IXED THEIR DATES,

Western Trotting Horse Owners Have a Very Lively Meeting.

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he Enormous Sum of $570,000 to Be Offered as Purses.

ESULTS OF GUTTENBERG RACES.

arbett Says He Is Willing to Fight Mitchell at the Proper Time.

ENERAL SPORTING NEWS OF THE DAY

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Horsemen representing the Western-Southern trotting circuit, held an exciting meeting in this city last night, and did not adjourn until 2 o'clock this morning. The Northwestern Association of Trotting and Pacing Horse Breeders claimed two weeks in August for the World's Fair meeting. C. W. Williams, of Independence, Ia., of kite-track fame, claimed the same dates. Fourteen towns in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, and Tennessee were represented. Williams declared that he did not give a rap for Chicago, and it was only after a wordy siege of four hours that he consented to give way to Chicago.

Another row was provoked when Secretary Allen of the Northwestern Breeders' Association asked that Joliet, his home, be given the week following Chicago. He stated that, if the association refused to take Joliet in, a meeting would be given anyway, and that enough horses could be secured from Chicago to make it a success. Williams asserted that if Joliet followed Chicago he would throw up his dates and work against Chicago. These dates were finally adopted: Sturges, Mich., July 31 to August 5; Grand Rapids, Mich., August 6 to 12; Chicago, August 14 to 26; Independence, Ia., August 28 to September 9; Kansas City, Ia., September 11 to 16; St. Joseph, Mo., September 18 to 23; Columbus, O., August 28 to September 2; Indianapolis, Ind., August 4 to 9; Columbus, Ind., August 18 to 23; Terre Haute, Ind., August 30 to September 2; Evansville, Ind., October 2 to 7; Belleville, October 9 to 14; Nashville, October 16 to 28. Entrance fee will be 5 per cent, and the rule giving four moneys in a race was stricken out.

Hereafter each track will run its races to itself. There will be dash races for the trotting public, and many of the races will be best two out of three, instead of three or five as heretofore. Lexington, which puts up $75,000, comes in between Evansville and Nashville.

The circuit will hang up purses aggregating $570,000.

THE GUTTENBERG RACES.

Tolerably Good Day for the Talent and Excellent Racing.

GUTTENBERG, Dec. 9.—(*Special.*)—There was some excellent racing here to-day. The event did well and the bookies did badly. Summaries:

First race, purse $400, of which $50 to second, for fillies, winner to be sold, five furlongs—Enola 98, Stewart, first; Laurenska 98, Cunningham, second; Elect 107, McDermott, third. Commodore 107, Flavilla Slip 96 and Topeka 110 also ran. Betting—Enola, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1; Laurenska, 5 to 1 and 3 to 1; Elect, 1 to 2 and out; Commodore, 2 to 1 and 3 to 2; Flavilla, 8 to 1 and 3 to 1; Topeka, 8 to 1 and 12 to 1.

Second race, purse $400, of which $50 to second, four year olds, winner to be sold, five furlongs—Persistence 106, McDermott, first; Reticle 93, Griffin, second; Caracus 98, H. Jones, third. Jack Pot 96, Lizzie 97, Autrim, Jr., 105 and Nellie Hooker 105 also ran. Time, :59¾. Betting—Persistence, 1 and 2 to 5; Reticle, 3 to 5 and out; Caracus, 4 and 5 to 5; Jackpot, 15 to 1 and 6 to 1; Kerry 105, 20 to 1 and 8 to 1; Autrim, Jr., 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; Nellie Hooker, 15 to 1 and 4 to 1.

Third race, purse $400, of which $50 to second, mile and one-half furlong—Miss Dillon, 97, Penny, first; Foxford 119, Martin, second; Power 104, Griffin, third. Priscilla Wright 97, 107 and Eldon 105, also ran. Time, 2:37. Betting: Miss Olive, 5 to 1 and 7 to 5, Foxford even and out; Power, 3 to 1 and 7 to 5; Priscilla Wright 3 to 1; Glitter 11., 4 to 1 and 6 to 5; Eldon 10 to 1 and 3 to 1.

