

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

All communications to this department must be addressed directly to the Checker Editor, Mr. W. Forsyth, 30 Grafton St.

The Workman, St. John, N. B., furnishes the three following items of checker interest:—

"Lyman M. Stearns, checker editor of the *Derry News*, has challenged Henry W. Shannon to play 20 games for the New Hampshire championship.

"Barker and Reed are to play 30 games in Providence, R. I., in September for the championship of the world and \$250 a side. Barker allows Reed \$40 for expenses.

"Samuel Grover, of Cambridge, Mass., and H. Z. Wright, of Boston, began their match of 32 games Monday, May 1, at the Boston checker resort, 185 Cambridge street. The match is to decide the New England championship, which will be accompanied by \$300. On Friday the score stood Grover 8, Wright 2, drawn 13—(leaving 9 to be played—*Ch. Ed Critic*) Charles F. Barker is umpire and timekeeper for Grover, and Edward Fitzgerald for Wright. Edwin A. Durgin is referee." (Of course this match was concluded over a fortnight ago, but we have not learned the result.—*Critic*.)

THE CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

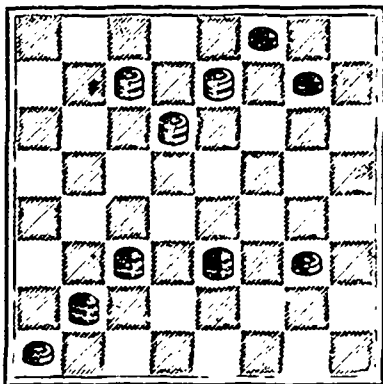
We have as yet received no direct communication from either E. W. Duggan of Toronto, who claims the blindfold, or from Mr. Kelly of Winnipeg, who has asserted himself to be the general checker champion of Canada. We will keep our readers posted if anything transpires in these matters.

Later.—Letter just received from Mr. Kelly, challenging our checker editor to meet him at Toronto. Particulars next week.

PROBLEM 333.

Recently occurred in play between Halifax players.

Black men 3, 8, kings 22, 23, 25.



White men 2, 29, kings 6, 7, 10.

Black to play and win. How pleased the novice is when he attains such a degree of efficiency as to be able to foresee and bring about such a position as the above.

SOLUTION.

Problem 331.—The position was:—black men 1, 5, 6, 9, 20, 23; white men 13, 16, 21, 28, 31, king 2; black to move; what result? This is a position we took from the end of a "Dyke" game between Messrs. Wickwire and Forsyth.

23	27	31	26	18	14	1	17
31	24	8	3	1	2	7	21
20	27	28	22	6	10		9
16	11	3	7	13	6		drawn.
27	31	22	18	14	9		
11	8	7	11	7	14		

VAR 1.

*28	24	7	10	22	20	6	1
14	17	17	21	1	6	29	25
21	14	10	14	24	10	20	30
9	18	18	22	6	10	25	22
2	9	14	17	13	9	1	5
5	14	32	25	10	14	23	18
11	7	17	22	9	6		drawn.
14	17	25	29	14	17		

* This is the way that the game was actually played.

It will thus be seen that we have failed to win this position though it looked so unpromising for black at the beginning. Can any of our readers do better?

GAME 217—INTENDED "SUTER."

Recently played between Messrs. Forsyth (black), and O'Hearn (white).

11	15	14	18	3	10	23	27
23	19	23	14	20	10	24	20
9	14	9	25	25	30	7	10
22	17	29	22	31	27	13	8
6	9	5	9	30	26	4	11
a	24	20	22	18	1	5	16
15	24	13	22	26	23	13	17
28	19	26	17	5	9	21	14
9	13	15	22	22	18	10	17
25	22	19	16	6	16	12	drawn.
8	11	12	19	10	15		
26	23	24	6	28	24		
5	9	9	13	2	7		
30	26	6	1	24	20		
1	5	22	25	15	19		
27	24	17	14	20	16		
11	15	7	10	19	23		
32	28	14	7	27	24		

a Our intended "Suter" was knocked out of shape here. Mr. O'Hearn prefers original play, and generally manages to force it at some stage of the game.

b Young players should study the game at this stage in order to learn how to avoid the consequences that the promising but fatal move 27 24 would entail.

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BASE BALL.—The first of a series of games between the Standards and Orientals took place on the Wanderers' Grounds on Wednesday morning and was won by the Standards, 6 to 2.

THE TUG-OF-WAR.—The tug-of-war and athletic tournament at the Exhibition Building on Wednesday and Thursday evenings was largely attended, and great interest was manifested in the different events.

