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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. G.—Yes, as a three mover. You have evidently mis-placed your men.

Solution to Problem No. 66.—Q to QsB7.

Solution to Problem No. 67:—

WHITE. 1 R to QsB2
BLACK. 1 B takes B
2 Q to KsKt sq, &c.
If 1 R to Q4, or 2 Q to QsKt8, &c.

Solution to Problem No. 68.—Q to K7.

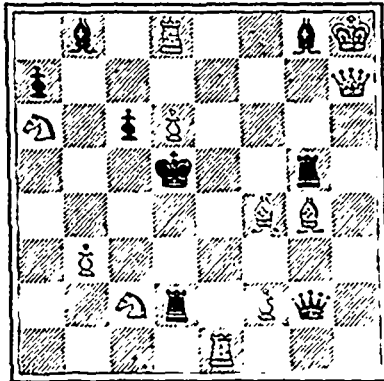
Problems Nos. 66 and 68 solved by Mrs. H. Moseley, (Dartmouth,) J. Downey (Halifax.)

Problems Nos. 66, 67 and 68 solved by J. W. Wallace (Wolfville.)

PROBLEM No. 68.

By C. D. P. Hamilton (Esston U. S., A.)

BLACK—8 pieces.



WHITE—11 pieces.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

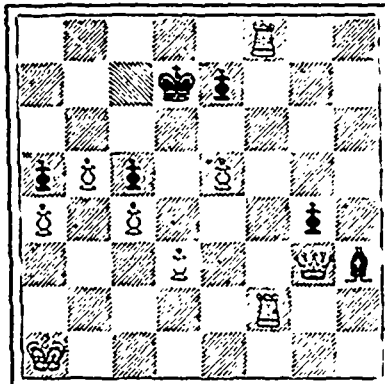
This problem, which at first appeared in the Philadelphia Times, is referred to by a contemporary as remarkable for the beauty and variety of the mates involved.

PROBLEM No. 69.

First prize in the Tourney of the "British Chess Magazine."

By Jan. Kotrc (Prague.)

BLACK—6 pieces.



WHITE—9 pieces.

White to play and mate in 3 moves.

GAME No 50.

Played in the Master Tournament of the Augusta Club, Leipzig, 4th December, 1888.

VIENNA GAME.

WHITE. **BLACK.**

W. Paulsen. A. Schottlander.
1 P to K4 P to K4
2 Kt to QB3 B to B4 (a)
3 Kt to B3 (b) P to Q3
4 Kt to QR4 (c) B to Kt3
5 Kt takes B RP takes Kt
6 B to B4 Kt to KB3
7 P to Q3 Kt to QB3
8 P to KR3 (d) Castles
9 P to QR3 B to K3
10 B takes B P takes B
11 P to B3 P to Q4
12 Kt to Kt5 Q to K
13 Q to K2 P to R3
14 Kt to B3 P takes P
15 P takes P Q to Kt5
16 Kt to R4 Q takes KP
17 Q takes Q Kt takes Q
18 B to K3 Kt to Q3
19 R to Q P to K5
20 P to KKt3 Kt to B4
21 B to B Kt to K4
22 R to Q4 Kt to Q6 (ch)
23 R takes Kt P takes R
24 Kt to Kt6 R to B3
25 Kt to B4 R to Q
26 B to Q2 Kt takes B
27 K takes Kt P to K4
28 Kt takes QP P to K5
29 K to K3 P takes Kt
30 R to Q R to K3 (ch)
31 K to B3 P to Q7
Resigns

(a) As mentioned in a note in our last game, this is not considered so good as bringing out either of the Kt's. On the other hand, it must be admitted that playing 2 Kt to QB3 allows White with 3 P to KB4 a choice of several puzzling attacks, requiring in the defence great theoretical knowledge and experience. The defence 2 Kt to KB3 is likewise not without its difficulties. The text move is sound, and leads to a game comparatively simpler than the other defences.

(b) The more usual continuation is 3 P to KB4, which we prefer. There is, however, no real objection to the text move. Other methods of play may be instanced in 3 B to QB4 or 3 P to KKt3.

(c) This manoeuvre would be intellible if White had previously played P to KB4. Here, however, it is meaningless, and White, if he did not like 4 P to Q4, ought to have continued on the ordinary Guoco Piano lines by playing 4 B to QB4.

(d) This and the next move look very much like waste of time. If moving the QRP were intended to preserve the KB, it was totally useless; if to protect the pawn from the Black QR, it might have been deferred to a more suitable occasion; finally, if it were intended to keep out the Kt, then a bad move is played in order to prevent the opponent making a worse. Castling, B to K3, or KKt5, or P to QB3 appear to be much better moves, and have definite objects in view.—Weekly Courier, Liverpool.

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SOLUTION.

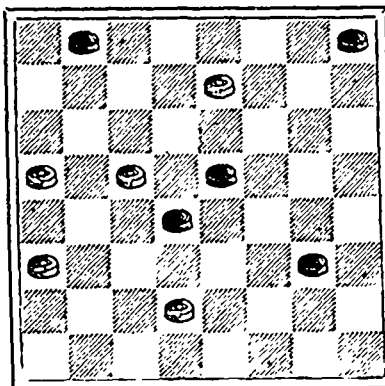
PROBLEM 88—Only one solution to this problem has reached us up to the present writing. The position was:—black men 9, 10, 13, 14, kg. 27; white men 12, 18, 21, 23, kg. 2; black to move and draw.

10-15	18-22	9-14	22-17
18 11	6 1	5 9	14 10
27-18	14-18	14-17	17-14
2 6	1 5	21 14	drawn.

PROBLEM No. 91.

An end game between G. C. Campbell, Toronto, and M. Ryan, Uxbridge, Ontario.

Black men 1, 4, 15, 18, 24.



White men 7, 13, 14, 21, 26.

White to play and draw.

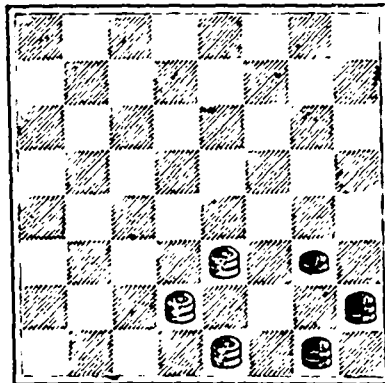
When this position was reached Mr. Ryan (white) resigned, though, as the Checker Editor of the Toronto Mail points out, a draw might have been secured.

We will give two points to any of our solvers who will show a sound win for black.

PROBLEM No. 92.

By Mr. J. Dewar, Binnend, in West Lothian Courier.

Black man 24, kgs. 28, 32.



White kgs. 23, 26, 31.

White to move and win.

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