

CITY CHIMES.

A WORD TO THE GIRLS.—A copy of the *Boston Traveler* came to my notice one day this week, and a short item particularly attracted my attention. For the benefit of my girl readers, or rather for the benefit of their mothers, I am going to have it reprinted here:—"Are you planning to fill the house this summer, girls? Are you going to have all sorts of good times? That's all right, but who is to do the extra work? Who is to stay in the hot kitchen sizzling dainty desserts, you or mother? I can tell you who will want to do it, who will get up early to mix biscuits and sit up late because it won't look well to go to bed before the rest—mother. But girls take care, if it is a young man who is spending a few days at your pretty home, that he doesn't get a glimpse of your mother in her old print helping the girl get dinner, and then come upon you in fresh muslin on the front veranda. He won't say anything, but he'll keep up a tremendous thinking. Let your guests see that you honor your mother, and don't try to pretend that one servant does the work of two." How very suggestive this paragraph is. Halifax people are noted for their hospitality, and at the present season a large number of our city houses have visitors. This is just as it should be, but in houses where but one servant or perhaps no servant is kept, these visitors make extra work. Who is doing it, girls, you or you patient, unselfish mother?

A POPULAR ENTERTAINMENT.—An immense crowd enjoyed the music furnished by the H. G. A. Band on the Parade Square on Monday evening, and the ice-cream parlors did a lively trade.

THE THEATRE.—The Harkins Company closed a very successful season at the Academy of Music on Saturday evening, and this week the Stetson Company has occupied the stage. This Company is a strong one and "The Crust of Society" is well put on, but as to the pleasure given by the performance opinions widely differ. The story enacted may be only too true to the tragedy of the lives of many, but to say the least the moral tone of the play is not elevating, and while a large number of Halifaxians who have attended the Academy this week have been fascinated by the wickedness of "The Crust of Society," and entertained by the sensational performance, not a few have been rather shocked. In the acting of Miss Zeffie Tilbury as the charming adventuress, Mrs. Eastlake Chapel, and of Mr. Arthur Lewis as Oliver St. Aubyn the most critical would with difficulty find a flaw. These two have the most important roles in the cast and they perform them most creditably. Mr. Charles M. Collins as Cavendish Comyns M. P., also takes his part most acceptably, and the other members of the company have attained a high standard. The engagement closes to-morrow evening.

HALIFAX WEATHER.—It may, in fact I admit it does, get decidedly tiresome to be asked continually if this isn't in your opinion lovely weather, but tell me, isn't it? Very warm yet cool is a slightly paradoxical statement, but it nevertheless applies to the delightful weather of the past week. The hot July's sunshine does not reign supreme, for refreshing ocean breezes claim their share in the make-up of our days, and the result is perfection. The Americans who have forsaken the sizzling heat of Boston, New York and thereabouts, and have landed in this old city of ours are enthusiastic in their appreciation of our climate, while our own people who have come from "the states" for a visit at home are more than ever pleased with the land of their birth.

AMOS KEETER.—A large number of Halifaxians are rusticaing just now. The children have their vacation, the school teachers are taking a rest, and "city folk" may be found in all of the numerous beautiful summer resorts of our province. Well, life in the country is very enjoyable, but it has its drawbacks, not least of which may be counted the tiny torments, mosquitoes. They are little, but, oh my! It may be interesting to know the construction of the "skeeter's" fang, as given by a scientific journal; the sensation experienced when this fang is buried in one's flesh needs no description. It is said that the beak of the mosquito is simply a tool box, wherein the mosquito keeps six miniature surgical instruments in perfect working order. Two of these instruments are exact counterparts of the surgeon's lance, one is a spear with a double barbed head, the fourth is a needle of exquisite fineness, a saw and a pump going to make up the complement. The spear is the largest of the six tools, and is used for making the initial puncture; next the lances or knives are brought into play to cause the blood to flow more freely. Is it any wonder this creature has power to cause such intense concentrated agony in a simple bite?

HALIFAX SPORTS.—The cricketers and lacrosse and tennis players of the city are having a flourishing season this year, and some very interesting games are being put up. The yachting fraternity are also having some fine sport, and are looking forward with interest to to-morrow's race for the United Bankers' cup.

A PERFECT PICNIC GROUND.—I recently had the pleasure, an exceeding great pleasure, of a day at Cow Bay Beach, and would like to sing the praises of this beautiful spot long and loud. A drive from Dartmouth to the beach, a distance of nine miles, is very pleasant, the scenery from some points being beautiful indeed. Of course the road is not the smoothest, but it leads to one of the loveliest spots that Nature has bestowed upon the fortunate residents of Nova Scotia. A beautiful grove of trees with tables and seats for the convenience of picnickers, on one side a pretty lake partially covered with lilies, and on the other the gigantic breakers of the Atlantic

roll in on the broad sandy beach; could any reasonable mortal desire more a good hotel and better transportation facilities would make the place more popular, but a hotel full of guests would not add to the pleasure of the picnic parties, to whom the seclusion of the resort is one of its attractions. As a place to spend a day's outing Cow Bay has no equal in or around Halifax or Dartmouth.

THE MASONIC FAIR.—If the Masonic bazaar to be held next month proves a success, and there is every reason to believe that it will, a large amount of credit will be due to the energetic efforts of the ladies who have taken the affair in hand. Mr. R. P. Greenwood has had not a little difficulty in carrying on the practices for the march, in which some 80 ladies are to take part, it being almost impossible to secure regular attendance at the meetings called for this purpose. However, no one doubts the success of this feature of the fair's programme. The ladies in charge of the booths are sparing neither time or trouble to ensure the complete success of their department, and the Masonic Fair promises to be the event of the summer.

