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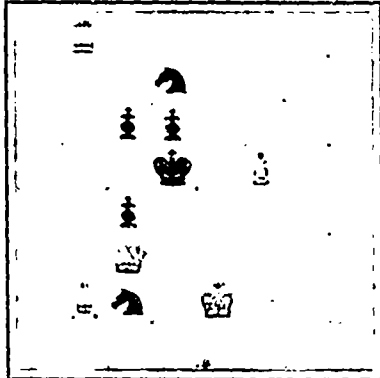
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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. E. BRICE.—Your last slips received with thanks.

PROBLEM No. 1.

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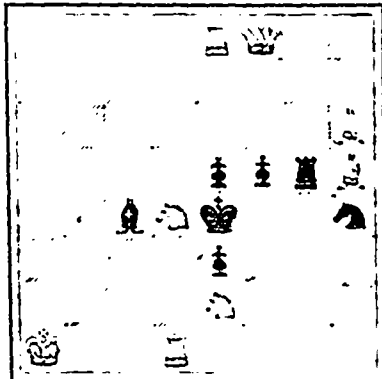


WHITE.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

PROBLEM No. 2

From the *English Mechanic*.
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WHITE.

White to play and mate in 2 moves

Owing to a delay in the arrival of our Chess type, we were unable to print the problem for our last week's issue. We accordingly give two problems this week, both two-movers, and specially selected as not being too difficult for beginners. We hope to receive a great number of solutions, all of which we shall duly acknowledge. Correct solutions will be published two weeks after date of publication of problem.

We understand that there is some probability of a Chess Club being established at Dartmouth. We cordially wish the promoters of the undertaking every success.

**THE SCOTTISH CHESS ASSOCIATION
PROBLEM TOURNAMENT.**

The Tournament will be open to all members of Scottish Chess Association. [Note—Membership of the Scottish Chess Association is open to chess players resident in Scotland, to chess-players native of Scotland, or of Scottish extraction though resident elsewhere, and to chess-players who have been for two years resident members of a Scottish Chess Club. The subscription is 5s. for annual members, and £2 2s for life members.]

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Computing problems, with the names and addresses of the authors, addressed to Mr. David Forsyth, 16 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh, must be posted not later than March 15, 1888, if in the United Kingdom, or a month later if abroad. Any withdrawals, substitutions, or corrections sent within the above specified times will be allowed.

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

All matter intended for our checker column should be addressed to the Checker Editor, Critic Office, Halifax, N. S.

Knowing the interest with which many of our present and prospective readers study and practice the ancient and excellent game of draughts or checkers—for it is called by both these names—we have made arrangements to present a column each week on the subject, which, we are confident, will prove as interesting and instructive as any other portion of THE CRITIC. Mr. William Forsyth, of Grafton Street, has kindly consented to assume the editorial management of this column, and his wide reputation as a skilful and enthusiastic devotee of the science, will be a sufficient guarantee of the character of the information that will be given from week to week.

Communications, problems, accounts of interesting games, etc., will always be welcome, and questions will be answered in the order of their receipt, as fast as our space will permit.

For the information of youthful students of the game of checkers, we annex a numbered board in accordance with which solutions of problems will be published.

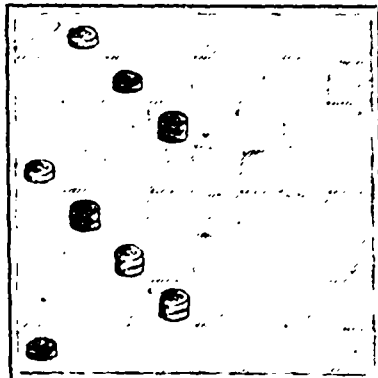
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PROBLEM No. I.

By H. Taylor, Greghorn, Scotland.

WHITE.



BLACK.

Black to play and win.

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