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NOVEMBER.

Ah me! the days die young and nights grow old,
In this the eleventh hour of the year;

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Solutions to Problems sent in by Correspondents
will be duly acknowledged.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Papers to hand. Many thanks.
Student, Montreal.—Correct solution received of Problem No. 297.

The longest game of chess on record is, we believe, one
that was played about two years ago, between Mr. Bird
and Mr. Potter.

The special general meeting of the City of London
Chess Club took place, in accordance with previous
announcements, on Friday, the 8th ult., at Mouffet's
Hotel, Newgate street, the President, Mr. H. F. Gant-
ton, in the chair.

The above is only part of a long and very interesting
article, for the whole of which we are sorry we cannot
find space.

We have been requested to contradict a rumour that
has gained currency to the effect that the "Chessplayer's
Chronicle" will cease to appear after the current year.

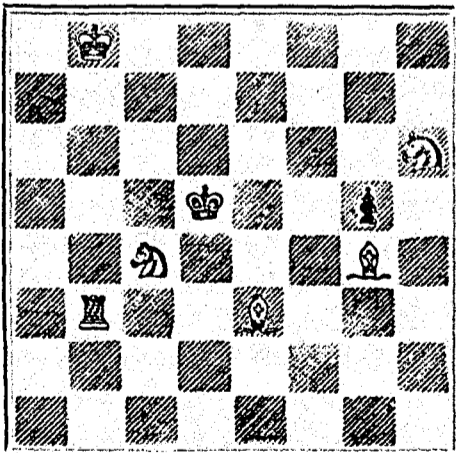
Another set in the Nuova Revista Tourney is composed
of stolen problems. Its motto is "Madame Angot,"
That magazine, in stating the fact that this set, together
with "Tamaio Caros," has been disqualified for this
reason, speaks of it very much as it would have done
had the disqualification been on account of unsoundness
or some other like cause.

In Problem No. 301 the Queen should be White instead
of Black.

PROBLEM No. 302

By S. Loyd.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME 431st.

Being one of eight blindfold, simultaneous games
played by Mr. J. H. Blackburne some time ago in Lon-
don, England.

(Scotch Gambit declined.)

- White. (Mr. Blackburne.)
1. P to K4
2. Kt to K B3
3. P to Q4
4. B to Q B4
5. Kt to Q B3
6. Kt takes P
7. Q takes B
8. K to K3
9. Q to Kt5
10. R to Q sq

- 11. K to B sq
12. Q to Kt3
13. B to K3
14. Q R to B sq
15. B to Q3
16. P to B3
17. Q to B2
18. Kt to K2
19. R to B4
20. R to Kt sq
21. R to B3
22. B takes Kt
23. R from B3 to Kt3
24. Kt to B3
25. Kt takes P
26. B takes P
27. R takes P (ch)
28. R takes Q (ch)
29. Q to B2 (ch)
30. Q to R4
31. Q to B4 (ch)
32. R takes Kt
33. Q takes R (ch)

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 300.

- White. Black.
1. Kt to Q K7 2. Any move
2. Mates acc.

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 298.

- WHITE. BLACK.
1. Kt to K6 (ch) 1. P takes Kt
2. Q mates

PROBLEM FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 299.

- White. Black.
K at Q R6 K at Q4
Q at K R2 Pawns at K4 and
Kt at K B2 Q3.
Kt at K6
Pawns at K B6, K
Kt4 and 5, Q R3,
and Q B6

White to play and mate in two moves.

THE GREAT NAPOLEON DEFEATED.—One of
the poets of the first Empire, Nepomucene Le-
mercier, wrote a tragedy, the hero of which was
Christopher Columbus. He had in it violated
theunities, which Frenchmen for years consid-
ered an inviolable law of tragedy. When Le-
mercier's piece was played, the students hissed
it with great vehemence. Napoleon admired
him, and, when he heard that the tragedy had
been hissed, he ordered it to be played again.
It was again hissed. He became furious. He
ordered it to be played a third time, and went
to the theatre accompanied by a regiment of
soldiers. The first and second acts were heard
in silence. It was during the third that the
hisses had formerly been most vigorous. When
the curtain rose on the third act, Napoleon
leaned over his box and looked at the students
to see if they would dare to oppose his known
will in his presence. What should he see but
the whole audience, from the pit to the last tier,
wearing nightcaps, and pretending to be fast
asleep! The sight was so odd that Napoleon
could not help laughing, and he gave up at-
tempting to support the tragedy.

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