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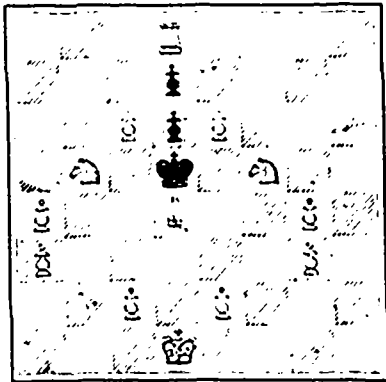
TO CORRESPONDENTS.

MRS. H. MOSELEY.—Quite sufficient.

MR. JOHN W. WALLACE.—Answer to 40 correct. Am of your opinion. Shall give a few 3 movers to finish competition.

Solution to Problem 41.—K to Q7. Correct solution of the above received from Mrs. Moseley, John W. Wallace, and W. J. Calder.

PROBLEM No. 41. "Croydon Guardian." BLACK—3 pieces.



WHITE—13 pieces. White to play and mate in 2 moves.

GAME No. 33.

Capt. Mackenzie, as usual, furnishes the Times-Democrat with an account of his doings in Havana, among other things the two following games, just now of first rate interest:—

SCOTCH GAMBIT.

WHITE. BLACK. Golmayo. Meakanzie. 1 P to K4 P to K4 2 Kk1 to B3 Qk1 to B3 3 P to Q4 Kp takes P 4 Kk1 takes P Kb1 to B4 5 Qb1 to K3 Q to Kb3 6 P to Qb3 Kk1 to K2 7 P to Kb4 (a) Kb takes Kt! 8 Bp takes B P to Q1 9 P to K5 Q to Kk1 10 Q to her 2 (b) Qb to B4 11 Qk1 to R3 B to Qr3 12 P to Kk1 3 (c) Qb to K5 13 Kb to Kt2 Qb takes B 14 Q takes Qb Q to her 6 15 Q to her 2 Q to K5 (d) 16 Castle, QR P to QR4 17 Kt to home (e) Kt to his 5 18 Qk1 to B3 Q to Kk1 3 19 P to QR3 QR to his 3 (!) 20 RP takes Kt RP takes P 21 Q to her 3 KtP takes Kt 22 KtP takes P?? Q takes Q, wins.

(a) Meitner's 7 Kk1 to B2; or Paulsen's Kb to K5, or Q to her 2, are more in vogue. Black's reply is now the usual move and better, we believe, than the books.

(b) White's game, thus early, is in a curiously constrained condition, which the present move anything but helps. Best, probably was 10 Qk1 to B3, Qk1 to his 5; 11 QR to B sq, Qb to B4; 12 P to QR3, Kt to B7+; 13 K to B2, etc.

(c) A strategic error, speedily subjecting him to still graver disadvantages of position.

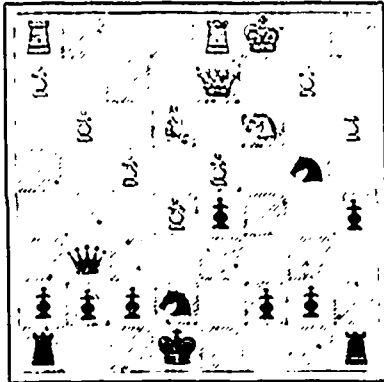
(d) The result of which bit of

finessing is that White must now either move KR, or castle with QR into uncomfortable quarters, for, if 16 Castle, KR, Kk1 to B4!

(e) Why not, preferably, to his 5? If then Qk1 to his 5; 18 P to Qk1 3!, menacing both 19 P to QR3, and Kt takes P+.

(!) [Here comes the beauty spot of the game.]

WHITE (Judge Golmayo.)



BLACK (The Captain.)

Move made—19 QR to his 3! A pretty coup, insuring the sacrifice of his Kt with its recovery plus a P, and with decisive advantage. If, instead of takes Kt, White try 20 QR to KB sq, the following pretty variation is suggested: Kt to Q6+; 21 K to Q sq, QR to Kt3; 22 P to Kb5, Q to Kt5+; 23 Q to K2, Kk1 takes B!, etc.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. A. McD., Maitland.—Many thanks for clipping from Glasgow Herald containing our Problem 59. We find that an error was made by the party who gave us the position in placing a black man on 16 instead of 19 as it should have been. The correct position is as follows:—black men, 10, 19, 28, kg. 21; white men, 12, 18, 31, kg. 13, black to play and draw. The solution is below:—

19—23 32—28 25—22 28—24 12 8 3 7 31 27 15 10 28—32 21—25 23—32 24—19 S 3 7 14 18 15 drawn.

PROBLEM 62.—We also withhold the solution of this problem, as we have received no correct reply as yet to it. The position is:—black men, 3, 13, 14, 15, 19; white men, 21, 22, 31, 32, kg. 1; white to play and draw. Have we not a checker player in Nova Scotia capable of solving this position?

PROBLEM 63.—Correctly solved by Mrs. Moseley, C. E. Morton and "Dixie." Position:—black men, 8, 12, 23, kg. 18; white men, 9, 14, 20, 31; white to play and draw:

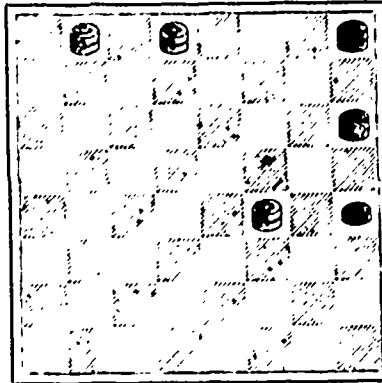
14 10 3 12 15 19 31 27 18—14 9—14 23—27 28—32 10 7 12 16 19 28 27 24 14—5 14—17 27—32 32—28 7 3 16 11 28 24 24 20 5—9 19—24 22—18 20 16 11 15 24 19 drawn. 12—19 17—22 32—28

PROBLEM 64.—As no correct and

complete solution of this problem has reached us, we hold it over another week to give our solvers an opportunity to work over it somewhat further. The position was:—black men, 13, 18, 21, kg. 23; white men, 12, 25, 30, kg. 16, white to play and draw.

PROBLEM 67.

By "A. H. S.," in Boston Globe. Black men 20, kgs. 4, 12



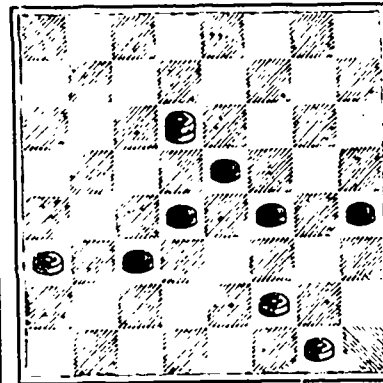
White kgs. 1, 2, 19.

White to play and win.

This unique position is harder than it seems, and we invite the special attention of our checkerists to it.

PROBLEM 68.

By A. E. Robinson, Toronto. Black men 15, 18, 19, 20, 22.



White men 21, 27, 32, kg. 10.

White to play and draw.

This position is derived from 62, and the neat draw was overlooked by one of our best solvers.

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