

DRAUGHTS-CHECKERS

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. GASKIN.—Your letter and poem are at hand. Many thanks.

We were favored with a visit from Mr. S. C. Hood, of Yarmouth, last week and had the pleasure of engaging in a friendly contest with him. Four games were played. The result was—Forsyth 2, Hood 1, drawn 1.

Our checker editor will always be most happy to meet visiting draught players who will call upon him.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 93.—The position was—black men 3, 10, 13, 14, 23, kg, 25; white men 12, 16, 19, 21, 31, kg, 11; white to move; what result? It will be seen by the solution below that black can force a win. The position occurred in actual play between Messrs. O'Hearn and Forsyth both of this city.

- 1-19 15 3-16 11 7 2 11 20
10-19 32-27 32-28 23-26
11 15 9 6 2 7 31 22
19-24 27-23 28-24 25-11
2-15 18 6 10 7 11 black
23-27 24-28 24-20 wins.
18 9 11 7 4-10 15
27-32 28-32 20-16

VAR. I

- 11 15 15 6 16 7 21 14
3-7 7-11 14-17 23-26
black wins.

VAR. II

- 15 19 19 26 31 24 black wins.
24-27 25-30 30-23

VAR. III.

- 31 26 26 22 22 18 14 9
32-27 27-23 25-22 24-27
16 11 9 14 18 15 b. wins.
25-30 30-25 22-18

VAR. IV.

- 11 7 10 6 2 6 6-21 17
20-16 11-15 25-22 18-14
7 2 5-6 9 6 2 b. wins.
16-11 23-18 15-10

VAR. V

- 6 10 2 9 31 22 b. wins.
15-6 23-26 25-18

VAR. VI.

- 9 5 1 6 1 6 1 6
10-14 22-18 18-15 11-7
5 1 6 1 6 1 2 11
18-15 15-11 14-18 15-8
black wins.

PROBLEM 94.—The position was—black men 3, 9, 13, kgs. 27, 30; white men 12, 17, 21, 22, kg. 18; black to play and win.

- 30-26 16-11 19-16 6-2
18 15 10 6 1 5 18 14
27-24 11-15 9-14 19-15
15 18 1-6 1 17 10 9 5
24-20 a-26-23 15-6 15-18
18 15 2-1 6 22 18 14 9
20-16 23-19 16-19 18-14
15 10 6 1 5 9 b. wins.

At this point Mr. Brooks of Dartmouth shows some very fine variations arising from 15-10.

VAR I

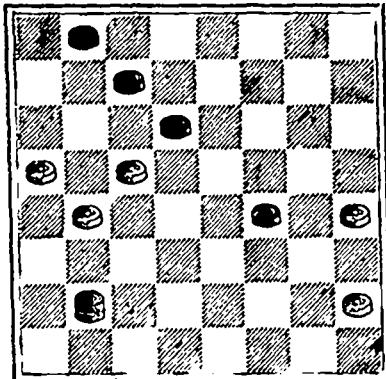
- 6 2 6 2 6 1 17 10
26-23 19-16 11-7 7-14
2 6 2 6 1 6 6 1
23-19 16-11 9-14 14-18
black wins.

- VAR. II
1 5 21 17 10 6 14 18
9-14 10-15 19-15 15-10
17 10 9 14 6 9 b. wins.
15-6 15-19 26-30
5 9 14 10 9 14
6-10 23-26 30-25

PROBLEM 95.—The position was—black men 5, 6, 14, kgs. 22, 32; white men 13, 20, 21, kgs. 7, 15; white to play and win.

- 7 10 6-15 13 9 w. wins
22-18 22 17 5-14
15 22 14-18 17 19

PROBLEM No. 70. By John Johnry, New York. Black men 1, 6, 10, 19, kg. 25.



White men 13, 14, 17, 20, 28. Black to play. What result? We warn our solvers to be careful, as this is a very fine position.

CHESS.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correct solutions to Nos. 69 and 70 received from Mrs. H. Moseley and Mr. J. Downey.

