

Operations have been commenced in the construction of the much talked-of C. P. R. bridge over the Niagara, above the whirlpool. It is supposed the structure will be finished before the snow flies.

The following have been awarded diplomas at the Halifax Business College:—Walton L. Dickson, of Sydney, C. B., James G. McDonald, of Stellarton; J. R. Black, of Pugwash; John B. Bannorman, of Barney's River, Pictou Co.; W. M. P. McDonald and Hugh A. McQuarrie, of Stellarton.

Wm. Forsyth, of Halifax, Checker Editor of THE CRITIC, on a visit to Toronto, writes to a local paper, stating that if Duggan, who some months ago issued a challenge to play for the blindfold checker competition of the Dominion, is still anxious to compete for that title he will play him a match for it and a stake of from \$50 to \$200 a side.

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Vice President Shaughnessy of the Canadian Pacific Railway recently made application to the secretary of the treasury at Washington for the privilege of resuming the examination at Montreal and Toronto of the passengers baggage destined to Pacific coast points over the company's all rail main line via Winnipeg, which privilege was discontinued about a year ago. Information has been received here that Shaughnessy's request has been granted.

A despatch from Heath Point says that the steamer *Circo*, which went ashore on the Island of Anticosti Sunday night, is broadside on, and it is thought here there will be but a slight chance of saving the vessel. The steamship is the old Glamis Castle. She was built in 1874 and is 1,559 tons. She is rated 100 at Lloyds, is of 300 horse power, and is probably worth about \$125,000. Her cargo consisted of scrap and pig iron and some general merchandize.

The buildings, a large portion of the machinery, the pit head and a quantity of coal at the Lawson mines, Maccan, owned by J. T. Smith, of Amherst, were totally destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. Loss between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Uninsured. Thousands of dollars have been spent on the works lately, and a good business had just begun. The work cannot be resumed for six weeks. The owner had just tendered to supply the Intercolonial with ten thousand tons. The coal is said to be very superior. Several times previously severe losses by fire have occurred at the same place.

Lynn, Mass., had a big fire. Loss over \$200,000.

The trouble with the Navajo Indians in Arizona is at an end.

The entire business portion of Glasgow, Ky., was destroyed by fire; loss over \$150,000.

The Georgia State Legislature has passed a bill disqualifying drunken doctors from practising.

Profs. Mendenhall and Merriam, the United States Bering Sea commissioners, have sailed for Alaska from San Francisco.

Twenty-eight Russian Jews were refused permission to land from the steamship *Michigan* at Boston. They will be returned to Europe.

By the terms of a new law in New York State the price of a sleeping car berth is put down to 80 cents. Passengers have hitherto paid \$2 each for borths.

Two hundred pounds of nitro glycerine, which J. S. Bigley, a torpedo man, was taking to the Mount Morris oil field in a two horse waggon, exploded near Washington, Pa., blowing Bigley to atoms, killing the horses and wrecking two dwellings.

The English Bank of River Platte has suspended.

Fire has done over \$2,000,000 damage to Santiago, Chili.

A despatch from the city of Mexico says that the yellow fever cases are unusually numerous in Vera Cruz, and many people have fled to Jalapa.

Lord Denman, on motion of Lord Salisbury, was suspended from the House of Lords for the session for moving a resolution described by Lord Salisbury as unseemly.

The *Empress of China*, the third and last of the C. P. R. steamers to leave for British Columbia via Suez Canal, arrived and sailed from Gibraltar on Saturday with a full load of passengers.

We call the attention of our readers to Buckley Bros. advertisement in another column of trusses, supporters, &c. We understand the house has made a specialty of these goods.

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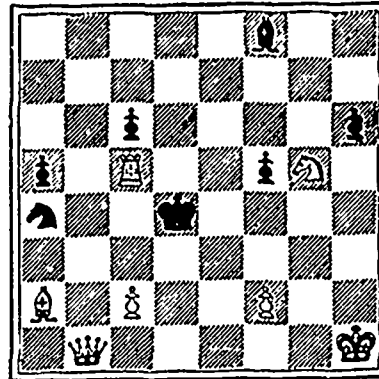
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PROBLEM No. 76.

