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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. B. ROWLAND, (Dublin.)—Many thanks for card and slips duly received. We send you Nos. you require. Any contributions will be highly esteemed.

F. MACKIE, (Retford, Eng.)—Very pleased to hear from you. Your No. 2 is stopped by Black playing B to C6. Solutions of Nos. 1 and 3 are quite correct.

W. E. P.—Card received and noted. We would advise all who are about to invest in a book on the openings to wait at least a few weeks, as there are several works by recognized authorities just now in the press.

F. A. P.—You seem to have unfortunately missed the main variation in No. 8.

EDGIE.—Your No. 6 is still stopped by B to K5.

J. W. W.—Q takes P stops your solution of No. 10.

REV. P. H. B.—See solution of No. 10 below. We are writing you more fully.

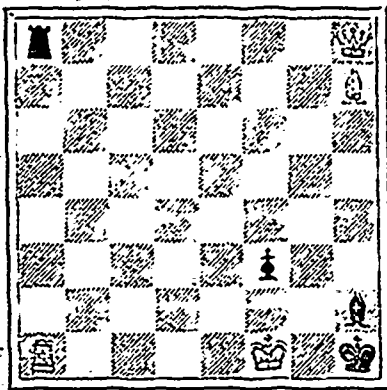
F. W. BECKMAN.—In Ihrer Auflösung (10) nach Weiss T—e3, kann Schwarz L—e4 spielen, und Matt im nächsten Zuge wird unmöglich. Auflösungen stehen unten.

PROBLEM No. 14.

By Jiri Chocholous.

(One of the prettiest 2-moves in the recently published collection of Bohemian problems.)

BLACK.



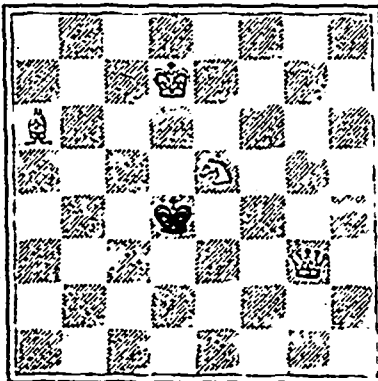
WHITE.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

PROBLEM No. 15.

From Brownson's Popular Chess Problems.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

Solution to Problem 9.

Q to KKt3, etc.

(Correct solutions received from Rev. C. E. Willets, Edgie, F. A. P.,

L. M. Wilkins, J. W. W., W. Lawson, "D." H. B. Stairs, Rev. P. H. Brown, Mrs. H. Moseley, H. Delaney, C. Hensley, and L. Borrodale.)

Solution to Problem 10.

Q to QB4, etc.

(Correct solutions received from C. F. Willets, Edgie, and H. B. Stairs.)

Solution to Problem 11.

R to R6, etc.

(Correct solutions received from C. E. Willets, Edgie, J. W. W., W. Lawson, H. B. Stairs, C. Cutbill, H. Delaney, and F. W. Beckman.)

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

D. STEWART, Shelburne.—Your solution to No. 6 problem is weak, as you will have doubtless observed, if you have studied our solution as given in our last issue, and compared it with yours. Yet we are pleased to have your solution and remarks on the position, for they show an intelligent interest and study of the game. As this problem has been the subject of several criticisms, we append one of your variations with others, which might properly have been given last week had space permitted. The position is as follows:—black men, 3, 12, Kgs 21, 23; white men, 8, 10, 22, 28, 29. Black to move and win. Your solution was as below:—

- 12-16 26-23 23-7 11-7
(a) 8 4 6 1 25 21 9 6
(1) 16-20 17-14 14-18 7-2
10 6 29 25 21 17 black
23-26 3-8 18-11 wins.
22 18 4 11 17 13
21-17 20-24 7-10
18 15 28 19 (2) 13 9

(a) "Here white may allow his man on 8 to be taken. Black is bound to capture one of white's men, and that is easily done. The principle on which the game is to be played is this, viz:—hold white's man which at first is on 29 from getting say past 21. This is done by keeping guard at or about 14. Then man off so as to clear the board of all but four checkers, which will occupy positions, say black kings on 6 and 10, white king on 1, and man on 21."—D. S.

(1) Instead of 16 20, move and proceed as follows:—

- 21-25 15-10 14-10 18-22
10 6 1 5 1 5 17 13
25-18 10-6 6-1 22-17
6 1 5 1 5 9 5 9
16-20 14-10 10-15 1-5
1 6 1 5 9 14 9 6
18-14 6-1 1-5 17-14
6 1 29 25 21 17 6 2
(b) 23-18 10-14 5-1 5-1
1 6 25 21 14 9 blk wins
18-15 1-6 15-18
6 1 5 1 9 5

(b) As a variation take instead of 23-18 the following: 3-8 4 11, 20-24, 28 19, 23-7. This gives white a draw similar to that allowed in (2), which is below.

(2) Instead of 13 9, move 1 5, 11-7, 5 1, 7-2, 1 5, 2-6, 5 1. Drawn.

Solution to Problem No. 7. Position—black men, 9, 13, king 26;

white man, 29, kings, 10, 18; white to move and win.

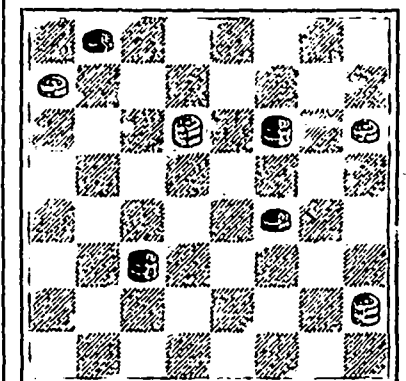
Correctly solved by Mrs. H. Moseley, Dartmouth; J. F. Hall, Lunenburg; A. J. G. McEchon, Sydney; C. B. D. Stewart, Shelburne, and an unknown party who sends a postcard from Halifax, but neglects to sign his name.

29 25 10 15 18 14 15 22
26-22 22-29 9-18 white wins

PROBLEM 9.

(From the Glasgow Herald.)

BLACK.—men, 1, 19, kings, 11, 22.

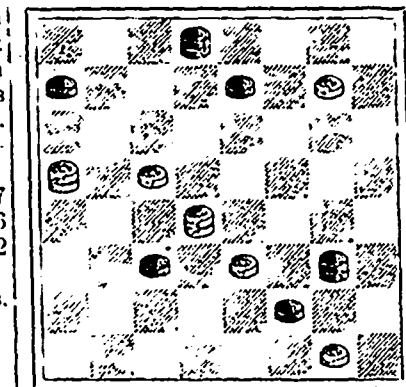


WHITE.—men, 5, 12, kings, 10, 28. Black to move and win.

PROBLEM 10.

By Wm. Brooks, Dartmouth, (original.)

BLACK.—men, 5, 7, 22, 27, kgs., 2, 24



WHITE.—men, 8, 14, 23, 32, kgs. 13, 18. Black to play and win.

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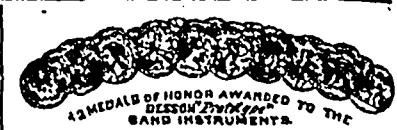
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