

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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WORKMAN, ST. JOHN.—Did you receive my letter of about three weeks ago? Am waiting a reply. By the way your issues of the 3rd and 10th instants have failed to come to hand. Why is this?

If Mr. James Ronnie, 117 Mutual Street, Montreal, will send us a copy of the *Checkerette* instead of merely a "rough specimen page," it would enable us to notice it on its merits.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 334.—The position was: black man 20, kings 25, 31, white men 16, 21, 28; white to play—what result?

21	17	11	7	9	5	3	8
25	23	31	26	6	1	20	24
1	17	13	7	2	2	7	8
22	18	14	10	26	23	24	27
16	11	13	9	7	3	3	7
18	14	10	6	23	19	19	15

black wins.

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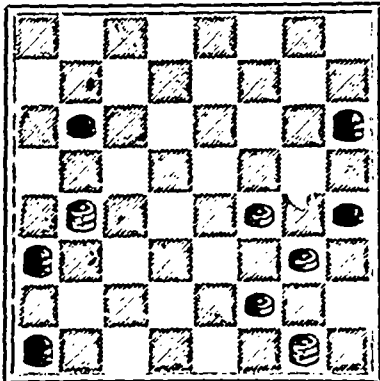
17	14	7	3	11	7	28	19
22	18	26	23	15	10	23	7
14	10	3	8	7	2		black
18	15	23	19	10	7		wins.
10	7	16	11	2	11		
31	26	20	24	19	23		

a Had white played 16 12 here, he would have set up a problem that some of our readers would do well to solve for themselves.

PROBLEM 336.

Being an adaptation of an end game between W. Beattie and a metropolitan amateur—Liverpool *Mercury*.

Black men 9, 20, kings 12, 21, 29.



White men—19, 24, 27, kings 17, 32.

White to play and win. This is one of the neat things that very seldom happens in play. We think it will form a half-hour's study for a good many of our readers.

GAME 219.—"DEFIANCE."

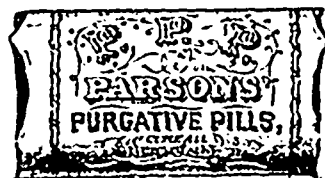
From the Liverpool *Mercury*. Played between Mr. Martins, ex-champion of England (black), and Mr. Brown, a blind man, an inmate of the Blind Asylum, Townhead, Glasgow, Scotland, (white).

11	15	7	11	2	7	11	16
23	19	24	20	26	22	19	15
9	14	15	24	8	11	10	26
27	23	28	19	22	17	17	1
8	11	11	15	11	20	26	30
22	18	32	28	17	13	13	6
15	22	15	24	1	6	16	20
25	9	28	19	30	26	6	2
5	14	4	8	20	24	12	16
29	25	20	16	26	22	18	14
11	15	6	9	7	11		drawn.
25	22	22	18	22	17		

a "I am not aware," says Mr.

Martins, "whether this move has ever been published or not, but the game, on the whole, I think marvellous on the part of the blind player." The remark will be appreciated by a study of the play from this point. Brown, it will be seen, loses a piece, a circumstance which usually settles the fate of any opponent of the ex-champion, but it is regained in a manner that commands the highest admiration of the best players.

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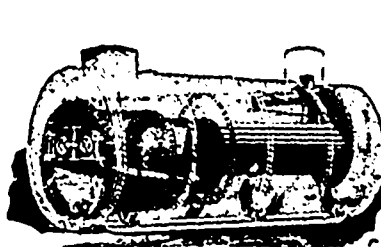
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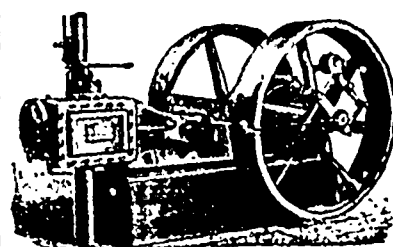
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NEW YORK CAPITALISTS LOOKING THIS WAY.—Mr. J. A. Pushio, mining expert, has recently returned from New York, where he has been busily employed in calling the attention of capitalists to the mining resources of Nova Scotia. As a result of his labors he has succeeded in inducing a number of wealthy men and practical miners to investigate our gold and other mineral deposits, with a view of investing largely in the properties warrant. Two of his parties, Mr. C. A. Stevens, a large capitalist of New York, and his mining expert, Capt. Collins, have already visited some of our gold mining districts and returned to New York on Monday last. They were evidently well pleased with what they had seen, and important business is almost certain to result from their inspection. They are the advance guard of other parties whom Mr. Pushio has induced to visit us, and before long a number of very large operators will be in the field.

AGAIN THE CANADIAN MINING REVIEW.

There is great similarity in the style of the writer who penned the article in the May number of the *Canadian Mining Review*, slandering the Lake View Mining Syndicate, Limited, of London, to which we called attention in our last issue, and the writer of the Nova Scotia Mining Notes that appear in the same issue of the *Review*.

In its issue of November last the *Review* had this to say of the Montagu District: "Several changes have been made in the personnel of the staff at the mines of 'the Nova Scotia Gold Mines Limited,' and 'the Symon-Kaye Syndicate, Limited.' Mr. Lucius J. Boyd has been transferred to the Symon-Kaye property, and with him has gone Mr. McQuarrie. Mr. Thomas, a young Cornish engineer, had been put in charge of the New Albion or Annand mine, vice Mr. Boyd. Mr. Thomas' previous experience has not embraced gold mining in any of its branches, being chiefly in tin and copper."

This slighting reference to Manager Thomas, who had been selected by Messrs. Bainbridge Seymour & Co., on account of his known ability to manage the Nova Scotia Gold Mines, Limited, was, to say the least, unkind, ungentlemanly and unwarranted.

In May, however, the *Review*, to prove "its consistency" goes to the opposite extreme and has this to say:

"The Nova Scotia Mines, Ltd., under the able management of W. R. Thomas, are opening up a large body of reserves, whilst steadily increasing their output. The mine has been seriously handicapped by the reckless operations carried on under previous managements, and the London Company is to be congratulated in having at last got the right man at the Nova Scotia end" i.e., this young man with no previous experience in gold mining.

Here you have the two statements of the *Review*, "you pays your money and you takes your choice."

In November when Messrs. Woodhouse, Boyd and McQuarrie gave up