

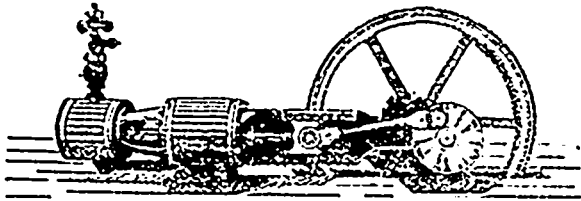
rock and manganese ores)—on the East River of Pictou, Pictou County, N.S., where the furnace is proposed to be erected. Summing up, Mr. S. says: "Thus we have here a variety of rich and pure ores in close proximity to a number of good limestone beds—both offering special advantages for cheap mining—and inside of 25 miles thousands of acres of old-growth hardwood for charcoal making. Add to this the vicinity of the active coal mines, the abundance of water supply from the brooks and the river, and the exceptional facilities for transportation (after the completion of the N. S. Midland Railway and the line now under construction by the New Glasgow Iron, Coal and Railway Co.,) and we have every and all of the conditions required for an industry of this kind on a large and profitable scale."

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From the above reports, which fully concur with the opinion of other writers and experts, there seems to be no doubt of the great advantages Pictou County possesses; and it is to be hoped that capitalists will realize the fact that there is a good opportunity offered to combine patriotism with profit by taking an active part in the development thereof, and thus stimulate and encourage this important industry of our country. "A largely increasing consumption, a handsome bonus given on every ton of iron produced by a most liberal government, together with the above mentioned natural advantages, are certainly unusual financial inducements which should not be lost sight of."—*New Glasgow Enterprise*.

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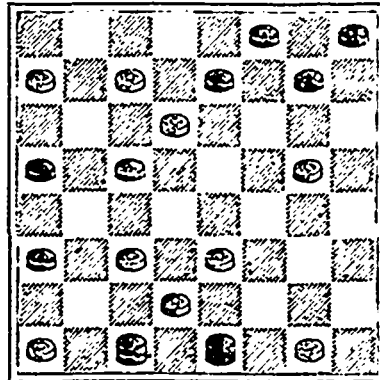
The "Herd Laddie" concluded a fortnight's engagement at the South Shields Club on Saturday last. During his stay, against all comers he contested a total of 200 games of which he won all but 16 which were drawn. From the Tyne he journeyed to Sunderland where the English Championship, Christie will have an opportunity of sustaining his recently acquired reputation. While in the neighborhood of Shields, Wyllie met on two occasions the celebrated North County expert, Richmond. Singular to relate the old veteran went under after a manner which would scarcely come with a relish. After two prolonged encounters the score stood—Wyllie one, Richmond three, eight being drawn. The result seems to revive the belief that in Richmond we have the finest player in England. Wyllie, it is to be noted, always plays to win, and the result of an encounter almost invariably indicates the strength of the opponent. The aged champion will, no doubt, be able to explain his signal defeat, but in the meantime Mr. Richmond is to be congratulated on his achievement.—*Liverpool G. B. Mercury*, Oct. 10th, 1891.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 245—The position was: Black men 12, 17, kings 7, 24; white men 16, 19, 20, 30, king 4; white to play and win.
30 26 20 11 26 23 11 15
24—15 15—8 21—25 30—26
16 11 4 11 23 19 15 18
7—16 17—21 25—30 w. wins.

PROBLEM 247.

By the late Mr. Mackie, of Worksop, England. From the *Liverpool Mercury*.
Black men 3, 4, 7, 8, 13, 11, 21, King 30, 31.



White men 5, 6, 10, 16, 22, 23, 26, 29, 32.

White to play and win.

This problem was contributed many months ago, we believe, to the *Gentlemen's Journal*. It is a particularly neat problem by a gentleman who has no pretensions to great skill. Our amateur composers might well examine its construction. It may tend to sharpen their ideas and create a taste for emulation which we may perhaps stimulate presently.—*Ed. Mercury*.

GAME 124.—Old "Fourteenth."

A fifteen minute skirmish between Mr. Thomas Doran, of the Victoria Hotel, Windsor, and W. Forsyth, our checker editor—Mr. Doran playing black.

11—15 17—26 b- 2—6 30—26
23 19 30 23 15 8 11 7
8—11 10—17 22—15 3—10
22 17 21 14 24 19 15 6
4—8 6—9 15—24 26—23
17 13 13 6 28 19 19 15
15—18 1—17 6—10 24—18
24 20 23 14 8 4 15 11
11—15 17—21 10—17 18—15
28 24 25 22 4 8 11 8
9—14 21—25 17—22 15—10
26 23 22 18 8 11 6 2
8—11 25—30 7—16 12—16
31 26 27 23 20 11 8 3
14—17 30—26 22—26 10—6
23 14 32 28 23 18 2 9
15—18 26—22 26—30 5—14
26 22 19 15 18 15 drawn.

a I had noticed this move played for years, but had a dim recollection that it was a loser.

b As Mr. Doran had an easy win at this point we are still in doubt whether he wished to beat the champion.

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