

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

All communications to this department must be addressed directly to the Checker Editor, Mr. W. Forsyth, 36 Grafton St.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

RENNIE, Toronto Mail.—Your scrap received. Your weekly edition is the only one that reaches us, and it does not contain all the checker news that your paper publishes. Thus it is that, though I am informed that both Godwin's propositions and Duggan's claim to the blindfold championship have appeared in the Mail, I have never seen either, and I am only favored by you with a skeleton of such affairs. It would be far more intelligible if you would post to me a special copy of the daily Mail when it contains checker matter that is not to appear in the weekly, or, equally well, if you would clip out such matter and send it to me, so that I can see just what is proposed. I may say that Godwin's propositions as outlined by you do not strike me favorably, at least as regards the two last items, which I cannot understand. What does "All except champion eligible to play for second money" mean? Mr. Kelly is champion of Manitoba, and I of the Maritime Provinces. If the contest finally narrows down to us or any other two, is the loser to be debarred from a chance to win second money? If so, it strikes me that such a regulation would be very unfair for the man who proves to be the second best player.—W. FORSYTH, CH. EDITOR CRITIC.

CHALLENGE.

As I have failed to arrange terms for a match for the checker championship of Canada with Mr. Kelly, of Winnipeg, I do hereby challenge any player resident in Canada (Mr. Duggan, of Toronto preferred,) to play a match for the blindfold championship of Canada and a stake of \$200 to \$500 a side—give or take expenses. Other details to be arranged when this challenge is accepted.—[WILLIAM FORSYTH, 36 Grafton street, Halifax, N. S.]

NEWS.

The match between Stewart and Jordan for \$250 a side and the championship of Eastern Scotland, which was played at Dunfermline, Fifeshire, beginning June 5, lasted three days, and resulted in a victory for Jordan, the score being: Jordan 4, Stewart 0, drawn 13.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 335.—The position was: black kings 14, 27; white men 17, 21, 29; black to play and draw. As none of our checkerists have favored us by trying for the prize that we offered for the first correct solution of this problem, we withhold the publication of the play for one week to give them ample time to secure the prize.

PROBLEM 336.—The position was: black men 9, 20, kings 12, 21, 29; white men 19, 24, 27, kings 17, 32; white to play and win.

Table with 4 columns of numbers: 17 13 17 22 19 16 30 14; 9-14 18-25 12-26 29-25; 13 17 27 23 32 30 14 18; 14-18 20-27 21-17 w. wins.

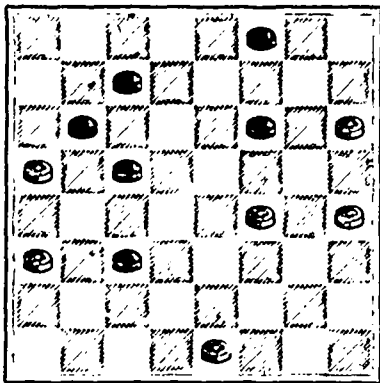
GAME 221.—"UNCLASSIFIED."

Played recently between Messrs. S. Granville (black) and P. O'Hearn (white).

Table with 4 columns of numbers: 11-15 12-19 6-15 19-23; 23 19 23 16 13 9 16 20; 8-11 14-17 30-26 23-26; 26 23 21 14 27 23 20 10; 9-14 10-17 20-27 26-31; 22 18 16 13 9 5 16 20; 15-22 7-10 26-19 31-26; 25 9 26 23 30 10 20 16; 5-14 17-21 15-19 26-22; 29 25 23 19 16 11 16 19; 11-15 10-14 11-18 22-17; 31 26 19 10 11 8 19 15; 4-8 6-15 18-23 17-14; 25 23 30 26 8 4 16 11; 8-11 21-25 23-27 14-10; 22 17 26 23 4 8 11 16; 11-16 25-30 27-31 10-7; 17 13 23 19 8 11 16 20; 16-20 2-6 31-27 7-11; 19 16 19 10 11 16 b. wins.

PROBLEM 338.

End of a game recently played between Messrs. Granville (black) and O'Hearn (white) both of Halifax. Black men 3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 22.