Fourth race, purse $400, of which $50 to second, mile and a half, winner to be sold, one mile—Bilbrick, 115, Grever 104, McDermott, second; King Crab 117, Horton, third. Violin also ran. Betting: Bilbrick, 1 to 2 and out; Grever, 6 to 5 and even; King Crab, 12 to 5 and 6 to 5; Violin, 15 to 1 and 4 to 1.

Fifth race, purse $400, of which $50 to second, one mile and one-half, winner to be sold, one mile—Bilbrick, 115, Grever 104, McDermott, second; King Crab 117, Horton, third. Violin also ran. Betting: Bilbrick, 1 to 2 and out; Grever, 6 to 5 and even; King Crab, 12 to 5 and 6 to 5; Violin, 15 to 1 and 4 to 1.

Sixth race, purse $400, of which $50 to second, one mile, four and a half furlongs—Excitement 106, Griffin, first; Oregon 112, H. Jones, second; Bob Sutherland 106, Hughes, third. Van Tassoone 107 and Frisco 104 also ran. Time, :57. Betting: Excitement, 3 to 1 and even; Oregon, 3 to 1 and 6 to 5; Bob Sutherland, 2 to 1 and 4 to 5; Van Tassoone, 11 to 5 and 4 to 5; Kinstone, 5 to 1 and 2 to 1; Frisco, 20 to 1 and 10 to 1.

Seventh race, purse $400, of which $50 to second, mile and a half, seven furlongs—Arrael 105, T. Hurst; Lallah 99, H. Jones, second; Glenmore 105, McDermott, third. Adalgisa 102, Tanner 104 and Jupiter 109 also ran. Time, :32½. Betting: Arrael, 1 to 3 and out; Lallah, 3 to 1 and 6 to 5; Glenmore, 6 to 1 and 8 to 5; Adalgisa, 20 to 1 and 4; Panhandle, 20 to 1 and 2 to 1; Jupiter, 10 to 1 and 20 to 1.

To-Day's Guttenberg Card.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 9.—(*Special.*)—The following entries were sold here this evening on to-morrow's races at Guttenberg:

First race, three-fourths of a mile—Joe Courtney 98, Rock 122, $3; Mart 114, Power 112, $6; Play 112, Jamestown 112, Merry Duke 112, $10; Uptown 110, Fenden 103, $10; Macauley 104, $6; Forest 105, $5; Bolivar 97, $5; field, $5.

Second race, five-eighths of a mile—Bob Sutherland 106, Gold Stream 110, Belle D 105, Grayrock 98, Bob Arthur 101, $5, Turk II, 99, $6; Culpepper, Indigo 90, others, $2 each.

Third race, five and one-half furlongs—Little Phil, $2; Reddemonio 112, $8; Blitzen 112, $10; Harry 107, Burlington 107, $15; Flattery 99, $8.

Fourth race, five-eighths of a mile, selling—Miss Dixie 106, Vocalize 103, $10; Ada B 103, Mamie 100, $10; Ish 100, Suspense Slip 100, Miss Bess Kingwood 97, Rochelle 97, others $2 each.

Fifth race, five-eighths of a mile, selling—Pollux 106, $10; Mamie B 110, $2; Miss Olive 110, $5; Trigger 105, $5; Berwyn 105, $5; Jester 102, $6; Cross 105, $2; Marmont 95, $2.

Sixth race, one mile, selling—Thorndale 107, $10; Derby 104, Freezer 101, $5; Remorse 101, Sir Will 98, Tasso 92, $10; Milo 92, $5; Glendive Belle $2 each.

THE HORSE COURT.

