

## CHESS.

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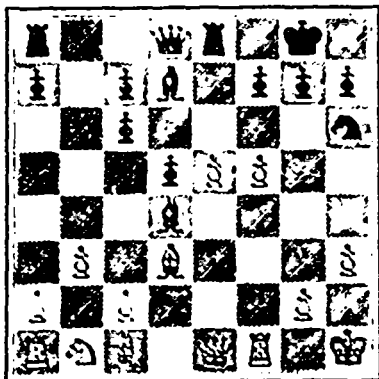
GAME 191.

Played last summer in Paris, being one of the match games between members of the leading London and Parisian chess clubs.

WHITE.

BLACK.

M Didier (Paris).	Mr Simon (London).
1 P—K4	P—K4
2 K Kt—B3	QKt—B3
3 B—Kt5	P—Q3
4 P—Q4	PxP (a)
5 Kt x P	B—Q 2
6 Kt x Kt	P x Kt
7 B—Q3	Kt—B3
8 Cas.	B—K2
9 P—KB4 (b)	Cas.
10 P—QKt3 (c)	P—Q4 (d)
11 P—K5	B—B4 ch
12 K—Rsq	Kt—Kt5
13 Q—Keq (e)	R—Keq
14 P—KR3	Kt—R3
15 P—B5 (f)	B—Q5
16 B x Kt	B x R



WHITE—M DIDIER TO MOVE.

17 B x P (g)	Q—Kt4
18 B—B6 (h)	Q x B (i)
19 P x Q	R x Q
20 R x R	B x KBP
21 Kt—Q2	B—B6
22 R—K7	B x P
23 B x B	B x Kt
24 R x QBP	R—Keq
25 R—B8	K x R
26 B x R	P—KB4

drawn game.

(a) There is no necessity for the immediate capture. 4 B to Q2 is good enough, although the text-move is frequently played.

(b) 9. P to K R 3, previous to this advance would have been better.

(c) Loss of time. 10 P to B 5, to prevent the adverse knight from coming into play might be suggested.

(d) The right time to assume the counter attack.

(e) He has nothing better. 13 Q to R 5 must be prevented.

(f) With the intention of giving up the exchange. It is the best course under the circumstances.

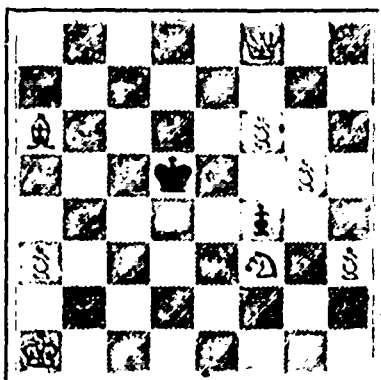
(g) A bold bid for victory. If 17 K takes B, then 18, P to B 4, ch and wins. It is a pretty combination, which deserved to be worked out with more care.

(h) Mr Didier ought to have played here 18. R to B3, and Black had nothing better than to give up the Queen for two pieces, keeping two rooks for the Queen.

(i) Simplifying the position and trying for a draw, with bishops of different colors.

## PROBLEM 219.

Black 2 pieces.

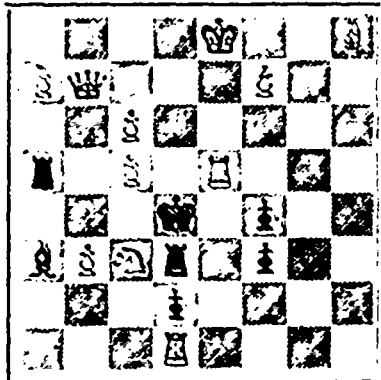


White 8 pieces.

White to play and mate in three moves.

## PROBLEM 220.

Black 7 pieces.



White 11 pieces.

White to play and mate in two moves.

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LAKE CATOCHA.—Mr. John Anderson, the well known gold miner of Musquodoboit Harbor, discoverer of the Lake Catocha District, has just returned from a trip to New Brunswick. He reports that the outlook at Lake Catocha is most promising. Manager Reid of the Oxford is working the Coleman lead, and is mining good pay ore. On his own property Mr. Anderson has cut a very rich lead which has already yielded over \$4,000 in gold, at an expenditure of about \$1,500. He is now refitting his mill and increasing his boiler power by the introduction of a new boiler, of Leonard & Co. make, and will soon resume active work with ample power to run his ten stamp mill and do his hoisting and pumping.

