

that burrow under the skin—and other abominations. Towards the North, in the neighbourhood of Cape York, there are ant-hills of an enormous size, sometimes twelve feet in height. The ants are of a pale-brown color, and a quarter of an inch long. These, however, must bide their time, for they have no white settlers to provoke at present.

The common flies are a more general nuisance, settling so thickly and pertinaciously on every article of food, as to make it almost impossible to avoid swallowing some during the progress of every meal. One small matter on the other side is, that the native bees do not sting, and produce very fine honey and wax.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. L., Clinton.—Received. Your solution is correct.

J. H., Toronto.—Your three mover is not quite perfect, since White may play 2, Q. takes P. (ch.) 3, B. takes Q. mate.

R. N., Hamilton.—Your problem, No. 7, is correct, but the idea, *smothered mate*, is too well known to be of interest. No. 2 can be solved by a second line of play beginning 1, Kt. to K. Kt. 3rd 2, Kt. to K. 4th, &c.

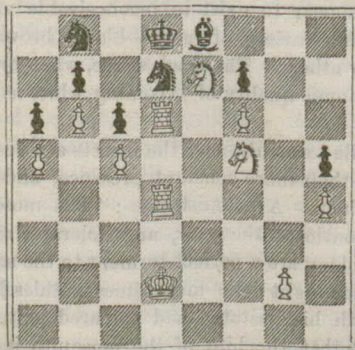
F. T. J., Toronto.—Thanks for your contribution.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM No. 4, by "Theodore," and "C. C." are correct: all others are wrong.

At the request of several correspondents, we withhold the solution to Problem No. 4, till our next issue.

PROBLEM No. 5.—BY F. T. J. OF TORONTO.

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WHITE.

White to play, and mate in four moves.