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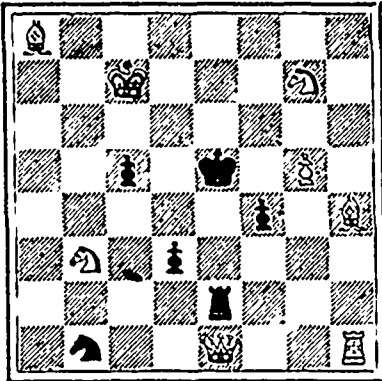
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Solution to Problem No. 97.—B to KB2. Solved by Mrs. H. Moseley, C. W. L. and J. W. Wallace.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. W. — The pawn in actual play may become Queen or Knight.

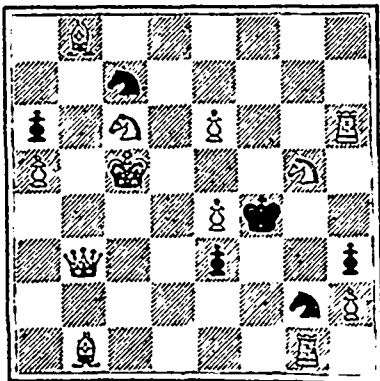
Corrected PROBLEM No. 98. BLACK 6 pieces.



WHITE 8 pieces. White to play and mate in 2 moves.

PROBLEM No. 99.

Awarded second prize in the Shore-ditch Citizen problem tourney. By Mrs. W. J. Baird. BLACK 6 pieces.



WHITE 13 pieces. White to play and mate in 2 moves.

GAME No. 80.

Played in the Sixth American Congress.

VIENNA OPENING.

WHITE BLACK Mr. J. H. Blackburne. Mr. M. Judd. 1 P to K4 P to K4 2 Kt to QB3 Kt to KB3 3 P to B4 P to Q4 4 BP takes KP We prefer 4 KP takes QP, when the game might proceed 4 P to K5; 5 P to Q3, 5 B to QKt5; 6 P takes P, 6 Kt takes KP; 7 Q to Q4, and should Black venture on 7 Q to R5 ch; 8 P to K3, 8 Kt takes P; he would lose by 9 Q to K3 ch.

5 Kt to B3 Kt takes Kt B to K2 6 Q to K2 First played by the editor at Cologne in 1881 in a blindfold game against Herron Kockelkorn and Wemmers in consultation.

7 KtP takes Kt Castles 8 P to Kt3 We do not approve of this, and would prefer Q to B2 followed by B to K2.

9 P to Q3 B to KB4 P to B4 10 B to Kt2 Kt to B3

11 Castles R to B 12 R to Kt P to Q Kt3 13 Kt to R4 B to K3 14 Kt to B5 R to K 15 P to Kt4 B to B 16 B to B4 B takes Kt

Black has played remarkably well up to this, but by the present premature exchange with the view of the sacrifice that follows he compromises his game at the point when he could have much improved his position by 16 P to B3, to which we hardly see any satisfactory answer for if P to Q4, 17 B takes Kt followed by P takes QP, or if 17 Kt to Q6, 17 B takes Kt; 18 P takes B, 18 B to B2 followed by Kt to K4.

17 P takes B Kt takes P 18 B takes Kt P to B3 19 P to Q4 K to R 20 R to B3 An excellent move which initiates a beautifully conceived attack.

P takes P 21 P takes P B to Q3 22 R to KR3 P to KR3 Necessary, for if 22 P takes B; 23 R takes P ch, 23 K takes R; 24 Q to R5 ch, 24 K to Kt; 25 B takes P ch, and mates in two moves.

23 Q to Q2 P takes B Useless of course. But Black could only escape immediate disaster at the cost of a piece, namely by B to B, whereupon White would have withdrawn B to B4 winning also without much difficulty. 24 R takes P ch. Mr. Blackburne now finishes off with his usual brilliancy and precision.

K to Kt 25 B takes P ch K to B 26 P to B6

A beautiful stroke. P takes P Resigns. For mate follows after 27 K to K2; 28 R to R7 ch, and Q to R6 mate.

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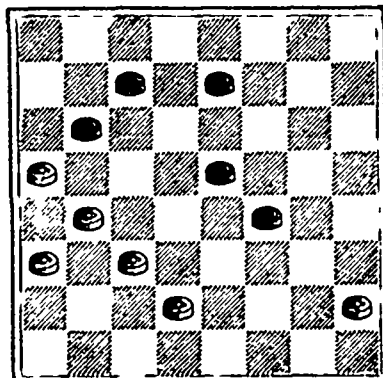
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OMITTED.

We regret that in making up this column in last week's issue the problem (No. 134), which should have followed and contained the end of game XXVIII, was accidentally left out of the form. We give it as follows:—

PROBLEM No. 134.

Black men 6, 7, 9, 15, 19 (Forsyth)



White men 13, 17, 21, 22, 26, 28 (O'Hearn.) White to play. What result?

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. WHITE, Little Bay Mines, N.F. —Your favor enclosing subscription is received. The latter is handed to the financial department. If you had stated what numbers have missed you we would have tried to hunt them up. Do so in your next.

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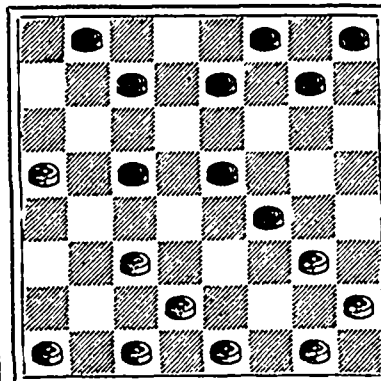
PROBLEM 133.—Position—Black men 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19; white men 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 31; black to play and draw:— 14—17 16—20 20—27 11—27 21 7 23 16 31 24 drawn.

We had a call from a young man living in Shediac, named Edward McDonald. We had the pleasure of sitting across the board with him in four games. He is certainly a fair player, but would benefit by a closer study of the books. The following is one of the games played—an "Old Fourteenth;" McDonald black; Forsyth white:

GAME XXVIX. 11—15 11—15 2—11 7—10 23 19 28 24 19 10 29 25 8—11 8—11 6—15 12—16 22 17 31 26 26 23 24 20 4—8 11—16 3—7 16—19 17 13 20 11 23 19 18 14 9—14 7—16 16—23 10—17 26 23 21 17 27 18 25 22 15—18 14—21 15—22 17—26 24 20 10 26 25 18 30 7 white wins.

PROBLEM No. 135.

This position occurred in play between Mr. Forbes of Shubenacadie and our checker editor. Black men (Forsyth) 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 19.



White men (Forbes) 13, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32.

White to play and win. It is not often that a veteran gets caught in such a trap, but his youthful opponent was too much for him on this occasion.

NEWS.

A team match has been arranged to be played on Thanksgiving Day at Shubenacadie between four players of that place and the same number from Halifax. This is the first team match, so far as we know, ever played in Nova Scotia.

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