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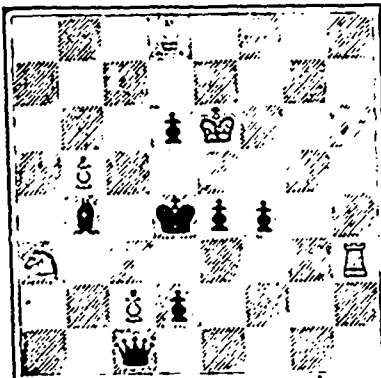
TO CORRESPONDENTS.

F. Mackie (Eng.)—No. 29 is correct. We are sending you the missing No.

Correct solutions of Nos. 34 and 35 received from Rev. C. E. Willits, L. M. Wilkins, H. B. Stairs, and F. W. Beckman.

Solution to No. 36—B to Q. 1.
Solution to No. 37.—R to Q Kt 4.
(Correct Solutions to both the above received from L. M. Wilkins, W. J. Calder, F. W. Beckman, and J. W. Wallace; to No. 36 from Mrs. H. Moseley, and to No. 37 from H. B. Stairs.)

PROBLEM NO. 39.
BY HERR H. MEYER.
BLACK.



WHITE.
White to play and mate in two moves.

Game played at Nottingham, in the match Nottingham vs. Derbyshire, 10th February, 1887.

Sicilian Defence.

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| WHITE. | BLACK. |
| Mr. W. H. Mellor, Nottingham. | Mr. J. S. West, Derbyshire. |
| 1 P to K4 | P to QB4 |
| 2 B to B4 (a) | Kt to QB3 |
| 3 Kt to QB3 | P to K3 |
| 4 P to QR3 | Kt to B3 |
| 5 P to Q3 | P to Q4 |
| 6 P takes P | P takes P |
| 7 B to R2 | B to K3 |
| 8 Kt to B3 | P to KR3 |
| 9 P to R3 | B to Q3 |
| 10 Q to K2 (b) | Castles |
| 11 Castles | R to Ksq |
| 12 Q to Qsq | Q to Q2 |
| 13 Kt to R2 | Kt to Q5 (c) |
| 14 P to B4 (d) | QR to Bsq |
| 15 Kt to B3 | B takes RP |
| 16 Kt takes Kt (e) | P takes Kt |
| 17 Kt takes P | B to KKt5 |
| 18 Kt takes Kt ch | P takes Kt |
| 19 Q to Q2 | R to K7 |
| 20 Q to R5 | R to B4 (f) |
| 21 Q takes P | QR takes P |
| 22 B to Q5 | B to R6 (g) |

(See Diagram below.)

and wins,
NOTES.—From the Nottinghamshire Guardian.

(a) The most approved continuation is 2 Kt to KB3, followed by 1 P to Q4. For want of a little book knowledge White gets himself entangled in the peculiar difficulties of the Opening.
(b) This threatens the QP, but the move is worse than useless, as the Q

has to retire again almost immediately. 10 P to Q4, and if Black reply P to B5, 11 P to QKt3, would afford some relief.

(c) A strong move, preparatory to the sacrifice of the QB.

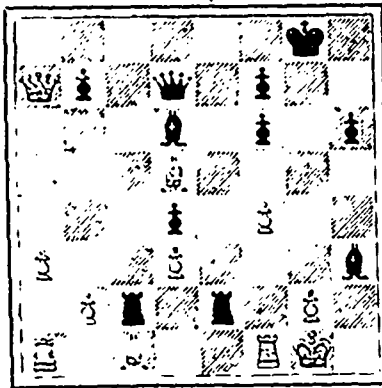
(d) He has nothing better. If 14 B to K3, Black would probably take off the KRP, with a winning attack.

(e) If 15 P takes B, a likely variation is 19 Q takes P, 17 Kt takes Kt (to avoid 17 Q to Kt6ch and 18 Kt to Kt5, &c.) P takes Kt, 18 Kt takes P (if 18 Kt to K2, then Kt to Kt5) Q to Kt6ch, 19 K to Rsq, Kt to Kt5, 20 Q to Q2, R to K8, 21 R takes R, Kt to B7ch.

