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SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 58.—The position was:—black kgs. 11, 14, 22, 23; white men, 12, 21, kgs. 2, 32; black to play and win.

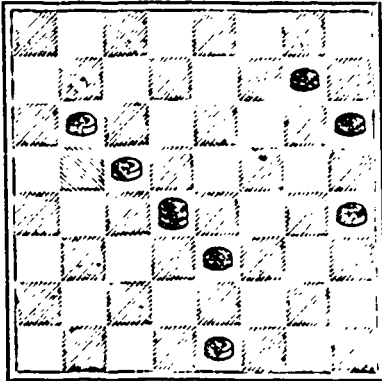
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28	32	19	24	28	19	3	8
19	15	26	23	10	23	18	15
32	27	24	28	12	8		
15	10	23	27	10	6	black	
27	23	28	32	2	9	wins.	

(a) One of our solvers failed at this point by playing 22-18, which would permit white to draw by 2 6, 10-1, 19 15.

PROBLEM 59.—The position was:—black men, 10, 16, 28, kg. 21; white men, 12, 18, 31, kg. 13; black to play and draw. This position was given us by a friend who stated that it was No. 1299 in the Glasgow Herald. We frankly admit that we have been unable to solve it but hoped that some of our readers might have succeeded in doing so. It appears to us that some mistake has occurred in the position, and if any friend has a copy of the Herald containing the original problem, we would be greatly obliged to be favored with a perusal of it.

PROBLEM 63.

Contributed by Sergeant W. Muir. Black men—8, 12, 23, kg. 18.

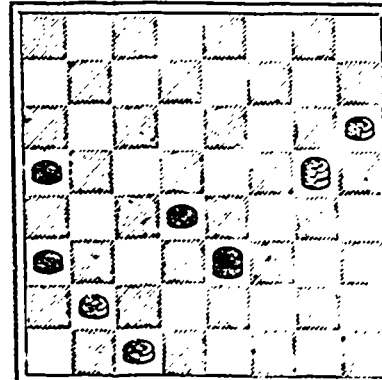


White men—9, 14, 20, 31. White to play and draw.

This is one of the neat draws often missed in play.

PROBLEM 64.

By J. R. Naismyth, in the West Lothian Courier. Black men—13, 18, 21, kg. 23.



White men—12, 25, 30, kg. 16. White to play and draw.

This is another neat draw the study of which will repay our checkerists.

CHESS.

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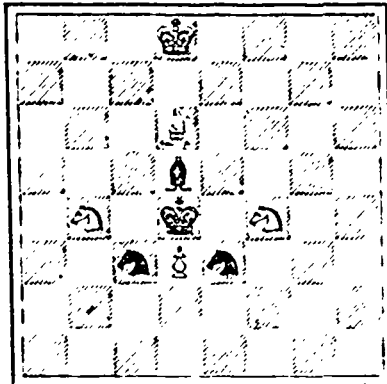
We resume this week our Solution Tourney.

We regret to announce that, owing to the serious illness of his mother, our Chess Editor, Mr. F. J. Richardson, has been compelled to go to England. We shall hope soon to hear of his return. In the meantime we have made arrangements with another lover of the game in Windsor to carry on the editing of the column, and we would request our subscribers to aid him by sending in new games, problems, etc.

Our solvers will please take notice that only those who are actual paid subscribers on the 1st day of November, will be entitled to receive the prizes which we propose to give on January 1st.

PROBLEM No. 41.

Called the "Anchor of Hope," in Hampshire Magazine. BLACK—4 pieces.



WHITE—5 pieces. White to mate in two moves.

GAME No. 30.

PHILIDOR'S DEFENCE.

WHITE. BLACK. J. Mortimer. J. Mason.

