

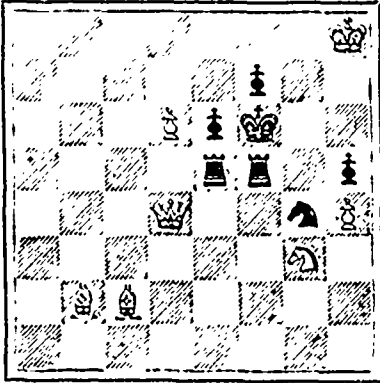
CHESSE.

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PROBLEM No. 111.

By FRITZ PEIPERS, San Francisco.

From the Week.
BLACK 7 pieces.



WHITE 7 pieces.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

GAME No. 92.

Played at Ottawa between Messrs. J. E. Andrews and J. E. Narraway.

(Evans Gambit)

WHITE Mr. Andrews. BLACK Mr. Narraway.

- 1 P to K4 P to K4
2 Kt to KB3 Kt to QB3
3 B to B4 B to B4
4 P to QKt4 B takes P
5 P to B3 B to R4
6 Castles Q to B3

The Steinitz defence

- 7 B to Kt2 This is new
8 P to Q4 Kt to R3
9 B to Kt5 B to Kt3
Kt to KKt5

The only way to save

a Pawn, but a good way.

- 10 P to KR3 P to KR4
11 Q to Q2 Kt to K2
12 B to K2 Kt to Kt3
13 P to Kt3 Kt to R3
14 Q to Kt5 P to Q3
15 K to Kt2 P to R5
16 R to R sq Q takes Q
17 Kt takes Q P takes QP
18 P takes P P to KB4
19 B to B4

Both players failed to see that White could win a piece by 19 B to R5!

- P takes P
20 Kt takes P Kt to B4
21 Kt to Kt5 P takes P
22 R to K sq ch

From this point to the end the play is very interesting.

- 23 P takes P Kt (Kt3) to K2
24 B takes B B takes P
25 Kt to QB3 Kt takes B
26 QR to Q sq P to B3
27 P to Kt4 Kt to B4
28 K to K3 Kt to R5 ch
29 Kt to K6 ch K to B sq
30 B takes B B takes Kt
31 R to KB sq ch P to Q4
32 R to B7 K to K sq
R to R3

Foreseeing and in

- 33 QR to KB sq R takes B
34 K to B8 ch R to Q2
35 R takes R P to KKt4!
36 K to B2 K to B3 ch
37 K to Q2 R takes R
38 K takes R Kt to B sq

The Rook is caged beyond redemption.

- 39 Kt to K2 Kt to KKt3
40 K to B2 P to B4
41 Kt to B3 Kt to B5
42 K to Kt3 P to Q5
43 Kt to Q sq P to B5
44 P to KR4 P to B6
45 Resigns.

From the Quebec Chronicle

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Will Sergt. W. Muir kindly exchange the Glasgow Herald for the CRITIC?

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Checker Editor CRITIC.

The CHECKER EDITOR thanks the West Lothian Courier for noting and complying with his request to address his exchange to 36 Grafton Street, and wishes that other papers exchanging with his department would follow the example thus set.

News.—The Toronto Draughts Club is arranging to hold a checker tournament in that city, beginning on the second Tuesday in February next. Invitations to attend the event have been sent to prominent Canadian players. The prizes offered are:—1st, \$100; 2nd, \$60; 3rd, \$40; 4th, \$30; 5th, \$25; 6th, \$20; 7th, \$15; 8th, \$10; 9th, \$5. Entrance fee \$5.

PROBLEM 145.—The position was:—Black men 1, 2, 3, 18, 20, 22; white men 8, 12, 15, 27, 28, 30; white to move and draw. As before stated Wyllie took this position and worked out a black win. Mr. Stark corrects the play by showing a draw. We give both plays below though we are not entirely satisfied of the soundness of Stark's draw.

MR. WYLLIE'S WIN.

- 8 4 2-7 15 8 6-10
1-6 8 4 18-23 black
4 8 7-11 27 18 wins

MR. STARK'S CORRECTION.

- 15 10 3 7 10 17 3 7
2-6 4-9 13-22 30-26
10 7 7 10 12 8 7 11
3-10 22-25 22-26 drawn
8 3 30 21 8 3
10-14 9-13 26-30

Though Mr. Stark considers this as a draw we much prefer black's position.

GAME XL.

Played between our checker editor and his son, Willie, who is only aged 8 1/2 years.

We present this game not for any special merit in itself, but to illustrate the fact that even a child as well as an adult may derive amusement and profit from our favorite game.

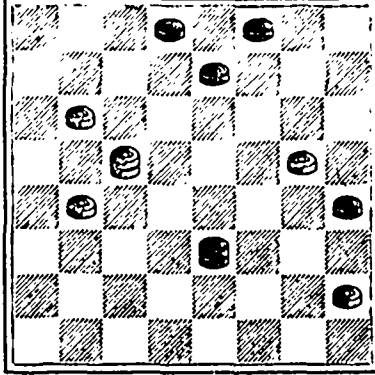
- 11-15 14-18 16-20 21-30
24 19 22 6 13 6 14 21
15-24 13-29 20-27 7-11
a 27 20 6 1 31 24 19 16
9-14 29-25 2-9 12-19
22 17 32 28 1 6 23 7
5-9 8-11 9-14 30-23
25 22 28 24 6 9 21 17
1-5 11-16 14-17 5-9
29 25 20 11 9 14 7 3
9-13 7-16 4-8 9-13
28 24 b 21 17 24 20 3 1
6-9 25-21 3-7 13-22
24 19 17 13 30 25 drawn.

a 28 19 is considered much stronger here.
b The little fellow here thought of playing 24 20 but noticed in time that it would entail the loss of the game.

PROBLEM No. 147.

By Sergt. W. Muir, Maybole, Scotland.

Black men 2, 3, 7, 20, king 23.



White men 9, 16, 17, 28, king 14.

Black to play and win.

This is a neat but not a difficult position. We would like all the checker playing readers of the CRITIC to send us a solution per post card. These will be regarded by us as Christmas cards and as an encouragement to us in our work in this department.



SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Port Maitland Work," will be received until Friday, the 20th day of December next, inclusively, for repairing the western breakwater at Port Maitland (late Green Cove), Yarmouth County, Nova Scotia, according to a plan and specification, to be seen on application to Mr. David C. Crosby, Port Maitland, and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

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