(f) Shutting the hostile Q out of the game before making the final onslaught.

(g) Black plays the ending in capital style. Of course if 23 P takes B he would force mate in a few moves. Position after Black's 22nd move.

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DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 29—Solved by Mrs. H. Moseley and F. Foshay. Position: black man 1, kings, 5, 20; white men, 9, 14, 16, 28; white to move and win.
16 12 19—15 8 12(a) 17—13
20—16 12 8 22—17 12 16
28 24 15—18 14 10 5—9
16—11 8 3 5—14 16 19
24 19 18—22 7 3 9—14
11—16 11 7 14—7 19 23
19 15 22—18 3 10 14—17
16—13 3 8 1—5 23 18
15 11 18—22(1) 10 6 w. wins

(a) Key move.
(1) 18—15 18—22(2) 18—15 10—17
7 3 3 7 16 20 20 24
15—18 22—18 15—10(3)
8 12 12 16 9 6 w. wins

(2) 18—15 3 7 15—10 9 6 w. wins.
(3) 15—18 5—14 14—7 18—23
14 10 7 3 3 10 20 24 w. wins.

PROBLEM 30—Solved correctly by F. Foshay. Position: black man, 3, kings, 19, 23; white men, 11, 30, king, 12; black to play and win.

19—15 23—18 14—9 3—7
11 8 30 25 22 17 12 8
15—11 18—14 (1) 9—13 13—17
8 4 25 22 17 14 b. wins
(1.) Instead of 9—13, which is the strongest play, a solver has suggested the following. This, while it wins, does so by a far more intricate and difficult path:—

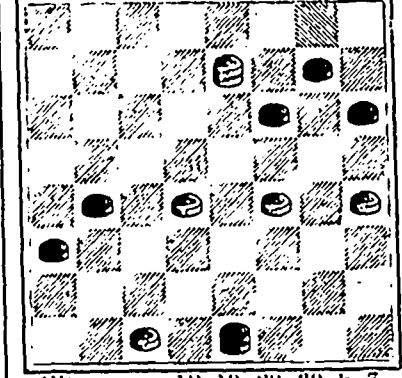
9—6	10—19	19—15	6—10
17 13	3 7	14 17	25 21
3—7	19—23	15—10	10—15
12 3	7 2	17 22	21 25
11—15	6—1	10—14	15—18
8 3	2 7	22 25	25 21
15—10	1—5	5—1	18—22
4 8	7 10	25 21	
7—11	23—19	1—6	
8 15	10 14	21 25	b. wins

The above is one of the many variations of Anderson's "first position," so well known to all checker players.

PROBLEM 31—Arising from, and being the ending of Game IX. Solved by Mrs. H. Moseley and F. Foshay. Position: black man, 7, 12, 16, 17, 22; white men, 14, 27, 29, 31, king, 6; white to play and win. 31 26, 22—31, 6 2, 31—24, 2 27. w. wins.

PROBLEM 34.
By J. Young, Carlisle, Glasgow Herald.

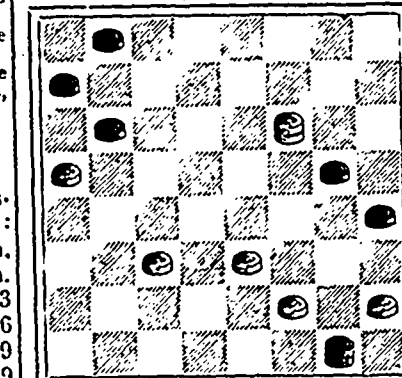
Black men 8, 11, 12, 17, 21, k. 31.



White men, 18, 19, 20, 30, k. 7.
Black to play and win.

PROBLEM 35.
By D. MacFarlane, in Glasgow Herald.

Black men, 1, 5, 9, 16, 20, k. 32.



White men, 13, 22, 23, 27, 28, k. 11.
Black to play and win.

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