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R. M. Owen, the famous Swansea half back (of the Welsh Jones and Owen) is one of the smallest and, at the same time, one of the cleverest of Rugby

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footballers. The pair are likely to play together in the international this season, especially as D. Ll. Lloyd, of Newport, has retired.

Colin Gordon, who is connected with the Millwall and is the hon. treasurer of the Southern League, is one of the best known personalities in

MR COLIN GORDON
Hon. Treasurer Southern League.

Southern football circles. In appearance he may be expressively described as a second Lord Rosebery, and the affinity extends to their oratorical powers, for Mr. Gordon can talk well on any subject under the sun. He is a devout Scot.

Quite a number of changes in position have taken place in the First Division of the Northern Rugby Football League, as the results of last Saturday's afternoon's matches. Bradford, Runcorn, Warrington all drop out of the leading section, in consequence of losing their unbeaten record, and it may be noted with satisfaction that each of the "stingers" fell before a Yorkshire opponent, and even Bradford's reverse was at the hands of Brighouse Wheatsheaf Rangers. Leeds, Halifax, and Batley improve their positions a little, each gaining their first victory; and Keighley can be complimented on a great improvement in drawing with Leigh.

Altogether the position is rather more favourable for Yorkshire clubs than before; though there are certain features by no means gratifying to observe. There are now only four teams which have won each of the matches played, and of these Yorkshire claims two in Hunslet and Hull Kingston Rovers, a couple that very few would, before the season began, have chosen for such an honour. So far as the uncertainty of football. The unsatisfactory element in the situation is, that after the first two competitions in all against the White Rose; it is two Yorkshire clubs which now remain at the bottom without a solitary competition point. It must seem curious that Wigan, the only team that has not scored a point on the field, should have the advantage over Hull and Huddersfield.

The early indications in the Second Division giving some of the idea of another Yorkshire Club getting to the top. It is true that Castleford and Brighouse Rangers share with St. Helen's, Rochdale Hornets, and Millom the credit of beating each opponent once; but there is a greater scoring power about the Castleford trio which suggests their going further than their rivals. Otherwise there is no material change in the position, though it must be admitted that Holbeck and Brainley have proved rather disappointing.

In the Association contests of Saturday last the most noteworthy feature in the programme arranged by the First League was the unusual success of the visiting teams. The reorganized Notts County team gained a richly deserved victory over Aston Villa on the Baseball Grounds, Notts Forest suffered at home at the hands of Blackburn Rovers, Stoke were in arrear against Sheffield United, and does not by any means exhaust the list of cases in which the visitors gained points, for as Small Heath, Sheffield, and West Bromwich the visitors—Aston Villa, Bury, and Middlesbrough respectively—all succeeded in dividing the honours.

As the result of the matches, Sunderland, through the stability of Sheffield Wednesday to do more than keep with the Cup-holders, regain their place at the top of the League. Except for the fact that they have played one fewer match than Sunderland, both Sheffield United and Manchester City possess as good a record as the leaders, and by their performances on Saturday it is apparent that they are teams which promise to have a successful season. The drawn at West Bromwich gives both the Albion and Middlesbrough a point apiece, but Liverpool have yet to break the ice. The delightful weather which prevailed made for a pleasant for spectators and players alike.

There can be no doubt about professional Association Football having caught the eye of Bradford and district, enthusiasts, for though the gate on Saturday last was again returned at 14,000, as on the occasion of the first home fixture, there were certainly more people in attendance. It is also to be remembered that on Saturday there was not a large number of complimentary tickets to allow for, nor persons had gone merely out of curiosity. It was a gate under normal conditions, hence the greater the reason for the friends of Soccer rejoicing. The officials confident that the receipts were greater than a fortnight ago. Then, again, the team won a most interesting game where few dared to dream of them having any chance, such was the reputation of Bristol City; so one need not be surprised at Soccer being in the ascendant in Bradford.