The discovery made by James Bonang, which resulted in the rush to the Mines office and the covering of some 250 claims about half a mile north of the present workings, was, as is often the case, purely accidental, as the section had been previously prospected by skilled men and nothing important unearthed. Bonang had contracted to supply cord wood, and one of the first trees he felled uprooted a large boulder which was full of sights of gold. Other boulders showing gold were found, and there is a most a certainty that a large and rich lead is in the immediate vicinity, and it is now being carefully prospected for.

DOMINION COAL COMPANY, LTD.—Coal has been placed on the free list by the Democratic members of the Committee of Ways and Means having the new tariff bill in charge, and the stock of the Dominion Coal Company is booming as a consequence. On Saturday last, before the provisions of the new bill had been made public, the *Boston Daily Traveller* in its commercial article had this to say. "Locally, a feature of the trading was Dominion Coal, which made a further advance to 25. It comes from good authority now that the new tariff bill to be announced on Monday will show coal to be on the free list. There are a good many people who are now paying but little attention to Dominion Coal who will be scrambling to load up with the stock within the next thirty days."

PERSONAL.—Captain C. P. Maynard has just returned from a trip through the mining regions of Montana and Wyoming, and reports that owing to the general closing of the silver mines, and the consequent throwing out of work of thousands of miners, universal distress and depression prevail. Words would fail to depict the suffering, and thousands of formerly well to do miners and their families are now at the starvation point. The outlook is gloomy indeed, but great attention is being paid to gold mining, and in time this will give much needed work. The Captain has two sons in Montana who own a rich silver mine, but they are now prospecting for gold. One result of the depression is the turning of attention to other mining fields where low wages, cheap supplies and proximity to markets make profitable mining possible at present low values, and as all these requirements are to be found in Nova Scotia, it is probable that western capitalists will turn their attention this way. In fact, it would appear that the time has arrived when the capital to develop our lead and copper mines may be obtained. This well expended under the direction of skilled western miners should result most profitably, and greatly enhance the mining prosperity of the Province.

RENFREW DISTRICT.—At the suit of Charles Thompson, against Charles H. North, an absent or absconding debtor, the valuable gold mining plant, machinery, tools and other personal property at Renfrew, also a large number of gold mining leases at the same place and real estate, are advertised for sale by the sheriff of Hants, on Friday, the 29th of December next, at 11.30 a. m. The sale takes place at Renfrew, and should attract a large number of bidders, as the properties include the Empress and other well known mines.

WINE HARBOR.—For the past year Mr. H. T. Harding, with some friends, has had a crew on pumping and cleaning out the old plough load excavations, which were left in a wretched condition by the tributaries who last worked the lead. Some fifteen to twenty thousand tons of rock have been raised to the surface together with large quantities of old scaffold timber which had been permitted to fall or were deliberately blown down by the tributaries. Some idea of the heavy job Mr. Harding encountered may be formed when it is known that the belt worked is from 15 to 40 feet wide. Some of the leads in this belt were worked to a greater depth than others, the poorest of course being left first. Mr. Harding, however, finds fairly good pay in the little work he has done on these poorest of leads in the belt, none of the good leads having yet been reached, but they will be in a few weeks, when, beyond a doubt, the enterprise which must have looked very doubtful for a long time will pay good dividends. This mine was, in the early days, immensely rich, and produced large quantities of gold. It was worked by a foreign company in a most extravagant manner, and yet paid large dividends until a heavy fault was struck cutting off the pay chute. Large quantities of low grade ore were left in sight in the bottom below the strike, which will now, with the improved methods of mining, pay well to work. Mr. Harding's great object, however, is to locate the continuity of the pay chute beyond the fault, which competent men of long experience state will not be difficult to do when the mine is sufficiently cleared to enable examination. Mr. Harding is now renovating his 15 stamp mill, changing from the slow to the fast drop, thereby doubling its capacity, the large amount of quartz now beginning to show necessitating this important change.