

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

All Checker communications and exchanges should be addressed to W. Forsyth, 36 Grafton Street, Halifax.

The proprietors of THE CRITIC offer two prizes—to consist of books on Checkers—to those subscribers who shall send in the greatest number of correct solutions during the current year. No entrance fee required.

THE PROPOSED MATCH OFF.—In a private communication received by Mr. Forsyth from Mr. Richard Ellis, of Portland, St. John, N. B., the latter gentleman shows that for excellent reasons he is unable to play a match away from his home. As Mr. Forsyth cannot go from Halifax during the winter, the proposed match for the championship of the Maritime Provinces is, of course, off for the present at least. If, however, Mr. Ellis is willing to resume negotiations next summer, Mr. Forsyth hopes that he will then be able to go to Portland and play the match there.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 79.—The position was:—black men 5, 7, kg. 11; white men 12, 20, kg. 1; black to move and win. Correctly solved by H. A. McD, Thorburn.

5—9	2 6.	17—22	23 30
1 6	10—14	14 18	17—22
9—13	6 9	22—26	black
6 2	14—17	1 18 23	wins.
7—10	9 14	13—17	

***VAR. I.**

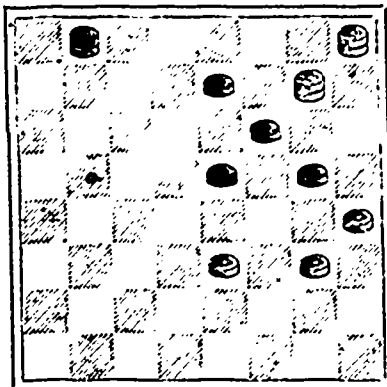
18 22	30—26	14 9	18—14
26—30	18 14	23—18	black
22 18	26—23	9 6	wins

* This variation is not given by H. A. McD.

PROBLEM No. 81.

This problem we take from the Leeds Mercury, but it has appeared from time to time in many other papers devoting space to checkers, and its authorship is uncertain, though the evidence favors either Mr. Tegerdine, formerly of Leeds, or "Old Sturges." The position is a remarkably neat one, and, as has been remarked by Mr. Strickland, of the British Draughts Player, "it is a pity that the author should be unknown."

Black men 7, 11, 15, 16, kg. 1.



White men 20, 23, 24, kgs. 4, 8.
Black to play and win.

The solution of to-day's problem will conclude the contest for 1888.

In closing the year's work in this department we would say that, while a few of our readers have taken the trouble, and have shown sufficient interest to solve a proportion of the problems, or, at least, to attempt to do so, many others from whom we expected encouragement and appreciation have "shown no sign." There are hundreds of fairly good checker players among our readers throughout Canada,

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