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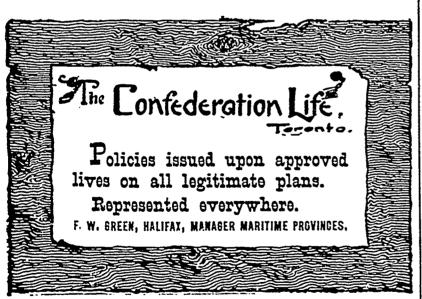
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SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 252.—The position was: black man 2, kings 20, 31; white men 17, 23, king 4; black to play and win. This neat problem by Mr. James Forrie, champion of Scotland, has been correctly solved by Thomas J. Boutillier, of Lorway Mines, C. B., Oliver McGill, of Yarmouth, and S. Granville and Mr. Griffin, of Halifix. 23-18 18-14 23 19 15 11 17 10 black 20 - 16wins. 19 15 11

GAME 130-" Single Corner."

ted by Mr. Frank Hamilton, of Halifax, N. S. From the Scottish Canadian, correc-

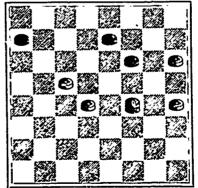
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a In the Scottish Canadian 1-5 was played and black lost. b We leave the position here, thus

giving the opportunity to our readers to find the draw for themselves.

PROBLEM 254.

By J. A. Lersen. Black men 5, 7, 11, king 19.



White men 12, 14, 18, 20. White to play and draw. The above is a very nest end game. Those to whom the idea is new will

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