of the locality, together with plans and specifications of the works, can be seen at this office on and after TUESDAY, the 9th day of October, next, where printed forms of tender can also be obtained. A like class of information, relative to the works, can be seen at the office of the Local Officer in the Town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Intending contractors are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms and be accompanied by a letter stating that the person or persons tendering have carefully examined the locality and the nature of the material found in the trial pits.

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 \$21,000 must accompany the tender for the canal and locks; and a BANK DEPOSIT RECEIPT for the sum of \$7,500 must accompany the tender for the deepening and widening of the channel-ways at both ends, piers, etc.

The respective DEPOSIT RECEIPTS—cheques will not be accepted must be endorsed over to the Minister of Railways and Canal, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works, at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted.

The deposit receipt thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order, A. P. BRADLEY, Secretary. Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, 8th August, 1888.



SAULT STE. MARIE CANAL.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The works for the construction of the canal, above mentioned, advertised to be let on the 23rd of October next, are unavoidably postponed to the following dates.

Tenders will be received until Wednesday, the 7th day of November next.

Plans and specifications will be ready for examination at this office and at Sault Ste. Marie on and after

Wednesday, the 24th day of October next.

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