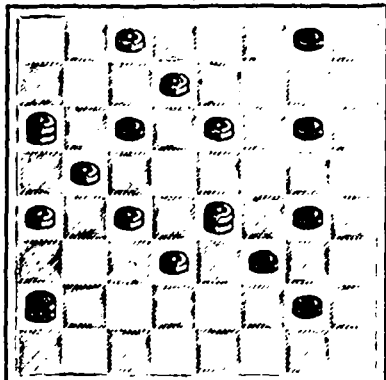


## DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

## PROBLEM No. 320.

One of the Liverpool *Mercury's* Competition Problems. Contributed by "Fifeshire."

Black men 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 22, kings 30, 32.



White men 14, 17, 19, 21, 23, 26, 31, king 15.

White to play and win. "Fifeshire" makes the following very sensible observations:—"I send you (*Mercury*) a stroke problem for competition. It is brand new, never having appeared in print. You will find a number of likely ways, but only one right way; and I think a stroke problem should have a good many likely ways. I have tried to make the one closed obscure, short and decisive."

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

JAMES BARRY, Nine Mile Brook, Pictou Co.—Many thanks for letter and enclosed pamphlet.

NEWS.—Only four persons have responded to our invitation to go into a correspondence checker match through THE CRITIC, and we have abandoned the idea for the present. THE CRITIC cannot but express its regret at the indifference shown by the many amateur checker players of the Maritime Provinces to a plan that would have tended to bring them closer together in friendship and would also have afforded them some excellent practice.

## SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 316.—The position was:

black men 8, 12, 10, 19, 21; white men 18, 25, 27, 30, 32, white to play and win.

18 15 32 28 15 11 25 22 16—20 12—16 8 15 w. wins.

Problem 317.—The position was: black men 7, 15, 18, 20, king 19; white men 17, 28, 29, kings 3, 25; black to play and win.

20—24 18—22 19—23 23—21 3 10 25 11 28 19 b. win.

Problem 318.—The position was: black men 3, 5, 7, kings 16, 16, 24; white men 9, 14, 31, kings 6, 13, 22; white to play and win. The only correct solution received to this problem is from John Brunfield, Springhill. On comparing this problem with 316, he expresses it as his opinion that the latter is the better of the two.

14 10 14—21 22—25 30 23 7—14 31 26 21 30 9—18 13 17 5—14 6—9 w. wins.

## GAME 205—"Cross."

Played recently between Stephen Hise (black), and Samuel Granville (white), both of this city.

11—15 15—18 11—15 19—23 23 18 20 25 32 28 10 1 8—11 6—9 15—24 23—14 13 14 17 13 28 19 13 6 9—18 2—6 23—27 14—10 24 19 26 22 22 18 6 2 15—24 18—23 27—31 10—19 22 8 a-24 20 17 14 1 6 4—11 7—11 10—17 8—11 28 19 22 17 21 14 25 22 11—15 b-3—8 31—27 19—15 27 24 31—27 30 25 2 7 5—9 c-1—5 27—24 11—16 25 22 27 18 19 15 20 11 9—14 14—23 24—19 15—8 22 17 25 22 14 10 drawn. 18 is stronger here. Would

This is strong, leaving white only Here also black has but the one way to a draw.



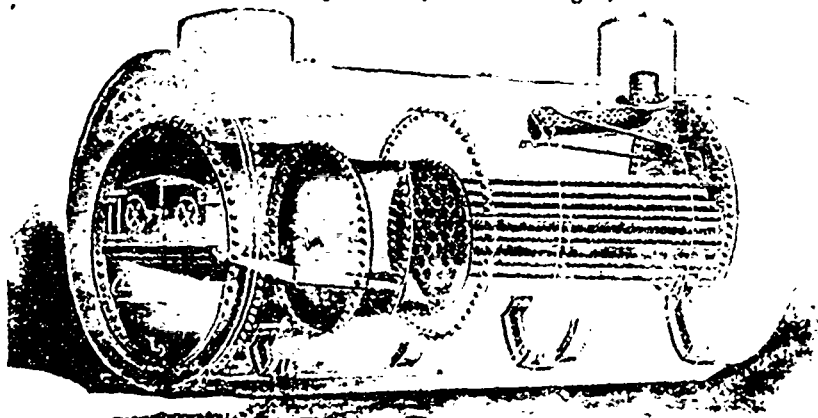
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## THE CRITIC'S CALENDAR.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office, or through Agents, will find a receipt for the amount enclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser.

