

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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NEWS.

The tournament for 1892 for the Draughts Championship of England was commenced on Easter Monday, the 18th inst. Up to our last mail advices the entries were not so numerous as those of last year, but they were quite enough (11) to ensure an interesting and exciting contest, and nearly all of the best draughtsmen of England will be "in it." The prizes offered were, 1st, £25; 2nd, £8; 3rd, £4; 4th, £3; 5th, £2.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 273.—The position was:
Black men 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 21; white men 13, 19, 20, 23, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32; white to play and win.
30-26 12-19 2-11 30-23
21-30 23 7 31 27 27 2
19 16 w. wins.

GAME No. 165—"Edinburg."

This was the first game (which we take from the *Pittsburg Chronicle*) in the very interesting contest between Messrs. D. G. McKelvie and J. Sarright commenced in Glasgow on the 19th ultimo. In this match it was arranged that all possible moves for an opening for black should be put in a bag and all white in another. The respective players each drew, and McKelvie, who had the blacks drew 9-13, while Sarright got 23 19. Both played promptly and the game proceeded as follows:—

9-13	7-11	5-9	16-19
23 19	30 26	27 25	21 14
11-16	6-9	8-12	7-16
19 15	18 14	15 11	9 5
10-19	11-18	3-7	white
24 15	22 15	18 14	wins.
16-20	9-18	9-18	
26 23	26 23	23 14	
12-15	1-18-22	13-11	
13 18	25 18	11 9	

VAR. I.

Our Checker Editor suggests the following as a draw for McKelvie. Can the critics find a weak spot in it?

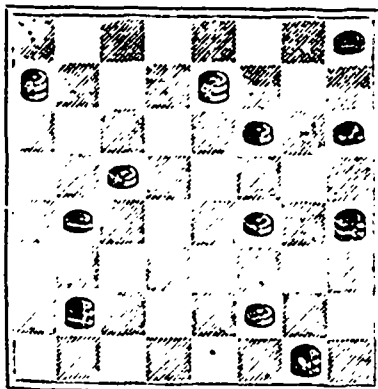
3-7	1-6	4-8	19-28
23 14	21 17	22 17	27 23
7-10	13-22	8-12	28-32
15 6	25 18	17 13	14 9
2-18	16-19	12-16	5-14
27 24	29 25	31 27	18 2
20-27	8-11	16-20	draw.
32 14	25 22	28 24	

*Only move to draw.

PROBLEM No. 275.

By James Wydie in the *Northern Leader*, England.

Black men 4, 12, 17, kings 20, 25, 32.



White men 11, 14, 19, 27, kings 5, 7.

White to play and draw.
Though the above is by the "World's Champion" the beginner need not fear to essay it, the stroke being both very neat and very easy. He may test his proficiency by solving it from the diagram without resorting to the board.

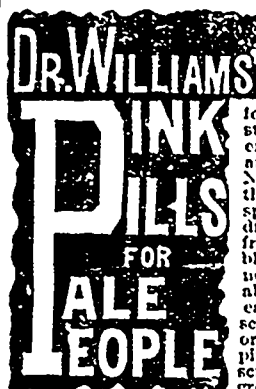
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