

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 258.--The position was : Black men 1, 2, 6, 20, kings 18, 23 ; White men 7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 28, 31 ; White to play and win. We asked for a dual solution of this problem, but, so far, none has been received.

7	3	2-18	13	6	23-32
18-	9	31	27	1-10	7 23
11	7	6-15	3	7	w wins.

GAME No. 155--"Alma."

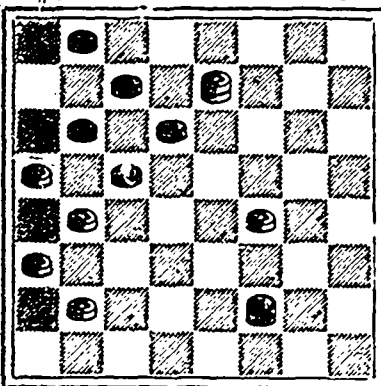
Tendered for competition in the Liverpool Mercury's tournament but rejected as not original.

11-15	12-19	8-11	19-26
23 19	23 7	28 24	30 23
8-11	2-11	4-8	18-27
22 17	17 13	24 19	32 23
3-8	9-14	11-15	20-24
25 23	23 17	19 16	23 19
11-16	15-19	8-12	24-27
26 23	24 16	16 11	11 7
7-11	11-18	15-19	27-31
31 26	29 25	23 16	7 3
16-20	5-9	12-19	31-27
19 16	26 23	27 23	3 7

This brings us to the position which we present as to-day's problem below. The Mercury remarks:--"Our competitor enters it 'on account of its neatness and brevity of solution.' It fulfils the necessary conditions, only, unfortunately, it has appeared before under the name of James Smith, the late champion of England." We concur with our contemporary.

PROBLEM 261.

Black men 1, 6, 9, 10, 14, king 27.



White men 13, 17, 19, 21, 25, king 7.
Black to play and draw.

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