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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.

**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

The "Solution Composition" will close with issue of 28th inst.

The names of the prize winners will be announced with the solutions of problems of that date.

1st Prize.—The Chess Player's Manual, by G. H. D. Gossip, edited and revised—with an American appendix, by S. Lipschütz.

2nd Prize.—Pierce Gambit, Chess Papers and Problems.

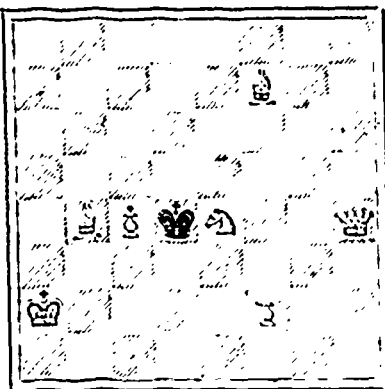
Solution to Problem No. 54.—Kt to Q7.

Solutions to Problems No. 56, 57 and 58 will be given next week.

**PROBLEM No. 59.**

"Leeds Mercury."

BLACK—1 piece.



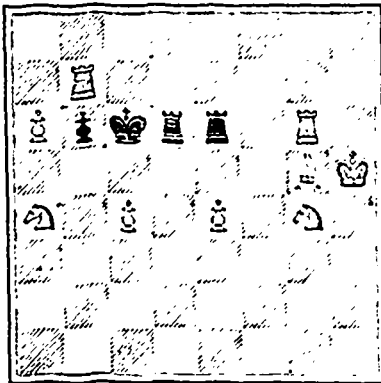
WHITE—7 pieces

White to play and mate in 2 moves

**PROBLEM No. 60.**

"Land and Water."

BLACK—4 pieces.



WHITE—9 pieces.

White to move and mate in 2 moves.

**GAME No. 43.**

**A NEW OPENING.**

Played at the Dundee Chess Club, September, 1888, in a match for the Challenge Shield.

**VIENNA-FRASER OPENING.**

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| WHITE.            | BLACK.          |
| Mr. G. B. Fraser. | Mr. P. Sundeman |
| 1 P to K4         | P to K4         |
| 2 QKt to B3       | QKt to B3       |
| 3 P to KB4        | P takes P       |
| 4 QKt to Q5 (a)   | R to R5 ch      |
| 5 K to K2         | Kt to Q5 ch (b) |
| 6 K to Q3         | Kt to K3        |
| 7 P to B4         | P to QB3        |
| 8 Kkt to B3       | Q to KR4        |

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| 9 QKt to B3     | P to KB3        |
| 10 K to QB2     | Q to QR5        |
| 11 P to Q4      | B to QKt5       |
| 12 B to Q2      | B takes Kt      |
| 13 B takes B    | Q to QB2        |
| 14 P to Q5      | Kt to QB4       |
| 15 P to Q6      | Q to QKt sq (c) |
| 16 P to K5      | Kt to K3        |
| 17 P takes P    | P takes P       |
| 18 Kt to KR4    | P to KR4        |
| 19 B to K2      | R to R3         |
| 20 Kt to B5     | R to R2         |
| 21 B takes P ch | K to B sq       |
| 22 B to Kt6     | R to R sq       |
| 23 P to KR4     | P to K14        |
| 24 P to KR5     | Q to K13        |
| 25 Kt to Q1     | Kt takes Kt     |
| 26 B takes Kt   | P to QB4        |
| 27 B to QB3     | B to QKt2       |
| 28 R to KB sq   | P to B6         |
| 29 P takes RP   | R to R3         |
| 30 Q to Q2      |                 |

And White wins in a move or two.

**NOTES.**

(a) This somewhat startling novelty constitutes the Vienna-Fraser opening, the invention of the first player.

(b) Black might also continue with 5 B to QB4, whereupon follows 6 Kkt to B3, Q to B7 ch; 7 K to Q3, Kt to K4 ch; 8 K to QB3, Kt takes Kt; 9 Q takes Kt, Q to Q5 ch; 10 K to QKt3, P to QKt4, etc.

(c) The last few moves of Black have been rather weak. The retreat of the Queen to her Knight's square leaves him with a hopeless, defenceless game.—*Sheffield Independent.*

**DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS**

All checker communications and exchanges should be addressed to W. Forsyth, 36 Grafton Street, Halifax.

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**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

"DIXIE" Antigonish.—As you will see by announcement below we are about to award the prizes in the competition of this year. To place competitors in their proper relative positions, it is necessary that we should know their names and addresses. If you are a subscriber please favor us with yours—with as much secrecy or in as much confidence as you please—at once, as otherwise we shall be obliged to exclude you from the list of competitors, and deprive you of the prize to which you appear to be entitled.

**OUR PRIZES FOR 1889.**

The current year, being nearly finished, the prizes for correct solutions of checker problems must soon be awarded. We have decided on the two following works, both of which are quite recent publications, and are highly recommended by leading experts and authorities on the "silent game."

1st Prize.—John Robertson's "Guide to the Game of Draughts." This work is the largest treatise on the game yet published. It contains 3,340 variations, being 1,233 more than there is in Janvier's Anderson.

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The Proposed Match.—As stated two weeks ago in these columns, Mr. Ellis, of St. John, challenged anyone in the Maritime Provinces to play a match at checkers, and Mr. W. Forsyth promptly intimated to Mr. Ellis his readiness to arrange for such a match. Mr. Ellis replied, proposing that the match consist of fifty games for \$200 a side, and be begun in St. John on the 17th inst. As neither date nor place would suit Mr. Forsyth, he then proposed to play in this city during, or at any time after the Christmas holidays. Nothing has since then been heard from Mr. Ellis.

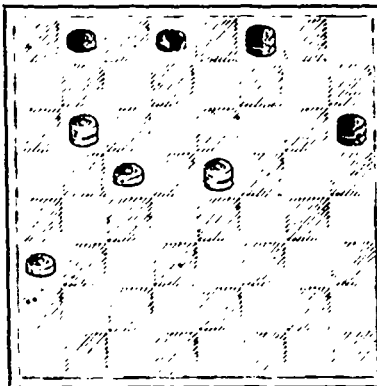
**SOLUTION.**

PROBLEM 78.—The position was:—black men 4, 10, 12, 14, kg. 18; white men 19, 20, 21, 23, kg. 2; white to play and win.  
21 17 19 16 2 6 6 31  
18—27 14—21 12—19 \*w. wins

In propounding this problem we remarked that it contained "a wheel within a wheel." The above play brings us to the second stage or inner wheel, but as our solvers have paid so little attention that not one of them has sent even an attempt at a solution we leave them to work out the rest for themselves.

**PROBLEM No. 80.**

Black men 1, 2, kgs. 3, 12.



White men 14, 21, kgs. 9, 15.

Black to play and win.

**GAME XVIII.**

Played by A. E. Robinson and W. Forsyth, the latter playing blindfold.

**"THE CROSS."**

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

A: one point in this game black might have won, but missed his opportunity.

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