White men 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 31.

Black to play and draw. This is a critical ending to a very interesting game. Students will find it instructive to study it.

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IN MEMORIAM.—THE CRITIC has received a neat pamphlet entitled "William Eaton." It is a tribute from his sons to the memory of the late Mr. Eaton of Kentville, of whose life it is a brief sketch.

CLOSINGS.—The closing exercises of the Sacred Heart Convent, of Mount St. Vincent Convent, and of the County Academy took place this week. All were largely attended, and pleasing and very satisfactory programmes were performed.

THE LAND OF EVANGELINE.—A copy of the handsome guide book issued by the Yarmouth Steamship Company has been received at this office. It is beautifully illustrated, nicely printed on fine paper, and will no doubt furnish much interesting information to the tourists who visit our lovely country this summer.

GIBSON BURNED.—The village of Gibson, opposite Fredericton, N. B., was destroyed by fire last week. Eighty dwellings, six stores, the Gibson C. P. R. Station and round house and two new churches are gone, and 130 families left homeless. Loss \$200,000. The fire occurred on the 16th anniversary of the great fire in St. John.

THE INFANTA'S DEPARTURE.—The Princess Eulalia has bidden farewell to America. The Royal lady with her party sailed from New York on Saturday last. She was given an ovation at the ship just before her departure, and showed, as she has done many times before, that she appreciates the demonstrations of the American public.

OUR ADMIRAL TO SUCCEED ADMIRAL TRYON.—Vice-Admiral John O. Hopkins, commander of the North American squadron of the British navy, is mentioned as most likely to succeed the late Sir George Tryon, K. C. B., in command of the Mediterranean fleet. Admiral and Lady Hopkins have in their short stay at Halifax made many friends.

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HOME TALENT.—At the closing of the examinations at the High School yesterday the students and visitors repaired to the Assembly Hall where the students sang two songs, both the words and music of which are the composition of Academy pupils. The songs are, "The Review March," words by Janie W. Mortimer, music by William Chamberlain; and "A Patriotic Song," the words being by Gladys Fairbanks, and the music by Agnes Crawford.

A STORY OF WHAT IS TO BE.—We publish this week an excerpt from Arthur Field's story of the millenium, which is being published in full in Demorest's Family Magazine. Some decidedly unique ideas of the future of this world of ours, and the life which will be led by our posterity in the year 1000, are contained in this remarkable story, which, while they are entirely different from those advanced by Eugene Richter or Camille Flammarion, are quite as interesting and have quite as strong a flavor of probability.

STILL THEY COME.—The following students have passed their final examination at Whiston's Commercial College and have been awarded diplomas:—William J. Harris, Halifax; Frank St. Clair Harris, Aylesford; Orlando M. Peters, Cow Bay, C. B.; Henry J. Stech, Milford; Murray M. Kellough, Gays River; David Stech, Milford. We are glad to notice that Miss Georgie Miller, teacher of stenography at this college, has successfully passed the examinations of the Phonographic Institute Co., U. S., (American system of shorthand,) taking a very high grade. We congratulate Miss Miller on being the first young lady in Canada to secure such diploma. The examinations are very severe, as out of 273 candidates since 1890 only 73 have been successful.

ALL FREE.—Last week the Borden trial and its outcome was one of the chief subjects of comment. Since the acquittal of Lizzie Borden, three other cases in which the prisoners were women have been finished. In these three, the people of this province and New Brunswick have taken a lively interest. At Moncton the Stevens-Hallett trial, in which Mrs. H. T. Stevens was charged with causing the death of Mabel Hallett, her adopted daughter, by cruel treatment, terminated in the acquittal of the prisoner. Although it was not proved that the girl's death was actually caused by the treatment she had received at the hands of Mrs. Stevens, it was very clearly proved that she had been harshly and cruelly used. The grand jury at Annapolis found "no bill" against Mrs. A. D. Cameron, accused of poisoning her husband at Hampton, N. S., in February last. The trial of Mrs. Alice Wrayton of Emerald's Isle is also concluded, and the prisoner declared innocent. Mrs. Wrayton was charged with causing the death of