By W. A. Clark, East Molesey, Eng.
From *Jamaica Gleaner*.
BLACK 7 pieces.



WHITE 7 pieces.
White to play and mate in 2 moves.

GAME No. 78. International Correspondence Tourney.

Sixty Americans vs. Sixty Canadians.
Game between Mr. D. W. Schaeffer,
Dayton, Ohio, and Mr. R. C. Fearman,
Hamilton, Canada.

WHITE. Mr. Schaeffer.	BLACK. Mr. Fearman.
1 P to K4	P to K4
2 Kt to K B3	Kt to K B3
3 Kt tks P	P to Q3
4 Kt to K B3	Kt tks P
5 Q to K2	Q to K2
6 P to Q4	P to Q4
7 B to K3	B to K Kt5
8 P to K R3	B tks Kt
9 P tks B	Kt to K B3
10 Kt to Q B3	P to Q B3
11 P to Q R3	Q Kt to Q2
12 Castles Q R	Castles Q R
13 Q to Q2	Q Kt to Q Kt3
14 B to K B4	K Kt to K R4
15 B to K Kt3	Q to Q2
16 B to Q3	B to Q3
17 Kt to K2	K R to K sq
18 R to Q B3	K to Q Kt sq
19 R to Kt sq	Kt tks B
20 P tks Kt	Q tks P
21 K R to K sq	Q to K Kt7
22 R tks R P	Kt to Q B5
23 B tks Kt	P tks B
24 R to K sq	R to K2
25 P to K B4	R (at Q sq) to K sq
26 K to Q sq	P to K Kt4
27 * K R to R sq	R tks Kt
28 R tks R	Q tks K R ch
29 K to B2	R tks R
30 Q takes R	Q to K R2 ch
31 K to B sq	P tks P
32 P to K Kt4	Q to K R8 ch
33 K to Q2	Q to Q4
34 Q to K R2	P to K B6
35 Q to K R4	B to K B5 ch
36 K to Q sq	P to Q R3
37 P to Q R4	Q to K5

And forced mate in four moves.
*Move 27 a fatal mistake.

GAME No. 79
Game between Messrs. F. Andrews,
Ottawa, and F. Koerber, New York.

WHITE. Mr. Andrews.	BLACK. Mr. Koerber.
1 P to K4	P to K4
2 Kt to K B3	Kt to Q B3
3 B to B4	B to B4
4 P to Q Kt4	B to Q Kt3
5 P to Q R4	P to Q R3
6 P to Q B3	Kt to B3
7 P to Q3	P to Q3
8 Castles	B to Kt5
9 B to K3	B to R2
10 Q Kt to Q2	Castles
11 K to R sq	Kt to K2
12 B tks B	R tks B
13 Q to K sq	K to R sq

14 R to B sq	Kt to Kt5
15 P to R3	B tks Kt
16 Kt tks B	Q to K2
17 B to Kt3	Kt to R4
18 Q to K3	P to Kt3
19 P to Kt3	Q to Q2
20 K to R2	P to R8
21 B to Q sq	Kt to B3
22 Kt to Q2	P to B4
23 F to B4	P tks K B P
24 P tks P	Kt to R2
25 Q to Kt3	Kt to K2
26 P to B5	P to Kt3
27 Kt to B4	Kt to Q B sq
28 P to B6	Q to Q sq
29 Q to R4	P to K R4
30 Kt to K3	P to Q Kt4
31 P to R5	R to Q2
32 B to Kt4	R to Kt2
33 Kt to Q5	Q to K sq
34 B tks Kt	Q tks B
35 Q to B4	Q to K3
36 Q R to B2	R to K sq
37 Q to R6	Q to K4 ch
38 K to R sq	R to K Kt sq
39 R to K Kt2	P to B5
40 R to B5	40 Resigns

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