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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Rev. P. H. B.—No. 6 is stopped by Black playing B to K5, and No. 8 by Kt to QB2.

"D."—Yours received and noted. "M. J. M." (Quebec)—Hope to write you shortly concerning Association. In the meantime, we rather like Mr. Pope's suggestions.

F. A. P.—Your No. 7 is correct

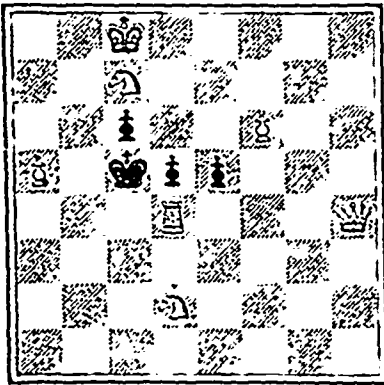
SOLUTION OF PROBLEM 8.

P to QB7, etc.
If Black plays P to QKt4, then (2) P to QBS, becoming a Knight, giving checkmate.

(Correct solutions received from Rev. C. E. Willets, Edgie, L. M. Wilkins, J. W. W., W. Lawson "D." H. B. Stairs, C. Cutbill, Mrs H. Mosley, and C. Hensley.)

PROBLEM No 12.
By F. C. Collins.

BLACK.



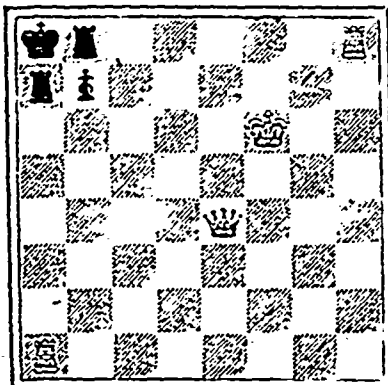
WHITE.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

PROBLEM No. 13.

By M. T. Herlin, (L' Anonymo de Lille.)

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

AN INVITATION.

Now music, richer, stronger,
Through the russet bowers flows—
Sweet Philomel no longer
Serenades the dewy rose.
Frosts turn the red leaves brighter,
Winds bear them far and near,
White lilies grow still whiter
On the zephyr-dimpled mere.
Old Boreas' icy fetter
Doth now our sport caress,
And so I think you'd better
Learn to play the game of Chess.
—Columbia Chess Chronicle.

Mr M. T. Murphy, the indefatigable editor of the Quebec Chronicle Chess column, has lately issued an appeal to all Dominion Chess Clubs, in which he invites them to combine their forces with the object of eventually forming a thoroughly representative "Canadian Chess Association." We hope to shortly lay before our readers further details of the proposed scheme, with the aims of which we are fully in sympathy.

We learn from the British Chess Magazine that "the invitation of the Yorkshire County Chess Club to the Management Council of the British Chess Association, to hold its Biennial International Masters' Tournament for 1888 in Bradford, under the joint auspices of the two societies, has been accepted, and that the B. C. A. will supplement the County Club's offer of £125 with a corresponding sum, thus raising the minimum amount of £250. This should provide prizes to attract the majority of the leading players of the world."

An International match between England and Germany has just been arranged, and will take place most probably during the Easter or Whitsuntide holidays, in either Holland or Belgium, with 30 combatants on each side. Further particulars will shortly be announced.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. F. HALL, Lunenburg.—Your reply to the query relative to the position in problem 4, as to whether white moving can win, the position being: black man 9, k 17, white kings 2, 15 is incorrect. At your sixth move instead of playing 13 17 pay 21 17 and try it again.

D. CONNELL, Amherst.—Yours received. Glad to hear from you. Will write you soon.

Mrs H. MOSLEY, Dartmouth.—Your two letters are received. Solutions in your second are first-class. Thanks. Your reply to the question what was the latest stage at which Barker could draw in our game 3, was not sound. Instead of 15 10 at second move play 25 22, 8-12, 15 10, and white can capture the man on 14.

W. N. REINHARDT, LaHava.—The blanks sent you will do for either chess or checkers.

Chess Editor.—Your letter with enclosure, as well as "clippings," received with thanks. Will write.

D. STEWART, Shelburne.—Your solution to Problem 6 is received. Thanks for remarks on principle of this problem. See our next.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM No 5—Position—black man, 3, k 10; white men, 25, 26, black to move and win.—Correctly solved by Mrs. H. Mosley, and

Messrs. W. N. Reinhardt and D. Stewart.

From the number of answers received, we select the following, by Mrs Mosley, as one of the prattiest:
10-14 14-17 22-26 23-19
(1) 25 22 22 18 23 19 blk wins.
9-13 17-22 26-23
26 23 18 13 19 16

(1) The following variation is suggested by Mrs. M.:—
26 23 23 19 15 10 10 7
14-17 9-13 13-17 9-6

(2) 25 21 19 15 21 14 blk wins.
17-14 14-18 18-9

(2) The following makes a good variation from this point:—
23 19 19 16 21 14 8 3
9-14 22-18 18-9 6-10
25 21 16 11 11 8 blk wins.
17-22 14-17 9-6

Solution by Douglas Stewart:—
10-14 10-14 14-18 18-9
26 22 18 15 15 11 blk wins.
14-10 9-13 13-17
22 18 25 21 21 14

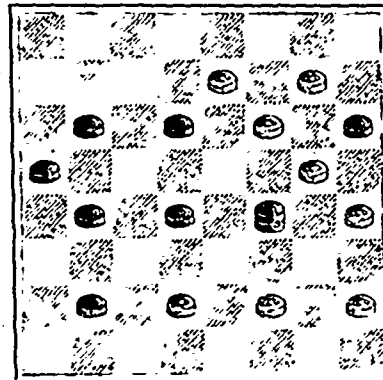
PROBLEM No. 6.—Position—black men, 3, 12, k 21 23; white men, 8, 10, 22, 23 and 29; black to play and win.—Correctly solved by Mrs H. Mosley, Dartmouth, D Connell, Amherst, J F. Hall, Lunenburg.

12-16 3-8 21-17 10-15
8 4 4 11 18 15 8 3
21-25 19-24 17-14 15-11
22 17 28 19 15 11 blk wins
16-19 23-21 14-10
29 22 22 18 11 8

PROBLEM 8.

By G. D. Bugbee, one of the leading Boston players.

BLACK—men 9,10,12,13 17,18,25,k 19



WHITE—men 7, 8, 11, 16, 20, 26, 27, 28.
White to move and win.

We are indebted for checker clippings to Messrs. Douglas Stewart, of Shelburne, James McEwan, of Halifax, and others.

We have received No. 1 of an 8-paged new publication entitled the *Checkerist*. It is printed fortnightly at Toronto. We heartily wish it a long and prosperous career.

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