

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

All communications to this department should be addressed *directly* to the Checker Editor, W. Foreyth, 36 Grafton Street.

We tender our most sincere thanks to Mr. J. Little, draughts champion of Australasia, for the first batch of proofs of the checker column of the *Weekly Press* of Auckland, N. Z., and have pleasure in placing his name on our exchange list.

It would greatly convenience us if exchanges and communications intended for this column were addressed directly to our checker editor, 36 Grafton Street.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 220.—The position was: Black men 4, 27, kings 16, 23; white men 20, 32, kings 7, 11; black to play and win. We gave our readers one minute to solve this problem, but several lads and girls did so at the first glance:—

4—8 16—11 23—26 26—12
11 4 7 16 32 23 b. wins.

PROBLEM 221.—The position was: Black men 6, 19, kings 20, 21; white man 14, kings 11, 18, 27; white to play and win.

This we thought should be solved in two minutes.

18 22 1-23 27 18 27 11—18
19—24 28—32 21—17 white
27 23 22 18 14 10 wins.
24—28 32—20 6—15

The above is the author's solution, but Mr. O'Hearn simplifies the play by the following:—

VAR. I.

11 7, 6—10, 14 9, 10—15, 7 11
white wins.

GAME 105—"DOUBLE CORNER."

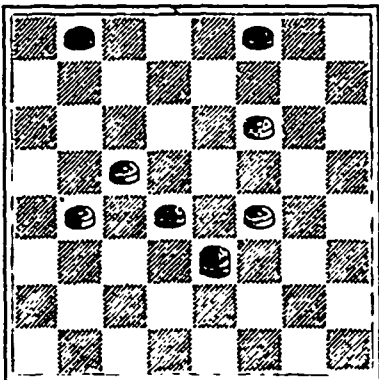
Recently played between our checker editor (who had black) and Mr. O'Hearn who played white:—

9—14 10—15 15—19 27—24
22 18 23 18 23 16 23 26
11—15 14—23 12—19 16—11
18 9 26 10 20 16 26 31
5—14 7—14 2—7 21—17
24 19 30 26 32 28 31 27
15—24 6—10 10—15 21—19
28 19 22 17 17 10 15 24
8—11 4—8 7—14 28—19
25 22 26 23 22 17 27 23
11—15 8—11 14—18 drawn.
29 25 25 22 17 14
15—24 11—15 19—23
27 20 31 27

This brings us to the following position, which we present to our readers as

PROBLEM 224.

Black men 1, 3, 18, king 23.

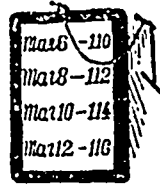


White men 11, 14, 17, 19.
White to play and draw.

The above is a very easy and game, but the inexperienced player may readily take the wrong path.

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