

CHESS.

The proprietors of THE CRITIC offer two prizes—to consist of books on Chess—to those subscribers who shall send in the greatest number of correct solutions during the current year. No entrance fee required. All communications for this department should be addressed—**CHESS EDITOR, Windsor, N. S.**

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. B. ROWLAND.—Books received. Many thanks for your kind promises.

HAMILTON WHITE.—We hope that by this time you have thoroughly recovered from No. 14.

TORONTO WEEK.—We have not received your last two issues.

OTTAWA CITIZEN.—Thanks for attending to address.

C. CUTBILL.—No. 21 is correct.

Solution to Problem 22.—Q to QB5, etc.

(Correct solutions received from Rev. C. E. Willets, and Mrs. H. Moseley.)

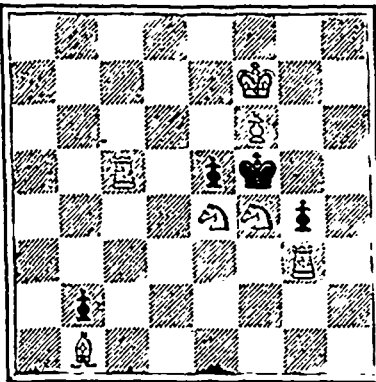
Solution to Problem 23.—Q to QB2, etc.

(Correct solutions received from Rev. C. E. Willets, L. M. Wilkins, Dr. L. Johnstone, Mrs. H. Moseley, W. J. Calder, and C. Cutbill.)

PROBLEM No. 26.

By W. E. Perry, Yarmouth, N.S.
For THE CRITIC.

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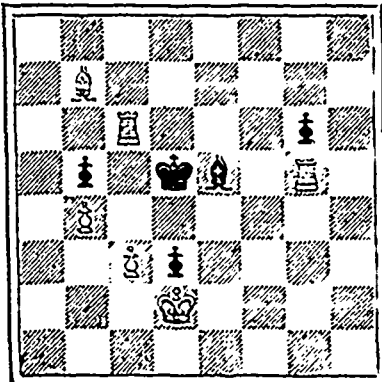
WHITE.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

PROBLEM No. 27.

(For beginners.) By F. J. R., Windsor.
For THE CRITIC.

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WHITE.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

The following is an off-hand game recently played between two members of the Hants County Chess Club:—

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

F. J. R. "X."

- 1 P to Q4 P to Q4
- 2 P to QB4 P to K3 (a)
- 3 P to K3 (b) B to QKt5 (ch) (c)
- 4 Kt to QB3 (d) Kt to KB3
- 5 P to QR3 B takes Kt (ch)
- 6 P takes B Kt to K5
- 7 B to Kt2 Kt to QB3
- 8 B to Q3 Kt to KB3 (e)
- 9 Kt to KB3 P takes P
- 10 B takes P B to Q2

- 11 Castles Kt to K5
 - 12 P to QR4 (f) Kt to QR4
 - 13 B to Q3 Kt to Kkt4
 - 14 Kt takes Kt Q takes Kt
 - 15 P to KB4 Q to K2
 - 16 P to K4 Castles QR
 - 17 P to K5 B to QB3
 - 18 B to R3 Q to Ksq
 - 19 B to QKt4 P to QKt3
 - 20 B takes Kt P takes B
 - 21 R to Ktsq (g) B takes RP (h)
 - 22 B to R6 (ch) K to Q2
 - 23 Q takes B (ch) K to K2
 - 24 B to Kt5 (ch) P to QB5
- and white mates in two moves.

NOTES BY THE EDITOR.

- (a) This is much better than taking the pawn.
- (b) Kt to QB3 is frequently played here.
- (c) In the great international match, Stampton v. St. Amant, the former played here P to QB4. Sozen played Kt to KB3 against Anderson.
- (d) Hero Stamma interposes the QB.
- (e) Losing valuable time.
- (f) With a view to shortly bringing the QB into play
- (g) Leaving the RP as a bait.
- (h) Which Black accepts.

The first season of the Collegiate School Chess club, Windsor, N. S., has just been brought to a very successful termination with the following results:—

HANDICAP TOURNAMENT.

1st Prize.—Cook's Synopsis and Lyons' Chess-nut Buris—F. A. Payzant.

2nd Prize.—American Edition of Cook's Synopsis—C. Cutbill.

3rd Prize.—Marache's Chess Manual—L. Sheraton.

BEST MATCH SCORES.

Equal scores.—H. Stairs.—Stampton's Hand-book. H. Borrodaile—Lyons' Chess-nut Burris.

