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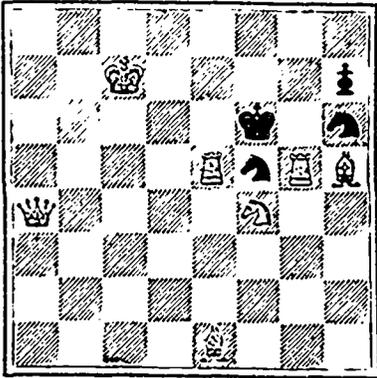
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Solution to Problem No. 99 Kt to K5. Solved by Mrs. H. Moseley, J. W. Wallace and C. W. L.

PROBLEM No. 101.

From Illustrated London News, by H. F. L. Meyer.

BLACK 4 pieces.



WHITE 7 pieces.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

GAME No. 82.

A specimen of the style of two of the younger native players in the recent Master Tournament at Breslau. (Vienna Opening)

WHITE MIESES. BLACK FRITZ.

- 1 P to K4 P to K4
2 Kt to Q B3 Kt to Q B3
3 P to KKt3 B to Kt5
4 B to Kt2 B to B4

This procedure is, to say the least of it, an unusual method of finding out the best square for the Bishop.

- 5 KKt to K2 P to Q3
6 P to Q3 KKt to K2

We prefer the posting of this Kt at KB3 if possible, here, if 7 B to Kt5, B to K3, followed by P to KR3.

- 7 Kt to Q5 Kt takes Kt
8 P takes Kt Kt to K2
9 P to Q4 P takes P
10 Kt takes P Kt to B4
11 Kt to K2 Q to B3
12 Castles B to Q2
13 Kt to B3! Castles Q R

Quite Fritzlike and a justifiable risk, seeing he has a bad position.

- 14 B to Q2 Q R to Ksq
15 Kt to K4 Q to Kt5
16 Kt takes B P takes Kt
17 P to Q Kt4 B to Kt4

Much better was P to B5, keeping the White Pawns separated. White would still have a strong attack by P to Q R4 (after 18 P to Q B3 to prevent Kt to Q5), but it could be rebutted, while the P at B5 could be defended without difficulty.

- 18 P takes P
A very pretty surprise.
B takes R
19 Q takes B Kt to Q5

It was hard to find a defence. He might perhaps have played Q-R4 (not Q to Kt5, 20 B to R3) with the object of going to K7. See diagram.

- 20 P to B6! P to Kt4
21 P to Q R4 Q takes P
22 B to K3 Kt to Kt6
23 R to Qsq Q to B5
24 Q to Ksq Q takes R P
25 P to Q6!

The inevitable demolition of the earthworks is now satisfactorily accomplished.

- P takes P
26 R takes P R to Q sq

- 27 B to R3 ch K to B2
28 B to B4! R takes R
29 Q to K7 ch K to Kt3
If K takes P White mates in 3 moves.

- 30 B takes R Q to R8 ch
31 B to Bsq K takes P
32 B to K5

Preparing for a good old-fashioned culminating cat-hunt.

- Q to BS
33 Q to B7 ch K to Q4
34 Q to Q6 ch K to K5
35 P to B3 ch K to B4
36 P to Kt4 ch K to Kt4
37 B to B4 ch

37 Q to K7 ch. and mate 2 moves afterwards would have been shorter and prettier.

- Q takes B
38 P to R4 ch. K takes P
39 Q takes Q R to Q B sq.
and White announced mate in five moves.—Baltimore Sunday News.

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All Checker communications and exchanges should be addressed to W. Forsyth, 36 Grafton Street, Halifax.

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SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 134.—Being the ending of game XXVIII played between Messrs Forsyth and O'Hearn. The former had the black. The position was:—Black men 6, 7, 9, 15, 15; white men 13, 17, 21, 22, 26, 28; white to play. What result?

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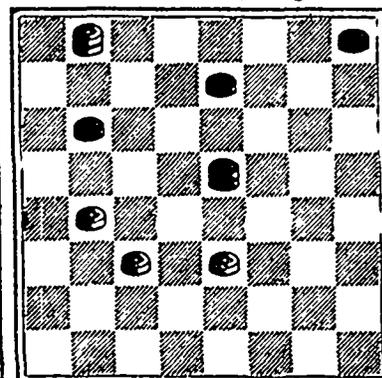
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\*Best moves.

PROBLEM 135.—Position was—Black men 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 19; white men 13, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32; white to play and win: 22 17 30 25 31 27 27 2 14—21 21—30 30—23 w. wins.

We are glad to note that the Halifax Recorder has of late given checkers some attention and from its columns we take:—

PROBLEM No. 137. Black men 4, 7, 9, king 15.



White men 17, 22, 23, king 1. White to play and win. We look upon this as a little gem, which some of our younger players will find hard to solve.

GAME XXXI.

"BRISTOL."

Played between W. Forsyth and F. Hamilton.

Table with 4 columns and 15 rows of numbers representing game moves and results.

would give white a vory strong if not a winning game.

THE TEAM MATCH.

Several Halifax and Dartmouth players have already expressed their intention of going to Shubenacadie on Thanksgiving day to witness the team match between the four picked players of that place and Halifax. All lovers of the game will be cordially welcome, and doubtless any who favor the occasion with their presence will find opponents in games that they may desire to arrange that will afford them excellent practice.

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