

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

WOLFVILLE, N. S.—We have received from an unknown correspondent the following unique letter which we publish as a curiosity:—

WOLFVILLE, Oct. 25th, 1890.

Editor Critic,—DEAR SIR:—The solution to Problem 188 in checker columns of CRITIC I consider a *casum* to the checker players of this Province. By white taking the right move after black moves *anywhere* they (white) can *compel* black to get out of the way and make an *easy* draw. The solution plays white to *suit the purpose of a win for black*, which I consider a very weak play of solving the problem when there is *no possible* chance for black to win if white is played by a checker player.

Yours truly,

(signed) WOLFVILLE, N. S.

[We have copied this verbatim, giving "Wolfville" the benefit of all the italics used by him, but have pruned down his superabundant capitals.]

We are always pleased to be criticised, even if the criticism should be at our expense. As the above only contains assertions, the writer will do well to send us his play which he says will lead to an "easy draw." If he does so we will cheerfully publish it. We are specially interested in seeing what he considers "the right move"—CHECKER EDITOR CRITIC.]

W. Muir, Preston—send Glasgow Herald for CRITIC.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 190.—The position was

black men 8, 12, 13; white men 6, 21, 28: black to move and draw.
12-16 1-7-3 27-32 18-15
6 2 8 12 11 15 27 32
16-19 3-7 12-16 28-21
2 7 23 27 15 18 16 20
19-23 7-11 32-27 drawn.

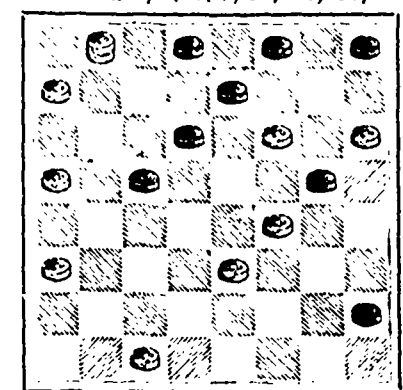
VAR. I.

7 10 24 19 19 15 10 6
23-27 32-28 24-19 8-11
28 24 10 7 15 10 a 7 10
27-32 28-21 19-16 drawn.
a 6 2 loses.

PROBLEM No. 192

A unique problem by J. A. Mour. in Toronto Mail.

Back men 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 14, 16, 28



White men 5, 11, 12, 13, 19, 21, 23, 30, king 1.

Black to play and win.

The above problem has been called by a Halifax player "a conundrum." We would be pleased to receive solutions on post cards from all interested in this column. Wolfville is specially invited to try it.

All communications for this department should be addressed to our

Checker Editor, William Forsyth, 36 Grafton Street, Halifax.

GAME 77.—'DYKE.'

Played between Messrs. Forbes and Hamilton in the late match—Shubenacadie vs. Halifax. Forbes' move:—
11-15 17 10 19-26 17 1
22 17 7-14 30 23 19-23
15-19 29 25 8-11 24 19
24 15 6-10 a-23 19 22-26
10-19 25 22 11-16 19 15
23 16 11-15 27 23 26-31
12-19 27 24 16-20 15 16
25 22 1-6 23 18 31-26
8-11 22 17 15-22 10 6
17 13 8-12 19 15 2-9
9-14 32 27 23-27 13 6
22 17 3-8 31 24
4-8 26 23 10-19 drawn
A very interesting position.

WOMAN'S INTUITION.

An old gentleman over seventy, came into the city from his farm, without his overcoat. The day turned chilly and he was obliged to forego his visit to the fair.

To a friend who remonstrated with him for going away from home thus unprepared, he said: "I thought it was going to be warm; my wife told me to take my overcoat, but I wouldn't. Women have more sense than men anyway."

A frank admission.

Women's good sense is said to come from intuition; may it not be that they are more close observers of little things. One thing is certain, they are apt to strike the nail on the head, in all the ordinary problems of life, more frequently than the lords of creation.

"According to Dr. Alice Bennett,

who recently read a paper on Bright's disease before the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, persons subject to bilious attacks and sick headaches, who have crawling sensations, like the flowing of water in the head, who are 'tired all the time' and have unexplained attacks of sudden weakness, may well be suspected of dangerous tendencies in the direction of Bright's disease."

The veteran newspaper correspondent, Jon Howard, of the New York Press, in noting this statement, suggests: "Possibly Alice is correct in her diagnosis, but why doesn't she give some idea of treatment? I know a man who has been 'tired all the time' for ten years. Night before last he took two doses of colomel and yesterday he wished he hadn't."

A proper answer is found in the following letter of Mrs. Davis, wife of Rev. Wm. J. Davis, of Basil, O., June 21st, 1890:

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