Board of Review at Work on Some Peculiar Trotting Race Cases.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The Trotting Association Board of Review held an executive session to-day. In the cases of G. W. Speer, of Cummings, of Michigan; A. Lukens, of Hoile, N. J.; George Taft Parma, of Bingham, J. H. Morrow, of Washington, D. C., and Martin Demorest, of Binghamton, temporary reinstatements were considered. In the case of S. G. "McO'Donnell" reinstatement was granted, with notice that further evidence were not produced it will go by default. In the case of the black mare Marks, alleged to be Louie, the horse disappeared from the track and Thomas E. Bell and W. P. Lytle suspended until all entrance fees taken in the case were refunded.

A hearing was given to H. C. Potter, of Ferrisburg, Vt., whose mare Tempest was sold at Cleveland in 1891. The mare is a roan animal, and was entered in lower races at Syracuse as Lady Lecrester; at Cleveland as Mollie A. by a man named Frank Wright. Wright was arrested and confessed upon the discovery of the fraud at Cleveland. Afterwards the mare was taken to South America, and is now near New York. Mr. Potter in asking for reinstatement had been entirely unaware of the statements of Wright at the time he was fraudulently entering Tempest.

The board also took up the hearing of the case of Joseph McDaniel and William Kerr for the expulsion of Colonel E. S. Edwards, of Newark, N. J., for an alleged discussion of times at Lancaster, Pa., while he was serving as starter. The trouble was over H. C. McCrary's horse "R H W," a horse entered in the 2:35 class.

O'Connell Did Well.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Doc O'Connell, of Boston, is being heartily congratulated by friends for his good fight against George Dixon, the clever Australian. O'Connell forced the fighting until his strength gave way. The first half of the fight was all in O'Connell's favor and the spectators were prepared to see him win. He bled the Australian several times. In the seventh round O'Connell had a strong lead. He jabbed his left repeatedly. However, the tide turned in the eleventh round, and then Dawson had it all his own way. O'Connell dropped a dozen times to avoid punishment. The twentieth round decided his fate.

Authorities on Trotting.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The Trotting Association's Board of Review had a comparatively short session to-day. Just be ore the day's proceedings were over, Colonel E. S. Edwards, of Newark, N. J., a well-known starting judge, arrived from Nebraska. Serious charges, affecting his honesty in his official capacity, were made against him Tuesday by Uriah Bitzer and John McDaniels, both of Lancaster, Pa., who were fined $100 each by Colonel Edwards at a recent meeting there. The Colonel explained why he was not present Tuesday, and came now in response to a dispatch which reached him only on that day at Lincoln, Neb. He stigmatized the charge as false and malicious, and said that with a day or two grace he could bring plenty of rebutting evidence. C. Bassini, of Newark, gave evidence in favor of the Colonel, and said that Bitzer had admitted to him that he had been pulling his gelding, John Stronm, for two seasons past.

Want to Come East.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Charles T. Bridge and James Cross, executors of the estate of the late millionaire, Walter S. Hobart, have asked the Supreme Court for permission to sell at auction the famous trotting stock now on Whipple ranch in San Mateo county. They desire to take the horses to New York where they say better prices can be realized than in California. Among the horses is Stamboul 2:07¾, champion trotting stallion of the world.

Valuable Trotters Sold.

LEXINGTON, Dec. 9.—Gideon, a bay colt 2 years old, by Wilton, dam Qui Vive by Sentinel, has been sold by Bowerman Bros., of this city, to C. H. and S. E. Coe, of New York, for $9,000. The same breeders sold to Messrs. Coe a 3-year-old bay colt by Wilton, dam by Mambrino Patchen, for $2,000.

HALL SIGNS ARTICLES.

He Agrees to Satisfactory Terms to Fight the Australian Kangaroo.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9.—Hall's articles to fight Fitzsimmons differ but little from those originally forwarded to him. He agrees to make a satisfactory deposit with the club, guaranteeing his appearance, but also provides that the club shall deposit $5,000 to be divided between the pugilists in case anything happens to prevent the match. He also fixes the weight at 160 pounds.

