

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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NEWS.

Mr. Wm. Forsyth, our checker editor, has returned from a brief pleasure tour through portions of Canada and the United States. The trip, our checkerists will be pleased to learn, was very beneficial from a physical point of view, but he was unable to get much practice at his favorite game, as in this warm season little interest is taken in sedentary games of any kind.

We noted some weeks since that when in Toronto he challenged Mr. Duggan, who claims the title of champion blind-fold player of the Dominion, to a match for the title and a stake of from \$50 to \$200 a side. To the present writing Mr. Duggan has made no reply to the challenge, and it is difficult to see how he can continue to claim the championship while he thus tacitly declines to maintain it. Mr. Forsyth's challenge read as follows:—

Mr. Rennie, Checker-Editor Toronto Mail. "Sir.—In the *Mail* some months ago Mr. Duggan issued a challenge to play for the Blind-Fold Championship of the Dominion. If he is still anxious to compete for that I will play him a match for it and a stake of from \$50 to \$200 a side. Being in his vicinity I will ask no expenses if the match can be arranged at once. "I would suggest that the match consist of ten or twenty games and be played in Toronto. Preliminaries to be arranged as speedily as possible and the match commenced not later than Monday, the 27th instant."

(Sgd.) William Forsyth,
of Halifax

Toronto, 17 July, 1891.

We are surprised that the error that occurred in this column re Mr. Harbord's fine problem in the substitution of the word "brainless" for "fameless" player, should have been so seriously taken by the checker editors of the *Liverpool Mercury* and the *Glasgow Herald*, as it was very palpably a compositor or proof-reader's blunder.

Regarding awarding the prize offered for the best solution to Problem 231 we have received equally good solutions from A. S. McKie, Sydney, Oliver McGill, Yarmouth, and "Alpha," Ottawa. We will, therefore, send each the prize offered—a copy of the *American Checker Review*.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. S. McKie, Sydney—I thank you for recent letters and criticisms. Will reply by mail as soon as I can make time.

"Alpha," Ottawa—Hill's "Synopsis of Draughts Openings" will be forwarded to you immediately.

USEFUL BOOKS.

The Checker Editor has secured a few copies of the following books which he will be happy to supply to checkerists.

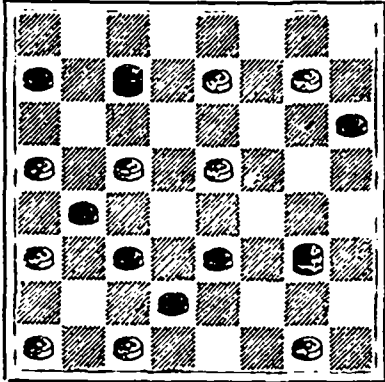
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SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 236 by Mr. Kelly, Winnipeg. The position was black men 1, 17, 21, king 19: white men 14, 15, 30, king 18: white to play and win.
18 22 13 22 26 23 23 18
19—10 1—6 10—15 15—22
22 13 30 26 22 17 17 26
10—17 6—10 21—25 w. wins

PROBLEM No. 238.

A curiosity from the *Toronto Mail*. Black men 5, 12, 17, 22, 23, 26, kgs. 6, 24.



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