

few comply with the act. In many instances the returns only appear quarterly and we note that one large mine has made its returns on bloc for the year.

There seems to be a disposition where the returns are small to keep them back and in this way avoid publication for the time being. This is contrary to the letter and spirit of the act and delinquents should be at once proceeded against.

The only returns for February so far received are from the Snerbrooke and Uniacke Districts. In the former the Goldenville Mine returns 4 oz. gold from 24 tons quartz crushed and the Miners' 3 3/4 ozs from 23 tons of quartz crushed. In the latter, the Miner T. Foster mill returns 106 3/4 ozs. gold from 140 tons quartz crushed.

The Thompson-Quirk Mine at South Uniacke is not crushing, as a new mill is being put up.

THE IRON ORES OF NOVA SCOTIA.—This paper on the iron ore resources of the province was read by Mr. Gillespie at the last session of the Canadian Institute of Civil Engineers. The writer, after a short glance at the historical part of the subject, gives a geological table of the rock formation of Nova Scotia and of the ores found in them. This is followed by a description of the iron ores of Cape Breton, those of Pictou county next receive attention, and it would appear that few places promise equally for the future manufacture of iron on an immense scale. From the map of Pictou county it appears that within a space of about one hundred square miles there are enormous beds of rich iron ore of every quality desired by the ironmaster. The ores of Londonderry, Hants county and of Annapolis are next noticed. At Torbrook, in the latter county, a large and valuable mine is now being opened to furnish ore for the Londonderry furnaces. Analysis of the various ores, fuels, fluxes, etc., are given, and the paper is illustrated by a map of Nova Scotia and one of Pictou county.

A DANGEROUS JOKE.

A few months ago a person hardly dared say they had La Grippe for fear of ridicule. And now that one half of our population have had it, the other half are in mortal terror for fear they too will have it. We cannot wonder; for no epidemic scourge has ever visited this country and left such a trail of death and sorrow behind. The best loved members of families from state circles down to the humblest station in life have gone.

It has been the relapse and after dangers from La Grippe that have been so appalling. The death rate in many larger cities has exceeded 100 a week from the "grip" alone; and the end is not yet. Physicians are learning to fear, (much more than the epidemic itself,) the serious and fatal extension of the inflammation downward to the throat and bronchial tubes, causing croupous and catarrhal pneumonia, true sequences of the malady; which terminate in death or produce severe laryngitis, bronchitis, asthma and a form of catarrh which contributes largely to chronic diseases of the ear, nose and throat, causing loss of hearing, smell and taste. Those physicians who have been most successful with the epidemic say the surest treatment has been with tonic and anodyne remedies. The medicines most relied upon have been Quinine, Antipyrine, Salicylate of Soda, Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, etc. A prominent Boston paper announced in January last that more persons had used the last named medicine than all the others combined. That seems reasonable for the effects from La Grippe cause severe inflammation, and it is a well known fact that for nearly eighty years no remedy has taken the place of Johnson's Anodyne Liniment for every form of inflammation, internal or external. Therein lies its great value as a household Anodyne, namely the fact that it can be used more internally than any other. At any rate if one has any symptoms of the after dangers of the "grip" we advise them to get a bottle of Anodyne at once, or send to the sole manufacturers, I. S. Johnson & Co., Boston, Mass., for full particulars which they send free, and which may save you a big doctor's bill.

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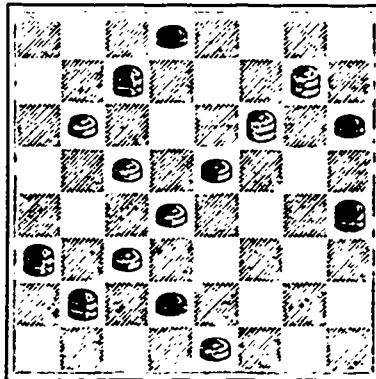
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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

JAMES BARRY, Six Mile Brook, West River, Pictou. — Your package of pamphlets received with thanks. Will write you shortly.

PROBLEM 267.

Black men 2, 12, 26, kings 6, 20, 21, 25.

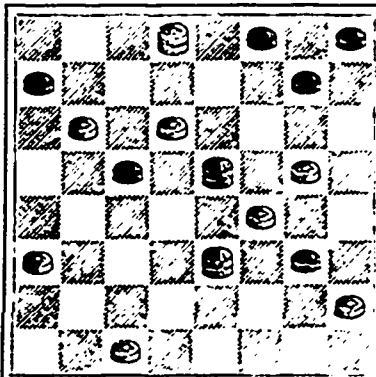


White men 9, 11, 15, 18, 22, 31, kings 8, 11.

White to play and win.

PROBLEM No. 268.

Black men 3, 4, 5, 8, 14, 24, kings 15, 23.



White men 9, 10, 16, 19, 21, 28, 30, King 2.

White to play and win.

The above two problems are strokes and are among those that were contributed to the Liverpool Mercury competition, and one of the two was awarded 1st prize. We should like to have our checkerists study them and when forwarding their solutions to express their opinions as to which was the prize problem.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 265.—The position was: black men 2, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20; white men 10, 22, 23, 24, 27, king 1; white to play and draw. A careful review of this position develops so many fine points that we defer giving the solution for one week to give our checkerists a further opportunity of studying out its beauties and of seeking the solution.

GAME No. 158. Unclassified.

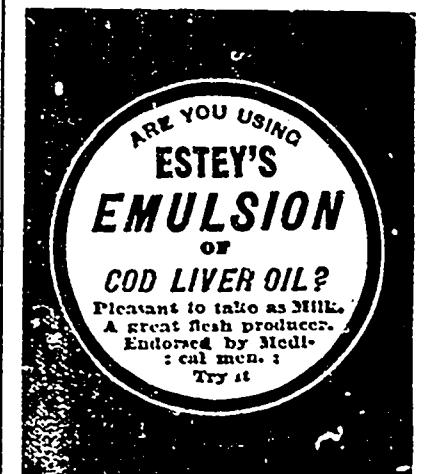
Played recently between Messrs. Wickwire and Hamilton, the latter playing the blacks.

11-15	4-8	14-17	c-11-15
23 19	23 19	21 14	17 14
8-11	15-24	10-17	15-24
22 17	28-19	25 22	14 7
9-14	7-10	b-18-25	2-11
17 13	30 26	29 22	28 19
14-18	3-7	17-26	6-10
26 23	26 22	31 22	23 18
a 10-14	1-6	8-11	white
19 10	22 15	27 23	wine.
6-15	11-18	7-10	
24 20	32 28	22 17	

a Can anyone show this in the books? We are inclined to think it original with Mr. Hamilton.

b An interesting variation would occur here by 17-26.

c Mr. Hamilton might have drawn here by 5-9.



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