There is nothing in the new articles to which either the club or Fitzsimmons will object, so that the match is now regarded as certain. The club has given its word to heed the request of the carnival's societies, and will arrange its sport to take place either two weeks before or the same period after Mardi Gras. Captain Williams was sent to New York to arrange all the preliminaries, and the date will be one of the matters upon which he will consult the principals and come to an understanding satisfactory to both men. Hall will doubtless insist upon the latter date, as it will give Mitchell an opportunity to come over and second him. Captain Williams will remain in New York and endeavor to sign several other boxers of note, so as to make up a triple event which will be as attractive as the carnival in which Corbett won the championship.

Hall will probably come down with Captain Williams and select training quarters. If Fitzsimmons keeps away from Bay St. Louis, as he says he will because the Carroll camp there is still intact, it is likely that the place will be recommended to Hall.

CORBETT IS PLEASED.

He Talks About Mitchell's Forfeit for a Championship Battle.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 9.—"I'm glad to hear that Mitchell is coming to this country just as soon as he finishes his term of imprisonment on the other side," said Jim Corbett to me behind the scenes in the second act of "Gentleman Jack" at the Grand Opera House last evening.

"Why?" was the inquiry.

"Because then I will have a chance to fight him. I am anxious to meet him for personal reasons."

"Jim is hot to fight him," chimed in Manager Brady. "Mitchell talks about $10,000 a side. We will accommodate him for that sum or as much more as he wants. Corbett will be prepared to fight him in the club offering the largest purse next September or October, and we will cover all the stake money he cares to put up. Isn't that so, Jim?"

"Yes."

"Has Mr. Corbett any choice of where to fight?" was asked of Mr. Brady.

"Not at all. Corbett will fight in New Orleans or at the Coney Island Athletic Club, whichever offers the most money. We have never expressed any choice of clubs. All that Mitchell needs to do when he arrives here to post a forfeit and we will cover it for any amount."

"I see that Goddard expresses the determination of pushing Corbett for a match since he has defeated Maher," said the reporter.

"That's all right," said Brady. "Let him talk, but he must fight Jackson first to settle the championship of Australia."

WHAT GODDARD SAYS.

He Points Out That Corbett Must Fight Him for the Championship.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9. — After his fight with Maher at the Coney Island Athletic Club tonight Joe Goddard said:

"Maher is a terrific hitter, but he is not as good a man as I expected to meet. After the first round I was satisfied I could beat him."

Asked as to his intentions for the future, Goddard said spiritedly: "I mean to make Jim Corbett fight. He has been calling me down long enough and I think I have demonstrated by this time that I have a right to aspire to the championship of the world. Corbett cannot be a champion and a play actor at the same time. I shall post a forfeit of $1,000 or for that matter one of $5,000 and if he does not consent to fight within a year I shall let the forfeit go to bind a match with any man living. I fought Peter Jackson to a standstill in eight rounds, and I am sure I have beaten more men and better men than Corbett has.

"I admit that Corbett is one of the cleverest men I ever saw but he cannot hit one tenth as hard as the man I have just beaten. Corbett has ignored my challenge but I don't see how he can get out of the match."

How Pugs Make a Good Living.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—A cablegram was received to-day by Richard K. Fox from Atkinson, in London, saying that Frank slavin would fight Joe Goddard if the Olympic Club of New Orleans would put up a $10,000 purse. The Coney Island Athletic Club will probably bid for the fight, and the Crescent Club, to get the fight, must put up another large purse. Captain Williams, of the Crescent Club, is in New York. The Coney Island Club received a very large sum of money as their share of the proceeds of the Goddard-Maher fight last night, and they will hardly allow the Crescent to have this Goddard-Slavin fight without making them pay well for it.

Ryan and Dawson.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Immediately after the result of the Dawson-O'Connell fight at San Francisco last night became known in Chicago, Tom Ryan affixed his name to articles of agreement for a finish contest with Dawson for a $5,000 purse before the Olympic Club, of New Orleans, the fight to take place the first week in March. Ryan's backers announced that aside from the purse they are willing to wager any part of $10,000 that the international championship will be won by the Chicago man. The articles were signed and forwarded to President Charles Dixon.

