

"A writer from Virginia City, in the New York Herald of December 30th, 1878, in giving a description of the Comstock lode and other mines, gives an account of my sons, their discoveries and deaths, which is generally correct, and says: 'From association with the two brothers Gosh, previous to their unfortunate deaths, Comstock, in some way or other, at their melancholy ending, came into possession of what property they left.' Dr. Bucke, who knew all parties well, says there was no intimacy between Comstock and my sons, nor was there any likelihood of their being any confidence reposed in the former by the latter, so widely different were they in character, disposition and habits. And if reports may be relied on, Comstock himself told so many different stories in accounting for his possession and sale of the lode that it came to be believed that he took possession of books, maps and other papers which Allen had boxed up for safe keeping, and thus learned of the existence of the mines they had discovered and claimed them—sometimes as his own discovery, sometimes as having been left in his charge, for which he was to receive one-third or one-fourth, sometimes as their partner and some times as being on the spot, and therefore nearer to them than any distant heirs, having the best right—that of possession!"

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## DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

All communications to this department should be addressed directly to the Checker Editor, W. Forsyth, 36 Grafton Street.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

THANKS.—The Checker Editor of the Liverpool Mercury will please accept our thanks for kindly supplying us with an extra copy of his paper of the 30th of January, our regular exchange copy having gone amissing.

W. STUART, Ottawa.—We have received the missing number of the Mercury, and find that your contributions are not mentioned therein.

MESSRS. KEAR & SON, Beaumont Street, Bristol, England.—Will be happy to exchange with you.

### SOLUTION.

PRBLEM 269.—The position was: black men 1, 3, 9, 11, 12, 22; white men 10, 18, 20, 21, 27, 28; white to play and draw.

27	23	7	3	10	14	20	16
22	26	26	23	11	15	26	31
23	19	15	10	14	10	16	11
2	31	23	7	15	18	31	27
19	15	3	10	24	19	11	4
3	8	9	13	18	23	27	23
10	7	28	21	10	15	19	16
31	26	1	5	23	26	Drawn.	

### GAME 161.—'Switcher.'

Played between Mr. P. O'Hearn and our Checker Editor

11	15	17	21	15	19	6	10
21	17	22	17	24	15	15	6
9	14	4	8	10	19	1	10
25	21	23	19	17	10	14	7
8	11	9	14	7	14	3	10
17	13	26	23	27	24	13	9
14	17	15	18	8	12	10	15
21	14	32	28	24	15	9	6
10	17	11	15	12	12	15	18
21	20	31	27	26	22	6	2
7	10	2	7	18	23	17	22
28	24	19	16	22	18	2	7
5	9	12	19	14	17	22	29
29	25	13	16	18	14	Drawn	

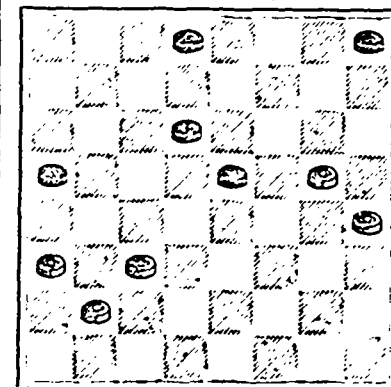
Can any of our contemporaries inform us if this is original?

Mr. O'Hearn should have won this game. Will any of our readers take the trouble to find and point out where and how he failed to do so—[CHECKER ED.]

### PROBLEM No. 271.

End of game between Messrs Forsyth and O'Hearn.

Black men 2, 4, 10, 13, 15.



White men 16, 20, 21, 22, 25.

White to play. What result?

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