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The American Checker Review will accept thanks for No. 13, which completes Vol. I, except the index which we have not as yet received.

At a sitting had on Good Friday between W. Forsyth and S. Granville, both of this city, three games were played. The result was rather a surprise to the on-lookers and, perhaps, to the players themselves, as Granville won two games to Forsyth's one.

The match for the checker championship of Dartmouth between Henry Moseley and Willie Forsyth is approaching an ending. Mr. Moseley finds his youthful opponent "a tough 'un," he having already obtained a considerable lead.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 103.—The position was:—black men 6, 11, kg 29; white man 24, kg 1; black to move and win.

6—10	29—25	15—19	21—14
1 6	2 7	24 15	b. wins
11—15	10—14	25—21	
6 2	7 10	10 17	

PROBLEM 104.—The position was:—black men 1, 2, 7, 8, 12, 17; white men 18, 19, 23, 26, 28, 30; black to move. What result?

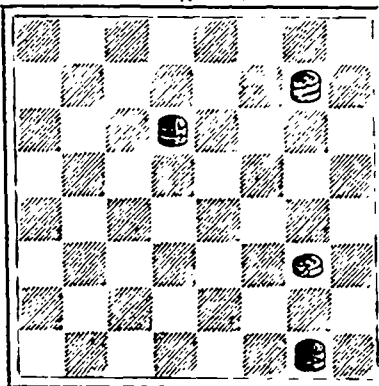
12—16	27—23	16—11	23—18
19 3	15 10	23 18	15 11
2—6	17—22	11—16	18—15
3 10	*28 24	10 7	11 8
6—31	1 22—26	16—19	15—11
23 19	24 19	7 2	8 3
31—27	23—19	19—23	drawn.
19 15	30 23	18 15	

VAR I.

23—27	30 23	18—23	15 11
*24 19	27—18	19 15	drawn.
22—26	*10 7	23—18	

*Only moves to draw.

PROBLEM 107.
By Charles Hester
Black kgs 10, 32.



White man 24, kg 8.
Black to play and win.

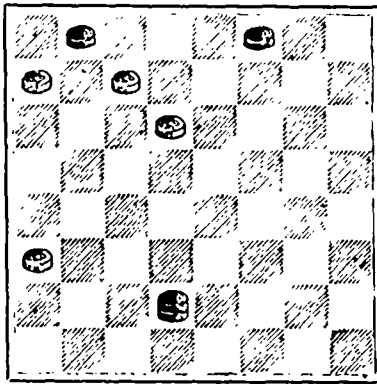
GAME XXV—FIVE.

The undernoted game was played at Wilmington, Delaware, between Messrs Stroud and Sullivan.

11—15	8—11	7—10	7—14
23 19	27 23	22 17	22 17
9—14	4—8	2—7	15—18
22 17	32 27	25 22	17 10
5—9	15—19	11—15	18—27
17 13	23 16	27 23	31 24
14—18	11—20	15—24	20—27
19 16	24 19	28 19	13 9
12—19	8—11	10—15	27—31
26 23	25 22	19 10	9 6
19—26	10—14	6—15	31—26
30 5	29 25	17 10	

This brings us to the following position which we entitle

PROBLEM 108.
Black men 1, 3, kg 26.



White men 5, 6, 10, 21.
White to move and win.

The above two positions are from the American Checker Review, and are fair samples of the many fine positions that are produced in that excellent periodical.

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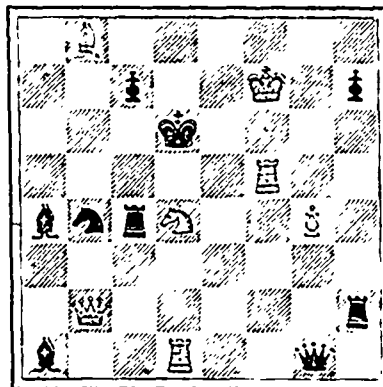
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Solution to Problem No. 74, Q to Kt2.
Solved by Mrs. H. Moseley.

PROBLEM No. 76.
BLACK—8 PIECES.



WHITE—8 PIECES.

White to play and mate in two moves

Sixth American Chess Congress		Won Lost		Won Lost	
Weiss,	15 34	Showalter,	9 10		
Blackburne,	15 4	Bird,	8 10 1/2		
Tchigorin,	14 5	Burille,	8 10 1/2		
Gunsburg,	14 5	Baird, D.J.	8 11		
Burn,	12 6	Gossip,	6 12 1/2		
Lipschutz,	12 7	Pollock,	6 12 1/2		
Taubenhans,	10 9	Hauham,	6 12 1/2		
Mason,	10 9	Martinez,	6 13		
Judd,	10 8	Baird, J. W.,	4 15		
Delmar,	9 9 1/2	MacLeod,	3 15 1/2		
		Unfinished.			
		Burn, 1	Judd, 1		

International correspondence match,
60 Americans vs. 60 Canadians.

Americans.		Won Lost	
Mr. Northup,	1	"	"
" Showalter,	1	"	"
" Seymore,	"	1	"
" Barton,	1	"	"
" Euphrat,	1	"	"
" Keys	"	1	"

Canadians.

	Won	Lost
Rovd. Mr. Roiner,	"	1
Mr. Barry,	"	1
" Boivin,	1	"
" Fleming,	"	1
" Hicks,	"	1
" Lambert,	1	"

GAME No. 59.

MR. G. H. D. GOSSIP'S BRILLIANT MATE.
Played in the first round of the Sixth American Chess Congress
SCOTCH GAMBIT.

WHITE	BLACK
W. Showalter.	G. H. D. Gossip.
1 P to K4	P to K4
2 Kt to KB3	Kt to QB3
3 P to Q4	P takes P
4 Kt takes P	Kt to KB3 (a)
5 Kt takes Kt	KtP takes Kt
6 B to Q3	P to Q4
7 P to K6 (b)	Kt to Kt5
8 Castles	B to QB4
9 B to KB4 (c)	P to KKt4
10 B to Q2 (d)	Kt takes P
11 R to K	Q to K2
12 Kt to B3	B to Q2
13 Q to R5	Castles Q R
14 B takes KtP	P to B3
15 B to R4	Q to Kt2
16 B to R6 ch	K to Kt
17 B to Kt3	KR to Kt
18 Q to Q	Kt to Kt5
19 B to KB	Kt to K4
20 P to QKt4	B to KKt5
21 Q to QKt	B to Q5
22 Q to Kt3	P to KR4
23 QR to Kt	P to R5
24 B takes P	Kt to B6 ch!
25 P takes Kt	B takes P dis ch!
26 B to Kt3	Q takes B ch!
27 P takes Q	R takes P ch!
28 K to R2	B takes BP!
29 B to R3	R takes B ch!
30 K takes R	R to R mate!

NOTES.

(a) This defence is often adopted lately; the late Mr. Zukertort having played it in his last match with Mr. Steinitz.

(b) We prefer 7—P takes P, if then 7—P takes P; 8—B to Kt5 ch, 8—B to Q2; 9—B takes B ch, 9—Q takes B; 10—Castles, etc.

(c) If White now plays 9—P to K R3, the following pretty variation, which happened in a game in the match between Messrs. Lipschutz and Delmar, might be repeated: 9—Kt takes KP; 10—R to K, 10—Q to B3; 11—Q to K2, 11—Castles!; 12—Q takes Kt, 12—Q takes P ch; 13—K to R, 13—B takes P; 14—P takes B, 14—Q to B6 ch, etc.

(d) If B to Kt3, P to KR4, etc.

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