The meeting at the Crystal Palace last Saturday, under the Anerley Bicycle Club's auspices, was of more than ordinary importance. The programme included a team match at one mile between the Polytechnic Cycling Club and a team of riders representing "All England, the "All England" team winning by two points; a five miles' pursuit race, in which L. Meredith defeated G. A. Olley by thirty yards; a five miles scratch race for the Saturday Hospitals Sports Challenge Cup, which ultimately went to the holder, A. L. Bend, by virtue of his third win; and the ten miles championship of London centre of the National Cyclists' Union, the result of the hard-earned event being a win for A. R. Wills, of the Putney A.C., by three yards.

A fresh 24-hours' unpaced record for Yorkshire and the north was a week ago made by C. Elmhirst, of Farnham, near Knaresborough, who covered 325¼ miles in the time. The previous record was 313½ miles, held by Mark Higham, Thornton-le-Dale. The ride was timed by T. W. Monkhouse, Knaresborough, vice-president of the Yorkshire Road Club.

A meeting of the International Board of the Amateur Gymnastic Association was held on Saturday last at the Compton Hotel, Liverpool, Mr. J. A. Taylor (Dublin) presiding over a full attendance. It was decided that in the International Club's Championship (Adams Shield) the number of a competing team be reduced to six. The items for that and for the International Team Championship were fixed as follows:—(1) Rope climbing, without legs; (2) Rings (standing); or Horse; (3) High Jump or Rope climbing, the jump to start at 4 feet 6 inches, and maximum height of rope 27 feet from the floor, each competitor to have choice of items in Nos. 2 and 3. It was resolved at the same meeting that the International Team Championship should be held in England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, alternately, and that the association promoting the contest take all risk of profit or loss. The contest this year will be in Wales.

The annual conference of the Yorkshire Junior Branch of the National Physical Recreation Society took place on Saturday last at the Leeds M.C.A., Mr. J. J. Grainger presiding over a large attendance of representatives from Yorkshire Gymnasia. It was decided to introduce the following items in this year's competition, viz., bar bell drill, horizontal bar, and high jumping; 168 marks to be the maximum for each item, and the jump to commence at 5 feet 6 inches, with a maximum of 5 feet 4 inches. It is anticipated that a large number of gymnasia will affiliate to the society, principally from the Sheffield district.

A qualifying competition to determine the five candidates to represent the Northern Section of the Professional Golfers' Association in the tournament that is to take place on the Sunningdale links next month, will be held on Tuesday, over the Friday course at Huddersfield. In order to add to the interest of the occasion, the members of the Huddersfield Golf Club subscribed £42, of which £30 was offered in eight prizes, which £12 was handed over to the Benevolent Fund of the Association. Those who qualified were E. Ray, A. H. Toogood, A. Herd, W. Toogood, and T. Simpson.

The entries for the Blackpool Bowling Handicap closed at 704, which is a record, the last best being 662, in 1900. Under the circumstances the heavy rain probably last another three weeks, much, however, depending upon the weather, which up to now has been beautiful and seasonable, and unprecedented at any previous Blackpool handicap.

The Leeds Ladies' Swimming Club held its eighth annual gala at Meanwood-road baths on Monday night. A large company witnessed some good exhibitions in the competition for the Yorkshire Championship, and in the members' handicap of 100 yards. Miss Hilda C. Thorpe, the present holder of the championship, was again able to carry off the silver shield, and she likewise obtained the silver cup (to be retained for a year), the prize offered for the most competent club member. The Lady Mayoress (Mrs. John Ward) presented the prizes.

A sensational motor-car trial was accomplished on Saturday at the Crystal Palace, the head-quarters of the reliability trials which the Automobile Club are conducting. The driver of a 5-8-h.p. Oldsmobile succeeded in getting his car up the steps from the grounds to the Palace terrace with its own power and unassisted by any one. The gradient is 1 in 2.

Mr. Ernest Walker, a son of the Mayor of Pudsey, and a member of the Brighouse Cricket Club, has won the Leeds Jubilee batting prize with an average of 50.50 per innings, being closely followed by Fred Blam, Leeds.

CYCLING CLUB RUNS.

SATURDAY.

