

and the United States may at any time be ruptured by another act of piracy of a United States cruiser upon a British vessel in the Behring Sea. The United States Government will temporize, under the delusion that England will not declare war on account of a Canadian sealer, and from unwillingness to back down ignominiously under the threats made by Lord Salisbury. What is more likely than that while the Government at Washington temporizes, some commander or captain, spoiling for a row, will pounce upon a Canadian sealer? What then? I close my mind's eye to shut out the terrible picture which unfolds before it.

Who can predict the results of such a cruel war? May the God of Nations, who alone can command peace, save us from such a war.

The claims of the United States Government to jurisdiction of the seas on any sea beyond the limit prescribed by the laws of nations is too preposterous and absurd to be worthy of notice.

If I am not greatly mistaken, Uncle Sam will have enough to do to preserve internal peace and autonomy, without hazarding war to protect the seals, or rather a sealing company.

There are, I believe, disintegrating influences at work in the neighboring Republic which will result in quitting its territory. But more of this anon. Peace be with you. S. C.

P.S.—You are right in your conjecture that the word "natural," in the sentence of my last letter—"one of the most potent latent forces in our natural economy,"—should be national.

**DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

Letters and games have been received, with thanks, from Messrs. Lynch and Forbes. The games will be published in due course.

JAMES BECK, St. John, N. B.—Letter sent to you by mail.

**SOLUTION.**

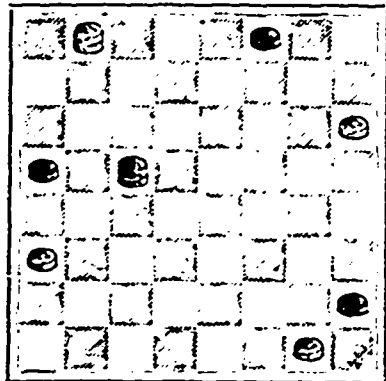
PROBLEM 177.—The position was: black men 3, 16, 17, 26, kings 8, 21; white men 6, 14, 21, 23, kings 15, 25, 30; black to play and win. This is a very fine stroke problem, the only correct solution to which has been received from Mr. Joseph Cox, of the Windsor Hotel, Montreal.

16—19 30 23 7—10 21 14  
23 16 24—19 14 7 11—11  
3—7 15 24 8—11 b. wins.

**PROBLEM No. 179.**

End game between Messrs. O'Hearn and Forsyth.

Black men 3, 13, 28, kg. 14



White men 12, 21, 32, kg. 1. Black (O'Hearn) to play, what result? The above is an interesting and very useful end game. We will give a copy of the *American Checker Review* for the best solution. When publishing this solution we will produce the game that led to the position.

**GAME No. 66—"Glasgow."**

(From the *Toronto Weekly Mail*, July 31.)

Played between Messrs. Fletcher and Wright—Fletcher's move.

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

a 10—15-hers would have given Fletcher an easy win.

[b It would be interesting to know just how it was drawn.]

It might have been done as follows.

12—16 28—21 16—19 15—19  
30 25 18 15 6 2 11 15  
28—32 10—26 11—15 19—23  
25 22 17 1 2 7  
32—28 24—31 19—23 drawn  
22 17 13 6 7 11

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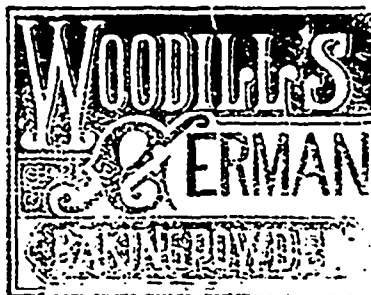
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