

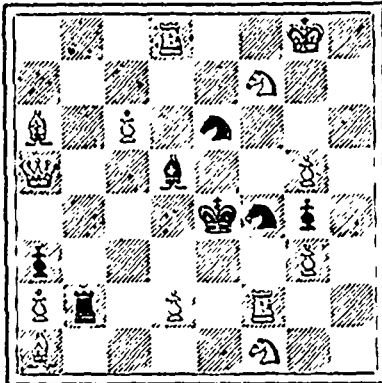
CHESS.

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.

Facilities have been provided for chess playing in the Church of England Institute building. Few towns of importance are without one or more chess clubs. The lovers of the game should avail themselves of the opportunity afforded at the institute to organize a chess club in Halifax.

Solution to problem No 81 Q to Kt7. Solved by A. D Bruce, John W. Wallace, and Mrs. H. Moseley.

PROBLEM No. 83. BLACK 7 pieces.



WHITE 13 pieces.

White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME No 65.

Played in the first round of the Sixth American Chess congress.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

WHITE BLACK

- J. H. Blackburne. S. L. L. Schutz. 1 P to Q4 P to Q4 2 P to QB4 P to K3 3 Kt to QB3 Kt to KB3 4 Kt to KB3 P to QKt3 5 B to Kt5 B to K2 6 P to K3 B to Kt2 7 R to B sq Q Kt to Q2 8 P takes P P takes P 9 B to Q3 Castles 10 Castles Kt to K5 11 B to KB4 P to QB4 12 Q to K2 P to KB4 13 KR to Q sq P to QB5 14 B takes Kt BP takes B 15 Kt to K5 Kt to B3 16 P to KKt4 Q to K sq 17 Q to B-q B to Q3 18 P to KR3 QR to Q sq 19 Q to Kt2 P to QKt4 20 Kt to K2 P to Kt5 21 Kt to Kt3 Kt to Q2 22 Kt takes Kt R takes Kt 23 Kt to K2 B takes B 24 Kt takes B QR to KB2 25 P to Kt5 (a) R to B4 26 K to R sq P to QR4 27 R to KKt sq B to B sq 28 Q to Kt3 Q to QR5 (b) 29 P to Kt3! P takes P 30 P takes P Q takes P (c) 31 R to B7 P to QR5 32 P to Kt6! P to K3 33 R takes P ch(d) K takes R 34 Kt to R5 ch! R takes Kt 35 Q to B7 ch K to B3 36 Q to Q6 ch and mate in three moves

Notes from Montreal Gazette

(a) The advance of this pawn is necessary both for present and future operations.

(b) As White's most ardent desire must have been to get an opening for the Rook, his heart must have bounded with joy when this move was completed.

(c) This removes the Queen from defensive play, but if the Pawn had not been taken White would still have remained with a superior game (d) Both brilliant and sound, and must have fallen upon Black like a thunderbolt from a clear sky.

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

All Checker communications and exchanges should be addressed to W. Forsyth, 36 Grafton Street, Halifax.

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SOLUTIONS

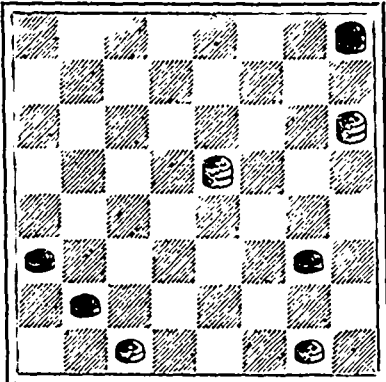
PROBLEM 114.—The position was:—black men 2, 8, 13, 18, 23, King 22; white men 10, 21, 30, 31, king 15; black to move and win. 13—17 18—27 22—17 28—24 21 14 31 24 3 12 16 20 23—26 2—7 17—28 24—19 30 23 10 3 12 16 blk wins

PROBLEM 115.—The position was:—black men 1, 3, 7, 10, 21 king 25; white men 6, 12, 26 30, 31, king 8; black to play and white to draw. 7—11 26 22 25—18 31 6 8 15 1—10 26 23 drawn. 10—19 30 26 19—26

PROBLEM 118.

Author unknown.

Can any one give its paternity? Black men 21, 24, 25, kg. 4



White men 30, 32, kg. 12, 15.

