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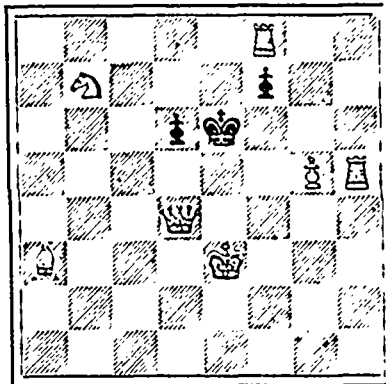
Solution to problem No. 107, Kt to KB5. Solved by C. W. L., J. W. Wallace and Mrs. H. Moseley.

PROBLEM No. 109.

By B. S. LLOYD, New York.

From the Week.

BLACK 3 pieces.



WHITE 7 pieces.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

GAME No. 90.

One of the eight games played by Dr. J. H. Zukertort, blindfolded and simultaneously, at the Leytonstone Chess Club, Feb. 7, 1885.

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| WHITE | BLACK |
| Dr. Zukertort. | Mr. W. H. Jones. |
| 1 P to K4 | P to K3 |
| 2 P to Q4 | P to Q4 |
| 3 Kt to QB3 | Kt to KB3 |
| 4 B to KKt5 | B to K2 |
| 5 P to K5 | KKt to Q2 |
| 6 B takes B | Q takes B |
| 7 Q to Q2 | P to QR3 |
| 8 Kt to Q sq | P to QB4 |
| 9 P to QB3 | Kt to QB3 |
| 10 P to KB4 | P to B4 (a) |
| 11 Kt to B3 | Castles |
| 12 B to Q3 (b) | P takes P (c) |
| 13 P takes P | P to QKt4 |
| 14 Castles | Kt to Kt3 |
| 15 P to QKt3 | B to Q2 |
| 16 Kt to K3 | P to KR4 (d) |
| 17 P to KR3 | Q to Kt5 (e) |
| 18 Q takes Q | Kt takes Q |
| 19 B to K2 | QR to B sq |
| 20 Kt to Kt5 | P to Kt3 |
| 21 KR to B sq | R takes R ch |
| 22 R takes R | R to B sq (f) |
| 23 R takes R ch | Kt takes R |
| 24 P to KKt4 (g) | RP takes P |
| 25 P takes P | Kt takes P |
| 26 P takes P | KtP takes P |
| 27 B to R5 | K to B sq (h) |
| 28 Kt to Kt2 (i) | Kt to B8 |
| 29 Kt to R4 | Kt takes P |
| 30 Kt (R4) to B3 | P to R4 |
| 31 B to B7 | K to K2 |
| 32 B to Kt8 | P to R5 |
| 33 Kt to R4 | Kt takes P |
| 34 Kt to Kt6 ch | K to Q sq |
| 35 K to B2 | P to R6 |
| 36 Kt to B8 | P to R7 |

a Up to here a routine variation of the French defence has been adopted, and one which is a favorite with Mr. Blackburn. At this point, however, it is usual to play 10 P to QKt4, and the following frequently occurs: 11 Kt to B3 P to B4, 12 Kt to K3 Kt to Kt3, and the position is recognized as pretty equal. From here may spring tactical manoeuvres of a high order, as plenty of scope is offered both sides for display of skill.

b There is little to choose between

this and B to K2, but the latter is usually preferred. The move adopted gives more play for the Queen, though it is liable to be forced to retreat; this was probably what White sought.

c This might have stood until preparations had been made by first assisting the release of the QB. P to B5 is not to be despised; it gains a little time, and helps to cramp White. It would have to be followed by P to QKt4 and Kt to Kt3.

d Fearing 17 P to KKt4. e We prefer 17 Kt to Kt5; in fact, played on the previous move, it would have influenced White's intentions.

f The RP can be captured, but Black did not care to permit the White R to have access to his game.

g 24 P to R3 appears more feasible, but it has an apparent drawback, since it compels the withdrawal of a Knight from offensive for defensive purposes, in order to protect the QP; the policy however, is false.

h The only move to save the Pawn. i More protective measures were necessary; this practically gives away the best chances for a draw.—*Western Advertiser.*

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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OBITUARY.—Mr. John Robertson, of Berwick-on-Tweed, died about the middle of the last month at the house of a relative at Abergeldie, Scotland, in his 74th year. He was for nearly twenty years editor of the *Berwick Advertiser*. He was also a distinguished checkerist, and played many matches with such men as Wylie and Martins. He was the author of "Robertson's Guide to Draughts," which we made last year our first prize to solvers of problems in this column. He was an authority as an analyst of the game, and his demise will be much regretted in checker circles on both sides of the Atlantic.

PROBLEM 143—Not having received any solution to this problem as yet we withhold our method for a week, in order to give our solvers an opportunity to further study the situation. The position grew out of game 36 and was as follows:—Black men 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 19; white men 13, 17, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 32; black to play and win. At the same time, to give full latitude to solvers, we explicitly stated that we did not confine them to proving a win from that point, but would permit them to take up game 36 at any point and show a victory for black.

Our Shubenacadie friends would greatly oblige if they will favor us with the games played at the recent match, as we have failed to obtain some of them.

PROBLEM 144.—By a singular omission we failed to state that in this problem the terms were black to move and win.

GAME XXXVIII—NELSO.

Played between James Le Brocq (black) and W. Forsyth (white), the latter playing blindfold:—

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| 10—15 | 11—16 | 11—15 | 29—25 |
| 22 17 | 26 23 | 18 11 | 2 6 |
| 6—10 | 2—6 | 9—14 | 30—26 |

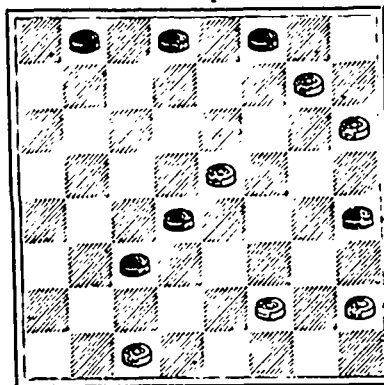
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| 17 14 | 29 25 | 11 7 | 6 9 |
| 9—18 | 6—10 | 14—21 | 25—22 |
| 23 14 | 30 26 | 22 18 | 9 14 |
| 10—17 | 10—17 | 21—25 | 22—25 |
| 21 14 | 21 14 | 7 2 | 15 18 |
| 1—6 | 1—8 | 25—30 | 25—30 |
| 24 19 | 25 21 | 2 6 | 14 17 |
| 15—24 | 7—10 | 10—15 | 30—25 |
| 28 19 | 14 7 | 18 11 | 17 21 |
| 11—16 | 3—10 | 13—17 | 26—30 |
| 26 23 | 26 22 | 6 10 | 21 17 |
| 16—20 | 8—11 | 17—22 | 30—26 |
| 25 21 | 32 28 | 10 15 | drawn. |
| 8—11 | 9—13 | 22—25 | |
| 31 26 | 21 17 | 11 7 | |
| 6—9 | 5—9 | 25—29 | |
| 23 18 | 28 24 | 7 2 | |

PROBLEM No. 145.

A correction of Wylie.

By Mr. J. Stark, Broxburn, in *West Lothian Courier.*

Black men 1, 2, 3, 18, 20, 22.



White men 8, 12, 15, 27, 28, 30. White to move and draw.

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