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Mr. Granville and our Checker Editor have had two more sittings since our last report, the result being Granville 1, Forsyth 7, drawn 1.

A match for the championship of America between C. F. Barker, of Boston, the present champion, and J. P. Reed, of Chicago, has been arranged to be played at the latter city, commencing on the 3rd of June.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 105.—The position was:—black men 1, 2, S, 12, 13, 18, kg. 25; white men 10, 15, 19, 21, 26, 27, 30; black to play and win 8—11 13—17 2—6 6—31 15 8 21 14 30 21 b. wins.

PROBLEM 106.—The position was:—black men 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 17, 21; white men 5, 13, 19, 20, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 32; white to move and win.

27 23 32 28 10 7 7 10 12-6-9 3 4 7-10 11-15 27-32 13 6 19 15 7 3 10 19 2-9 10-19 8-12 32-28 23 18 24 15 3 7 20 16 17-22 12-16 19-23 28-32 18 14 15 10 28 24 24 20 9-18 16-19 23-27 w. wins

VAR I.

6-10 17-22 1-17 22-26 23 18 18 14 5 1 1 6 17-22 2-6 22-26 26-31 18 14 32 28 30 23 6 2 10-17 6-9 17-22 white 25 18 13 6 23 18 wins

VAR II.

7-10 19 10 17-22 32 28 23 18 6-22 24 19 6-10 10-15 25 18 2-6 28 24 white wins.

VAR III.

1-6 22-26 32-27 27-31 5 1 10 17 22 18 29 25 7-10 26-31 27-32 31-27 19 15 13 10 2 6 18 15 10-19 18-23 32-27 11-18 24 15 10 7 6 10 14 23 6-9 23-27 27-32 27-18 1 6 7 2 10 14 22 15 9-14 27-32 31-27 white 6 10 25 22 17 22 wins.

VAR IV.

22-26 14 9 1-10 24 6 30 14 30-26 19 16 white 21-30 9 6 12-19 wins.

GAME XXVI.

Being the second game in the Anglo-American match between C. F. Barker of Boston, Mass., and James Smith of Spennymore, England.

10-15 10-14 23-16 5-9 22 18 23 19 20 11 2 6 15-22 7-10 12-16 9-13 25 18 27 23 8 4 6 10 11-15 15-18 16-19 18-23 18 11 a-19 15 11 8 10 15 8-15 18-27 3-12 23-26 21 17 15 8 15 11 25 21 4-8 10-15 19-23 26-30 17 13 8 4 4 8 15 18 9-14 15-18 14-17 30-26 29 25 30 25 21 14 28 24 8-11 27-32 6-9 31-27 24 20 4 8 13 6 24 20 6-10 32-27 2-18 12-16 28 24 26 22 11 7 18 15 1-6 17-26 23-26 27-24

32 28 31 15 8 11 15 18 14-17 27-23 26-31 24-27 25 21 24 19 7 2 drawn.

a At this point the following play was sent by a friend, demonstrating that Smith might have won the game:—

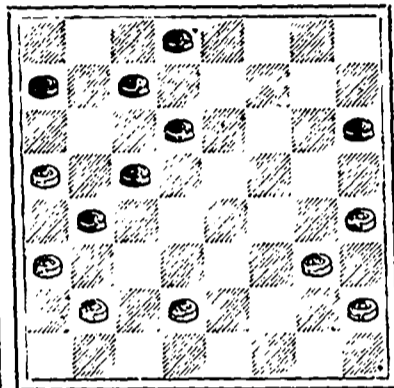
30 25 24 8 24 19 20 16 18-27 3-12 15-24 6-10 19 16 b-31 24 28 19 25 22 12-19 1-10-15 2-7 w. wins.

VAR. I.

2-7, 13 9, 6-13, 20 16 w. wins. b This move brings us to the following position which we present as Problem 109, and request our readers to show how Barker could have forced a draw therefrom:—

PROBLEM 109.

Black men 2, 5, 6, 10, 12, 14, 17.



White men 13, 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 28. Black to play and draw.

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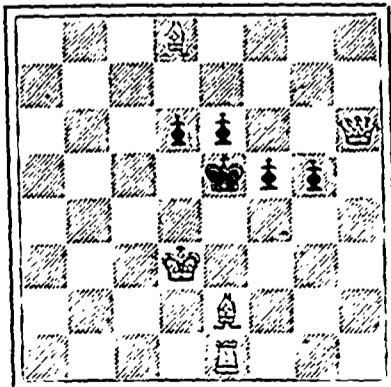
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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Solution to Problem No. 75.—Q. to Kt8. Solved by Mrs. H. Moseley and J. W. Wallace.

PROBLEM No. 77.

By Jos J. C. Wainwright, Boston. BLACK—5 pieces.



WHITE—5 pieces. Mates in two moves.

GAME No. 60.

Played in the first round of the sixth American Chess Congress, and looked upon as a possible winner of the fifty dollar prize for the most brilliant game of the tourney:—

WHITE Blackburne. BLACK Showalter. 1 P to Q4 P to Q4 2 P to Q B4 P to K3 3 Kt to K B3 Kt to K B3 4 Kt to Q B3 P to QB4 5 B to Kt5 P takes QP 6 Q takes P Kt to B3 7 Q to R4 P to Q5 8 Castles P to K4 9 P to K3 B to QB4 10 P takes P P takes P 11 Kt to Q5 Q to R4 12 B takes Kt P takes B 13 Kt takes P cb K to B sq 14 R to K sq B to K3 15 R takes B P takes R

and white announced mate in six moves, although as he afterward jocosely remarked, "mate can be given in four, but I thought it would please the ladies better to say six. I once announced mate in eighteen moves in one of my blindfold exhibitions, although I knew I could do it in five!" —New York Herald.

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