

C H E S S .

(To Correspondents.)

**Tyro.**—Your Problem, as amended, is still incorrect. It is very seldom that a defective position can be rendered perfect by the addition of a piece or pawn: it almost invariably interferes with the conditions.

**A. M. S.**—Thanks for the positions sent: they shall be examined and reported on. We remarked the notice of our Magazine in the *Illustrated News*.

**Bo.g.**—Send us your games, and they shall be reported on. Our correspondents, we are sure, could supply us with plenty of really good games and positions for Problems or Enigmas, if they would only take the trouble to send them.

Solutions to Problem 11, by Tyro, J. B., J. H. R., and Amy are correct.

Solutions to Enigma No. 34, by Tyro and J. H. R., are correct. The other Enigmas were answered correctly by J. H. R., J. B., Amy, and C. C.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM No. XI.

White. Black.

1. Kt to Q B sq (dis. ch). Q takes Q.
2. B to K Kt 5th (ch). K to R sq.
3. Kt to K B 6th, and play, as Black can: he must be mated next move.

SOLUTION TO ENIGMA No. 34.

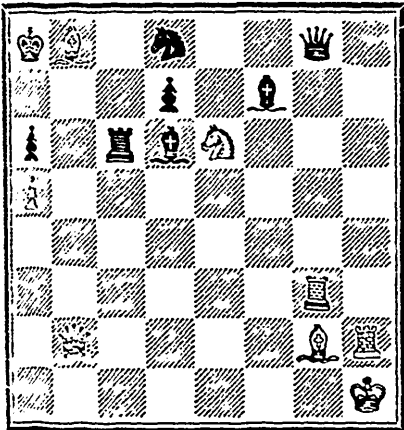
White. Black.

1. K to Q 7th. P takes P (ch).
2. K takes B (best). Kt to Q B 5th (ch).
3. K to R sq. B to Q 3d.
4. P to K 4th. P to Q B 7th.
5. R to Q 5th. Any move.
6. Kt or B mates.

PROBLEM No. XII.

By the Editor.\*

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in six moves.

ELIJAH WILLIAMS.

The late Mr. Elijah Williams, the celebrated Chess-player, was professionally a surgeon, but for many years had discontinued practice. When the cholera, to which he fell a victim, broke out, he benevolently posted a notice on the door of his house, inviting the poor to apply to him for preventive medicines, if attacked by premonitory symptoms, offering it to them gratuitously. On leaving his home for the last time, he asked his wife to give him some of the medicine, as he felt unwell. Unfortunately, the last bottle was exhausted. He walked to town, and was seized with violent pains near Northumberland House, in the Strand, and on the advice of a friend went to the Charing Cross Hospital for relief. This occurred on the 6th of September, and on the 8th he expired in that establishment.

On Mr. Williams' arrival in London, he at once took rank among the first chess-players of the great metropolis, contending evenly against Horwitz, Harrwitz, Captain Kennedy, Buckle, Love, and others of that force, though with indifferent success when entering the lists against Staunton at the odds of pawn and two moves. In the year 1848 we find him winning a match, in which he gave pawn and move to Mr. C. Kenny, a rising young amateur, after a close contest of eleven games to nine, five being drawn. In 1849 occurred the Tournament at Ries' Divan, the precursor of the grand one that took place in the Exhibition year: in this Mr. Williams was at first matched against Mr. Flower, a player not of the first order, and defeated him easily; but in the second series of games he was utterly routed by Mr. Buckle, who is considered a rival to Mr. Staunton for the headship of English chess-players.

In the great tournament of 1851, at which nearly all the chess magnates of the world were congregated, Mr. Williams took part, and was fortunate enough to carry off the third prize. Although there can be no doubt that Mr. W. had improved greatly in his play since the days when he accepted Pawn and two from Mr. Staunton, we should not be justified in believing that it was to skill alone that he owed so splendid a result as this contest afforded. The arrangements for the tournament, though perhaps the best that could be adopted, left far too much in the power of the blind goddess. In the first series, it fell to Mr. Williams' lot to encounter the illustrious Hungarian, Lowenthal, who had

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