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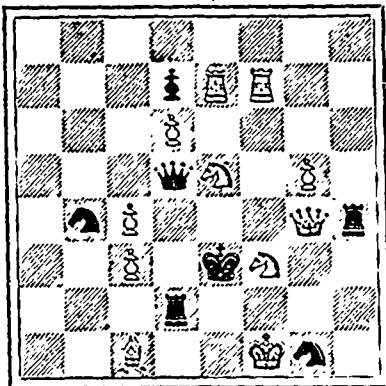
Solution to Problem No. 76, P to B6. Solved by Mrs. H. Moseley and J. W. Wallace.

Problem in last issue should be No. 78 instead of No. 77.

Problem in issue of 26th should be number 77 instead of No. 76. The Bishop at Queen's 4 should be white instead of black. Solution by J. W. Wallace incorrect.

PROBLEM No. 79.

By Jos. C. Wainwright, Boston.
BLACK—7 pieces.



White—11 pieces.

White mates in two moves.

The New York Sun of 2nd inst. thus alludes to Canada's young representative:—"As on previous days, the largest cluster gathered in front of the table where the lad from Quebec confronted Dion M. Martinez of Philadelphia. The rapid, brilliant play of the boy is the magnet that draws the crowd. Rapidly is the mainspring of genius, and it is pretty safe to say that the boy will develop into a genius of the checkered field. He made his first twenty moves in fifteen minutes, while his opponent used up one hour and twenty minutes in answering the moves. The boy played a splendid game right through, from an irregular opening, causing his opponent to resign on the fiftieth "move." The game is appended with notes by Kentucky's champion, Mr. Schowalter.

WHITE.	BLACK.
N. MacLeod, Quebec.	D. Martinez, Philadelphia.
1 P K4	P K4
2 P Q B3	P Q4
3 Kt K B3	P takes P
4 Kt takes P	B Q3
5 Kt Kt4	Kt KB3 (a)
6 Kt takes Kt	Q takes Kt
7 Q R4 ch	Kt B3
8 Q takes P ch	K Q sq
9 B K2	B KB4
10 Q B3	R K sq
11 P Q4	Q Kt5
12 Castles (b)	B takes Kt (c)
13 R takes B	P B3
14 B K3	P KR4
15 B QKt5 (d)	R QKt sq (e)
16 P B4	Q K5
17 Q takes RP	P R3
18 B R4	P QKt4
19 P takes P	P takes P (f)
20 B takes P	K Q2
21 Q R3 ch	P K B4
22 B takes Kt ch	K takes B

23 P Kt3 (g)	P B5
24 P takes P	P Kt4
25 KR B sq ch	K Kt2
26 P takes P	K R2
27 Q Kt2	Q B4
28 P KR3	R KR sq
29 Q Kt4 (h)	Q Q4
30 R B4 (i)	Q RKB sq
31 R R4 ch	K Kt sq
32 Q Kt2	R B6
33 R R5	Q K5
34 R Kt5 ch	K R2
35 R QB sq	KR takes P
36 R B4	Q Kt8 ch (j)
37 B B3	Q takes RP
38 P Kt3 (k)	Q takes P ch
39 Q takes Q	KR Kt6 ch
40 Q takes R	R takes Q ch
41 K B2	K R3
42 R Kt8	K R2
43 R Kt5	K R3
44 R KB5	R takes QKtP
45 P Kt6	R Kt sq
46 B B4	R Kt sq
47 B takes B	R takes P (l)
48 B takes P	K Kt2
49 B Q8	R K3
50 R Kt5 ch	Resigns

NOTES BY MR SCHOWALTER

(a) Bad, as a Pawn is immediately lost B takes Kt, or B KB4 would have been better.

(b) Played beautifully and with a keen perception of the necessities of the position.

(c) Condemned, as it exchanges a piece in play for a piece not yet developed.

(d) A very good move. The Rook's P was probably put forward to tempt the capture.