East Hunslet.—To Boston Spa, at 2.15.
Leeds Albion—To Monk Fryston Park, at 2.30; to Lofthouse.
Leeds C.U.H.O. Old Scholars—To Lofthley and Farnley, at 2.30.
North Leeds—To Barwick, at 2.30.

SUNDAY.

East Hunslet.—To Hickleton, at 1.45.
Harrogate—To Roundhay Park, at 2.
Leeds Parkville—To Rudgwick, at 10.
North Leeds—To York, at 9.30.

WEDNESDAY.

East Hunslet—To Methley, at 7.15.
Leeds Harehills—To Lofthley, at 2.30.
Leeds Albion—To Methley, at 2.30 and 7.30.

SUNDAY.

Olaf Nielson, steward of the Danish steamer Nordhavet, from Hamburg, was remanded at South Shields on Tuesday, on the charge of having concealed 109 bottles of spirits about the vessel.

A DAILY OCCURRENCE.—New cures resulting from the use of Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people are daily coming to light in all parts of the country. Particulars of a Leeds case are published in this issue. Dr. Williams' pink pills have cured paralysis, locomotor ataxy, rheumatism, and sciatica; also all diseases arising from impoverished blood, scrofula, rickets, chronic erysipelas, consumption, of the bowels and lungs, anæmia, pale and sallow complexion, general muscular weakness, loss of appetite, palpitations, pains in the back, nervous headache, and neuralgia, early decay, all forms of female weakness and hysteria. These pills are a tonic, not a purgative. They are genuine only with the full name—Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people—and are sold by chemists, and by Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Holborn-viaduct, London, E.C., at 2s. 9d. a box, or six boxes for 15s. 6d.

CHESS.

Sir S. 1903.

All communications for the Chess Department should be addressed to "Chess Editor, Mercury-office, Leeds." Problems received up to Tuesday evening will be acknowledged at the "Supplement" on the following Saturday.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Sergeant-Major.—Yes; the Resolvers are not yet included in the several solvers' tables, partly because they may be at so very distant date. The solvers in Leeds are included.

F. W. Hippon.—We have been unable to test the soundness of your last version of the two-er, but we hope to give a decision very shortly.

G. W. M.—Thanks; will forward to Mr. Keeble with the others. Yes, Gardner's problems do have very fine "play." Have decided to give your Retractor, and so receive.

E. H. Williams.—Very best thanks. Full particulars next week.

F. H.—You will see what you have waited for above. We have it quite safe.

SPECIAL SELFMATE TOURNEY.—We have several suitable problems which we have held so long on hand that we have decided to give them publication in a setting contest special to themselves, to avoid interference with the current twelve tourney. We will start with the close season next week, with the first problem, and continue at the request which shall not be a long date.

Solutions received since last acknowledgment from—
Of Nos. 2,660.—The Dean, Bristol; H. Tucker (Ilkley), F. Newsome, G. W. Middleton, C. V. Howard, R. H. Terrington, Hewen Pridgeon.
Of Nos. 2,676-8.—Harold T. Pinhey, G. C. Middleton, Sergeant-Major, Rev. Jas. Fleming, F. Hipwell (Brockley) (3), Hartlebury, Arthur J. Head, Mr. Spalding, Wm. Nicol (Alva), Jas. Wright, J. W. Howell, Thomas Bentz, J. Nunn (Alva), Hewen Pridgeon.
Of No. 2,678.—W. R. Bigelow, Jas. Wright, F. Hipwell (Brockley).
Of Nos. 1,676, 7.—Harold T. Pinhey, J. W. (Jersey), J. Greenwood (Burnside), H. Hemming, J. W. Dixon, W. H. Gardner, Wm. Gibson.
Of No. 2,672.—Wm. Gibson.
Of No. 2,668.—Retractor No. 5, by Mr. Fisher (continued).—Sir Jas. Bevan, Rev. Jas. Fleming, Wm. Gibson.
Of No. 2,662, Mr. Pinhey's Retractor No. 6.—Mrs. W. J. Baird, R. G. Thomson.

