

appreciable improvement has been made, both in the produce obtained and the cost of its production during the past year, and that this improvement is continuing, and will, it may be reasonably expected, still further improve during the current year. This improvement has been greatly due to the step which we took at the recommendation of our secretary in sending his chief clerk (Mr. Simmons) down to the works, in order that he might watch the financial result of each separate process, and report upon the same to the London office. Mr. Nicholls, who was previously our assistant resident manager, and who, since Dr. Haeg's resignation, has been placed in chief charge of the smelting operations, has also greatly aided in obtaining this satisfactory result. On the whole, therefore, notwithstanding the terribly low price of copper which we have to contend with, and which I hope may, before long, somewhat improve, I think I may congratulate you on the results of the operations of the past year.

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DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

All communications to this department must be addressed directly to the Checker Editor, Mr. W. Forsyth, 36 Grafton St.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. MATTHEWS, St. John, N. B.—Your favor received with thanks. I have not received even one copy of the *Globe* and only No. 10 of the *Workman*. Why? Will try to find time to write to you in a few days.

THE PROPOSED CHECKER CORRESPONDENCE MATCH.—To this date only four Maritime Province checkerists have communicated their readiness to enter into the correspondence match suggested by us. We, therefore, hold the entries open for a while in the hope that others may decide to enter the contest.

NEWS.

The first Scottish National Checker tournament commenced at Glasgow on the 2nd inst. The competitors were sixteen in number and much interest was shown in it, as evinced by the large attendance at the hall where it was played from day to day. The players drew for mates with the following result:

- Table 1. Bonnar vs. Smith.
- " 2. M'Kelvie vs. Jordan.
- " 3. Jackson vs. Miller.
- " 4. Ferrie vs. Stewart.
- " 5. Campbell vs. Bryden.
- " 6. M'Caughie vs. Scott.
- " 7. Brown vs. McKenzie.
- " 8. Searight vs. Buchanan.

The first round resulted as follows:

WINS.	DRAWN.	WINS.
1 G. Binnar	5 A. Smith	0
0 D. G. McKelvie	3 R. Jordan	2
1 A. Jackson	5 W. Miller	0
0 W. Campbell	6 W. Bryden	0
0 D. L. M'Caughie	3 A. B. Scott	2
2 J. C. Brown	2 J. McKenzie	0
1 J. Searight	5 G. Buchanan	0
0 J. Ferrie	5 R. Stewart	1

Before the conclusion of this round Messrs. W. Campbell and J. McKenzie retired from the contest, and the others on the third instant went into the second round, in which there were but eight contestants, with the following result:—

WINS	DRAWN	WINS
1 Jordan	9 Stewart	2
2 Scott	3 Searight	0
1 Bryden	5 Brown	0
0 Bonnar	3 Jackson	2

The third round had four players, and at our latest advices, the 5th instant, the score between these stood:—

WINS	DRAWN	WINS
0 Bryden	6 Scott	0
0 Stewart	1 Jackson	0

We purpose giving the conclusion of this match in our next issue.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 313.—The position was:—black men 4, 7, 9, king 6; white men 17, 19, 21, king 12; black to move and win. The only correct solution received was from John Bunsfield, Spring Hill Mines.

a- 9-13 4- 8 2-20 16-19
 17 14 12 3 3 7 10 14
 7-10 6- 2 20-16 19-23
 14 7 19 16 7 10 and
 black wins by first position.
 a 7-11 will also win.

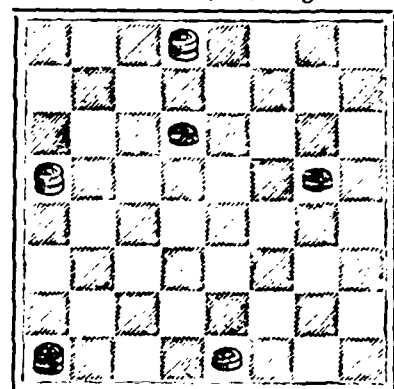
GAME 201.—"Cross."

Being another game of the series played thirty years ago between Messrs. Wright (black) and Lees (white):—

11-15 4-11 7-11 3- 8
 23 18 28 19 29 25 26 22
 8-11 11-15 15-18 18-23
 18 14 27 24 24 20 17 13
 9-18 5- 9 11-15 8-11
 24 19 21 17 32 28 22 18
 15-24 9-14 15-24 10-15
 22 8 25 21 28 19 b. wins.

PROBLEM No. 315.