Two correspondence games are at present being played with the junior students of Acadia College, Wolfville, and it is hoped that other games will be arranged in time for the next season, which will commence in September. All communications should be addressed to the Hon. Sec., H. B. Stairs.

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

All Checker communications should be addressed to W. Forsyth, 36 Grafton Street, Halifax.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

D. STEWART.—At variation 1 of Problem 15 instead of 13 9 at the fourth move, play 14 17 and white can win easily.

J. F. HALL.—Try again. Surely there is some one in the Province who can solve No. 11!

FRED. MACKIE, East Retford, England.—Your cards containing correct solutions of problems 3 and 4 and of 7 and 8 have been received, and you have been credited therefore as also for No. 1 previously at hand.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 15.—Mrs Moseley was the only one to send in a correct solution of this.

PROBLEM 16.—Correctly solved by Mrs. Moseley, J. F. Hall, J. McEwan and D. Stewart. The position is as follows:—black men—3, 7, 15, 16, 23, 24, kings, 29, 31; white men—6, 10, 14, 21, 30; k, 22. White to play and win.

- 22 26 22—13 (1) 6 2 3—8
 - 31—22 14 9 13—6 18 15
 - 21 17 7—14 2 18 w. wins.
- (1) Instead of 6 2 at this stage play as follows:—
- 30 25 6 2 2 25 25 22
 - 29—22 13—6 3 8 white wins

PROBLEM 17.—This problem has been correctly solved by D. Stewart, and Mrs. H. Moseley.

The position is as follows:—black men—4, 5, k, 20; white men—12, 13, k, 27. Black to play and draw.

- 20—16 14 10 7—3 3 7
- 27 23 4—8 4 8 4—8
- 16—11 10 15 3—7 7 10
- 23 18 8—11 8 3 8—11
- (a) 11—7 15 8 7—11 13 9
- 18 14 3—7 12 8 drawn.
- * 7—3 8 4 11—4

(a) If 11—16 is played here white wins by the "first position" as follows: 18 14, 16—20, 14 10, 20—16, 10 7, which brings the first position.

* These are the only moves to force a draw.

PROBLEM 18.—Correct solutions have been received from J. F. Hall, Mrs. H. Moseley and D. Stewart.

In order to show our readers how the position of this problem is reached in natural and legitimate play, we give the whole game from the opening moves:—

GAME VII—"Cross."

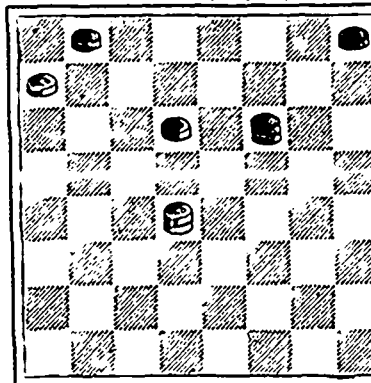
- 11—15 22 18 20—24 25 22
- 23 18 4—8 28 19 5—14
- 8—11 25 22 16—20 22 18
- 27 23 8—11 17 10 1—6
- 11—16 29 25 9—14 18 9
- 18 11 10—14 18 9 6—13
- 16—20 19 15 11—27 bk. wins.
- 24 19 3—8 32 23
- 7—16 (a) 22 17 9—24

(a) We have now formed the position of problem 18, and what follows is the solution thereof. Black to play and win.

PROBLEM 20.

By M. H. C. Wardell. One of the most important end-games, which should be well known.

Black men—1, 4; k, 11.

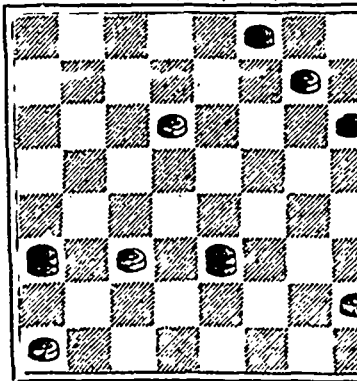


White men—5, 10; k, 18.

White to play and draw.

PROBLEM 6, (repeated.)

Black men—3, 12; k's, 21, 23.



White men—8, 10, 22, 28, 29.

Black to play and win.

We repeat the above problem because several of our solvers have expressed considerable dissatisfaction with the solution published in our issue of March 2nd. The editor of this department offers a special prize to any one who will show a sound draw for white. The prize will be a copy of a new edition of "Anderson on Draughts," by McCulloch. Cloth bound.

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