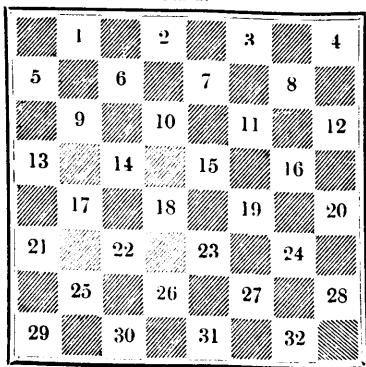


REFERENCE BOARD FOR BEGINNERS.

Black.

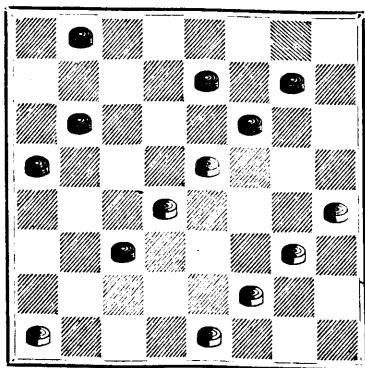


White.

At the commencement of a game the black men occupy the squares numbered from 1 to 12, and the white men those numbering from 21 to 32. Place the men on the board and play over the games in this department, and in a short time you will consider yourself a first-class checker player. Black always moves first.

POSITION NO. 1 BY ED KELLY.

Black.



White.

Black to play and win.

GAME NO. 1, OLD FOURTEENTH.

Played between Messrs. Zanoni and Wylie.

11 15	3 8	17-14	18 9	23 19
23 19	23-14	10-17	11 25	30-25
8 11	9 15	32 28	24 19	20-16
22-17	21-17	17 22	8-12	25-22
4 8	18 22	19 16	19 15	16 11
17-13	25-13	12-19	7-10	22-18
15 18	15 22	24 15	15-6	11-8
24-20	30 25	6 9	1 10	14 17
11-15	6 9	A-28-24	9-6	6-2
28-24	13 6	22 25	10-14	18-14
8 11	2 9	29 22	27-23	2 7
26-23	25-18	9-14	25 30	Drawn
	9-13			

A—Forms position No 1 as above, correcting Robertson's Guid Var. 31 at 20th move.

GAME NO. 2. CROSS.

Played in the checker tournament now in progress at the Winnipeg Checker and Chess Club between J. Thompson and H. Cameron.

THOMPSON'S MOVE.

11 15	19 15	12-19	10-17	14-10
23-18	16 20	15-10	21-14	6 9
8 11	24-19	6 15	1-6	10-6
27 23	14-18	25 21	30-25	23-19
10-14	A-21 17	18 25	23 26	15-10
23-19	4 8	27-4	25-22	13 9
14 23	17-14	19 23	26 30	6-2
19-10	18-23	29-22	22-18	3 8
7-14	31 27	2 7	30-26	4-11
26 19	9-18	22-18	18 15	19-23
11-16	19 16	7 10	26-23	Black wins
		18-14		

A—A weak move, 32-27 at this point would be stronger.

Mr. Reed's visit to Washington, Pa., was a great success. He played across board 69 games winning 66 and 3 draws. On Friday evening, the 15, he gave one of the most remarkable exhibitions of checker playing ever seen or done by any other player. First, he and Maize, the state champion, played a game without sight of the board, which Reed won. Then he played 17 players simultaneously across-board, winning 14 and 3 draws. After which he played 6 simultaneous blindfold games, all of which he won. Thinking this was hardly enough playing for one evening, he and Mr. Gibson played a game of whist against Messrs. Patterson and Maize, while he was playing two blindfold games against Mr. Stewart, who lost both of them.

CHECKER NOTES.

How many checkerists will send us a correct solution of position No. 1.

The Chicago Chess and Checker Club has adopted resolutions to hold a checker tournament during the World's Fair in 1893. There can be no doubt of its success should President Hopkins take it in hand.

Contributions of games and problems for this department will be thankfully received. If lovers of our silent game will aid us by contributing a few games and positions occasionally, we will be able to make our checker department interesting to all grades of players.