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GAME No. 21.

Single corner played at the Lanark County tourney this year, between C. Brown and A. Bissat.

11-15	16-20	20-24	15	11		
22	18	18	15	32	27	8-15
15-22	9-14	16-20	19	10		
25	18	22	17	17	14	6-15
8-11	7-11	10-17	28	10		
29	25	23	18	21	14	14-17
4-8	14-23	3-7	b-23	19-1		
25	22	27	18	14	10	
11-16	11-16	7-14				
24	19	26	23	18	9	

a. 5-14

This was the losing move.

b Bissat's move here allowed black to draw. The following variations will show how white should have won and will also form the solution to PROBLEM 124.—The position was:—black men 1, 2, 12, 17, 20; white men 10, 23, 27, 30, 31. White to move and win:—

VAR. I.

31	26	9-13	8	12	26-31	
2	12-16	26	22	22-26	19	24
23	18	17-26	12	19	31-26	
2-6	30	23	26-30	23	19	
10	7	13-17	18	14	w. wins.	
6-9	3	8	30-26			
7	3	17-22	14	10		

VAR. II.

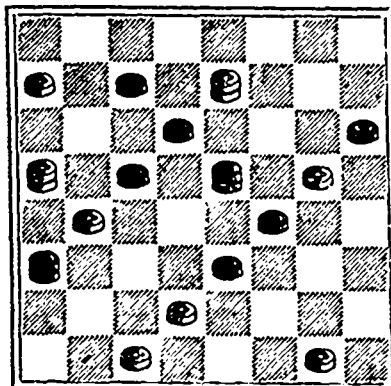
1-5	6	1	17-22	15	10
23	19	2-7	26	17	7-14
3-5-9	19	15	13-22	9	25
10	6	12-16	5	9	w. wins.
9-13	1	5	16-19		

VAR. III.

17-21	9-14	22-26	w. wins		
19	15	11	8	23	18
12-16	14-17	26-31			
26	23	8	4	8	12
5-9	17-22	31-34			
15	11	4	8	12	28

PROBLEM No. 126.

By Richard Lyons, Sunderland. Black men 6, 10, 12, 14, 19, 23, kings 15, 21.



White men 5, 16, 17, 26, 30, 32, kings 7, 13.

Black to move and win.

This is another fine "stroke" problem which we specially commend to the study of our solvers,

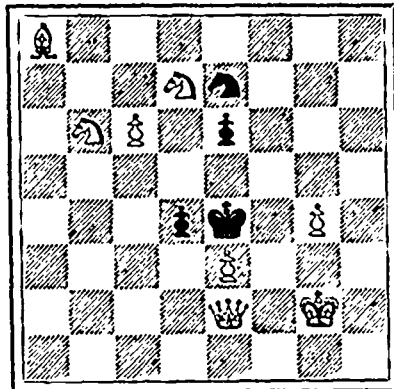
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Solution to problem No. 88, Kt to B5. Solved by J. W. Wallace and Mrs. H. Moseley.

PROBLEM No. 90.
BLACK 4 pieces.



WHITE 8 pieces.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE TOURNAY.

The game between Dr. T. F. Leech, Judson, Ind., and Mr. R. Short, Montreal has been won by the latter Mr. R. H. Bechler, Milwaukee, vs. J. Gallon, Lindsay, won by the former, Mr. T. W. Coleman, Summit Point, W. Va., vs. Mr. R. T. Burns, Kingston, won by the former. Mr. J. F. Burns, Columbus, O., vs. Mr. A. Hood, Toronto, won by the former. Present score; United States, 16½; Canada 13½.

GAME No. 72.

The following is one out of eight games played by Mr. Blackburne simultaneously and *sans voir*, against eight strong players of the Montreal Chess club, June 8, 1889.

VIENNA OPENING.

WHITE BLACK
Mr. J. H. Blackburne. Mr. J. Barry.

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|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 P to K4 | P to K4 |
| 2 Kt to Q B3 | B to B4 (a) |
| 3 B to B4 (b) | Kt to K B3 |
| 4 P to Q3 | P to K R3 |
| 5 Kt to B3 | P to Q3 |
| 6 B to K3 | Q Kt to Q2 |
| 7 Q to K2 | P to Q R3 |
| 8 P to Q R3 | P to B3 |
| 9 R to Q | B to Kt3 |
| 10 P to Q4 | Q to B2 |
| 11 P to R3 | P takes P |
| 12 Kt takes P | Kt to K4 |
| 13 B to R2 | Castles |
| 14 P to B4 | Kt to Kt3 |
| 15 Castles | R to K |
| 16 Q to Q3 | Kt to B |
| 17 K to R | Q to K2 (c) |
| 18 Kt takes P (d) | P takes Kt |
| 19 B takes B | R to Kt |
| 20 B to Q4 | B to K3 (e) |
| 21 B takes B | Kt takes B |
| 22 B takes Kt | Q takes B |
| 23 P to B5 | Kt to B4 |
| 24 Q takes QP | Q takes Q |
| 25 R takes Q | Kt takes P |
| 26 Kt takes Kt | R takes Kt |
| 27 R takes BP | R takes KtP |
| 28 R to B5 ch | K to R2 |
| 29 R to B7 | R to K7 |
| 30 R to B | R to B7 |
| 31 R takes P | K to Kt |
| 32 R to B7 | R takes KBP |
| 33 R to Q | R to R7 |
| 34 R to Q3 | R to B3 |

- 35 R to KKt3 R to B2
36 R to B6 K to R2
37 R takes RP R takes BP
Abandoned as a draw.

NOTES.

- (a) For a player unacquainted with the multifarious variations springing from this fine opening, the text move is the safest defense.
(b) The more improved continuation is 3 P to KB4.
(c) Black apparently overlooks the fact that this move loses a Pawn
(d) The blindfold player saw it!
(e) If R takes KtP; Kt to Q5, etc.
—Montreal Gazette.

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