### CHESS.

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### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. Downey, Halifax.—Ten days for insertion in second issue from date of publishing Problem.

Mrs. H. Mosely.—You are correct.

Printer's error. Much obliged.

ERRATA.—In Problem No. 71, Rook

at Black Q's sq, should be a black R. Fred Mackie (East Ratford, Eng.)

-Welcome to competition. Thanks. Solutions to Problems 64 and 65 correct.

By an oversight there are two Problems numbered 68, competitors will please call them 68a, 68b. Credit will be given accordingly.

Solution to 68b.—B to Ks Kt 3. Correct solutions to the above received from Mrs. II. Mosely and J. W. Wallace.

### SKETCHES FROM FOREIGN TRAVELS.

To have judged the man by his appearance would have been the greatest injustice, for he was as pleasant and gentle a companion as one might well wish to meet, never giving the slightest offence by word or gesture.

At the next board sat a pair of octogenarians, who spent the greater part of the day playing Chess in anticipation of the final checkmate. Their eyes were dim, their comprehension slow. How often in a .me did one place a piece en prise and the other not see it? How often would they over-look a mate in two, nay, even mates on the move? Still they would play away at the game, and enjoy it probably more than masters. To the very imperfection of their play they owed that quiet enjoyment, for nobody would stop to look at their game, not even the omnipresent "suggesting nuisance." They would not brook interference any more than younger heads, for Chess brings to the surface the pugnacious qualities of a man, however well he may be able

to hide them in other pursuits.

At the last board sat a middle aged descendant of Shem, whose hair seemed to have found uncomfortable its location on top of the head, for though there was certainly plenty of room, still it had vacated its natural premises and settled in the neighborhood of the mouth, may be on account of greater facilities for irrigation. His partner was a very nervous sort of a fellow, constantly active, twisting a match or Chessman between his fingers, or drumming on the board or on the floor, or humming something, the air of which nobody over caught, or tilting his chair backwards. They were rapid players and spiced the game with lucid or sarcastic remarks, as the case might be, but generally extolling the utter ignorance of the other.

Here is an end game as a sample of their strategy:

WHITE BLACK K at Q sq. Q at KKt3 K at KB sq. Oat K3 Reat KR, QR Rs at KR, QR Be at QKt3, Q2 Bat Q3

Kt at Q sq. Ps at QR2, QB2, KB3 Kt at QB3, K2

Ps at QR2, QKt2, QB2, KB3, KKt2, KR2

White, having the move, played 1B to K6, and black, bent on gobbling answered 1 Q takes P, whereupon followed

2R to B sq. 2Q to R5 3Q takes Kt ch. 3R to B4 4K to Kt2

At this juncture Black opened his eyes wide, knocked the pieces over in disgust, changed the colors, and started the 47th game of the day, of which the score was preserved, notwithstanding its insignificance; and here it is.

WHITE BLACK 1 P to K4 P to K4 Kt to KB3 2 Kt to QB3 3 P to KB4 P takes P 4 P to K5 Kt to Kt sq. F to Q4 P to KKt4 Kt to B3 P to KKt5 P takes Kt B to QB4 B to R3 Q to K2111 B takes B 8 Castles 9 Qtakes P 10 QB takes P 11 Q takes B Kt takes KB3?

.....Unaware of the mine under his feet, which is going

to raise him off his base. 12 Kt to Q5 Q to B sq.
13 Kt takes P ch. K to Q sq.
14 Kt takes R KKt to K 2. 15 P to K6 P to Q4 16 Q to B7 ch. 17 P takes P ch. K to K sq. Q takes P K takes R 18 R takes Q 19 B takes P ch. K to B3 20 R takes KB ch. K to Kt2 Kt to Kt3

21 Q to Kt3 ch. 22 R to B7 ch. K to R3 23 Q to K3 ch. K to R4 24 B to B3 ch. B m. 

K to R5 26 P to Kt3 K to R6 27 B to Kt2 mate.

By this time the quartette was on the point of suffocating, and only by a hasty retreat avoided furnishing an addition to the Katzenellenbogen cemetery. Dreams of arrogant Bishops and murdered Queens stole into their sleep, so that the rising sun woke up four miserable Leings. Fortunately, the tramp in the morning air soon counterbalanced the nauseous effects of the past evening.

— Chess Chronicle.

### DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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### SOLUTIONS.

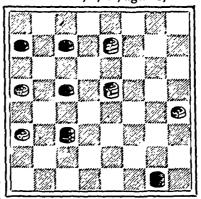
PROBLEM 91.—The position was:black men 1, 4, 15, 18, 24; white men 7, 13, 14, 21, 26; white to play and draw.

3 9 -27 - 5 27-31 19-24 7 11 15 22 3 26 22 5 - 14-19 31drawn.

PROBLEM 92.—The position was:—black man 24, kgs, 28, 32; white kgs, 23, 26, 31; white to move and win.

23 32-22 18 19 27 - 3227--2731 26 -32 26 18 23 32--27 w. wins. PROBLEM No. 95.

An ending that occured in the Interprovincial match between Messrs. Forsyth and Gaskin, February 22nd. Black men 5, 6, 14, kgs. 21, 32.



White men 13, 20, 21, kgs. 7, 15. White to play and win.

The Inter-Provincial checker match between our Checker Editor, Wm. Forsyth, and Henry Gaskin, of St. John, N. B., was concluded on Wednesday. Following is the score :-

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