

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 118.—The position was:—black men 21, 24, 25, king 4; white men 30, 32, kings 12, 15, white to play and win.

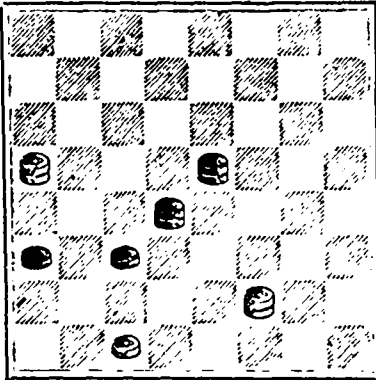
15 11 16 19 19 15 11 16
25—29 24—28 21—25 30—23
12 16 30 26 15 19 19 26
29—25 25—29 25—30 w. wins

This position was awarded the second prize in a New York competition some time ago. Its author's solution embraced 54 moves, but that given us by Mr. Forbes of Shubenacadie is not only much shorter, but a neater way of forcing the white win.

PROBLEM 121.

End game between our checker editor and Mr. P. O'Hearn.

Black men 21, 22, kings 15, 18.



White man 30, kings 13, 27.

White to move. What result.

This we think will give our best solvers an hour's amusement.

THE AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

As stated in our last Messrs C. F. Barker of Boston and James P. Reed of Chicago have been engaged in a match for the checker championship of America.

We are indebted to the American Checker Review for the following report of the checker games in the series.—

"Barker won the toss and chose the white men. The opening drawn was the 'Dyke.' The game proceeded on regular lines until the 25th move, when Reed varied by 3—8 as in the Martins vs. Yates match games. Barker played very cautiously. The position at the 17th move was:—black men (Reed) 9, 13, 18, 19; white men (Barker) 21, 26, 28 king 6."

The game was drawn as follows:—

6 1 18—23 6 9 30—25
9—14 26 22 26—30 21 17
1 6 23—26 9 18 19—23

The second game was also a "Dyke" Barker playing blacks. The game reached the following position:—black men (Barker) 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 19; white men 17, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31; white (Reed) to move.

The game proceeded as follows:—

27 23 12—19 22 18 27—23
8—12 22 17 28—32 18 14
17 13 19—24 29 25 10—17
16—20 28 19 20—24 21 14
13 6 15—24 25 21 2—6
1—10 26 22 32—27 drawn.
23 16 24—28 17 13

The third game was a "Dundee." At the twenty-third move the position

was as follows:—black men (Reed) 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 17, 18, 20; white men (Barker) 14, 15, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 32. That the position was very critical was apparent to every one and the interest was intense. After time had been called Barker moved 14—10 and this was the boomerang stroke he had prepared for his opponent.

(a) 2—7 25 18 7—30 31 26
21 14 5—9 15 10 w. wins.
18—22 14 5 6—15

"But nothing was further away from Reed's thoughts, and he quickly moved 17—22. Barker gave a low whistle of astonishment. That he should have overlooked the consequent stroke seemed almost improbable; but there it was staring him in the face and when 26 17, 18—23, 27—18, 8—11, 15 8, 6—29 quickly followed, he knew his boomerang stroke had returned to him with a result as disappointing as it was surprising. After a few more moves he resigned the game."

Late advices up to the eleventh day's play give the score as follows. Reed 8, Barker 4, drawn 27. As there are only eleven more games to play Barker will surely lose the championship.

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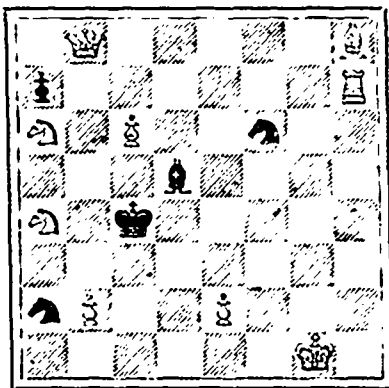
CHESS.

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Solution to Problem No. 83, B to K2, solved by Jno. W. Wallace.

PROBLEM No. 85.

BLACK 5 pieces.



WHITE 9 pieces.

White to play and mate in 2 moves

No. 67

Played in the second round of the Sixth American Chess congress.

WHITE BLACK
M. Tschigorin. G. H. D. Gossip.
1 P to K4 P to K4
2 Kt to KB3 Kt to KB3
3 P to B3 (a) P to Q4
4 Q to R4 P to B3 (b)
5 B to K5 KKt to K2 (c)
6 P takes P Q takes P
7 Castles B to Q2
8 P to Q4 (d) P to K5
9 KKt to Q2 Kt to K13
10 B to B4 Q to QR4
11 Q to Kt3 P to B1
12 B to B7 ch K to K2
13 Kt to B4 Q to R3
14 B to Kt5 ch K takes B
15 Kt to Q6 mate.

No. 68
Played in the first round of the Sixth American Chess Congress.

WHITE BLACK
W. H. K. Pollock. M Tschigorin.
1 P to K4 P to K4
2 Kt to QB3 Kt to KB3
3 Kt to KB3 Kt to QB3
4 P to Q4 P takes P
5 Kt takes P B to K15
6 Kt takes Kt KtP takes Kt
7 B to Q3 P to Q1
8 P to K5 Kt to K15
9 Castles Castles
10 P to KR3 Kt takes P
11 B takes RPch K takes B
12 Q to R5 ch K to Kt sq
13 Q takes Kt R to K sq
14 Q to K3 B to KB4
15 B to K15 Q to Q2
16 QR to QB sq R to K3
17 Q to KB4 B takes Kt
18 P takes B R to K7
19 Q to QR4 QR to K sq
20 B to K3 B takes RP
21 P takes B QR takes B
22 QR to K Q takes KRP
23 R takes R R takes R
24 R to QKt sq R to K5

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1889. A. No. 2840. IN THE SUPREME COURT.

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LAND

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