

**DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS**

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

The proprietors of THE CRITIC offer two prizes—to consist of books on Checkers—to those subscribers who shall send in the greatest number of correct solutions during the current year. No entrance fee required.

PROGRAMME FOR 1889. — We purpose, in 1889, to offer two prizes of equal value to those given in 1888, for those solving the greatest number of our problems during the year.

We shall also present two prizes to the first and second best players in correspondence matches, to be played during the year.

Intending competitors for these correspondence prizes will send their names and addresses to our checker editor, W. Forsyth, 36 Grafton Street, this city, who will pair them off, assigning from time to time which pair are to play against each other. All details of such games are to be supplied to Mr. Forsyth when they are concluded, and such as may be of special merit will be published in these columns, and due credit given to those competing therein.

If, however, a larger number of checkerists do not evince sufficient interest to contest in the problem and in the correspondence competitions than did last year, we shall be obliged to abandon this department, and to withdraw the prizes we offered.

We shall not in the current year announce the names of the solvers of the several problems, for experience has taught us that when certain competitors found that they were leading in correct solutions they lost interest in the contest. The inverse has also proved true, that others who found themselves to be losing ground retired from the contest. These two causes have made our correspondence with competitors very dull and disappointing, especially during the last three months. We hope the uncertainty as to final results that the new plan will promote will have the effect of keeping up the interest of competitors during the entire year. In every case competitors must be subscribers to THE CRITIC to entitle them to be entered as competitors.

**TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

DIXIE, Antigonish. — Thanks for your real name. Result of competition will be announced next week or the week after.

**SOLUTIONS.**

PROBLEM 78. — We left the second part of the solution — the "inner wheel" — of this problem for the further consideration of our checker competitors. "Dixie," of Antigonish, sends us the following solution, which is correct. The position at this stage was as follows: — black men 4, 21; white man 20, kg. 31; black to move and white to win: —

4—8	25—30	23—19	11—8
20—16	2—7	14—18	27—23
8—12	30—26	19—16	8—11
16—11	7—10	18—23	23—18
12—16	26—31	16—11	11—8
11—7	27—32	23—19	18—15
16—20	31—26	11—8	8—12
31—27	32—28	28—32	15—11
21—25	26—23	8—11	white
7—2	10—14	32—27	wins.

PROBLEM 80. — The position was: — black men 1, 2, kgs. 3, 12; white

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**SPRING, 1889.**

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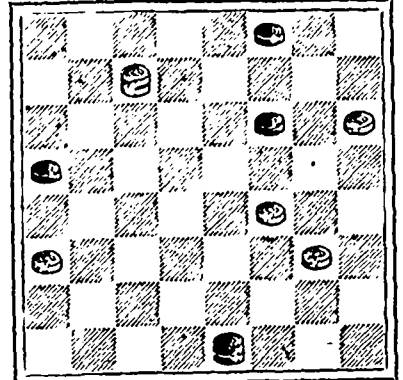
**HALIFAX, N. S.**

mon 14, 21, kgs. 9, 15; black to play and win: —

1—6	12—8	13—17	3—1
15—11	11—4	21—14	4—8
6—13	2—7	7—10	1—6
14—10	10—6	14—7	b. wins

PROBLEM No. 82.

By E. Bacon, Edinburgh.  
Black mon 3, 11, 13, kg. 31.



White men 12, 19, 21, 24, kg. 6.  
Black to play and draw.

The position is the first of our 1889 competition. It deserves careful study, for it is one of the sort of end games that players are very apt to lose in practice.

GAME No. 19.

SWITCHER.

An off-hand game played specially for THE CRITIC, between W. Forsyth and A. E. Robinson.

11—15	13—22	10—15	18—22
21—17	26—17	17—10	9—6
9—13	4—8	7—14	15—18
25—21	30—26	31—27	6—1
6—9	9—13	15—19	22—26
23—18	18—9	23—16	1—6
9—14	13—22	12—19	3—8
18—11	26—17	20—16	11—4
8—15	5—14	2—7	26—31
27—23	29—25	22—17	
1—6	8—11	14—18	drawn.
24—19	25—22	17—13	
15—24	11—15	7—10	
28—19	32—27	16—11	
6—9	15—24	10—15	
22—18	27—20	13—9	

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