

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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THE ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIP.

Play in the third English national draughts tournament began at the Royal Polytechnic Institution, Regent Street, London, April 18. Eleven competitors entered and "reported for action." This made five pairs and a half. On drawing for opponents J. H. Bailey, London, was pitted against F. Dunne, Warrington; B. Woolhouse, London, against A. Jordan, London; F. Tescheleit, London, against J. A. Kear, Jr., Bristol; J. Bishop, Hull, against W. Lewis, Newcastle; J. A. Richmond, Marsden, against R. Freeman, London; and J. A. Kear, Sr., Bristol, was the bye for the first round.

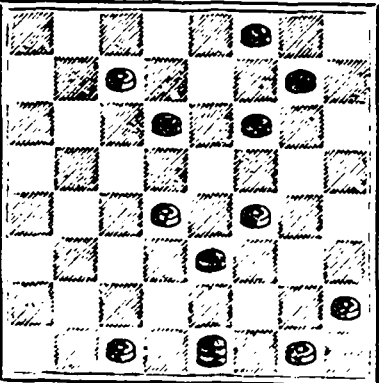
GAME No. 167—"BRISTOL."

Played by correspondence between T. B. Lynch (white) of S.ubenacadie, and W. Forsyth (black) of Halifax. 11-16 12-16 6-10 3-7 22 17 28 24 30 26 28 24 8-11 8-12 10-17 14-17 17 14 26 23 22 6 22 13 10-17 16-20 2-9 10-14 21 14 31 27 26 22 19 15 9-18 11-16 9-14 16-19 23 14 24 19 18 9 23 16 4-8 6-9 5-14 12-28 24 19 25 22 25 21 drawn. 16-23 1-6 7-10 27 18 20 25 32 28

PROBLEM No. 277.

Being an end game between Lewis (black) and Kear, Sr., (white) in the English championship match in London. Second round.

Black men 3, 8, 10, 11, 23, kg. 31.



White men 6, 18, 19, 28, 30, 32. White to move and win.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 275.—The position was: —Black men on 4, 12, 17, kings 20, 25, 32; white men on 11, 11, 19, 27, kings 5, 7; white to play and draw. 27 24 12-19 7 23 32-27 20-27 11 8 27-9 30 26 19 16 4-11 5 30 drawn.

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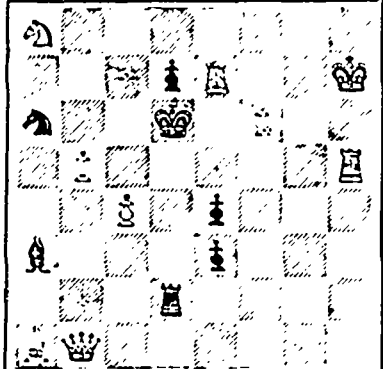
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PROBLEM No. 113.

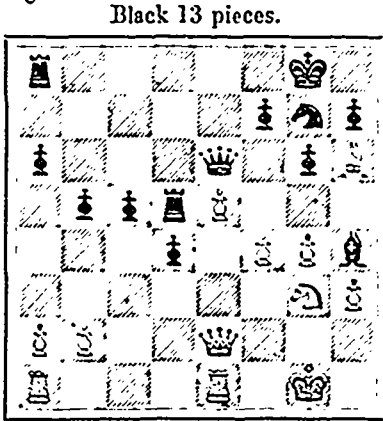
(Corrected.) By W. Cleave. Black 7 pieces.



White 9 pieces. White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME No. 114.

The third round in the Tournament among the five leading players of England was played on March 30th at the British Chess Club. A great deal of interest was taken in the match between Lasker and Blackburne, because they had never met before, although rumors of a match between them had been talked about on several occasions. Lasker opened with the four Knight's game, Blackburne replying with 5 P to Q3, instead of the usual 5 B to Kt5, with the object of avoiding a stale game, in which the stereotyped "book moves" might be played mechanically from memory. Lasker played extremely well, spotting with remarkable foresight the weak points in Blackburne's defence. He threatened first to break through on the QB file, which he accomplished successfully, and then he broke up the centre and made his final attack on the open King's file, finishing up by winning a piece and the game a few moves later. The following represents the game at its most interesting stage:—



Black 13 pieces. White 12 pieces.

It was continued as follows:— White. E. Lasker. 24 Q to B3 25 Q takes B 26 P takes P e. p. 27 Q to Kt2 28 R to K7 29 R to K sq 30 Q takes R 31 P to B5 32 R takes Kt 33 Q to Kt2 34 K takes Q 35 P takes R 36 P takes P 37 K to B3 38 P takes P 39 K to K3

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