White to play and win.

We think our readers will find this well worth of their study.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA.

A nice little dispute has arisen between Mr. William Fleming, of Markham, Ont., and Mr. E. Kelly, of Winnipeg, Man., from whom the former won the title at a match in 1887. The point in dispute is as to the expenses to be allowed. Mr. Kelly offers to give or to take \$50 for expenses, which money is to be paid to the visiting party whether he wins or loses. To this proposition Mr. Fleming demurs, claiming that the side which he may call the resident party has under that arrangement to pay \$50 whether he wins or whether he has the "privilege of being defeated,"—as the Turf puts it. Fleming proposes to put up \$300 against \$250 of Kelly's. The winner to keep the entire stakes but neither to get any allowance for expenses. The West Lothian Courier suggests in amendment that the expenses be made a portion of the stakes. Thus if they play at Markham for say \$300 a side and Fleming wins he hands over to Kelly \$50 of the stakes for his expenses in going there to play Fleming. If, on the other hand, Kelly wins he simply pockets the whole stakes and pays his own expenses.

Mr. Kelly's plan is unquestionably the one that has hitherto obtained in such matches, but there is much in the W. L. C.'s suggestion to commend it to the consideration of checkerists, and it appears to be really the fairest method. We note that the Turf, Field and Farm favors the adoption of a rule of the line suggested, and we certainly endorse their opinion on this point. The W. L. Courier further advocates a rule, that allowance for expenses should not exceed one-fifth of the stake put up on each side, with which we also agree. As Mr. Fleming justly observes "\$50 expenses on a stake of \$100 is absurd."

SHERIFF'S SALE.

1889. A. No. 1536.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

BETWEEN—The Honorable William J. Almon and Benjamin G. Gray, Trustees of Louisa Gilpin, Plaintiffs

AND Mary Austen, Mary Haven, Robert Theakston, and Frank G. Forbes, Defendants.

TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION by the Sheriff of the County of Halifax, or his deputy, at the Supreme Court House, at Halifax, on Saturday, the 29th day of June next at 12 o'clock, noon, pursuant to an order of foreclosure and sale made herein on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1887, unless before the day of sale the amount due for principal, interest, and costs, be paid to the plaintiffs, their solicitor, or into Court.

All the estate, right, title, interest, and equity of redemption of the original mortgagors, and of the above named defendants, and of all persons claiming by, through, or under them, or either of them either at law or in equity of, in, to, upon, or out of all that lot of

LAND, DWELLING HOUSE, AND PREMISES

situate in the City of Halifax aforesaid, commencing at a point thirty-six feet two inches eastwardly from the corner of Barrington and Blowers Street, on the southern side of Blowers Street, thence to run eastwardly on Blowers Street twenty-four feet five inches to the property owned by Robert Malcom, thence by Malcom's property southerly forty feet six inches more or less to Forman's property, thence westerly by Forman's northern line twenty-four feet five inches, more or less, to the south-eastern angle of property recently conveyed by the executors of the late William Bauld, deceased, to Elizabeth Bauld, thence northerly on the east line of the property so conveyed to Elizabeth Bauld forty feet six inches to the place of beginning, together with the buildings, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same, belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Terms—Ten per cent. deposit at sale; remainder on delivery of deed.

DONALD ARCHIBALD, High Sheriff of the County of Halifax, WALLACE McDONALD, Solicitor of Plaintiffs, Halifax, N. S., 23rd May, 1889.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

1889. A. No. 2840.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

BETWEEN—John H. Harvey and Benjamin G. Gray, Trustees of the Estate of Patrick Kenny, deceased, Plaintiffs,

AND John Egan, Defendant.

TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION by the Sheriff of the County of Halifax, or his deputy, at the Supreme Court House, at Halifax, on Saturday, the 29th day of June next, at 12 o'clock, noon, pursuant to a decree of foreclosure and sale made herein on the 21st day of May, A. D. 1889, unless before the day of sale the amount due for principal, interest, and costs be paid to the Plaintiffs, their solicitor, or into Court.

