

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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We welcome to our exchange table the *Draughts Players' Quarterly Review*, which is published by J. A. Keas, 5 Beaumont street, Stapleton road, Bristol, England. The September number, which is before us, is very interesting and valuable through out its thirty-two pages. Besides giving thirteen excellent positions and twenty-four diagrams illustrating games, it gives sixteen corrections on the "Single-Corner" game, and ninety-four variations on the "Slip-Cross" which is formed as follows:—11-15, 23 18, 8-11, 27 23, 11-16. This is a line of the "Cross" to which comparatively little attention has been hitherto given by publishers of checker literature. We strongly recommend its study to our readers. We shall be happy to receive and forward orders for this number (price 25 cents) to the publishers, and they will be delivered as soon as communication can be had by mail.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"BRIDGEWATER."—Your welcome letter of Oct. 31 is received. We are glad that the *nom de plume* belongs to an association of several friends. We hope that you may long continue to profitably and pleasantly pursue the study of "the silent game," and increase in numbers with the advance of time. Your solution of problem 355 is the first and best received, and it is specially interesting in that it corrects the original terms of the problem, which appear to be, as you observe, impossible in sound play. We publish your solution below, and have awarded and mailed to you the prizes offered by us for correct solutions of problems 354 and 355.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 355.—The position was: black man 15, kings 9, 30; white men 10, 21, 26, king 27; white to play and win?

26, 22 10 6 13 9 28 24
30-25 25-22 15-10 27-31
22 17 6 1 27 32 drawn.
*15-19 22-18 10-23
17 13 1 5 32 28
9-14 18-15 23-27

VAR. I.

10 7 22-18 27 32 15-19
25-22 3 8 19-23 drawn.
7 3 18-15 32 28

VAR. II.

The following is, we presume, the win contemplated by the author, though it is only gained by black's error in moving 9-13 instead of 15-19:—9-13, 27 23, 13-24, 10 7 and white wins by capturing the piece on 15.

GAME 237—"FIVE."

Being the third game in the recent match at Chicago, between C. H. Freeman, (black), and J. P. Reed, (white).

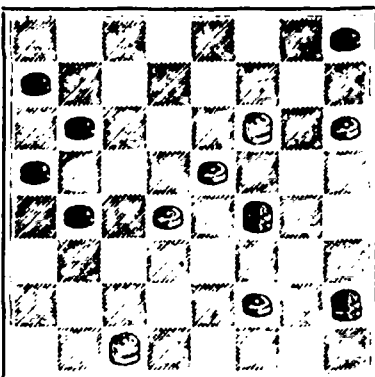
9-14 19-26 8-11 12-16
23 19 30 5 32 27 24 19
11-15 15-18 7-10 15-24
22 17 25 22 31 26 28 12
5-9 18-25 10-15 11-16
17 13 29 22 26 22 a-17 11
14-18 10-14 4-8 0-9
19 16 22 18 27 23 black
12-19 14-23 8-12 wins.
26 23 27 18 21 17

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a Why Reed should so "brilliantly blunder" is without solution.

PROBLEM 357.

By A. Groech, Dumfries, Scot-land, in *Liverpool Mercury*.
Black men 4, 5, 9, 13, 17, kings 19, 28.



White men 12, 15, 18, 27, kings 11, 30. White to play and win. The above is test material and well constructed, and a player who solves it in five minutes without touching a piece is no duffer.

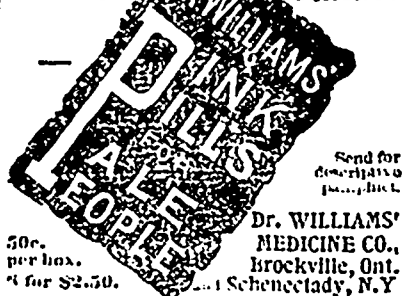
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