

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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NEWS.

The Champion's (Wylie) total score from the 15th of June last, when he commenced play in England on his present tour, till 9th January is as follows: - Played 2603; won 2277 drawn 307, lost 19.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 259. - The position was: black men 4, 10, king 26; white men 12, 18, king 20; White to play and draw.

20	16	23-14	14-9	4-11					
26-23	12	8	11	7	7	5			
16	11								drawn

PROBLEM 260. - The position was: Back men 3, 5, 15, king 31; White men 20, 23, kings 2, 21.

White to play and draw. We copied this problem from the Liverpool Mercury which presented it as similar in idea to that in Problem 259. We failed to find the solution and none of our checkerists have favored us with it as yet. Will the Mercury kindly enlighten us. We are always willing to learn and grateful for being taught.

GAME No. 156-"Switcher."

From the West Lothian Courier.

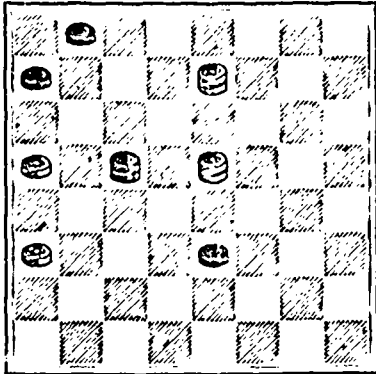
Our contemporary remarks on this game:—"One of those strange coincidences that suggest to one's mind the truth of the trite saying that it is the province of great minds to think alike, has happened in connection with the following game. Recently Mr. P. Reed, the American ex-champion, met at Pittsburg, Penn., Mr. H. F. McAteer, a cross-board player of no mean ability. The result of the play was a creditable one to the amateur, being Reed 13, McAteer 1, drawn 10. One of the games played was the following, and it formed one of six that Reed played simultaneously and blindfold. In publishing the game McAteer says: "This game seemed to attract our attention as one we had seen at some time or other and, upon consulting our Switcher collection we found Game No. 943, West Lothian Courier, printed several years ago, to be identical. The win is pretty. On referring to game 943, which appeared in the Courier two years ago, we find that it was a game played between Messrs. Manchan and Montgomery at Dumbarton. The game which is identical with that played by the American experts, without a single move of variation, is as follows:—"

11-15	8-11	2-6	30-26
21-17	25-21	10-7	23-19
9-13	18-22	3-10	26-23
25-21	17-13	11-7	19-16
8-11	10-17	10-15	23-18
17-14	21-14	7-3	16-12
10-17	15-18	22-25	6-10
21-14	19-15	30-21	12-8
6-10	11-16	23-26	10-15
22-17	24-20	31-22	8-3
13-22	16-19	18-25	15-19
26-17	23-16	3-7	3-7
15-18	12-19	25-30	13-14
24-19	15-11	7-11	11-15
11-15	7-16	15-13	*19-23
28-24	20-11	27-23	
4-8	19-23	18-27	
29-25	14-10	32-23	

*This brings us to the following very neat position which we present

PROBLEM 262.

Black men 1, 5, 23, king 14.



White men 13, 21, kings 7, 15. White to play and win.

We commend the above as one really worthy the attention of our checker friends.

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