All the estate, right, title, interest, and equity of redemption of the above named defendant, and of all persons claiming by, through, or under him, either at law or in equity, of, in, to, upon, or out of all that lot, piece, or parcel of

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in the city of Halifax, being number 42 on a plan of the subdivision of the Adams' Field, by John W. Watt filed in the Crown Land office, at Halifax, and described as follows:—Beginning at the south-east corner of lot number forty-three, thence southwardly along the west side line of Walnut Street sixty-three feet, more or less, to a lane shown on said plan, thence along the north side of said lane one hundred and thirteen feet, more or less, westwardly to lot number forty-one, thence northwardly along the rear line of said lot number forty-one, sixty feet, more or less to lot number forty-three, thence eastwardly along the south side line of said lot number forty-three one hundred and thirteen feet, more or less, to the place of beginning, together with the buildings, hereditaments, and appurtenances to the same, belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Terms—Ten per cent. deposit at sale; remainder on delivery of deed.

DONALD ARCHIBALD, High Sheriff of the County of Halifax, WALLACE McDONALD, Solicitor of Plaintiffs, Halifax, N. S., 23rd May, 1889.

THE STORY OF A WILL.

(From The Toronto Mail.) To the Editor of the Mail;

Having seen a letter in your paper from Mr. John Cooper, of this town, reminded me of an incident which occurred about three years ago. A friend of mine, Mr. A. Seymour, was staying at Vermillion Bay, on the C. P. R., west of here. A legacy was left to him by an uncle in London, England. Mr. Seymour was in such bad health at the time that he thought he would not be alive when the legacy would reach here. He therefore wrote to me asking me to have his will prepared and sent to him for signature, etc., appointing me as the legatee in trust. The will was prepared by John M. Munn Esq., barrister, of this town, and was sent to Mr. Seymour. It was returned to me duly executed, and is still in my possession.

In the same letter was a request to send half a dozen bottles of Warner's Safe Cure, and some pills. I sent them. I received a letter some time after asking me to send some more, as he was feeling much better. I did so, and the next I know Mr. Seymour himself came to town and told me (and looked it) that he was a well man. He got his money through the Ontario Bank here, and is now in British Columbia, and was in good health when I last heard from him.

I may say that I know both Mr. and Mrs. Cooper well, and the facts in Mrs. Cooper's case are as stated in Mr. Cooper's letter.

You can publish this or not, as you think fit, as it nothing to me either way.

Yours, etc., W. C. DOBIE, J. P. PORT ARTHUR, Ont., May 23.

[The foregoing letter is bona fide, and not an advertisement.—EDITOR MAIL.]

A. No. 2829.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

IN THE SUPREME COURT, 1889.

In the matter of the petition of Charles J. Stewart for the foreclosure and sale of lands mortgaged by Mortimer Dwyer, now deceased, and Ellen Dwyer, his wife, to James Stewart

To be sold at public auction, by the Sheriff of the County of Halifax, or his deputy, at the County Court House, at Halifax, on Saturday, the 15th day of June, A. D., 1889, at 12 o'clock, noon, pursuant to an order of foreclosure and sale made herein on the 7th day of May, A. D., 1889, unless before the day of sale the amount due for principal, interest, and costs, be paid to the petitioner, his solicitor, or into court.

All the estate, right, title, interest and equity of redemption of the original mortgagors and of all persons claiming by, through, or under them, of, in, to, upon or out of all that piece or parcel of LAND situate in the north suburbs of Halifax, aforesaid, being parts of lots numbers nine and ten on the plan of division of a certain field of George A. S. Creighton, and which said lots were conveyed along with certain other lots to one William H. Rudolph by the name of William Rudolph by the said George A. S. Creighton and Sarah, his wife, by deed dated the 19th day of September, in the year of our Lord 1843, and duly recorded at Halifax in Liber 77, Folio 166, which said lot begins on the south side of Cornwallis Street at a point distant fifty-five feet from the corner formed by said street with Gottingen Street, thence running southerly fifty-four feet to property now or lately of Donald Sutherland, thence westerly along said property fifty-two feet, thence northerly along property of Patrick Moren fifty-four feet, nine inches, or to Cornwallis Street aforesaid, thence easterly along Cornwallis Street aforesaid fifty-two feet, or to the place of beginning, together with the buildings, easements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining. TERMS:—Ten per cent. deposit; remainder on delivery of deed.

DONALD ARCHIBALD, High Sheriff of the County of Halifax, WALLACE McDONALD, Plaintiff's Solicitor, Dated Halifax, 7th May, 1889.