DEATH AT SEA.—Nearly one-third of the fishermen who met their deaths during the year while engaged upon Gloucester fishing vessels were Nova Scotians. Gloucester's annual death record on the deep is always a sad one.

PROFESSOR ROBERTS, OF KING'S, HONORED.—Prof. C. G. D. Roberts, of King's College, Windsor, has been chosen to act as one of a board of twelve literary arbiters of the Chicago Exposition. Prof. Roberts is the only Canadian on this committee.

THE MATTER SETTLED.—That Wolfville is to be incorporated was decided at a poll held on Saturday, when the vote stood 80 to 72. The town is rapidly going ahead, and promises to ere long be one of the most attractive centres of the Province.

ST. JOHN'S COMING UP.—St. John's, Newfoundland, is slowly but surely arising from its ashes, although it will probably be some time before it recovers from the effects of the big fire which laid it low last year. Over one thousand houses have been built, and more are in course of construction.

NOT TO BE QUARANTINED.—The American regulation imposing a ninety days quarantine on Canadian cattle to be exhibited at the World's Fair has been rescinded, and the hearts of our stock-raisers now beat naturally. The regulation, if adhered to, would have practically excluded the exhibition of Canadian stock.

A NEW BRIDGE AT NIAGARA.—It has been announced that a new bridge will be constructed across the gorge at Niagara Falls either by the railway or the Suspension Bridge Company. The proposition of the bridge company is to construct a double track bridge with a roadway for electric cars and carriages besides footpaths for pedestrians.

ANOTHER NOVA SCOTIAN TO THE FRONT.—Mr. Hugh McD. Henry, of Halifax, has been appointed a puisne judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, in succession to Judge Hugh McDonald, who has resigned his position on account of ill health. Mr. Henry is a favorite among the legal fraternity, and his promotion will give general satisfaction to his large circle of friends.

The safest and best remedy that can be found for family use is Johnson's Anodyne Lincture.

REV. MR. WELTON'S POSITION.—The Rev. Sydney Welton's resignation of the pastorate of the Portland Baptist Church, St. John, has been accepted by the congregation, and as the matter now stands the Rev. gentleman possesses papers that place him in "good standing," so that he is at liberty to accept a call from any church that may desire his services as its pastor.

CHEAP FERRY RATE.—St. John people have been worrying over ferry rates between the city and Carleton. As a result, the Council, while retaining the regular two cent rate for occasional, has dropped the fare to one cent per trip for regular passengers and one-half cent per trip for apprentices. This is cutting it down pretty fine, but the deficiency is to be made up by general taxation.

ROUGH WEATHER FOR SEAMEN.—The weather for the past few weeks has been very rough at sea, and the list of disasters is unusually long. Advertisements received from St. Croix, Danish West Indies, announce the loss of a small vessel from Halifax bound for St. Croix. All on board, four in number, perished. The cargo consisted of 13 tons of ice shipped by R. I. Hart & Co of this city.

MIGHT PROFITABLY TAKE A LESSON FROM HALIFAX.—A friend writing from Derby, England, says:—"I wish some of the Halifax institutions were here, especially that for the relief of the poor. You could hardly believe the number of able-bodied men that are begging all through the country. I feel inclined to call upon the Mayor of Derby and instruct him how things are done in Halifax, N. S."

THE STREET RAILWAY ASSAULT CASE.—The Street Railway assault case occupied the attention of the S. J. Spendiary this week and is still on the evidence on behalf of those accused of joining in the crowd which assaulted the Superintendent and employees of the Street Railway Company on Wednesday, 18th inst., has all been heard. This afternoon some legal points in connection with the case will be argued.

A NOTABLE CHANGE.—People naturally wonder, in view of the large number of young ladies now attending the Ladies' College at Halifax, the Church School at Windsor, Acadia Seminary at Wolfville, and Mount Allison Seminary at Sackville, where the young ladies of the Maritime Provinces were educated prior to the establishment of these institutions. The truth is that private schools, which a decade or more since flourished in all the principal towns, have almost disappeared, and have given place to larger and better-equipped schools for the training of our girls.

TOWN TOPICS.—With the first issue in March *Town Topics*, the brilliant society journal published in New York, will be enlarged to thirty-two pages. Arrangements are now completed with twenty-five of the most distinguished writers of fiction to contribute short stories and serials to its columns. Hereafter each number of *Town Topics* will contain a short story, and a chapter or two of a serial by one or the other of these entertaining literateurs. There will be no curtailment of the varied and interesting matter that has heretofore gained for the journal the unique and exalted position it now holds in current literature.

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