GAME No. 53

Played at Bradford

GIUOCO PIANO

- WHITE BLACK
Mr. Gunsberg Mr. Mackenzie
1 P to K4 P to K4
2 Kt to KB3 Kt to QB3
3 B to B4 B to B4
4 P to Q3 Kt to B3
5 Kt to B3 P to Q3
6 B to KK15 B to K3
7 Kt to Q5 B takes Kt

.....We would prefer here Kt to QR4.

- 8 B takes B Kt to K2
9 B to K13 P to B3
10 Q to K2 Q to Q2

.....Loss of time. He ought to have played Kt to K13.

- 11 Castles (QR) B to K13
12 P to Q4

White has already the superior position.

- 13 P takes P Q to B2
14 B takes Kt P takes P
15 Kt to R4 Kt to K13

.....Which allows the Knight to enter with disastrous effect. P to KR4 seems to be better, although it would by no means make his defence an easy one.

- 16 Kt to B5 B to B4
17 Kt to R6 KR to B sq.
18 Q to B3 B to K2
19 Q to R5 B to B4

- 20 Kt to Kt 4 Q to K2
21 Q to B5 B to Q5
22 Kt takes P oh. K to Q sq.
23 P to Q B3 P to B4
24 P takes B BP takes P
25 K to Kt sq, and wins.

GAME No. 54.

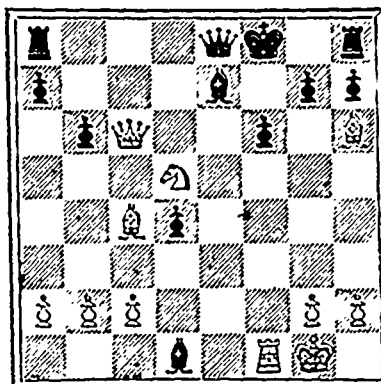
A BLACKBURNE BRILLIANT.

We are indebted to the Manchester News for the score and notes of the following, which was one game of eight played blindfold and simultaneously at Manchester.

FRENCH DEFENCE.

- WHITE. BLACK.
Mr. J. H. Blackburne. Mr. T. B. Wilson.
1 P to K4 P to K3
2 P to Q4 P to Q4
3 Kt to QB3 Kt to KB3
4 P to K5 KKt to Q2
5 P to B4 P to QB4
6 P takes P Kt takes P
7 Kt to B3 B to Q2
8 B to K2 Kt to B3
9 Castles B to K2
10 B to K3 P to QKt3
11 Kt to Q4 P to B3
12 P to B5 Kt takes P
13 P takes P Kt takes P
14 Kt takes Kt B takes Kt
15 B to QKt5 ch K to B2
16 Q to R5 ch K to Kt sq
17 QR to K sq P to Q5 (a)
18 R to Q sq B to KKt5
19 Q takes Kt (b) B takes R (c)
20 Q to K6 ch K to B sq
21 B to QB4 Q to K sq (d)
22 B to KR6 Q to Kt3
23 Kt to Q5 Q to B2
24 Q to B6 Q to K sq (e)

Position after Black's 24th move. BLACK—Mr. Wilson.



WHITE—Mr. Blackburne.

- 25 R takes P ch B takes R
26 Q takes B ch Q to B2
27 B takes P ch K to K sq
28 B to K15 ch Q to Q2
29 Q to K7 mate.

NOTES.

(a) Blackburne's last move seems to have been a manœuvre to bring about the advance of this pawn, which was really the key move of his own pretty combination.

(b) The onlookers, who had been watching the game entirely from Mr. Wilson's point of view, and evidently thought the blindfold player was beginning to get the worst of it, were quite startled by this "little bit of Morphy."

(c) Of course, if he had taken the Q he would have been mated in three moves.

(d) Mr. Wilson made this move very hastily when it was not really due, instead of waiting until Mr. Blackburne mentally came round again to his board. The right move was, obviously, B to R5. This would have secured a draw, at least.

(e) Immediately this move was made Mr. Blackburne declared mate in five moves.

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Halifax, 23rd February, 1889.