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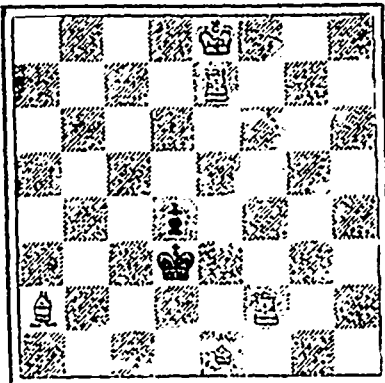
TO CORRESPONDENTS

L. Johnstone, J. P. D., & H. Stairs—Your solutions of No. 2 are spoiled by Black playing B to K 3. J. P. D. (Dartmouth).—Yes; you may castle if your K does not pass over a square commanded by the enemy. Re-examine Nos. 1 and 2. Toronto Week received. M. J. M.—Quebec Chronicle received with thanks.

Solution of Problem No. 3

R to Q 4, etc. (Correct solutions received from Edgie, Victor G. Gray, L. M. Wilkins, and Lewis Johnstone.)

PROBLEM No. 5. (Selected.) BLACK.



WHITE

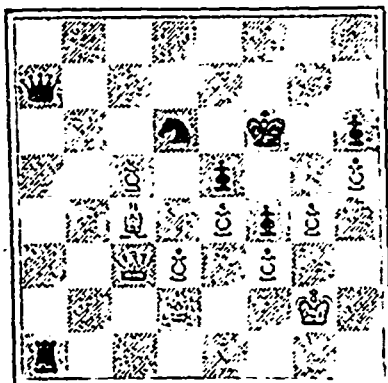
White to play and mate in 2 moves.

An international correspondence match has just been concluded between Scotland and Ireland. There were sixty-five pairs of players, the result being a win for Scotland by nine games.

(Score,—Scotland, 37; Ireland, 28)

The following interesting position occurred in one of the games played at the recent Chess Tournament in London:—

Black, (Gunsberg,) last move 43 Kt. (from B2) to Q3.



White, (Bird,) to move.

Gunsberg had apparently studied the position very carefully before making his move, that is, judging from the time he took to consider it. Hardly, however, had he placed the Kt on the square, when Bird at once played B takes P, completely throwing away the game, as was at once evident after Gunsberg's reply of Kt takes B. It was afterwards pointed out that Bird, instead of making the fatal move, might actually have mated his opponent in two moves, by playing

Q takes P (ch), followed by B to B3, mate!

An interesting game between the Rev. A. B. Skipworth and an amateur. (Evans Refused.)

WHITE. "Y" Rev. A. B. Skipworth 1 P to K4 2 Kt to KB3 3 B to QB1 4 P to QKt4 5 P to QR4 6 B to Kt2 7 P to Q3 8 P to B3 9 QKt to Q2 10 B to Kt3 11 P takes P 12 Castles 13 Q to B2 14 P to R5 15 B to R4 16 B takes Kt 17 B to R3 18 Kt to B4 19 P takes B 20 Q to K2 21 B to QBsq 22 P to B4 23 RP takes Kt

And Black mates in two moves.

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We have pleasure to-day in presenting our readers with the following tabular statement of the recent Barker-Martins International match, which shows the different openings adopted, the number of games played daily, and their result. We take it from the Glasgow Herald:—

Table with columns for date, game number, opening name, and result. Includes 'FIRST WEEK' and 'SECOND WEEK' sections.

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In these 49 games the players have confined themselves to nine out of at least 20 classified openings. Martins has played the "Fife" 14 times, "Glasgow" thrice, the "Alma" and "Will o' the Wisp" twice, and the "Whilter," "Old 14th," "Land and Lady," and "Double Corner" each once. Barker has opened with the "Old Fourteenth" on 14 occasions, the "Whilter" five times, the "Glasgow" thrice, and "Defiance" and "Alma" each once.

The Herald remarks that the match was not so interesting as was expected, because the players were unrestricted and kept themselves within "book" lines, thus having no opportunity for original play. Before Barker sails to return home he is almost certain to play Smith of Spynnmoor, the Champion of England, a match of 62 games, with restricted openings, for a stake of £100 to £500 a side. Several friendly matches are also being arranged for him.

Solution of Problem 2.—The position in this problem was:— BLACK—Men on 1 and 13, king on 17.

WHITE—Men on 11, 25, and 28. Black to play and win. The side figure indicates a variation, and the side letter a note.

Table of chess variations with side figures and letters, such as 17-21, 28-24, 1-6, 7-10, etc.

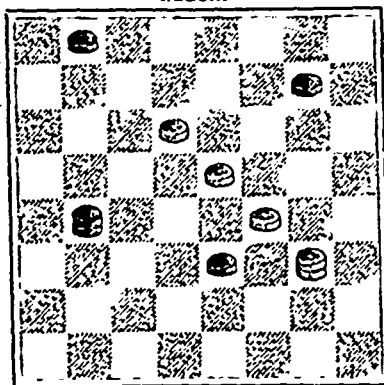
Table of chess variations with side figures and letters, such as 1-18, 14, 9, 5, 11, 7, 24, 20, etc.

To win the game in actual play, Black requires to see the ending from this point, because had he played 22-25, instead of 22-26, he could only have drawn the game.

The following have sent in correct solutions to the above problem:— James McEwan, Halifax. Mrs. H. Mossley, Dartmouth.

Our Checker Editor desires to thank our Chess Editor for thoughtfully sending him checker clippings, and would be greatly obliged if other readers will do the same.

PROBLEM 4. (Selected.) BLACK.



WHITE.

The position by numbers is as follows:— BLACK—men on 1, 8, 23, and king on 17. WHITE—men on 10, 15, 19, and king on 24.

White to move and win.

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