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PICOT.—Your writing and your signature are too blind for us to make out with any certainty. The figures in your solutions are clearly legible, and therefore satisfactory. Is your name Bill, Rice, Bice or what? Give your address in full if you want credit for solutions. Please also take the trouble to write what you have to say with sufficient clearness for one unacquainted with your handwriting to read it.

G. O. FORBES.—You are the only one who has yet expressed a readiness to be entered for the proposed tourney. Unless at least a dozen competitors enter, we shall recall our offer of a prize in this line.

"DIXIE."—At the eighth move of your solution to Problem 84 you will find that 30—26, instead of 25—29, will draw.

H. A. McD.—Your solution to Problem 86 is not a forced win. At fifth move 27 23, instead of 27 24, will draw, as shown in published solution to Problem 76.

S. C. H.—Your solution to Problem 83 is correct. We have given the point to all who sent in the draw that we published.

C. E. MORRIS, Milton.—We regret that in the game won by Smith in the match with Barker, as published us on the 25th ultimo, the black man, which belonged on 10, was omitted. By supplying this man you will have no difficulty in following the game.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 86.—This position is identical with 76 by the Editor. Its correction as below was given by both A. Whyte, of Newfoundland, and S. C. H., of Yarmouth. We acknowledge our error in this instance, and thank both gentlemen for their correction. The position is as follows:—black man 11, kgs. 10, 31; white men 23, 32, kg. 2; white to play and black to win.

23 19 10—14 19 10 26—19
31—26 1—27 23 14—7 black
32 27 11—15 2 11 wins.

VAR. I.

2 6 2 26—22 19 12 22—18
14—18 3 10 15 18—11 black
6 10 11—16 27 24 wins.

*VAR. II.

18—15 26—22 10—6 10—7
19 16 27 24 2 9 8 3
15—6 22—17 13—6 7—11
16 7 24 19 16 11
6—10 17—13 6—10 black
7 2 19 16 11 8 wins.

*This very fine variation was received from a friend in Minneapolis, Minn., U. S., A.

VAR. III.

10 7 19 10 27 18 black
11—15 18—23 22—6 wins.

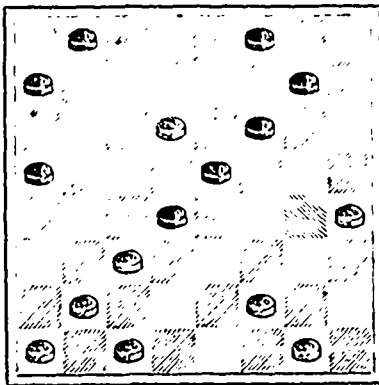
PROBLEM 87.—The position was:—black men 11, 12, 17, 23; white men 20, 30, kg. 8; black to play and win.

11—15 15 19 26—31 30 25
8 11 22—26 18 25 22—26
15—18 19 15 31—26 25 21
11 15 18—22 25 29 26—22
17—22 1—15 18 26—22 b. wins.

VAR. I.
20 16 24 19 27 18
12—19 23—27 2—26 black
15 24 19 23 30 23 wins.
26—31 27—32 31—27

PROBLEM No. 89.

By Mr. Clouset, of Philadelphia.
Black men 1, 3, 5, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18.

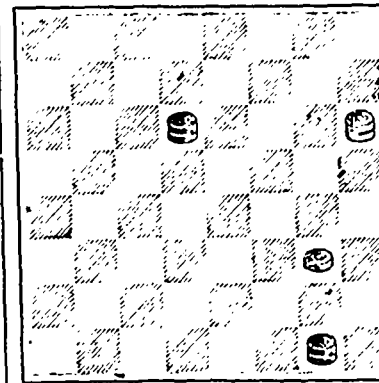


White men 10, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29, 30, 32.

Black to move and win. Being an end game this requires more consideration than most problems of its class.

PROBLEM No. 90.

By Mr. Charles Hester, of Chicago.
Black kgs. 10, 32.



White man 24, kg. 12.

White to move. What result? This is a gem.

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In diagram of Problem No. 67 the pawn on Ks. R6 should be a black one. We regret the trouble and annoyance this mistake has caused.

"W." (Halifax).—Kt on Kt4 anywhere, Q to B4 mate. Have you not overlooked Qs R at its 5th?

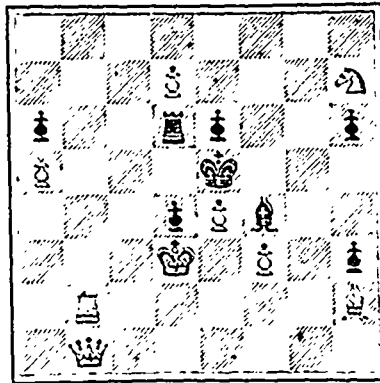
The present Sultan is one of the most enthusiastic chess amateurs in Europe. He will play the game for hours without intermission, and will not allow any matter of state to interfere with the problem in which at the time he is engaged. His Ministers often find themselves unable to approach the Imperial presence, for the reason that the Sultan is deep in a game. They and their statecraft have to wait until the Sultan has

checkmated his adversary or decided upon the next move. Abdul Hamid has his own Court chess player, a Hungarian, who receives a handsome salary for letting the Sultan win a few games off him each day. It is said that the present Court chessman's predecessor was dismissed from office because he ungenerously insisted on profiting by his superior skill, and checkmated his Imperial antagonist every time. The Hungarian master, therefore, plays a very poor game to the Sultan, and makes a point of looking crestfallen at each defeat, whereat the 35th representative of the house of Osman crows with delight and claps his hands.—Bladud.

CORRECTED.

PROBLEM No. 67.

By Rev. J. Jespersen (Svenborg).
BLACK—8 pieces.



WHITE—9 pieces.

White to play and mate in 3 moves.

GAME No. 49.

Played in the Canadian Chess Association Tourney, January 16th, 1889, between Messrs. J. E. Narraway, of Ottawa, and R. P. Flemming, of Montreal.

(Ray Lopez.)

- WHITE. Mr. J. E. Narraway. 1 P to K4, 2 Kt to KB3, 3 B to K15, 4 B to R4, 5 P to Q4, 6 Kt takes P, 7 Q takes Kt, 8 B takes Kt, 9 Q takes Q ch, 10 Kt to B3, 11 B to K3, 12 Castles QR, 13 B to B4, 14 B to B ch, 15 R to Q2, 16 R to K sq, 17 P to QR3, 18 Kt to Q5 ch, 19 Kt to K3, 20 P to QB3, 21 Kt to B5, 22 R takes P, 23 Kt takes R ch, 24 Kt to Kt7, 25 Kt to R5, 26 Kt takes B, 27 R to Q sq, 28 R to Q4, 29 R takes R, 30 K to Q2, 31 K to K3, 32 K to Q4, 33 K takes P, 34 K to Q3, 35 P to B4, 36 P to Kt3, 37 P to B5, 38 P takes P ch, Wins
- BLACK. Mr. R. P. Flemming. P to K4, Kt to QB3, P to QR3, KKt to K2, P takes P, Kt takes Kt, Kt to QB3, QP takes B, K takes Q, B to Q3, P to KB3, P to KR3, K to K2, P takes B, B to K3, P to Kkt4, P to Kkt4, K to B2, QR to Q sq, B to QKt6, P to QB4, R takes R, K to K3, R to QB sq, P to B5, P takes Kt, P to QR4, R to B5, P takes R, P to B4, P checks, P to Kt5, K to K4, P to KR4, P to KR5, P to R6, P to QR5

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