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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. S.—Columbia Chess Club.—Your handsome volume duly received. Kindly accept our best thanks and good wishes for the future.

The Chess editor of the Boston Post goes so far as to say: "We believe that Chess should be introduced as a study into all the high schools and colleges; it is a better mental discipline than mathematics; this would open a new field for professional chess-players as teachers, and at the same time provide an honorable career for a few young men out of the thousands who are graduating each year from the many seats of learning throughout the country. Let us hope that some day chess will be thus honored."

Correct solution of Nos. 32 and 33 received from H. B. Stairs.

Solution to No. 34—Kt to Q 4.

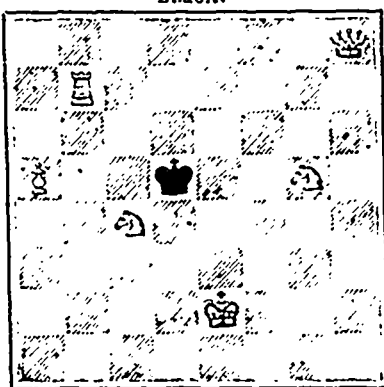
Solution to No. 35—K to Q R 7.

(Correct solution to No. 34 received from J. W. Wallace and Mrs. H. Moseley; and to No. 35 from T. W. Wallace, Mrs. H. Moseley and W. J. Calder.)

PROBLEM No. 38.

From "Chess Souvenirs."

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Game played in New Orleans, 9th May, 1864.

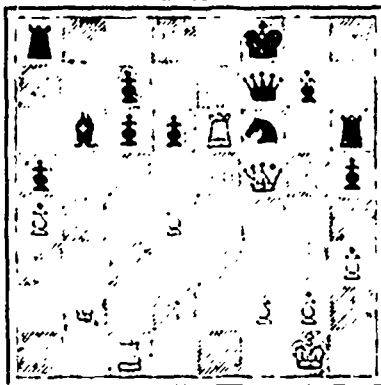
Evans Gambit.

Remove White's Queen's Knight.

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| WHITE. | BLACK. |
| Paul Morphy. | C. A. Maurian. |
| 1 P to K 4 | 1 P to K 4 |
| 2 Kt to B 3 | 2 Kt to Q B 3 |
| 3 B to B 4 | 3 B to B 4 |
| 4 P to Q Kt 4 | 4 B takes Kt P |
| 5 P to B 3 | 5 B to B 4 (A) |
| 6 Castles | 6 P to Q 3 |
| 7 P to Q 4 | 7 P takes P |
| 8 P takes P | 8 B to Kt 3 |
| 9 B to Kt 2 (B) | 9 B to Kt 5 |
| 10 B to Kt 5 | 10 K to Bsq (c) |
| 11 B takes Kt | 11 P takes B |
| 12 P to K R 3 | 12 P to K R 4 (D) |
| 13 Q to Q 3 | 13 B takes Kt |
| 14 Q takes B | 14 R to R 3 |
| 15 P to Q R 4 | 15 P to R 4 |
| 16 Q R to B sq | 16 Kt to K 2 |
| 17 Q to K 3 | 17 P to K B 4 |
| 18 Q to Kt 5 | 18 P takes P |
| 19 K R to K sq | 19 Kt to Q 4 |
| 20 Q to B 5 ch | 20 Kt to B 3 |
| 21 R takes K P | 21 Q to Q 2 |
| 22 R to K 6 | 22 Q to B 2 |

Position after Black's 22nd move.

BLACK.



WHITE.

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| 23 P to Q 5 (E) | 23 K takes P |
| 24 B takes P ch | 24 K takes B |
| 25 Q takes Q ch | 25 K takes Q |
| 26 R takes R | 26 Kt to B 3 |
| 27 P to Kt 4 | 27 P takes P |
| 28 P takes P | 28 Kt takes P |
| 29 R to R 7 ch | 29 K to Kt 3 |
| 30 R to R 3 | 30 B takes P ch |

and wins.

NOTES.

(a) Now-a-days B-R 4 is more generally played by the odds-receiver, as it prevents the immediate advance of P to Q 4.

(b) We prefer the continuation adopted by Mr. Morphy on another occasion, of 9 P-Q5. The text move is not so embarrassing for the second player.

(c) The best move under the circumstances.

(d) Ingenious, for the Bishop can not be taken, and Black is thus enabled to develop his KR.

(e) White's attack has been gradually melting away against Mr. Maurian's able defence, and this advance is a last desperate attempt on the part of Morphy to retrieve the fortunes of the day.

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. E. Hodgson, 5 Gipton Avenue, Roundhay Road, Leeds, England.—Proofs of your checker columns of May 12th and 19th are received with many thanks. Would be happy to exchange.

F. Foshay.—You are right in regard to the position in problem 29, but please reconsider your solution.

GAME X.

"Ayreshire Lassie," played some years since between John Robertson and James Wylie, champion of the world. This game is well worthy of the careful consideration of students.

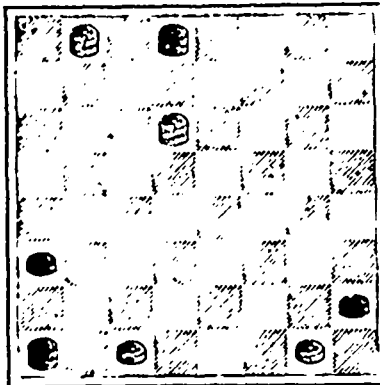
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| 24 | 20 | 26 | 22 |
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| 8-11 | 1-6 | 6-22 | 30-26 |
| 28 | 24 | 31 | 27 |
| 13 | 16 | 20 | 16 |
| 4-8 | 15-18 | 12-19 | 26-23 |
| 23 | 19 | 22 | 15 |
| 24 | 6 (a) | 15 | 10 |
| 9-14 | 11-18 | 2-9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

(a) Here 15-11 would yield a draw. This forms PROBLEM 32, the posi-

tion in which will be discovered by any one who will take the pains to play the game to this point, and to which we invite solutions. Black to play and win.

PROBLEM 33.

By A. J. Heffner, ex-Champion of America.
BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and win.

We take this problem from the *Canadian Checkerist*, a magazine devoted solely to chess and checkers, published weekly in Toronto, Ontario.

PROBLEM 6.—The solution to this problem gave some dissatisfaction, as certain solvers thought white could draw, and therefore we, several weeks since, offered a special prize to any one who could show a sound draw. The Editor of this department not having received any attempt at solution on this line repeats the offer, and will present any one who shows such a draw with his or her choice of a year's subscription to either THE CRITIC or the *American Checker Review*, or McCulloch's "Guide to the Game of Draughts." The position is as follows:—black men 3, 12, Ks. 21 23; white men 8, 10, 22, 28, 29; black to play; can white draw?

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