

a considerable number of persons here who had known the two brothers (and several still remain who knew them), but they were unable to show where the boys obtained the silver they spoke of finding. All these people cherish the kindest feelings toward the unfortunate young men, and regret that they did not live to share in the silver excitement of 1859, feeling sure that their knowledge of metals would have made them millionaires.

\*Mrs. Emma M. Jones states that she is positive that no member of the family went or was sent to Nevada for any such purpose; nor does she know of any relative who went there.—Ed. Enj. and Min. Journal.

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**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

James Rennie, 117 Mutual street, Toronto.—Your paper and enclosed card are at hand. Would gladly foster your plan or any other that promises to create increasing interest in our favorite game but must say that your card is so vaguely worded that I fail to comprehend it even though a number of friends endeavored to assist me in the task. Please define the terms of the proposed competitions more clearly.

**SOLUTIONS.**

Problem 265.—Can none of our readers solve this problem? We again hold over the solution hoping to hear from some of them.

PROBLEM 267.—The position was: black men 2, 12, 26, kings 6, 20, 21, 25; white men 9, 14, 15, 18, 22, 31 kings 8, 11; white to play and win  
31 27 14 9 15 10 11 7  
6-13 13-6 11-15 2-11  
27 24 11 16 18 11 8 15  
20-27 12-19 25-18 w. wins

PROBLEM 268.—The position was: black men 3, 4, 5, 8, 14, 24, kings 15, 23; white men 9, 10, 16, 19, 21, 28, 30, king 2; white to play and win.

10 7 28 3 18 22 b-24 27  
3-10 15-8 25-29 16-20  
21 17 3 12 12 16 27 32  
14-21 a-14-17 4-8 20-24  
2 7 7 14 16 20 22 26  
5-14 17-22 8-12 29-25  
16 11 14 18 20 24 26 31  
23-16 22-25 12-16 w. wins

a If black plays 10-15 white wins by "first position."

b In the solution given by the Liverpool, England, Mercury, 24 20 was here played and a win effected which we leave to our readers to discover. Mr. Samuel G. Auville of this city, however, has suggested the line of play which we adopt above, the win being as decided and certainly simpler than that presented by our esteemed contemporary.

We asked our checkerists to give their opinions as to which of the above two problems was best entitled to be awarded the first prize in the Mercury competition but regret to say that none of them accepted the invitation. We, however, cordially concur with the judges in the contest who awarded the medal of honor to the second—No. 268.

Game No. 106.—"Kelso."

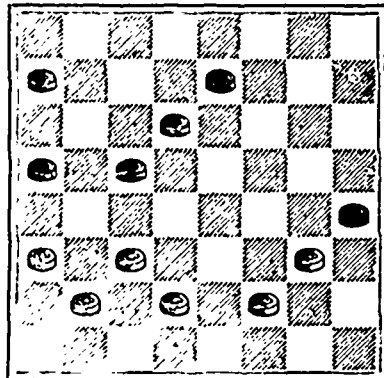
Played recently between Mr. T. B. Lynch (black), of Shubenacadie, and Capt. Aleck A. McDeugall (white) of Selms, with notes by T. B. L.

10-15 9-14 8-11 27-31  
23 18 25 22 15 8 23 19  
7-10 5-9 4-20 31-27  
26 23 29 25 32 27 19 16  
3-7 9-13 a-6-10 27-24  
30 26 27 24 b-27 23 16 12  
15-19 7-10 10-15 24-19  
24 15 31 27 23 19 15 10  
10-19 2-7 15-24 c-19-15  
23 16 27 23 28 19 10 3  
12-19 1-5 20-24 15-11  
18 15 23 16 19 15 12 8  
11-18 10-19 24-27 11-4  
22 15 24 15 26 23 W. wins.

a-7-10 will draw.  
b-The Capt. missed his opportunity here as he might have forced a win by moving 28 24.\*  
c-7-11 would draw and perhaps win.  
\*The position at this stage forms what we present below as our problem.

**PROBLEM No. 270.**

Black men 5, 7, 10, 13, 14, 20.



White men 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27.

Black to play and draw.

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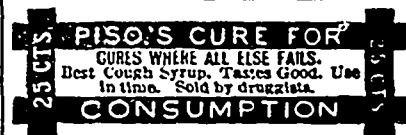
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