SOLUTIONS.

No. 2,679.—By H. W. BARRY, Boston, U.S.A.

White.	Black.	White.
1 Q to B 5	1 K R moves, or 1 K 1 Q moves	2 Mates.
	1 K R to K 1	2 Kt to B 6, mate
	1 K R to K 2	2 Q to K 5, mate
	1 K R to K 3	2 Q to K 8, mate
	Dual.	1 Q to R 1, mate
	1 K Kt moves	2 Kt to B 6, mate
	1 Q Kt takes R	2 Q takes Kt, mate
	1 Q Kt to R 5	2 Q takes Kt, mate
	1 Q Kt, other	2 R to K 5, mate
	1 R, or K, any	2 Q to Q R 5, mate.

No. 2,679.—By MAX FEIGL, Vienna.
First Prize, Leeds Mercury Tourney.
Key, 1 Kt to B 7.

Black.	White.	Black.	White.
1 K to K 4	1 Kt to K 6 ch.	1 K to Kt 4	2 B to K 5, mate.
1 K to K 5	1 Kt to K 6 ch	1 K to Q 4	2 Kt moves, mate
1 Kt to B 4	2 P to B 3	2 Kt to K 4	3 Mate.
1 Kt to Kt 4	2 P to B 3	2 Q to K 5	3 Mate.
1 Kt to Q 4	2 P to B 3	2 Kt to Q 4, mate.	
1 K to Q 4	2 P to B 3	2 Any	3 Kt to Q 4, mate.
1 K to K 3	2 Kt to B 4 ch.	2 Any	3 Kt to K 4, mate.
	2 Kt to B 7 ch.	2 K moves	3 B to K 5, mate.
1 K R any	2 Kt to B 7 ch	2 Any	3 B to K 5, mate.
Dual.	2 Kt to B 4 ch.	2 K moves	3 B to K 5, mate.
1 P to B 5	2 Kt takes P	2 K to Q 5	3 Mate.

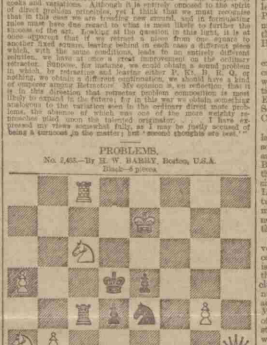
We are compelled to omit correspondents' criticisms this week. Mr. Philip H. Williams, of Wimbledon, sends some good, if not novel, criticism, particularly of which will be announced next week. We shall be glad if the other solvers will put the young man at his ease by their numerous votes of note on the look-out for next week's contest.

MR. PINHEY'S RETRACTOR No. 1.—The correspondent who wrote the critique of Mr. Pinhey's, which critique we published Sept. 12th, has given us another critique, which, he states, he second thoughts to be best, and is on account of troublesome then. He is desirous for change in the Retractor. He writes:—

"With regard to my criticism on No. 1, I have fortunately or unfortunately, been in a position to see the Retractor at work and variations. Although it is entirely opposed to the spirit of chess problem composition, I feel it my duty to state that in this case we are treading new ground, and it formulates more than the same number of first moves, and yet retains the charm of the art. Looking at the question in this light, it is at another level from the ordinary Retractor, and I feel it should stand good course, leaving behind in each case a distinct piece which, in the same number of moves, the Retractor, if allowed to move, would have at once a great improvement on the ordinary retractor. Suppose, for instance, the Retractor is a wood pawn on a white square, and leaves either P. K. B. K. Q. or nothing, we obtain a variation of the ordinary Retractor, and yet it is this direction that refinement position is sought for. I fully appreciate the difficulty of the task, but I think something analogous to the variation seen in the ordinary direct mate problem, the Retractor, if it can be found, would be a most popular innovation plus upon the talented originator. I have expressed my views somewhat freely, as I may be fairly regarded as being a curmudgeon in the matter; but I second thoughts are usual, I

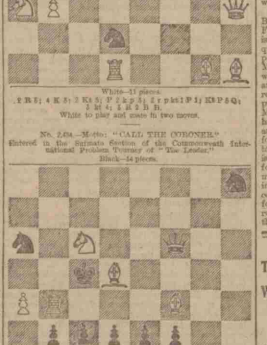
PROBLEMS.

