

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. M. KEATING, Charlottetown.—Your card is received. Have mailed you a copy of Hill's "Synopsis," which I regard as the fullest and best 25 cent book for a student ever published.

After a suspension since May last, the *Weekly Checker Journal*, of Pittsburg, Pa., has reappeared. This, it will be remembered, is the organ of ex-champion James P. Reed, who says that the suspension of the *Journal* is due to his having been ill for some time, but he promises to make up lapsed numbers to his subscribers.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 306.—The position was: black men 1, 6, 9, 15, 18, 20, king 28; white men 10, 12, 13, 30, kings 19, 24; white to play and win.

12 8 15—24 13 6 24—27
20—27 3 7 1—10 32 23
8 3 6—15 7 32 28—32

And white wins by capturing the piece on 15.

GAME 195—"DUNDEE."

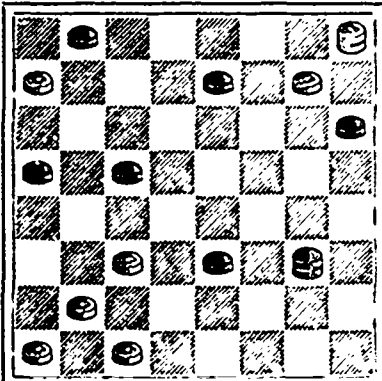
Played by correspondence between Messrs. S. Bradfield, Green Valley, Ill., and C. H. Allison, Shaller, Iowa.—*Weekly Checker Journal*

12—16 4—8 2—6 26—31
22 18 29 25 30 25 27 24
8—12 8—11 8—11 20—27
18 14 25 22 25 21 6 2
9—18 11—16 11—15 31—26
23 14 26 23 18 2 2 7
10—17 6—10 9—25 10—15
21 14 21 17 2 9 19 10
16—20 1—6 5—14 26—19
25 21 31 26 17 13 32 23
11—15 6—9 25—30 19—26
24 19 22 18 13 9 Bradfield
15—24 a—3—8 30—26 (black)
28 19 26 22 9 6 won

a—This move is original with Mr. Bradfield and corrects Robertson's "Guide" Page 97, "Bristol," Part 2, variation 55, at 19th move, a variation which is by the author of the "Guide."

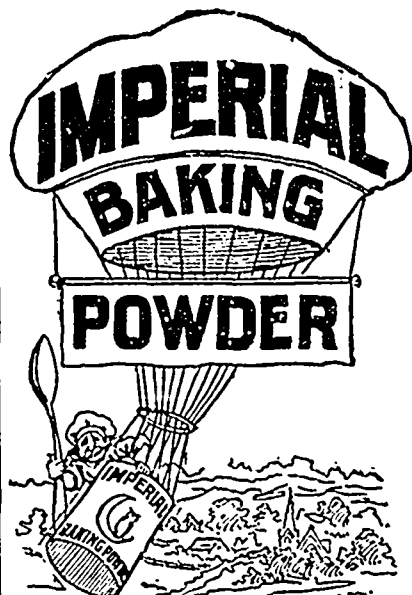
PROBLEM No. 308.

By "Bene Placito," being a problem entered for Prize No. 4 in the Liverpool *Weekly Mercury* competition. Black men 1, 7, 12, 13, 14, 23, kg. 24.



White men 5, 8, 22, 25, 29, 30, kg. 4.
White to play and win.

We regard this as a fine example of a "stroke" problem, the key to its solution being so ingeniously hidden that we believe it will be a hard task for some of our solvers to find it.



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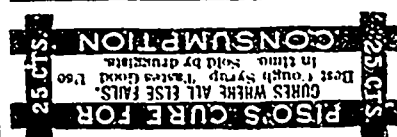
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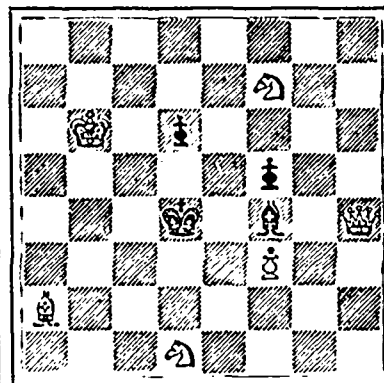


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Solution to Problem 139, published
Nov. 25th, Q to E8. Solved by C.
W. L.

PROBLEM 141.

YOUTH.
Black 4 pieces.



White 6 pieces.

White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME 144.

The following run is the drawn
game played simultaneously with
twenty-three others by Mr. Lasker
and Mr. Putman at Montreal.

WHITE. BLACK.
Mr. Lasker. Mr. Putman.
1 P to K4 P to P4
2 Kt to KB3 Kt to QB3
3 B to Kt5 P to Q3
4 P to Q4 P takes P
5 Kt takes P B to Q2
6 Kt to QB3 Kt to K2
7 B to K Kt5 Kt takes K
8 Q takes Kt B takes B
9 Kt takes B P to QR3
10 Kt to B3 P to QB4
11 Q to Q3 P to R3
12 B to R4 P to KB3
13 Castles QR Kt to Kt3
14 B to Kt3 Kt to K4
15 B takes Kt BP takes B
16 Q to R3 Q to Q2
17 Q to K3 Castles
18 Kt to Q5 Q to KB2
19 P to QR4 P to K Kt4
20 P to R5 R to Kt
21 Kt to K6 ch K to Kt
22 Q takes KP P takes Q
23 R takes R ch K to B2
24 R to B8 ch K to Q3
25 R to Q ch K to K3
26 KR to Q8 Q to B5 ch
27 K to Kt Q takes BP
28 R to K8 ch K to B2
29 Kt to Q7 Q to K8 ch
30 K to R2 Q takes RP ch
31 K to Kt Q to K8 ch
32 K to R2
33 Drawn game

The players who were requested to do battle, in single combat, with young Lasker, never for an instant imagined that success would crown their efforts, but inasmuch, as it was decided that several such games should form part of the performances, a certain number had to undertake the duty. However, the duty was, to a great extent, a pleasant one, as each experienced more or less, while the fight lasted, that exhilarating "joy that warriors feel" when opposed to a valiant and chivalrous antagonist. There is quite a difference in one's feelings when vanquished, according to the style of the opponent. When succumb you must, who does not prefer that the stroke should come from a bright keen spotless blade, one of "the ice-brook's temper," wielded by a true soldier! and not from a dull

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