Selected position by James Ferrie, ex-champion of Scotland, entered in the *Mercury* competition.
 Black men 10, 16, king 29.



White man 31, kings 2, 13.
 Black to play and win.

How many of our readers can find the correct solution to this remarkably fine problem?

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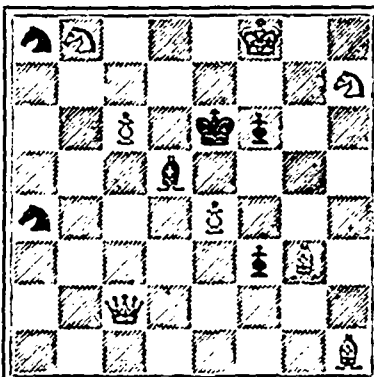
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CHESS.

Solution of Problem No. 146: Q to Q2. Solved by C. W. L. and W. Holloway.

PROBLEM 148.

Youth.
 Black 6 pieces.



White 8 pieces.
 White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME No. 150

THE LOGANSPORT DUEL.

The first game of the drawn match of two games, played at Johnson's Hotel, Logansport, Ind., December 14. No stop-clocks were used, and the game, with brief intermissions, occupied 11 hours.

GAME No. 1,161.

RUY LOPEZ.

- | WHITE. | BLACK. |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Lasker. | Showalter. |
| 1 P to K4 | P to K4 |
| 2 Kt to KB3 | Kt to QB3 |
| 3 B to Kt5 | Kt to B3 |
| 4 Q to K2 | B to B4 |
| 5 B takes Kt | KtP takes B |
| 6 Kt takes P | Castles |
| 7 P to QB3 | P to QR4 |
| 8 P to Q4 | B to R3 |
| 9 Q to B3 | R to K sq |
| 10 B to Kt5 | B to K2! |
| 11 Kt to Q2 | R to Kt sq |
| 12 P to QKt3 | Q to B sq |
| 13 P to B4 | B to Q sq |
| 14 Castles | P to B4! |
| 15 Q to R3 | R to K3! |
| 16 K-(K5) to B3 | Kt takes P |
| 17 Kt takes Kt | R takes Kt |
| 18 B takes B | Q takes B |
| 19 Q to B5 | Q to K2 |
| 20 QR to Ksq | R to K3 |
| 21 P to Q5 | P to K Kt3 |
| 22 Q to B4 | Q to Q3 |
| 23 Q takes Q | R takes Q |

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 24 Kt to Kt6 | P to R5!! |
| 25 Kt to K4 | P takes P |
| 26 P takes P | R takes Kt P |
| 27 Kt takes R | P takes Kt |
| 28 R to R sq | R to Kt6 |
| 29 R to Kt sq | B takes P |
| 30 R takes R | P takes R |
| 31 R to Q sq | B to R7 |
| 32 R to Q2 | P to Kt6 |
| 33 R to Kt2 | K to Kt2 |
| 34 P to B4 | K to B3 |
| 35 K to B2 | P to Kt4 |
| 36 K to B3 | P to R3 |
| 37 K to K4 | K to Kt3 |
| 38 P to B5ch | K to B3 |
| 39 P to Kt4 | K to K2 |
| 40 K to Q4 | K to B3 |
| 41 K to K4 | K to K2 |
| 42 K to Q3 | K to B3 |
| 43 K to Q4 | K to Kt2 |
| 44 K to B3 | P to R4 |
| 45 P takes P | K to R3 |
| 46 R to K2 | P to Kt7 (best) |
| 47 R takes P | B takes P |
| 48 R to Q2 | B to K5 |
| 49 R takes Pch | K takes P |
| 50 P to B6 | B to B4 |
| 51 K to Q4 | B to K3 |
| 52 K to K5 | P to Kt5 |
| 53 R to Q3 | K to Kt3! |
| 54 R to Q2 | K to Kt4 |
| 55 R to KB2 | K to Kt3 |
| 56 K to Q6 | K to Kt4 |
| 57 K to K7 | K to R4 |
| 58 R to K2 | K to Kt3 |
| 59 R to K5 | B to Kt6 |
| 60 R to QKt5 | B to K3 |
| 61 R to Kt6 | B to B4 |
| 62 R to Kt8 | B to K3 |
| 63 R to KR8 | K to K4 |
| 64 R to R7 | P to Q4 |
| 65 R takes P | B takes R |
| 66 K takes B | P to Q5 |
| 67 K to Kt7 | P to Q6 |
| 68 P to B7 | Resigns. |



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