No. 2,681.—By H. W. BARRY, Boston, U.S.A.
Black—8 pieces.



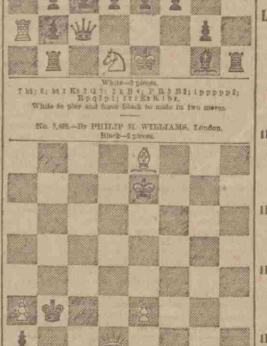
White—11 pieces.
K R B; 4 K R; 2 K R; P 2 k p 2; 4 p p; p p k 1 P 1; K P 3 Q; 1 P 1 P P P; 1 P 1 P P P.
White to play and mate in two moves.

No. 2,682.—Mr. "CALL THE CORONER" (Entered in the Sigmata Section of the Commonwealth International Problem Tourney of "The Leader.")
Black—14 pieces.



White—9 pieces.
7 R; 8; 8; 1 K 1 Q 2; 1 k B 3; p R 1 B 1; p p p p p 2; R Q 4 1; 1 P 1 P P P.
White to play and force Black to mate in two moves.

No. 2,683.—By PHILIP H. WILLIAMS, London.
Black—2 pieces.



White—5 pieces.
4 B 1; 4 K 1; 2 k; P 1 P 2; p 2 Q 4; 3 r.
White to play and mate in three moves.

GAMES.

No. 2,580.—Another combination game at the Plymouth meeting, in which Mr. Gardner (White) contest against Messrs. Bellingham and Gunston (Black).

EVANS DECLINED.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
M. Gard.	Bel. or Gun.	M. Gard.	Bel. or Gun.
1 P to K 4	P to K 4	17 Q to Q 2	Q to Q 2
2 Kt to K B 3	Kt to Q B 3	18 R to Q 3	R to Q 3
3 B to B 4	B to Q B 4	19 R, Kt to K 1	B to Q 3
4 P to Q Kt 4	B takes P	20 B to Q 3	B to Q 3
5 P to Q 3	B to Q 3	21 R to Q 3	Q to Q 1
6 P to B 3	Kt to B 3	22 R to Q 2	Q to Q 1
7 P to Q 3	P to Q 3	23 R to R 1	R to Q 2
8 P to K R 3	P to Q 4	24 P to Q 4	P takes P
9 P takes P	Kt to K 5	25 Kt takes P	R to Q 3
10 P to K 4	Kt to Q 3	26 Kt to Q 3	Q to Q 2
11 Kt to B 3	P to B 3	27 Kt to Q 5	Q to R 5
12 P to K 5	P to K 4	28 P to K 6	P takes P ch
13 Q to Q 3	Q to K 2	29 K takes P	R takes P
14 P to K 6	P to Q 4	30 Kt to K 6	R to R 3
15 P takes P	Q to Q 4	31 Kt to B 5	P to R 3
16 P to Q 4	P takes P	32 Kt takes P ch	P takes P ch
17 P takes P	Kt takes P	33 K to B 1	R to R 3
18 Q to R 4	B to K 3	34 Q to R 4	R to R 3
19 Q takes Kt	B takes Q	35 R to K 6 ch	Kt to R 3
20 R takes B	Q to K 2	36 R takes P	R takes R
21 P takes Q	Q to R 1	37 Q takes R	Kt takes P

(a) Very few games have been published of late years on the present opening, the assertions of the classic home always adopted by those who thoroughly understand it. The present move is perhaps the best when attempting Steinitz and some beautiful games have resulted from its adoption.

(b) P to Q 3 is the usual move, but P to K 4 gave, was for some time a favourite mode of proceeding, but experience showed such strong counter-attacking moves for Black.

(c) The falling moves are quite enough, given the opening over to the defence. Black defence against Gambiteers rather than Black attack, characteristic of the Evans, is resumed. Black could now take the pawn with P. P to Q 3.

