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**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

G. G. D., Jr.—No 1 is stopped by B playing Kt to QK13, and No. 2 by B to K3. Correct solutions appeared in issue of 27th ult.

"D."—You will be quite eligible. Glad Montreal editor has convinced you.

Ottawa Citizen received. Please note above address.

Columbia Chess Chronicle received.

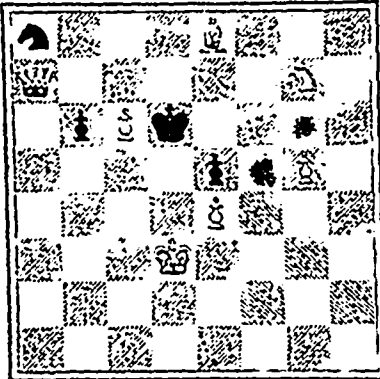
In reply to several requests, the editor will be pleased to receive the names of any ladies or gentlemen who may be desirous of playing games by correspondence.

**Solution of Problem No. 5.**

B to K6, etc.

(Correct solutions received from Rev. C. E. Willots, "Edgie," V. O. Gray, L. M. Wilkins, L. Johnstone, W. Lawson, "D.," H. B. Stairs, C. Cutbill, Mrs. H. Moseley, and J. G. Harrington)

**PROBLEM 8.**  
By Herr Heydt.  
**BLACK.**



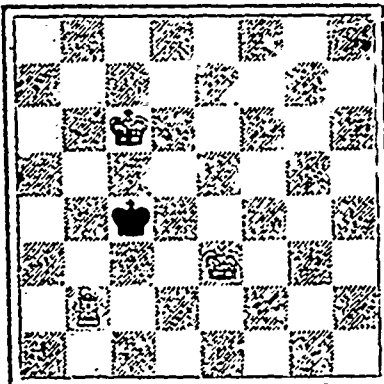
**WHITE.**

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

**PROBLEM 9.**

(Selected especially for beginners.)

**BLACK.**



**WHITE.**

White to play and mate in 2 moves

Consultation game, played some years ago at the Cardiff Chess Club.

King's Gambit declined.

**WHITE.** **BLACK.**

- 1 P to K4 P to K4
- 2 P to KB4 P to Q4
- 3 P takes QP P to K5
- 4 B to QK15 (ch) P to QB3
- 5 P takes P P takes P
- 6 B to QR4 Q to Q5
- 7 P to QB3 Q to Q3
- 8 Kt to K2 B to KKt5
- 9 Castles Q to Q6
- 10 R to K sq B to QB4 (ch)
- 11 K to Bsq (a)

and Black announced mate in 2 moves.

(a) K to Rsq would only prolong the game a few moves.

**CANADIAN CHESS ASSOCIATION.**

At an adjourned meeting of this Association, held on Tuesday, the 31st ultimo, Montreal was chosen as the next place of meeting, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year:

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The committee of management ordered the ties between Messrs. J. E. Narraway, E. Pope, and N. McLeod, to be played on Wednesday, the 1st inst., and following days.

At the termination the score stood: Mr. N. McLeod, 1½ games won, 1st prize \$20, and final winner of the cup.

Mr. E. Pope, 1 game, 2nd prize, \$15.

Mr. J. E. Narraway, ½ game, 3rd prize, \$10.

The Trophy Cup was presented to the Association by T. LeDroit, Esq., Quebec, and the Montreal and Quebec Chess Clubs, each contributing one-third of its value.

**AN ELECTRICAL CHESS RECORDER.**

A very ingenious application of electricity in connection with chess has been invented by Dr. Wurstenberger, of Zurich. It consists of an apparatus for recording every move, similar to the ordinary tape instruments, and is placed in electrical connection with the chess board. Each of the pieces has a small peg at the bottom, which is inserted in a hole in the centre of each square of the board. The pegs of the black pieces are metallic, while those of the white pieces are of an insulating material, and this causes the printing on the tape to show whether the record relates to a white or a black piece. The recorder practically consists of a small motor driving a printing wheel. To the axle of the motor are attached small brushes acting on a commutator, to a section of which each square of the board is electrically connected. The printing arrangement, which is actuated by an electro-magnet, is brought into operation by the brush passing over the particular section of the commutator to which the squares upon which the piece is moved belong. The action of the black pieces is to first cause the separation of the two rows of type, after which the action is that already indicated. In playing the movement of the piece first causes the motor to rotate, and on the particular section of the commutator being brought into contact with the brush, when the proper letter is brought into position for printing, the current is completed, and an electro magnet presses the type against the type-wheel, and on its return moves the type forward. By this ingenious contrivance an absolute record of every move is preserved,

as was shown on a recent inspection of the apparatus at the offices of the Woodhouse & Rawson Company, 11 Queen Victoria Street, London.

**DRAUGHTS CHECKERS**

Mr. Charles F. Barker, of Boston, the Checker Champion of America, who recently defeated Mr. Martins, of Scotland, in a match of 50 games, was obliged to return home rather hurriedly by his business engagements. Before leaving Great Britain, he announced his intention of so arranging his business affairs as to enable him to return in April, and spend at least a year in the old country among its draughtsmen. While on the other side an effort was made to bring him and Mr. James Smith, of Spennymoor, Champion of England, together in a match with restricted openings. The Glasgow Herald has received a letter from Mr. Smith, of which an extract is as follows:—"I note in last week's Herald Mr. Barker's challenge to play me a restricted match, which I cheerfully accept. The restriction I propose is to play every possible first move with blacks, and with white to play every possible reply to 11-15. This will make a match of 32 games, and will be quite sufficient to test our respective merits." Mr. Barker has not been heard from since the receipt of the above, but no doubt is expressed that he will accept. It will be an interesting match.

**Solution to Problem 4**—Solved by Dugald Stewart, of Shelburne, and W. N. Reinhardt, LaHave.

The starting position was:—Black men on 1, 8, 23, K17; white men on 10, 15, 19 and 24. White to move and win.

15 11 1-5 14 10 9-14  
8-15 18 14 9-13 6 9  
24 20 17-13 7 2 white  
15-24 10 7 (1) 5-9  
20 18 13-9 (a) 10 6 wins.

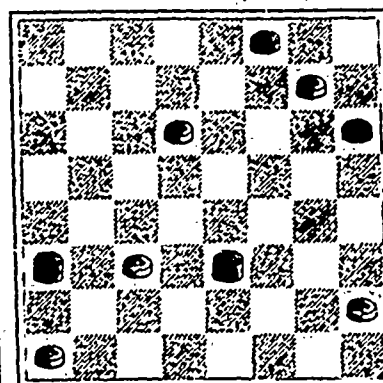
(The following variation will be interesting:—

13-9 13-17 21-25 and  
2 7 7 10 14 17 white  
9-13 17-21 25-30 wins.  
10 6 10 14 17 22

(a) In a solution sent to us by Mr. Reinhardt, we note that at this point he plays 10 15 instead of 10 6, followed by 9-14. Had he played 13-17 instead of 9-14, the following position would result, to which we desire to call attention:—Black man 9, K17; w. kings 2, 15. White to move. Can he win, and if so, how?

**PROBLEM 6.**

From the Glasgow Herald.  
**BLACK**—Men 3, 12, K21, 23.



**WHITE**—Men 8, 10, 22, 23, 29.

Black to play and win.

Through a typographical error, our

last problem was numbered 4 instead of 5, as it should have been. Our readers will of course make the correction each for themselves.

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