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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. E. BRICE.—Shall be pleased to receive any contributions

J. W. CALDER.—Your correct solutions of Nos. 16 and 17 received.

L. M. WILKINS.—1. Yes; it is possible to have nine Queens on the board at the same time.—2. They would all have their full powers in every respect.

Quebec Chronicle.—We have not received your last two issues.

Solution to Problem 18.—Q to Q2, etc.

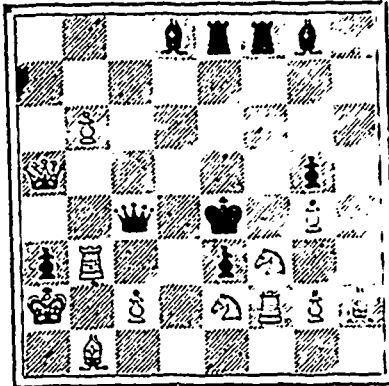
Solution to Problem 19—K to KB6, etc.

(Correct solutions to Nos. 18 and 19 received from Rev. C. E. Willetts, L. M. Wilkins, L. Johnstone, J. W. Wallace, J. W. Calder, C. Hensley, Mrs. H. Moseley, H. B. Stairs; and of No. 19 from Dr. E. S. Creed, C. Cutbill, H. Delaney, H. E. Borrodaile, and F. Partridge.)

PROBLEM No. 22.

By S. Loyd.

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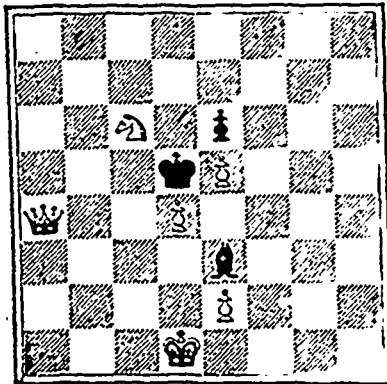
WHITE.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

PROBLEM No. 23.

By M. D'Orville.

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WHITE.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

"Chess literature is on the increase both at home and abroad. THE CRITIC, published at Halifax, N. S.; The Michigan Churchman; Society, London; and Norwich Mercury, have commenced chess columns. In the press there are Chess Openings, by E. Freeborough, and Rev. C. E. Ranken; Pierce Gambit, by J. Pierce, M. A., and W. T. Pierce; Chess Stars, by J. A. Miles; a work by W. Steinitz, and several other works by foreign authors. In this respect chess-players are well catered for, and it is to be hoped that the supply will not exceed the de-

mand. If there is one work wanting more than another, it is one on Odds. Such a work, we are pleased to say, is also in the press. It has been undertaken by W. W. Morgan, Jr., 17 Medina Road, Holloway, N., and will form a complete analysis of the pawn and move opening, as exemplified by a collection of upwards of two hundred and fifty games from actual play, contested between some of the best players of the last fifty years. The whole is arranged in tabular form, with notes, &c., facilitating reference, and shewing the results of the many variations in this Opening. The price will be 3s. 6d."—Sheffield, (Eng.), Independent.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. L. BROWN, 139 N. 4th Street, Aurora, Ills.—Your postal is received, and I mail you a copy of this paper. At present I have no checker literature for sale.

We inadvertently omitted to say that in Problem 16 white should move and win.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 11.—We have received several attempts to solve this problem, but all, we regret to say, are incorrect. As we regard this position a peculiarly fine one, we further extend the time for solving it two weeks, to give our checker friends in other provinces and abroad abundant chance to try their hands and brains on it. In order that now readers may understand the position, we repeat it as follows:—black men—5, 9, 13, k. 16; white men—21, 23, 26, k. 7; white to move and win.

PROBLEM 13.—Only two solutions have reached us of this problem, and, as neither is correct, we refrain from giving the names of their authors. The position was: black men—1, 2, 6, 12 and 13; white men—14, 20, 21, 28 and 32; black to move and win as follows:

6—10 6—10 27—31 13—17
14 7 20 16 6 10 1 5
2—11 10—15 31—26 17—22
32 27 19 10 10 14 5 1
11—15 12—19 26—23 22—26
27 23 10 6 14 9 1 5
1—6 19—23 23—18 26—31
(1) 23 19 6 1 9 5(a) bk wins
15—24 23—27 18—14 "1st po-
28 19 1 6 5 1 sition."

(a) This position very often occurs in play, and it is therefore very useful. As it is well known to all advanced players, we do not continue the moves from this point, but will cheerfully do so if requested by our readers.

(1) If instead of 23 19, white moves 28 24, the game is continued as follows:—
28 24 21 17 23 18 (2) 20 11
6—10 13—22 12—16 22—26

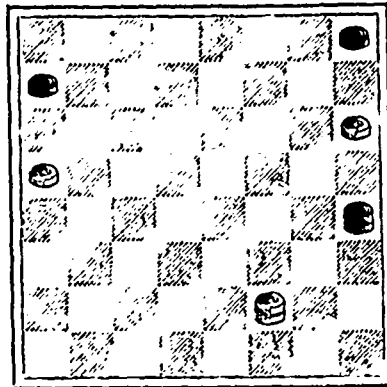
(2) If at this point white, instead of 20 11 moves 18 11 the result will be:—
18 11, 10—15, 11 7, 16—19 and black wins.

PROBLEM 14.—Correct solutions have been made by Mrs. Mosoly, W.

N. Reinhardt, D. Stewart, and J. McEwan. The position was:—black men—2, 3, 11, k. 21; white men—5, 9, 10, 12; white to play and draw.
5 1 10 7 9 6 1 6
21—17 3—10 2—9 draws.

PROBLEM 17.

By D. Connell, Amherst. Black men—4, 5, k. 20



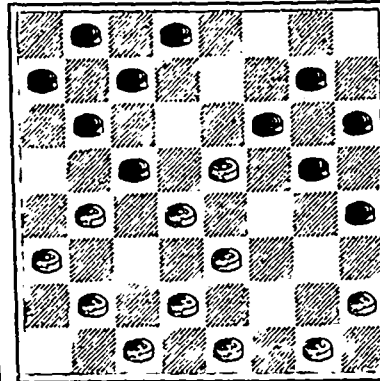
White men—12, 13, k. 27.

Black to play and draw. This position came in actual play between Mr. Connell and Mr. Gaskin, champion of New Brunswick, and the draw was neatly accomplished by the former.

PROBLEM 18.

Selected.

Black men—1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 16, 20



White men—15, 17, 18, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32.

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