(d) The only advantage for this move is to get the K to the Q side, and it is doubtful if it is worth the time. Better to P to Q 3, which has the weakness of the Q Kt P, but the P goes on to Q 4. On the whole, the game is about even at this stage.

(e) Black's game is now cramped, and he has to make the best of it, his 13th move which was fatal. A few pretty moves follow, and White wins.

(f) A very useful move. Black lost a little time by moving his P to Q 4, because the exposure of his Q Kt was not of much value. White tries to render the Q R Pawns of some value, and Black's game is not improved by the exchange of P. Black could have played to p 4, but this has a higher defect as well.

(g) This move appears specious, but it costs some time, and this little check seems to decide matters. If 30 K takes P, R to R 4, 31 K to Q 3, R to R 7, 32 R to Q 2, R takes R, 33 R takes R, and the Kt on Q B flies. And if 30 R to R 3, 31 R to K 6 ch; 32 K to Q 3 or 32 K to K 3, R to Q 8 ch; 33 K to Q 3, 34 K to K 3, R to Q 7; and Black will take the Kt.

AN EMINENT CHESS PLAYER.

It is more than a year ago since we received a communication from the well-known Leeds player, Mr. F. R. Hussey. We are pleased therefore to find from the "Peterborough Express" the following account of his recent chess exploits, coupled with those of an older date in Leeds and Yorkshire:—

A well-deserved compliment has just been paid to Mr. R. R. Hussey by the Peterborough Chess Club. Mr. Hussey is probably the greatest expert of the game in the city, and he has been created a honorary life member of the club in recognition of his numerous services in many ways, and especially in raising the standard of play among the members. The honour was conferred with hearty unanimity on the proposition of Mr. Chderton, seconded by Mr. S. Shrive. Mr. Hussey was for years honorary secretary of the Leeds and Yorkshire Chess Clubs, and on severing his connection with them received a Staunton set of ivory chessmen as a token of the members' regard and appreciation. He has played in inter-county matches with nearly half the counties of the three kingdoms, and in many other important contests. That Mr. Hussey's skill at the great intellectual recreation has not abated is evident from the fact that during August Bank Holiday week he accepted fifty-five challenges at his club, and won every game!

CHESS ITEMS.

The Press reports that Giza Mercury has abandoned chess, and accepted a professorship of higher mathematics at Bodo-Pesth. As the professorship needs not necessarily compel abandonment of chess, it is to be hoped he will have not heard the last of the talented master in the field of chess-play.

It is reported that Mr. Marshall, to make doubly sure, has accepted both the challenges of Blackburne and Lee. Further, to keep well in exercise, he has promised to publish a book on the chess opening. If Marshall can prove as brilliant as his play, and original as his conceptions in handling a position, chessdom need not despair of a dull work.

Since his return to the States, Mr. Pillsbury is taking a well-earned rest; we cannot, unfortunately, say he is enjoying a rude health, as he has been very much given to ill-health. He proposes to go on an extensive chess tour during the autumn and early winter months. While he is resting he is indulgent in the lighter work of arranging his fixtures for his tour.

At present it is uncertain whether a tournament will be organised in Monte Carlo for the coming season, at least by the original active promoter, M. de Rivieres. Perhaps the little disagreement which prevented the two quarrelsome parties from participating in the last part in the last tournament, may have something to do with it. However, we are promised early information of decision.

Blackburne, who has been on a chess tour in Ireland is expected in London this week. He has been very successful in Dublin; of 26 games played simultaneously he won 17, drew 4, and lost but one. He finished the exhibition there of six games resulted in 5 wins and 1 draw. Early in October he starts for the north of England, Scotland, and returning, will tour through the Eastern Counties.

The honours now falling thick and fast upon the Midlands chessplayer, Mr. Bellingham, will be well deserved. They have set an excellent example to young aspirants for chess fame, and the annual meeting of the Birmingham Club, which takes place early in October, these young champions are asked to give an "alternate" simultaneous display, similar to those given a year ago by Teakes and Mason. Mr. Bellingham also gives a lecture on October 3rd, on a selected opening, at the Birmingham St. George's C.C. A short chess history of the new champion is given in the Birmingham "Daily Post" this week.

