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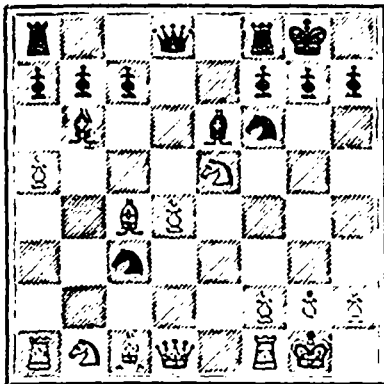
Solution of Problem No. 145: Kt to QKt4. Solved by C. W. L. and W. Holloway.

GAME No. 149

Mr. W. Lawson's game—one of 20 played simultaneously at the Coffee Palace by Mr. F. J. Leo.

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| LEE. | LAWSON. |
| 1 P to K4 | P to K4 |
| 2 KKt to B3 | QKt to B3 |
| 3 B to B4 | B to B4 |
| 4 P to QKt4 | B to Kt3 |
| 5 P to QR4 | Kt takes P! |
| 6 Castles | KKt to B3 |
| 7 P to B3 | P to Q4 |
| 8 P takes P | QKt takes P |
| 9 Kt takes P | B to K3 |
| 10 P to Q4 | Castles |
| 11 P to R5 | Kt takes P! |

[See diagram.]



What a surprise, this fine combination, to Mr. Leo, who had not met Mr. Lawson before.

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| Leo. | Lawson. |
| 12 Kt takes Kt | B takes QP |
| 13 B takes B | B takes KKt! |
- If P takes B then 14 Q to Kt3 &c, or if B takes QKt, many a pit-fall—such as—13...B takes QKt, 14, B takes P ch, K to R sq, 15, Q to Kt3, B takes R, 16, Kt to Kt6 ch, P takes Kt, 17, Q to KR3 ch, Kt to R4, 18, B takes P, Q to Q4, 19, B takes Kt, K to Kt sq, 20, B to Kt6, &c.
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| 14 B takes P ch | R takes B |
| 15 B to Kt2 | Q takes Q |
| 16 QR takes Q | Kt to Kt5 |
| 17 P to Kt3? | QR to KB sq |
| 18 R to Q2 | B takes Kt |

A let-off. Mr. Lawson might have played Kt to K6, 19, R to Ksq, Kt to QB5, &c, winning easy.

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| 19 B takes B | Kt to B3 |
| 20 B takes Kt | R takes B |
| 21 R to Q7 | KR to B2 |
| 22 KR to Qsq | R takes R |
- Bad. P to KR3 was required.
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| 23 R takes R | R to QBsq |
| 24 P to KB4 | P to QR3 |
| 25 K to B2 | P to QK4 |
- Better P to QKt3, then P takes P, P takes P, R to Kt7, R to B3, &c.
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| 26 K to K3 | P to Kt5 |
| 27 K to Q4 | P to B4ch |
| 28 K to B4 | R to Ktq |
| 29 R to Q3 | R to Kt4 |
| 30 P to Kt4 | R takes P |
| 31 P to R4 | R to Kt4? |
| 32 P to Kt5 | K to B2 |
| 33 P to B5 | P to Kt3? |

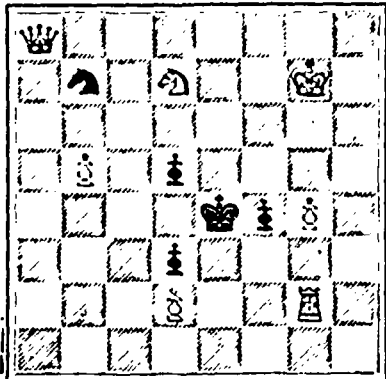
Mr. Lawson in the hurry to get away makes a series of weak moves without any fixed purpose, K to K2 would have been better.

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| 34 P to B6 | R to R4 |
| 35 It to Q7ch | K to Ksq |
| 36 R to QKt7 | R to Kt4 |
| 37 R to K7ch | K to Bsq |
| 38 K to Kt3 | R to Ktsq |
| 39 R takes P | P to R4 |
- A fatal blunder.
- 40 R to R8ch and

Mr. Lawson resigns a game which some moves previously seemed a gift for him.

PROBLEM 147.

Mirror of American Sports.
Black 5 pieces.



White 7 pieces.

White to play and mate in two moves.

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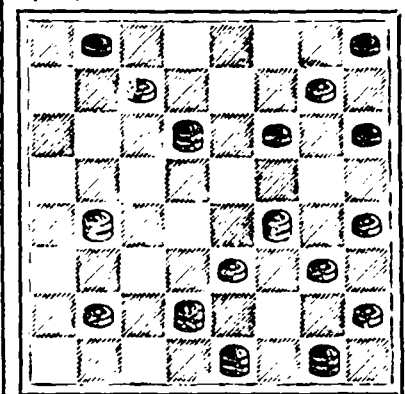
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No. 10 of Vol. 1 of *The Workman*, a weekly paper published in St. John, N. B., has reached us. In this number appears an excellent column of checkers, which it announces that it intends to keep up in each issue. It continues—"It is our intention to place this column in the front rank of Canadian checker literature" We wish the *Workman* every success with its new column, and congratulate our sister city on having a paper that will give checkers a regular place among its departments. We have placed you on our exchange list.

Ephraim H. Humphreys, Trenton
—Your solution to Problem 311 was correct.

PROBLEM No. 314.

By "First Position" in Liverpool Mercury competition.
Black men 1, 4, 11, 12, Kings 10, 26, 31, 32.



White men 6, 8, 20, 23, 24, 25, 28, Kings 17, 19.

White to play and win. The Ch. Ed. Mercury remarks:—"White it will be seen, is a piece ahead, and, if he can retain it, he will, of course, win without introducing the composer's decisive manœuvres. Can he win two ways?"

SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 312—The position was:—black men 1, 3, 7, 12, 20, King 32; white men 9, 18, 26, 27, 30, 31; white to play and draw.

18	15	2	7	10	6	16	23
32-23	11-18	16-19	12-16				
26	19	19	15	11	16	6	2
1-5	12-16	20-24	16-20				
9	6	7	11	16	20	23	19
3-8	8-12	23-27	24-27				
6	2	15	10	20	16	31	24
7-11	18-23	a-27-32	20-27				

drawn.

a Black does well to give up the piece at this stage. Otherwise he might easily lose the game.

GAME 200 "Unclassified."

Played between Mr. James Lees, Sr., of Dalmelington and Mr. Wright of Ayr, Scotland, in a match of thirty games, for a small stake, Mr. Lees having the black and Wright the white.

11-15	12-19	8-11	2-11
22	17	27	23
9-14	19-24	11-15	24-31
25	22	28	19
8-11	15-24	15-19	white
17	13	22	18
11-16	4-8	7-16	wins.
24	20	18	9
16-19	5-14	19-24	
23	16	32	28
		11	7

Although Mr. Lees gained the advantage of being three games ahead in the early part of the contest, still Mr. Wright finally succeeded in drawing the match. We confess to being curious to know if the James Lees, Jr., whose name we frequently meet in connection with checkers, is a son of James Lees, Sr., the famous checkerist of thirty years ago.

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