Sure, efficient, easy—HOOVER'S PILLS. They should be in every traveller's grip and every family medicine chest. 25c. a box.

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

All communications to this department must be addressed directly to the Checker Editor, Mr. W. Forsyth, 36 Grafton St.

THE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following explains itself:—

454 Main Street,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.
June 27th, 1893.

TO WILLIAM FORSYTH, Esq.,
Halifax, N. S.

DEAR SIR.—I would like to meet you at Toronto about the 11th September in a match of thirty games for the championship of Canada, each to pay his own expenses and the get-receipts to be divided between us, and the Toronto Draughts Club will give a good trophy which will be worth competing for. If you will meet me as above telegraph me and oblige,

Yours very respectfully,
(Signed) ED. KELLY.

To which Mr. Forsyth telegraphed the following reply:—

"I accept and will meet you in Toronto at the date named."
(Signed) W. FORSYTH.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 338.—The position was: Black men 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 22; white men 12, 13, 18, 20, 21, 31, black to play and draw.

22—25	25—30	9—14	14—17
31—26	19—15	8—4	21—14
14—18	30—25	22—18	18—2
26—22	15—8	15—11	12—8
18—23	25—22	6—9	3—12
22—18	18—15	13—6	drawn.

GAME 223—"AYRESHIRE LASSIE."

Played recently between W. Walker (blacks) of Shubenacadie and W. Forsyth (whites) of Halifax.

11—15	6—10	10—15	8—12
24—20	21—17	28—10	30—25
8—11	5—9	6—15	12—28
28—24	29—25	17—14	20—16
9—13	4—8	1—5	11—20
22—18	25—21	27—24	18—2
15—22	2—6	12—16	9—18
25—18	24—19	31—26	22—15
10—15	15—24	16—19	drawn.
26—22	32—28	23—16	

a White was hard pressed here, but there was just one way of escape, though Mr. Walker thought that he had downed the champion.

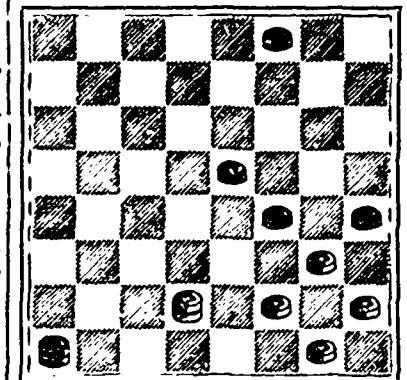
TO CORRESPONDENTS

OLIVER MCGILL, Yarmouth.—Your solution to problem 335 is received. At your twelfth move instead 22 18 white can win by 14 10.

J. F. G. P. O. box 14, Summerside, P. E. I.—Your solution to the same problem is at hand. Where you leave off the trunk as drawn, white can force a win, and white can also win on the line of your Var. I.

PROBLEM 340.

By James Wyllie, Champion of the World. From the *Glasgow Herald*. Black men 3, 15, 19, 20, king 29.



White men 24, 27, 28, 32, king 26. White to play and win.

This is a very fine problem. To the player whose solution reaches us first we will give a copy of the *American Checker Review*. Now, boys, don't be a month about it this time.

HALIFAX STOCK EXCHANGE.

These quotations are furnished by J. C. Mackintosh, Banker and Broker, 166 Hollis St., Halifax, N. S. July 13.

	Par of Share.	Buy:	Sell:
Bank of Nova Scotia.....	100	171	175
Bank of N. America.....	243-33	151	154
Merchants Bank.....	100	140	144
Union Bank.....	50	122	125
People's Bank.....	20	116	118
Halifax Bank.....	20	116	118
Bank of Yarmouth.....	75	122 1/2	...
Exchange Bank of Yarmouth.	70	102 1/2	...
Com. Bank of Windsor.....	40	108	...
Acadia Fire Insurance Co....	20	137	140
Halifax Fire Insurance Co....	20	134	137 1/2
Eastern Assurance (25% pd.)	100	50	65
N. S. Marine Ins. Co. (37 1/2 pd)	100	...	75
R. C. Sav's & L'n Co., Bonds.	100	99	100
" " " " " " " " " " " "	100	100	102 1/2
(50% pd. up)			
N. S. Telephone Co.....	20	103	107
Halifax Gas Light Co.....	40	95	97
Dom. Coal Co., Bonds.....	500	...	100
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N. G. C. I. & R. Co., pref'd.	100	65	90
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N. S. S'l' & F'ge Co., pref'd.	20	...	100
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Halifax & Nfld. S. S. Co.....	100	50	75
Canada & Nfld. S. S. Co.....	100	...	100
Yarmouth S. S. Co.....	100	...	70
Coastal Steam Packet Co.....	100	...	90
" " & Lunenburg Steamship Co	100	...	90
N. S. Sugar Refinery.....	500
" " " " " " " " " " " "	250
Dom. Cotton Co., Bonds.....	500	102	102 1/2
Dom. Cotton Co., Bonds.....	1000
Dom. Cotton Co., Bonds.....	100	115	122
Bras d'Or Lime Co., Bonds....	250	...	100
Starr Manufacturing Co.....	100	20	30
Rhodes, Curry & Co., Ltd....	50	...	100
St. of Canada Marine Ry. Co..	50	30	50
N. S. Furnishing Co., Ltd.....	100	...	100
McDugal's Distillery Co.....	100	...	100
" " " " " " " " " " " "	500	...	100
Dartmouth Electric Light Co.	99