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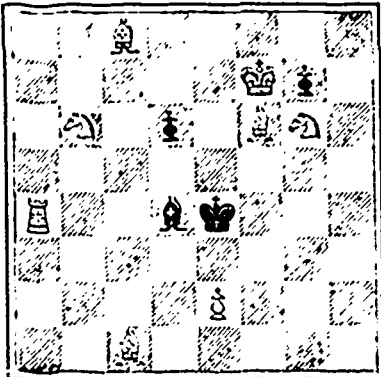
Solutions to Problems Nos. 50 and 51 received from Mrs. H. Moseley and J. W. Wallace.

Solution to Problem No. 50.—R to R5.

Solution to Problem No. 51.—Q to Kt2.

**PROBLEM No. 51.**

"Illustrated and Dramatic News."  
BLACK—4 pieces.

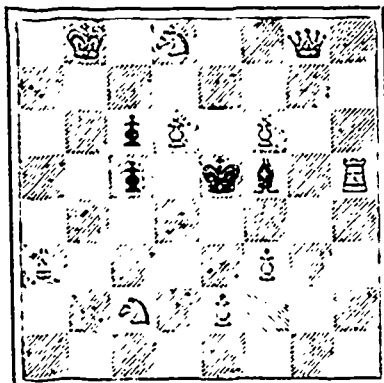


WHITE—8 pieces.

White to move and mate in 2 moves.

**PROBLEM No. 55.**

"Irish Sportsman."  
BLACK—4 pieces.



WHITE—10 pieces.

White to move and mate in 2 moves.

**GAME No. 39.**

Game played November 15th, 1888, at the Toronto Chess Club, in the match between Hamilton and Toronto, between Mr. H. Kittson, of Hamilton, and Mr. A. T. Davison, of Toronto.

**RUY LOPEZ.**

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| <b>WHITE.</b>     | <b>BLACK.</b> |
| Mr. Kittson.      | Mr. Davison.  |
| 1 P to K4         | P to K4       |
| 2 Kt to KB3       | Kt to QB3     |
| 3 B to Kt5        | P to QR3      |
| 4 B to R4         | P to QKt4     |
| 5 B to Kt3        | Kt to B3 (a)  |
| 6 P to Q3 (b)     | P to R3       |
| 7 Castles         | B to B4       |
| 8 B to Q5         | Q to K2       |
| 9 P to QB3        | R to QKt1     |
| 10 P to Q4        | P takes P     |
| 11 P takes P      | B to Kt3      |
| 12 B takes Kt (c) | P takes B     |
| 13 Kt to QB3      | Castles       |
| 14 P to QR3       | R to Q1       |
| 15 B to KB4       | B to KKt5     |
| 16 P to K5        | K take QP (d) |
| 17 P takes Kt     | Q takes P     |

- 18 B to K5 (e) R takes Q  
 19 B takes Q R takes R +  
 20 K takes R P takes B  
 21 Kt to KR4 R to K1  
 22 P to KB3 B to K3  
 23 P to KKt4 B to K6  
 24 Kt to K4 B to Q5  
 25 R to QKt1 B takes KtP  
 26 K to Kt2 B to K3  
 27 R to QB1 P to KB4  
 28 Kt to KKt3 B to Q4  
 29 P to QKt4 P to KB5  
 30 Kt to KB5 B to K6  
 31 R to K1 R to R2  
 32 K to KR1 R to K4 (f)  
 33 Kt takes B P takes Kt  
 34 K to Kt2 P to KB4  
 35 K to Kt3 P to K7  
 36 K to B4 K to K3  
 37 Kt takes P B to QB5  
 38 Kt to Q4 R to Q3  
 39 K to K3 K to Kt3  
 40 Q to KB4 K to B3  
 41 K to K4 R to Q2 (g)  
 42 K to K3 R to K2 +  
 43 K to Q2 R to K5  
 44 Kt takes P (h) B takes Kt  
 45 R takes B R takes P  
 46 R to K3 R to B7 +  
 47 R to K2 R takes R  
 48 K takes R K to K4  
 49 K to B3 P to QB4  
 50 P takes P P to QR4  
 51 K to K3 K to Q4  
 52 K to B4 K takes P  
 53 K to B5 P to Kt5  
 54 P takes P + P takes B  
 55 K to Kt6 P to Kt6  
 and White resigns.

**NOTES.**

- (a) P to KR3 best.
- (b) Kt to Kt5 better.
- (c) Kt to QB3 better.
- (d) The first move in a fine combination. Black wins two Pawns.
- (e) An interesting position
- (f) Threatening R takes Kt, and if Kt retakes them B takes B mate.
- (g) Should Kt take BP, then B to Q4 winning the Kt.
- (h) Forced, for Black threatens R takes BP, followed by K to KB8 winning.

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**SOLUTIONS.**

**PROBLEM 74.**—No correct solution has been received. The position was: black men 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 17, 22; white men 13, 19, 20, 23, 26, 28, 29, 31; white to play—what result?  
 19 16 27 24 3 7 6 10  
 12—19 22—31 1 15—18 15—19  
 23 16 24 8 7 2 \* 13 9  
 8—12 7—10 6—10 white  
 31 27 8 3 2 6 wins  
 12—19 10—15 10—15

The book leaves it here as a white win, but we (W. Forsyth and A. E. Robinson,) think that black might have drawn, as the following variations will show:

**VAR. I.**

15—19	15—18	17—21	27—31
2- 7	2 3-10	15 6 10	28 24
6—10	18—22	22—26	26—30
2 6	15 10 10	15 19 15	
10—15	24—27	18—22	30—26
6 10	6 2 14 17	14 10	
a-31—27	19—23	27—32	drawn.
13 9	2 6 15 19		
27—24	14—18	23—27	
9 6	10 14 17 14		

If 15—18, 13 9, etc., white wins as per book.

**VAR. II.**

29 25	20 16	11 7	8 3
31—27	25—30	22—18	27—23
25 21	16 12	7 2	3 7
17—22	30—26	18—23	19—24
7 11	12 8	2 18	28 19
22—25	26—22	23—14	23—16

**VAR. III.**

6 2	10 15	9 14	10 7
18—23	18—22	23—27	22—26
4 2 6	6 9 14 10	7 11	
14 18	17—21	27—32	26—31

**VAR. IV.**

2 7	11 16	6 2	10 14
14—18	31—26	25—21	31—27
10 15	22 17	2 6	15 18
18—22	26—22	22—26	21—25
7 11	17 13	15 18	18 15
22—26	21—25	24—27	25—22
29 25	13 9	b 18 15	
17—21	25—30	27—24	drawn.
25 22	9 6	6 10	
26—31	30—25	26—31	

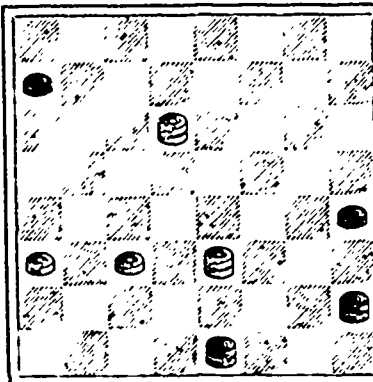
If 6 10 or 16 11, black wins by 19—24.

We shall be pleased to have the above variations criticised, for if they should prove sound they will form another correction to Lyman's 'Book of Problems.'

**PROBLEM No. 77.**

By Fred. Drinkwater.

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White men 21, 22, kgs. 10, 23.  
White to move and win.

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