The September "Checkmate" concluding the second volume, and the good news is announced that it will be continued a third year. The advance yearly subscription is but one dollar (4s. 2d.) for English subscribers. In the present number the Tourney Problems are concluded, a double quantity having been given in the August number. The problems number 43, and these will be adjudged by Mr. G. E. Carpenter as soon as possible. Many of the positions are of the novelty class; the idea of the tourney was to bring out new conceptions in construction, and we believe the idea has succeeded. We wish this bright magazine a continued healthy existence.

Mr. Lee has offered to stake £25 in favour of Mr. Blackburne in the matter of playing a match with Mr. F. J. Marshall. It is pleasing to know Mr. Blackburne is in improved health just now, for he indulges in his quiet bits of humour even respecting the match; and people who are unwell are not often inclined for joking. Dr. Marshall would prefer a match of ten games up, with stakes of £50 a-side, and a time limit of 15 moves an hour. The amount of £50 a-side was mentioned in reply to Mr. Blackburne's challenge, which he had proposed £25 a-side and five games up. On receipt of Dr. Marshall's proposition, Mr. Blackburne replied that he could not play a match of more than five games up, and that the stakes he suggested, £25, were reasonable; and "I have come to Mr. Blackburne's city, hoping, in a little humour, "as far as this country is concerned, it is a very large amount!" What a reproach for British, for when honour is has occasion to fight against the world for many years, that she might keep her place among the intellectual nations! Surely, after this fiti, stakes should come rolling in, and Blackburne's claim become clear for the honour of having the contest decided in their rooms. But we have heard of no chess Carnegie up to the present.

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When then with study deep has tired,
And over-fatigued my brain,
Then I turn this page, which will refresh
My wits and it amuse. Stable (Idaho).

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. S. Branch (Cheltenham).—Your interesting letter not claim space, and shall have our best attention. If the Kelso game was, as you conjecture, a form of backgammon, what of the game of "Tables" played by the Romans? Mr. Bell, referred to by Dr. Gardner Wilkinson in his "Ancient Egyptians" (vol. 2, in the "Dictionary of Science," vol. 1, p. 78, 14) records that an ancient papyrus preserved in the museum at Leyden represents a man playing the game with "Anubis." Thanks.

R. Byrne (London).—Solution received too late for acknowledgment last week. Shall reach office on Tuesday.

G. W. M. (Marlborough).—Note reply to R. Hume, Mr. Dunne's problem was first published in the "Mercurio Chiaqlio" less years ago. Quite possible it has been anticipated, as the little "squeeze" is obvious to a tyro.

SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS.

No. 2,601.—Mr. DUNNE'S.
Black men: 1, 2, 12; king 27.
White men: 15, 17, 20, 22, 24.

(a)1- 6*	14	7	(b)27-32*	(c) 3	4	11-15	
(1)17 14	8-11		22 18	27-23*	6	2	
6 10*	15	9	32-27*	18 14	2-6	Drawn.	

(a) 2-7 loses, forming Problem No. 2,602.
(b) 11-15, 9-6, 27-32 (c), 6-2, 32-23, 2-6, 23-19, 6-10, &c., W. wins.
(c) 27-32, 6-2, 23-26, 22-17, 26-23, 2-7, &c., W. wins.
(d) 24-19, 27-32, &c., drawn.

24 19	27-24	20 16	26-16	15 11	18-15	
*8-12 (d)18 15		24-20	11 7	22-18	Drawn.	
22 18	9- 6*	16 11	14-23	7 2		
(2)						
19 16	15 11	11 8	3 8	11 16		
12-19	10-15	18-22	26-30	26-23		
16 12	17 14	8 3	8 11	16 11		
2- 6	15-18	22-26	30-26	23-18		
						Drawn.

