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Editor "Leeds Express." Letter received and attended to.

PROBLEM 102.—The position was:—black men 1, 14, 17, kgs 20, 26; white men 5, 19, 21, kgs 2, 10; black to play and win.

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| 17-22 | 20-16 | 19-23 | 14-9 |
| 10 17 | 14 10 | 6 2 | 7 2 |
| 26-30 | 11-8 | 23-18 | 8-3 |
| 17 26 | 2 7 | 2 6 | 2 7 |
| 30-16 | 8-3 | b-3-8 | 1-6 |
| 1-21 | 17 7 | 2 6 | 2 black |
| 16-11 | 16-19 | 18-14 | wins. |
| 17 14 | a-2 6 | 2 7 | |

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| 2 7 | 20-11 | 17 14 | 6-9 |
| 16-11 | 21 17 | 1-6 14 | 5 |
| 7 16 | 11-7 | 5 1 | 7-10 |

black wins.

a In the American Checker Review 2 7 was here played, which allows a win at once for black by 1-6.

b At this point our solvers played 18-22, 6 9, 22-17 and failed to see the white draw as follows:—10 7, 3-10, 9 14, drawn.

GAME XXIV.

"DOUBLE CORNER"

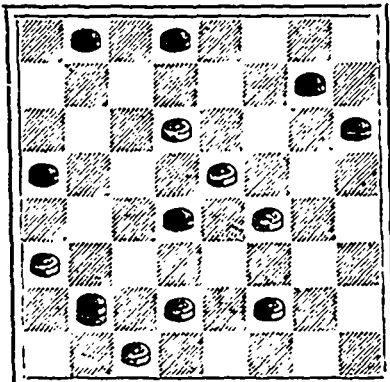
Played recently between W. Forsyth and G. O. Forbes

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| 9-14 | 15-22 | 15-19 | 4-8 |
| 22 18 | 17 10 | 24 15 | 24 19 |
| 5-9 | 6-15 | 11-25 | 25-29 |
| 25 22 | 26 17 | 20 11 | 32 27 |
| 12-16 | 7-10 | 8-15 | 29-25 |
| 24 20 | 29 25 | 28 24 | 31 26 |
| 8-12 | 3-8 | 9-13 | |
| 27 24 | 25 22 | 23 19 | |
| 10-15 | 10-14 | 15-18 | |
| 22 17 | 17 10 | 19 15 | |

This brings about the position which we give below as

PROBLEM No. 103.

Black men 1, 2, 8, 12, 13, 18, kg 25.



White men 10, 15, 19, 21, 26, 27, 30. Black to play and win.

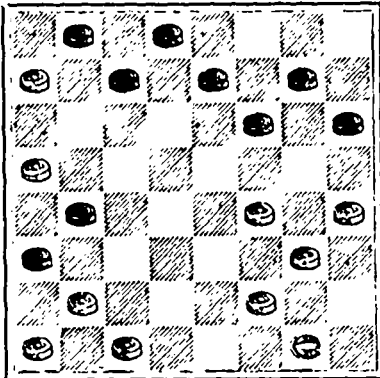
How many of our youthful students can solve this without moving a man?

Two weeks ago we presented to our readers, under the title of Game No. 22, the second game of the recent match between Messrs. Gaskin and Forsyth, which resulted in a draw.

From a certain point, as already noted, Mr. Gaskin's play was altogether new to Mr. Forsyth who, desirous of obtaining a variety of play asked for criticisms on the game. The only response received has been from the rising young player, Mr. George O. Forbes of Shubenacadie, who has furnished play showing that instead of only drawing, Mr. Forsyth should have won the game.

The position is as follows, forming:—**PROBLEM No. 106.**

Black men 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 17, 21,



White men 5, 13, 19, 20, 24, 25, 27, 29, 30, 32.

White to move and win.

We will give three points for the best solution to this problem and, as it involves considerable play, will allow two weeks instead of one to study it out.

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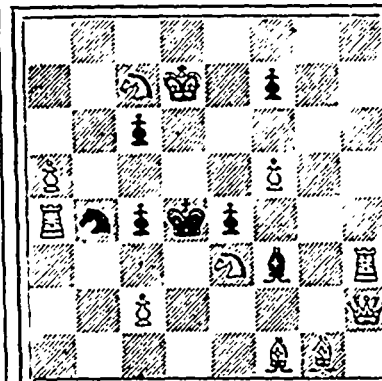
TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Solution to Problem 74.—Q to Kt2. Solved by J. W. Wallace.

Columbia, U. S., Chess Chronicle We have to acknowledge receipt of a number of this excellent chess publication. It is replete with interesting chess matter, and also gives a useful directory of the various chess clubs in the United States and Canada.

PROBLEM No. 76

From Art and Literature, Glasgow By T. H. Billington, Wolverhampton. BLACK—7 pieces.



WHITE—11 pieces.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

GAME No. 58.

By correspondence between James F. Burns, of Columbia, Ohio, and A. Hood, of Toronto, played as a companion game to one in the International Tourney, which is still in progress.

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| WHITE. | BLACK. |
| A. Hood. | James F. Burns. |
| 1 P to K4 | P to K4 |
| 2 Kkt to B3 | Qkt to B3 |
| 3 B to Qkt5 | P to QR3 |

- 4 B to R4
 - 5 Castles
 - 6 B to Kt3
 - 7 R to K1
 - 8 B to Q5
 - 9 P to Q4
 - 10 Kt takes P
 - 11 P to KB4
 - 12 P to QB3
 - 13 B takes B
 - 14 P to KB5 (d)
 - 15 P to KR4
 - 16 Kt to Kt6
 - 17 P takes Kt (e)
 - 18 Q to K2
 - 19 Q to K6 ch
 - 20 Q to B6 ch
 - 21 Q takes Kt
 - 22 B to R4
- KKt to B3
 - P to QKt4
 - Kt takes P (a)
 - Kt to QB4 (b)
 - B to Kt2
 - Kt to K3
 - B to K2
 - Castles
 - Kt to QR4 (c)
 - Kt takes B
 - Kt to Kt4
 - P to KB3
 - P takes Kt
 - K to B2
 - P to Q4 (f)
 - K to K1
 - Q to Q2
 - K to B2
 - Resigns

NOTES BY A. HOOD.

- (a) I can find no published game in which Blk has ventured to capture this P.
- (b) A move which drives White's B to a favorable position; he should have retreated Kt to B3.
- (c) P to KB4 was expected here, and was the only move to prevent immediate disaster.
- (d) After this Black cannot avoid loss.
- (e) White in making this move overlooked Black's reply, who would have resigned at once if P takes P had been played instead.
- (f) Here I think the game might have been prolonged indefinitely had Black played R to R1.

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