

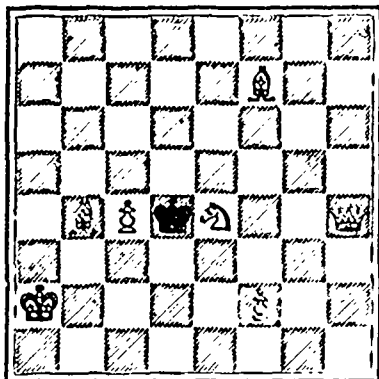
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Solution to Problem 134: Solved
by C. W. L. 1, Kt to K6.

PROBLEM 136.

Leeds Mercury.

Black 1 piece.



White 7 pieces.

White to play and mate in two moves.

The Belfast Tournament had its conclusion fitly marked by a grand display of Mr. Blackburne's marvelous blindfold powers. Last Saturday without sight of boards or men that celebrity engaged simultaneously Mr. James Neill, the President of the Belfast Chess Club, and seven other very strong players. From his seat on the platform at one end of the Central Hall (Rosemary street) Mr. Blackburne, with his back turned to the camp of his opponents, could have had, even in his mind's eye, but faint perception of the vast concourse of chess votaries that had assembled, or of the fascination wrought upon them by the coruscations of his chess genius in its dark chamber. Yet there he sat—however sustained or whatever the source of his inspiration—from five o'clock till seven, and again from half past seven to eleven o'clock without the slightest signs of mental fatigue or discomfiture. There he sat, visualizing in never failing rotation the ever-varying positions of the eight battlefields—and dictating, according to the exigencies and with masterly strategy, the best moves at his command.

Mr. S. C. Gunning, J.P., of Cooktown—himself a blindfold performer—Mr. Parker Dunscombe, of Dublin, and many other well-known experts were amongst the chess notabilities present. Shortly after the first hour's play one of the eight (No. 3) had a mate-in-three announced against him by the blindfold player, who delighted the spectators around by giving a full and clear description of the position as it stood—of the *modus operandi* of the mate, and of all the variations possible.

Another of the eight, Mr. Charles Johnston, J.P. of Portadown, found himself obliged to retire at rather an early hour, leaving the game in such an unfinished state as to rank merely a draw.

One after another Messrs. Godwin-Roth, Steen, Evans, and Martin suffered defeat. Mr. R. A. Williams, of Holywood, obtained a draw, whilst it remained for the veteran president, Mr. Neill, to inflict on Mr. Blackburne his only defeat, an achievement for which Mr. Neill was most heartily, as, indeed, most deservedly congratulated. The game—a Philidor's Defence—ran as underneath:—

White. Mr. B.	Black. Mr. N.
1 P to K4	P to K4
2 Kt to B3	P to Q3
3 P to Q4	Kt to Q2
4 KB to B4	P to B3
5 Castles	B to K2
6 P to B3	KKt to B3
7 P takes P	P takes P
8 Q to B2	Castles
9 QB to Kt5	Q to B2
10 QKt to Q2	Kt to B4
11 P to QKt4	Kt to K3
12 B to K3	P to QKt4
13 B takes Kt	B takes B
14 Kt to Kt3	Kt to Q2
15 QR to Qsq	P to KR3
16 Kt to Q2	P to KB4
17 P to B3	P to B5
18 B to B2	P to B4
19 P takes P	Kt takes P
20 Kt takes Kt	B takes Kt
21 Kt to Kt3	B to K2
22 R to Q2	KR to QBsq
23 KR to QBsq	P to QR4
24 R to K2	P to R5
25 Kt to Q2	B to QR6
26 R to Ktsq	P to Kt5
27 P to B4	B takes P
28 Kt takes B	Q takes Kt
29 Q takes Q	R takes Q
30 R to Q2	QR to QBsq
31 K to Bsq	R to B7
32 K to K2	K to B2
33 K to Qsq	R takes Rch
34 K takes R	K to K3
35 K to Qsq	P to Kt4
36 B to Ksq	R to B5

And Mr. Blackburne resigned.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Subscribers remitting Money, either direct to the office, or through Agents, will find a receipt for the amount inclosed in their next paper. All remittances should be made payable to A. Milne Fraser.

Thursday the 10th is Thanksgiving Day.

There are at present forty babies in the Infants' Home.

