

the mines, and he thought it was unfair that the Province which benefited so largely from the operation of the mines should not expend a few hundred dollars in the employment of a public analyst to report on all sorts and descriptions of minerals sent him, and who might be the means of increasing the revenue of the Province by thus assisting in the discovery of valuable mineral deposits. Some of the greatest mines in the world had been brought before public notice by the discovery of valuable specimens by ignorant countrymen.

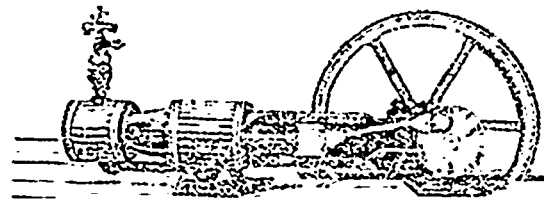
In travelling about, he himself was accustomed to receive about twenty-five samples a day, of all sorts and descriptions of minerals brought to him by various persons desirous of knowing what these minerals were, and whether they possessed any value. Now if such people could send their little findings to a public analyst, from whom they could get a straight report as to their value, a great amount of good might be done to the Province. At present such people were afraid to consult local parties as to the value of any specimens found, for fear of being "frozen out." If such specimens could be sent to an official analyst who would report upon them for a small charge, a substantial gain might eventually be secured to the revenues of the Province. In this connection it would be desirable to have a museum where specimens could be sent for reference and a geological chart prepared, and thus the localities where the various minerals are situated could be more exactly designated than by the present system. (Applause.)

Dr. Ross concluded his interesting address by exhibiting several samples of minerals obtained in other countries, among the specimens being a sample of tin from Dakota and a sample of asbestos from Quebec.

On motion a vote of thanks was conveyed to the two gentlemen for their valuable addresses, and the meeting adjourned.

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NEWS.

We would be pleased if some of the checker friends of THE CRITIC would enter into the competitions for prizes offered by the Liverpool, G. B. Mercury, and we, therefore, copy its prospectus as follows:—

"As announced last week we have decided to encourage the practice of draughts by offering for competition certain prizes calculated to appeal to all classes of amateurs and experts. Any novice having a knowledge of the inducements of the game should not hesitate to compete for No. 1, because the composition of a good stroke problem does not necessarily involve any great scientific acquirements. Nos. 2 and 3 will obviously test the ingenuity of advanced practitioners. The prizes are as follows: No. 1, Stroke Problem—To the player who contributes the best stroke problem the proprietors will award the sum of three guineas. To the player contributing the stroke problem which shall be adjudged next in the order of merit we shall award the sum of one guinea. No. 2, End Games—To the player who contributes the best problem of the end-game class we will award two guineas. To the next in the order of merit one guinea. No. 3, Games illustrating brilliant manoeuvring—To the player contributing the most brilliantly played game two guineas. To the next in order of merit one guinea.

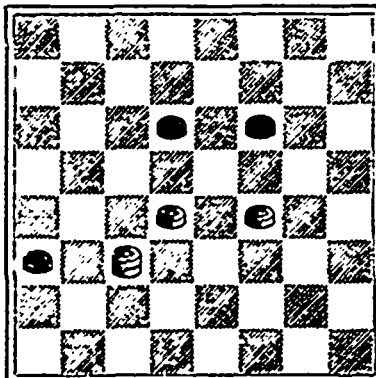
"In awarding the prizes the arbitrators will insist upon originality. Contributions copied from any book, print, etc., will be disqualified. In No. 1 the points to be considered are, (1) probability, (2) ingenuity and (3) the decisive character of the stroke. When deciding on No. 2 the arbitrators will consider (1) the originality of idea, (2) difficulty, and (3) brevity of solution. Weight will be attached to the occurrence of a pleasing and instructive coup.

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"Communications to be addressed 'Editor Liverpool Weekly Mercury, Liverpool, G. B.' and endorsed on the envelope 'Draughts Competition.'"

PROBLEM 249.

By Mr. Hugh Byers in a Dundee, Scotland, paper.  
Black men 10, 11, 21.



White men 18, 19, king 22.  
White to play and win.

This is a regular 'Will O' Wisp.' Our younger players will think it so easy at the first glance that the nearest tyro should solve it at once, but on trial it will not be found so easy. We invite solutions.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 247.—The position was: Black men 3, 4, 7, 8, 13, 14, 21, kings 30, 31; white men 5, 6, 10, 16, 22, 23, 26, 29, 32; white to play and win.

32	27	22	17	1	10	19	15
31-24	13-22	4-8	white				
23	19	6	2	16	11	wins.	
24-15	15-6	8-15					
5	1	2	11	10	19		
30-23	8-15	3-7					

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