(e) If P R3 then 16 P Q5, P takes B: 17 P takes Kt, P takes P; 18 Q takes P, R Kt sq; 19 B R7 and wins Kt's P.

(f) Kt takes P would have given Black a better chance, yet White would have a much superior game.

(g) Prudent as a veteran!

(h) Good enough. Q B6 would have been good also.

(i) Obviously Black dare not take R. Behold the quickness of conception of this youth for Chess.

(j) This check produces no good results against the correct reply.

(k) More sound chess and the finishing move.

(l) Inexplicable except that Black hoped for a stale mate.

This game reflects great credit on so youthful a player.

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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During the past week a sitting of five games between Messrs. O'Hearn of Halifax and Lynch of Shubenacadie was held. The result was two games won by each and one draw.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

ANDREW WHITE, N.F.—Your second letter is received. Regret that cannot furnish scores of games played at the match between Gaskin and Forsyth, as no regular record was kept and only a few were remembered. You are right in supposing that Smith should have won the second game in his match against Barker, but your variation also allows a draw for Barker. Jewett of Hull, England, deserves the credit of

showing a sound win, which we propose giving in our next.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 107.—The position was:—black kings 10, 32; white man 24, king 8; black to play and win.

10—15	27—24	24—19	10—15
24—20	16—11	11—8	8—4
15—19	19—15	19—16	15—11
8—12	1—12	8—8	4—b. wins.
32—27	15—10	16—12	
20—16	8—3	4—8	

VAR. I.

11—8	11—7	8—4	19—15
15—11	4—8	7—3	8—4
8—4	24—19	4—8	15—11

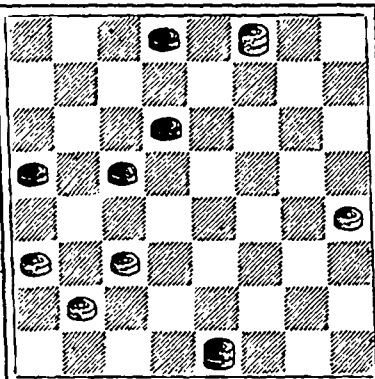
black wins.

PROBLEM 108.—The position was:—black men 1, 3, king 26; white men 5, 6, 10, 21; white to move and win.

6—2	13—9	6—2	6—10
26—22	18—15	14—7	14—18
2—7	9—6	2—11	10—15
22—18	15—18	1—6	18—23
21—17	7—11	5—1	11—16
18—14	18—14	6—9	12—19
17—13	11—8	1—6	15—24
14—18	3—12	9—14	w. wins.

PROBLEM 110.

By Mr. Fred. Allen, Leeds.
Black men 2, 10, 13, 14, kg 31.



White men 20, 21, 22, 25, kg 3.

Black to move and win

The above is a gem, and we predict that our solvers will find it a hard one.

GAME XXVII—FIVE.

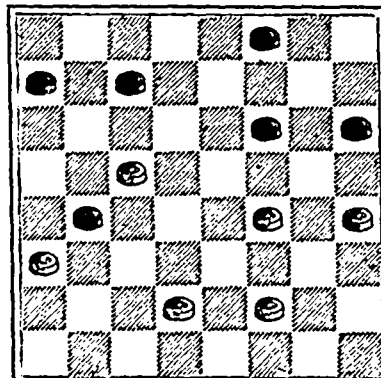
As played by Messrs. R. Home and H. Cranston.

11—15	13—22	4—8	2—6
23—19	25—9	22—18	30—25
9—14	6—13	8—11	13—17
22—17	29—25	18—15	25—21
5—9	8—11	11—18	7—11
26—23	25—22	23—14	
9—13	11—15	10—17	
24—20	32—28	21—14	
15—24	15—24	1—5	
28—19	28—19	31—26	

This brings us to the following position, which we submit as

PROBLEM 111.

Black men 3, 5, 6, 11, 12, 17.



White men 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27.

White to play. What result?

The two above positions are from the American Checker Review, and both are worthy of the careful study of checkerists.

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