

CHESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

L. JOHNSTONE.—Although the position is a very old friend, we are much obliged for your kindness.

V. GRAY.—We cannot understand your solution of No. 6. You seem to have overlooked the fact that there is a White P stationed at K3.

J. W. WALLACE.—If White's first move places Black in such a position that he cannot move without putting himself in check, Black is said to be stale-mated, and the game is declared drawn.

F. A. P.—In No. 3, if Black moves B to R4, White mates by Kt to QB5. Your No. 5 is correct.

N.B.—Owing to the trains being blocked, we were unable to read the proof last week, and hence the error in Prob. 9, for which we apologize.

The White King at K3 should, of course, be a White Queen. The solution to this Problem will consequently be deferred one week.

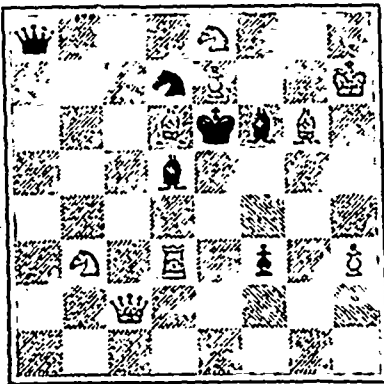
Solution of Problem No 6. Q to QB8, etc.

(Correct solutions received from Rev. G. E. Willets, L. M. Wilkins, L. Johnstone, W. Lawson, "D," H. B. Stairs, E. W. Dimock, C. Hensley, Edgie, and Mrs. H. Moseley.)

Solution of Problem No 7. Kt to QK7, etc.

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PROBLEM No. 10. By E. B. Cook. BLACK.

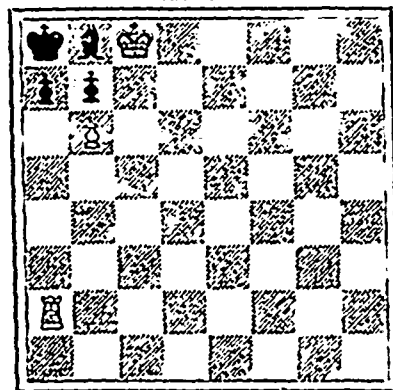


WHITE.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

PROBLEM No. 11.

(Supposed to be the only problem composed by the famous Paul Morphy.) BLACK.



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White to play and mate in 2 moves.

We are very pleased to learn that

the projected Chess Club at Wolfville has at length been definitely organized, with Prof. A. E. Coldwell as President, and Mr. C. R. Higgins as Secretary. We wish its members every success.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. F. HALL, Lunenburg.—Your solution to No. 4 is faulty, both the blacks and the whites being played weakly. The solution given in our last you will find to be the correct one. In your solution to problem 5, by Wardell, the same weakness displays itself. In order to point this out, we give yours with comments and corrections, as below:—

- 10-15 17-22 26-31 23-19
25 22 18 15 11 8 4 8
9-14 10-7 3-7 19-15
26 23 19 16 8 4 8 4
15-10 22-26 31-26 15-11
(a) 22 18 15 11 4 8 12 7
14-17 7-3 26-23 7-3
23 19 16 12 8 4 blk.wins

This is an ingenious, though not a forced win, and Mr Hall deserves credit for it. We hope to hear from him again and oftener

(a) Instead of 22 18 here, white can draw as follows:—

- 23 19 17 14 10 7 8 4
(1) 10-6 22-26 31-26 19-15
19 15 14 10 7 3 4 8
(2) 14-18 6-2 26-23 draw.
22 17 15-11 11-8
18-22 26-31 23-19

- (1) 10-7, 19 15, 14-18, 15 11, dr.
(2) 6-9 10 7 17-21 14 10
15 10 14-17 18 14 draw.
9-13 22 18 13-17

See the correct solution next week.

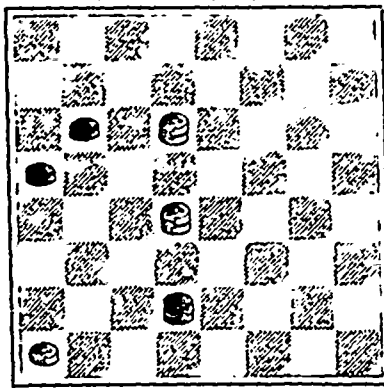
Mrs. H. MOSELY, Dartmouth.—We have written fully by mail.

W. N. REINHARDT, LaHave.—Your first solution of Problem 4 was incorrect, but as you discovered that fact and sent the second and correct one, so that it reached us in time, we gave you due credit in our last.

Owing to the disarrangements of the mails through the inclemency of the weather, we withhold the solution of problem No. 5, (vide issue of Feb. 10th.) till next week, when we purpose giving it, and also that for No. 6.

PROBLEM 7.

From the Glasgow Herald. Black—mon 9, 13, k. 26



White—man 29, ks. 10, 18. White to play and win.

GAME

Oponing—"Defiance," being the 18th game of the late international match between Barker and Martins, and the first won by the former, who had first move.

Table of chess moves: 11-16 17-22 4-11 29-25, 23 19 26 17 28 24 7 10, 9-14 13-22 5-9 25-22, (a) 27 23 (b) 24 20 24 19 10 15, 8-11 2-6 9-13 13-17, 22 18 32 27 19 16 27 24, 15-22 1-5 11-15 18-23, 25 9 27 24 16 11 24 20, 5-14 12-16 7-16 23-27, 29 25 19 12 20 11 20 16, 6-9 6-10 15-18 27-31, 25 22 23 19 31 27 Black, 9-13 10-17 17-21 wins, 22 18 13 8 11 7, 14-17 3-12 22-25, 21 14 19 16 7 2, 10-17 12-19 25-29, 18 14 24 8 2 7

(a) This forms the "Defiance." It is so named because it prevents the formation of the "Fife."

(b) This move lost the game.

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