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| 1 P to K4 | P to K4 |
| 2 Kt to KB3 | P to Q3 |
| 3 P to Q4 | P takes P |
| 4 Q takes P | Kt to KB3 |
| 5 Kt to B3 | B to K2 |
| 6 B to Kkt5 | Kt to B3 |
| 7 Q to Q2 | P to KR3 |
| 8 B to K3 | P to R3 |
| 9 P to KR3 | B to K3 |
| 10 B to Q3 | Kt to K4 |
| 11 Kt to Q4 | Kt takes B(ch) |
| 12 P takes Kt | P to Q4 |
| 13 P to K5 | Kt to Q2 |
| 14 P to B4 | P to QB4 |
| 15 Kt takes B | P takes Kt |
| 16 P to Q4 | P takes P |
| 17 B takes P | B to R5(ch) |
| 18 B to B2 | Castles |
| 19 P to Kkt3 | B to K2 |
| 20 Castles QR | B to Et5 |
| 21 K to Ktsq | R to Bsq |
| 22 B to Q4 | B takes Kt |
| 23 B takes PB | Kt to B4 |
| 24 Q to K3 | Kt to K5 |
| 25 B to Q4 | Q to B2 |
| 26 Q to Kt3 | P to QKt4 |
| 27 P to R3 | Q to B5 |
| 28 Q to Q3 | P to QR4 |
| 29 KR to Bsq | P to Kt5 |

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| 30 P to Kt4 | P to Kt6 |
| 31 Q takes Q | R takes Q |
| 32 B to K3 | KR to Bsq |
| 33 P to B6 | K to B2 |
| 34 R to Q3 | P to R5 |
| 35 KR to Qsq | R to B7 |
| 36 K to Q4 | K takes P(ch) |
| 37 K takes R | R to B7(ch) |
| 38 Resigns | |

Black plays Kt to B6 next move, and it is impossible for white to avert mate.

GAME No. 31.

BLINDFOLD CHESS.—The following game was played by Mr. Blackburne, (blindfold,) at the Union Chess Club, Manchester:—

(Scotch Gambit—Mr. Fraser's Attack.)

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| WHITE | BLACK. |
| Mr. Blackburne. | Mr. J. W. Goodwin. |
| 1 P to K4 | P to K4 |
| 2 KKt to B3 | QKt to B3 |
| 3 P to Q4 | P takes P |
| 4 Kt takes P | Q to R5 |
| 5 KKt to B3 | Q takes KP(ch) |
| 6 B to K2 | B to Kt5(ch) |
| 7 B to Q2 | |

(The move usually played here is P to QK3. The move in the text has the effect of simplifying the position by an exchange of pieces, which, under ordinary circumstances, would be to the advantage of the second player, who is a pawn ahead. As it turns out in the present case, however, Mr. Blackburne acts judiciously in adopting the line of play he does.)

8 Q takes B B takes B(ch) (Bad; only assisting White to develop his forces. Kt to KB3 appears to give Black a perfectly safe game)

9 Q takes B QKt to K4 (Another ill advised effort to "change off," which has only the effect of enabling White to develop his pieces rapidly and to advantage, while those of his opponent remain inactive at home.)

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| 10 B takes Kt | Kt takes Kt(ch) |
| 11 Kt to B3 | Q to KR5 |
| 12 QR to Ksq | Kt to K2 |
| 13 R to K4 | Castles |
| 14 KR to Ksq | Q to KB3 |
| 15 R to K8 | Kt to KKt3 |
| 16 R takes R(ch) | P to KR3 |
| 17 Kt to Q5 | K takes R |
| 18 Q to K3 | Q to Qsq |

(Threatening Kt takes QBP.)
18 Q to K8(ch) K to Kt sq
19 Q to K8(ch) Q takes Q
20 R takes Q(ch) K to R2
21 Kt takes BP R to Ktsq
22 B to K4 P to Q3
23 P to KR4 P to KB4
24 B takes KBP B takes B
25 R takes R B to K5
26 Kt to K6 Kt to K4
27 Kt to B8(ch) And White wins.

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