It is understood that the Dominion Parliament will meet on January 12th, 1893.

The warships with the exception of the *Tourmaline* sailed on Tuesday for Bermuda.

A public meeting of the Halifax and Dartmouth W. C. T. Unions was held in Dartmouth on Monday.

The Incandescent light has been introduced into Westville, and the leading stores now shine resplendent.

Judge Johnson on Saturday sentenced Mrs. Jane Doyle-Chapman to one month in jail for bigamous marriage.

E. C. Davison, conductor on the I. C. R. line for the past twenty six years, has resigned his position on account of failing health.

Of the ninety-one candidates who were examined at the recent examinations for entrance to the Country Academy forty-six were successful.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the trial of the Welton brothers and Dr. Randall, of St. John, who are charged with defrauding certain insurance companies.

Hood's Pills cure liver ills, jaundice, biliousness, sick headache, constipation.

The Halifax training school for Sunday school workers has been organized with E. D. King as president, and J. F. Stairs, M. P., and Dr. Frank Woodbury, vice-presidents.

The Canada-Newfoundland Commission will begin its labors in this city on Monday next. The Canadian delegates are expected to arrive this evening and the Newfoundland delegates to-morrow.

CALIFORNIA FRUIT CROP this year sold for more than fifty million dollars. If you want to know how it is raised, and at what profit, address California Bureau of Information, Box 1238, Boston, Mass.

We have received the first weekly edition of the *Truro News*. It is a carefully selected resume of the week's happenings in and around Colchester County, and is worthy of the support of the public.

A football match was played on the Wanderers' grounds on Wednesday between the second fifteen of New Glasgow and the Wanderers' second team. The score stood 2 to 0 in favor of the Wanderers.

Bishop Courtney visited Springhill at the end of last week and confirmed a class of fifty-three persons. Six new churches have been consecrated in Cumberland Co. by the Bishop in the last few days.

"I remember Johnson's Anodyne Liniment," said an old man, "when I was a boy." Same now.

Much dissatisfaction has been felt by those interested on account of the proposed abolition of season tickets on the I. C. R. However, Mr. Haggart has reconsidered his decision, and the season tickets are to be issued as usual.

During the present summer there has been a heavy emigration from the Western States to Western Canada, and much land has been sold these settlers. The lands purchased lie chiefly in the Saskatchewan and Battle River valleys.

Neither Buck nor Jim, the notorious prisoners at Dorchester, have as yet disclosed their real names. Jim who is to serve out 25 years is a contented prisoner, while Buck with a death sentence hanging over him shows no signs of weakening, and preserves a stolid demeanor.

While we on dry land are enjoying fine weather, fishermen report the season unusually blustery and unfavorable for fishing, although fish are reported very plentiful. The fisheries this year thus far have been poor, and now that fish are plentiful around the coast, it is unfortunate that the condition of the weather will not permit them being taken.

Buck, under sentence of death for the murder of Policeman Steadman, shows no sign of weakening, preserving his stolid demeanor, and frequently swearing at those who call to see him. Jim, his partner in crime, is said by the penitentiary officials to be an excellent prisoner. He works in the bucket-making department, chiefly painting, and while very tractable, refuses to give his name or any details of his past life.

If you are at all curious to try something new, write Percy J. L. Lear, Atlantic Ciga Manufacturing Association, 221 Barrington St, Halifax, for particulars.

The forty-fifth annual session of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance is being held in Halifax this week, opening on Tuesday evening. This is the jubilee year of the organization, which was founded fifty years ago in the City of New York. Five years later the first division in Nova Scotia was organized at Yarmouth. Since then in our Province alone 136,602 persons have pledged themselves to temperance principles.

The *Truro News* says: "For the year ending 31st December, 1891, the I. C. Railway carried from Shubenacadie Station 1,399,950 lbs. of milk, or estimating about 2½ lbs. to the quart, 559,980 quarts of milk at three cents per quart, valued at \$16,799.40. The export so far this season shows an increase, the average so far being 112.115 lbs. per month. To this may properly be added the milk carried from the Hewis platform, about a mile from Shubenacadie Station, which would add about 50 cans per day or 500 quarts. This milk is brought to Halifax and here distributed by the milkmen to their customers.

"Handsome is that handsome does," and if Hood's Sarsaparilla doesn't do handsomely then nothing does. Have you ever tried it?