

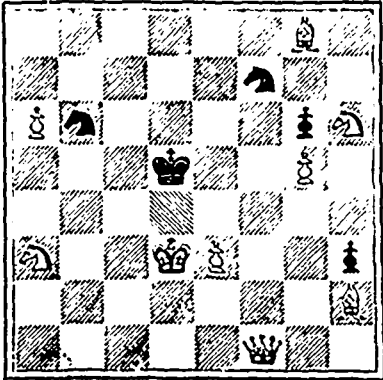
**CHESS.**

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The proprietors of **THE CRITIC** offer two prizes—to consist of books on Chess—to those subscribers who shall send in the greatest number of correct solutions during the current year. No entrance fee required.

Our published game this week will be examined with interest by all lovers of the beautiful Evans Gambit.

**PROBLEM No. 73**  
BLACK—5 pieces.



WHITE—9 pieces.  
White to play and mate in 2 moves.

**GAME No. 55.**

Played in Havana.

**EVANS' GAMBIT.**

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|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>WHITE</b>      | <b>BLACK</b> |
| Tchigorin         | Steinitz     |
| 1 P to K4         | P to K4      |
| 2 Kt to B3        | QKt to B3    |
| 3 B to B4         | B to B4      |
| 4 P to QKt4       | B takes KtP  |
| 5 P to B3         | B to R4      |
| 6 Castles         | Q to B3      |
| 7 P to Q4         | KKt to K2    |
| 8 P to Q5         | Kt to Q      |
| 9 B to KKt5       | Q to Q3      |
| 10 Q to R4        | P to KB3     |
| 11 B to QB        | B to Kt3     |
| 12 Kt to R3       | P to B3      |
| 13 B to Kt3       | B to B4      |
| 14 R to Q         | P to QKt4    |
| 15 Q to R5        | Kt to Kt2    |
| 16 Q to R6        | Kt to Q      |
| 17 Q to R5        | Kt to Kt2    |
| 18 Q to R6        | Kt to Q      |
| 19 Q to R5        | Kt to Kt2    |
| 20 Q to R6        | Q to B2      |
| 21 P takes P      | P takes P    |
| 22 Kt takes KtP!  | P takes Kt   |
| 23 Q takes KtP ch | B to Q2      |
| 24 B to B7 ch!    | K to Q       |
| 25 R to Kt!       | Kt to Q3     |
| 26 Q to Kt3       | Q to Kt3     |
| 27 Q to B2!       | Q to B3      |
| 28 B to Kt3       | P to QR4     |
| 29 B to K3        | B takes B    |
| 30 P takes B      | P to R5      |
| 31 B to Q5!       | Kt takes B   |
| 32 R takes Kt     | R to K       |
| 33 QR to Q        | R to K3      |
| 34 P to B4        | R to R2      |
| 35 P to B5        | Kt to B      |
| 36 Kt to Q2       | K to K       |
| 37 Kt to B4       | R to K2      |
| 38 Q to K2!       | P to R6      |
| 39 Q to R5        | P to Kt3     |
| 40 Q to R4        | R to R5      |
| 41 R to Q6!!      | Kt takes R   |
| 42 Kt takes Kt ch | K to Q       |
| 43 Q takes BP     | R to R4      |
| 44 Q to B8 ch     | R to K       |
| 45 Kt takes R     | Q takes BP   |
| 46 Q takes Q      | R takes Q    |
| 47 Kt to B6       | R to B2      |
| 48 K to B1        | K to B       |
| 49 R takes B      | R takes R    |
| 50 Kt takes R     | K takes Kt   |
| 51 K to K2        | K to B3      |
| 52 K to Q3        | K to Kt4     |

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| 53 K to B3     | P to R4     |
| 54 K to Kt3    | P to Kt4    |
| 55 K takes P   | K to B5     |
| 56 K to Kt2    | K to Q6     |
| 57 P to QR4    | K to K7     |
| 58 P to R5     | K to B7     |
| 59 P to R6     | K takes KtP |
| 60 P to R7     | K takes P   |
| 61 P to RS (Q) | P to R5     |
| 62 Q to KKt8   | P to R6     |
| 63 Q takes P   | K to R8     |
| 64 Q takes P   | Resigns.    |

**DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS**

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We had the pleasure of a call from **Mr. Forbes, of Shubenacadie**, one of our competitors, last week. The occasion was improved by holding a sitting of four games between him and **Mr. Forsyth**, which resulted in **Forsyth 3; drawn 1.**

**SOLUTION.**

**PROBLEM 97.**—The position was:—black men 1, 6, 10, 19, kg. 25; white men 13, 14, 17, 20, 28; black to play. What result?

10—15	10	7	6—10	9	6
1—14	10	1—5	13	9	14—17
25—21	7	3	10—15	6	2
17	14	21—17	7	10	19—23
19—24	14	9	15—19		
28	19	5—14	10	15	black
15—24	3	7	17—22		wins.

**VAR I**

14	9	28	19	22	6	13	6
6—10	15—24	21—14				1—19	
9	6	6	3	6	15	black	
19—24	25—21	14—9				wins.	

**VAR II**

2	7	27—31	3	8	17—22
21—14	16	11	6—9	15	19
13	9	31—26	14	10	14—17
14—5	11	7	22—17	11	15
7	14	26—22	8	11	17—21
24—27	7	3	9—14	19	23
20	16	1—6	10	15	21—25

black wins.

**GAME XXI.**

We take the following very brilliant game from the last number of the *American Checker Review*, 170 Madison Street, Chicago—an excellent fortnightly which all lovers of the game would find profit in subscribing to and reading regularly:—

“Played in Boston, winter of '77, '78, between **Charles F. Barker** and **Charles Hester**. This was the first game played between these players at Boston. Barker was then about 20 years of age; while Hester had just scored 17; both had earned considerable reputation as rising young experts, and the games attracted no little attention.”

11—15	17	14	4—8	31	26
23	19	10—17	24	20	2—7
8—11	21	14	16—19	22	17
22	17	11—16	26	22	9—13
15—18	19	15	7—11		

At this point all the experts present rather expected to see **Hester** lose the game, not only because of **Barker's** acknowledged superiority as a cross-board player, but also because of the opening which, while new to **Hester**, was then a particular favorite in the **Barker** family. But **Mr. Hester** was prepared to surprise them and put his

ability as a stroke problemist to a practical application.

In order to let our readers study out this position and see how **Hester** won, we present it as

**PROBLEM No. 100.**  
BLACK—Barker.

Black men 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19



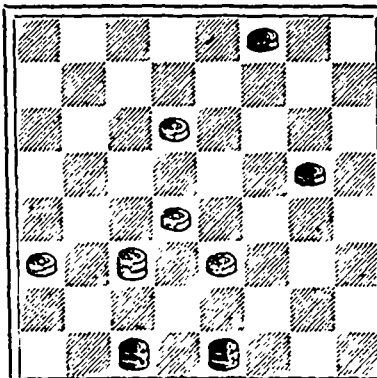
WHITE—Hester.

White men 14, 15, 17, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32.  
White to move and win.

**PROBLEM No. 101.**

Selected.

Black men 3, 16, kgs. 30, 31.



White men 10, 18, 21, 23, kg. 22.  
White to move? What result?

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