A NEW RAILWAY ROUTE.—Deputy Provincial Engineer McColl with two assistants went to Liverpool this week to undertake the survey of the railway route from Liverpool to the Indian Gardens, where it will join the proposed Hervey line.

INSPECTING THE QUARANTINE.—The Hon. Mr. Daly, Minister of Agriculture, with a party of friends, visited the quarantine station at Lawlor's Island on Monday. The site of the new wharf was inspected, and the general aspect of affairs taken note of.

Used up ball players and athletes find Johnson's Anodyne Liniment a balm in Gilead.

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE YOUR MARK.—A register is to be kept at the Canadian Pavilion in Chicago, in which the people of our Dominion who visit the Fair may sign their names and place of residence in Chicago, and also state the length of time they intend remaining in that city, for the information of friends.

THE INFANTA EULALIE ARRIVES IN NEW YORK.—The Spanish steamer *Reina Maria Christina*, having on board the Infanta Eulalie and party, arrived in New York last Friday and immediately proceeded to Washington, where she was met by an immense crowd of people assembled to welcome the representative of Spanish royalty.

AN OLD AND RESPECTED HALIFAXIAN GONE.—The death of Mr. Peter Lynch, Q. C., which occurred on Monday, removed from the community one who has long and well served its interests. Mr. Lynch's life of over three-score and ten years were spent in Halifax, and he was well known as a good citizen and active Christian worker.

MORE LIGHT.—It is reported that Bear River, Annapolis, is to be lighted by electricity, and that over \$5,000 have already been subscribed towards the scheme. The lamp post with its dim uncertain light in the country towns and villages is being rapidly relegated to the background to keep company with the almost forgotten "tallow-dip."

THE STREET RAILWAY CASE.—The Chief Justice delivered judgment on Monday on the motion to enlarge the duties of the receiver, in the *Haley vs. Street Railway Company* case, to cover the whole of the Company's property, and to have him appointed manager. His Lordship decided that Mr. Wallace's duties shall cover the whole road, but that the Company shall retain the management.

THE 24th OF MAY AT CHICAGO.—A reception was held in the Canadian building at Chicago to celebrate the Queen's birthday. It was attended by a large number of Her Majesty's loyal subjects. The speakers of the day took the opportunity to express the loyalty of Canadians to the Mother Country and the general feeling against annexation, at the same time expressing the kindest feeling towards the people of the great United States.

HALE AND HEARTY.

The Englishman says he "drinks hall and it makes him all." The Canadian drinks Puttner's Emulsion and it makes him hearty.

A MOST ACCEPTABLE GIFT.—A very handsome drinking fountain has been presented to the town of Yarmouth by Miss Clara Killam. This fountain has been set up in the square at the junction of Main and Vancouver Streets, Milton, and is an ornament to the town. It is in the shape of a bronze statue of a horse, beautifully proportioned, mounted on an oval pillar pedestal, the whole 11½ feet high. The generous donor has chosen wisely in her gift, and many thirsty Yarmouthians will for years to come remember her name with gratitude.

DAIRY PROSPECTS IN THE ISLAND.—Dairy Commissioner Robertson expresses himself as delighted with the prospects in Prince Edward Island, which place he has just visited in the interests of the dairy industry. He is of opinion that \$50,000 worth of cheese will be made there this year in twelve factories, all being new but two. He personally offers a gold medal to the P. E. I. farmer who provides the most milk to a factory, and will give a silver medal to a factory to go to the patron furnishing the most milk for each cow he keeps. Arrangements have been made for the operation of a new cheese factory at Nappan. Mr. Robertson speaks most enthusiastically of the possibilities of the Maritime Provinces in this line of business.

A CHICAGO GIRL'S BIG FEAT.—The April number of *A Pointer*, that bright Chicago journal published in the interests of tourists and travellers, contains a very interesting article from the pen of Miss Bess Mitchell, the young lady who has recently gained notoriety in a journey of 10,000 miles over the railways of the United States, Mexico and Canada. This trip was undertaken to show the possibility of travelling around the United States, across the border to the city of Mexico and back to the starting point on one continuous journey without the necessity of once setting foot upon ground. Miss Mitchell travelled upon ordinary trains and not a special car as has been stated, and made the 10,000 miles in just 18 days. According to her own statements, the lady thoroughly enjoyed the performance of this feat.

MY LITTLE BOY.

GENTLEMEN.—My little boy had a severe hacking cough and could not sleep at night. I tried Hargy's Pectoral Balsam and it cured him very quickly.

Mrs. J. HACKETT, Linwood, Ont.