No. 2,602.—Mr. DUNNE'S.
Black men: 1, 7, 12; king 27.
White men: 15, 17, 20, 22, 24.

22 18*	24 19	15 8	2 6		
(a)27-23	26-22	17-10	7-11	W. wins.	
*17 14	18 15	15 6	6 2	"First	
(1)15-26	22-17	10-15	11-15	Poetica."	

(a) 27-32, 24-19, 32-27, 19-15, 27-23, 18-14, 23-18, 15-10, W. wins.

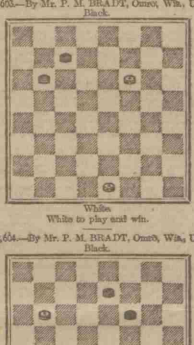
		(1)				
7-11	(2)22-26	26-22	(3)22-17	17-10	1- 5	
13 9	24 19	19 15	15 8	9 6	5 1	
					W. wins.	

(b) 1-5, 15-8, 22-13, 9-6, W. wins.

1- 5	22-26	26-22	22- 6	5- 9	9-14	
9 6	6 1	14 10	1 10	10 6	24 19	
					W. wins.	

N.B.—The solutions last week should have been numbered 2,599 and 2,600; and the Problems 2,601-3.

PROBLEMS.
BRADY'S TWINS.
No. 2,603.—By Mr. P. M. BRADY, Omro, Wis., U.S.A.
Black.



White.
White to play and win.

No. 2,604.—By Mr. P. M. BRADY, Omro, Wis., U.S.A.
Black.

White.
White to play and win.

The above are taken from the "Grifin Post," the editor of which, remarks that "they are both educational and practical."

THE JORDAN-FREEDMAN MATCH GAMES

Played in the match for the World's Championship and a stake of £50, at Edinburgh, July, 1903. Annotated by Mr. Frank Dunne, Nottingham.

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No. 15.—"Dundee" (12-16, 21-17).

Black: JORDAN.		White: FREEDMAN.			
12-16	(e)17 14	1- 6	30 25	12-22	14 5
21 17	10-17	21 14	10-17	(j)26 17	7-21
(a)9-13	14 9	(f)26-22	22 11	(k)18-22	29 18
(b)25 21	4-10	24 19	2- 6	(l)31 26	11-16
(c)6-10	29 25	6- 9	17 14	10-15	24 19
(d)13 9	10-17	27 23	(h)9-13	19 15	21-25
11-20	25 21	(g)6-10	22 17	5- 9	22 17
					Drawn.

(a) A fine combination for bringing out original and critical play.

(b) 24-20, as played by Yates against Wyllie is the strongest play here, but, both, it is after the most explored, and Freedman being a game behind was bound to try for "fresh fields and pastures new."

The following interesting variation was played between Yates and Wyllie:—

24 20	11 15	25 21	27 23	22 17	17 13	
8-12	4- 8	12-19	14-18	13-22	13- 8	
26 21	29 25	21 14	23 14	26 17	10 6	
16-19	8-10	1- 6	8- 9	9-13	2- 9	
23 16	27 23	22 27	18 10	30 26	13 6	
12-19	10-17	11-15	19-24	13-22	5- 9	
17 14	14 10	14 18	10-17	25 17	6-13	
10-17	8-12	7-14	15-24	24-28	8-12	
					Drawn.	

(d) 5-9, 13-6, 2-9, 20-16, 3-8, 16-12, 8-11, 10-6, 11-15, drawn.—Jordan v. Stewart, First Scottish Tourney.

(e) Strong, and leads to quite an original game; 5-9, 23-18, 11-15, runs into a variation of the "Switcher."

(f) If 24-15, 11-25, 29-22, 5-9, 23-18, 10-15, 18-11, 8-15, Black has the better game.

(g) We have seen two sound alternatives here, viz., 22-25 and 24-19; probably 30-25 will also draw.

In the first instance, for example—if 22-25, 5-9, 17-14, 9-13, 25-22, 10-15, 24-15, 11-20, 22-17, 31-26, 15-18, 24-15, 2-7, 32-27, and the game is equal