It is well known that the "copper-zinc couple" produced by immersing zinc in a solution of a copper salt decomposes water.

An analogous reaction of the gold-zine couple accounts for the evolution of hydrogen which we have mentioned:

 $Z_0 + 2 II_2 O = 2 II + Z_0 (OII)_2$.

The hydrate of zinc is at once dissolved in the excess of cyanide: $Z_2 (OH)_2 + 4 KCy = K_2 Z_1 Cy_1 + 2 KOH$, which reaction explains the increase in the alkalinity of the solution.

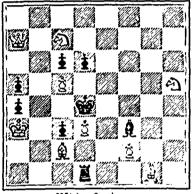
(To be continued.)

If you are at all curious to try something new, write Percy J. L. Lear, Atlantic Cigar Manufacturing Association, 221 Barrington St, Halifax, for particulars.

CHESS.

PROBLEM No. 136.—B to Kt6. Solved by C. W. L.
PROBLEM No. 137.—Kt to QB5. Solved by C. W. L.

PROBLEM No. 138.
By B. M. FOSTER, Boston.
Black 8 pieces.



White 9 pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.

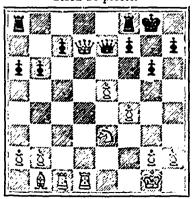
GAME 142.

A well-played and instructive game WHITE. BLACK Kt to KB3 1 P to Q4 2 P to QB4 3 Kt to QB3 4 Kt to KB3 P to K3 P to Q4 P to QK:3 P takes P 5 P takes OP 6 B to KKi5 B to K2 B to QKt2 7 P to K3 8 B takes Kt B takes B 9 R to Bsq D to K2 10 B to Q3 Kt to Q2 11 Castles Castles 12 Q to B2 13 KR to Qsq P to Kt3 P to QR3 14 Q to Kt3 15 B to Ktsq B to Q3 Kt to B3 16 Kt to K5 Q to K2 17 P to KB4 B takes Kt 18 QP takes B Kt to Kt5 19 Kt takes QP B takes Kt 20 Q takes B Kt takes P

21 Q to Q7

GLASGOW (TO MOVE.)
Black 11 pieces.

(K3)



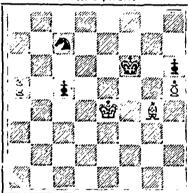
White 11 pieces.

LIVERPOOL.

21 22 Q to Q4 23 R takes Q Q to QK·5 Q takes Q QR to Q sq



GLASGOW. Black 4 pieces



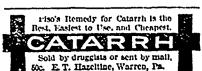
White 4 pieces. LIVERPOOL (TO MOVE) 46 B to K2 K to K3 B to B4 ch K to Q3 K to B5 Kt to Q4 K to Kt6 Kt to K6 49 50 B to K2 P to B5 K takes P P to B6 52 B to Q3 Kt to Kt5 ch 53 K to K15 Kt to K4 54 B to K4 K to B4 55 P to QR6 Resigns

The foregoing game is one of a pair played by correspondence in a match between the Liverpool and Glasgow Clubs.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. MATTHEWS, St. John, N. B.—Your last favor with enclosures received with thanks. We have mailed a reply.

JOHN M. HUMPHREYS, Tren'on.—Your card is received. Solution to Problem 303 is correct. We are pleased to learn that Problem 298 still holds your attention, and that you have so far advanced that you are "beginning to think that it is a little difficult." We trust that you will continue till you conquer it.

EPHRAIM H. HUMPRREYS, Trenton.
—Your correct solution to Problem
303 is received.

The November number of the American Checker Review is before us. This valuable magizine appears to improve with each succeeding issue, and should be in the bands of every lover and student of the game. The office to which communications and subscriptions abould be addressed is 137 Blue Island Avenue, Chicsgo, Ill., U.S. A. The latest number contsins a portrait and a short biographical sketch of H. Z Wright, the famous Boston expert. He has a wonderfully retentive memory, and has the reputation of knowing and remembering more of the literature of checkers than any other living man. He is only 34 years of age, and has as yet been beaten by only five of the acknowledged masters of the game in the United States. He is a letter-carrier in the Central Post Office, Boston, where his memory, which was developed by the study of this game, is found of great value in managing the immense volume of mail matter that daily passes through his hands.

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 303.—The position was: black men 1, 3, 12; white mon 9, 29, 30; black to move and win.

(By Messrs. Humphreys) 19. -1623-27 31-26 23 18 10 3 26-22 17-10 29 25 18 14 26 - 2216-19 3-_ 7 30 26 18 15 1-25 22 black 22. -23 31 27-19. -17 wins. 23 15 18 26 22 10

V.r. I.

Another solution from this point is as follows:

2 22 1S 23 19 Q 31 - 2727-23 24-27 3. 2 11 25 22 26 - 2318 15 23. _ 7 1. 6 hlack wins.

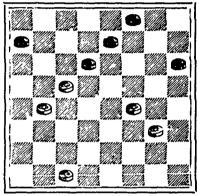
GAME 192-" SINGLE CORNER."

Played between Messre. S. Granville (black) and A. J. Grant (white.) 11-15 10-17 7--23 18 21 14 26 19 28 24 15-6-- 9 16-31 27 *22 17 25 18 24 19 29 25 27 23 27 24 20. -16 8. -11 27 23 18 32 14 18 9_ -18 11--15 ß

23 14 18 11 25 22
This brings us to the following position, which we present as—

PROBLEM 305.

Black men 3, 5, 7, 10, 12.



White men 14, 17, 19, 24, 30. Black to play. What result?

We commend this to the attention of our solvers, as we think that they will find it an interesting end game.



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