Both Men Are Fit.

BRADDOCK, Dec. 9.—[*Special.*]—The hundred yard race between Arthur Farr, of this place, and William Bennett of Homestead, will be run to-morrow afternoon at the old race course at Bessemer. Both men are reported fit, and the money staked on the event is going even.

Corbett Furnishes Bonds.

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—Pugilist James J. Corbett to-day furnished full bonds in the suit brought against him by Joe Lannon, the Boston fighter, who wants $5,000 because Corbett did not appear at his benefit. This settles the matter until the case comes to trial.

Satisfied at Last.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 9.—This is the first year that the managers of both contesting football elevens have expressed themselves as satisfied with the management of the Thanksgiving Day football game. Manager Moffitt, of Yale, and Manager Fraser, of Princeton, have just forwarded a congratulatory letter to the University Athletic Club of New York, which had charge of the affairs this year.

THE SKATING RINK.

A Western Writer Says a Few Words About the Suggestions.

The good brethren over in Pittsburg are talking of converting their ball park into a skating rink, and thus giving the Smoked Italians a chance to go into training on steel runners. The idea is all right, but you can't tell about the ice.

The project recalls a sad Cincinnati memory. Some years ago a toboggan slide was built out at the ball park by some enterprising young men who saw a fortune in that winter sport. Well, there wasn't enough snow fell that year to make amateur ice cream sufficient to serve the Children's Home, and when the spring time came the enterprising young men were glad to escape with their lives, leaving enough lumber on the hands of Colonel Stern to build a World's Fair structure of respectable size.—*Cincinnati Times-Star.*

General Sporting Notes.

FRANK MORRIS—Goddard is a white man.

BOB MAYNARD, the old-time jockey, died at Atlanta last week.

THERE will be some lively betting on the Myer and Burge contest.

MANY Pittsburgers won considerable money on Goddard's victory.

THERE is a probability of a match between Mitchell and Goddard.

ED REILLY and Charles Ward will wrestle at New Castle on the 17th inst.

"DUTCH" NEIL and Johnny Daly are likely to get together soon in St. Louis.

GEORGE DIXON isn't in the best of trim. He has a sort of an abscess over his left ear.

DOMINICK MCCAFFREY wrote his Pittsburg friends advising them to back Maher against Goddard.

WALTER C. HOWE, '94, of Dedham, has been elected business manager of Amherst's football eleven for the season of 1893.

TOMMY DANFORTH, of New York, and "Kid" Ryan are to meet before the Dallas Athletic Club for a purse of $500 and a stake of $1,000.

SALVATOR'S weanlings are attracting great attention in California. The pick of the lot is said to be a colt out of Chimera by imp. Mortemer which is said to be the image of his sire.

MIKE DONOVAN and Dom McCaffrey have arranged to spar three exhibition rounds at the Madison Square Garden December 17. They are rival boxing instructors at the New York and Manhattan Athletic Clubs.

THE managers of the Eastern Baseball Association met at the Hotel Kenmore in Albany yesterday afternoon and closed up the business of the last season. The guarantee money deposited by each club was returned.

THE suit which Joe Lannon has brought against Jim Corbett for failing to spar at his benefit will probably be settled out of court, as Corbett's manager offered to settle the matter with Lannon yesterday, but the latter referred him to his counsel.

THE GAME OF DRAUGHTS.

1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	
29	30	31	32	

REFERENCE BOARD.

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Black men occupy squares 1 to 12; white men squares 21 to 32. Black men always move first.

Checker Headquarters—Home Hotel, Duquesne way, between Eighth and Ninth streets; at Samuel Seeds', 35 Seventh avenue, and Allegheny Checker Club room, Sterritt Building, Ohio and West Diamond streets.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Positions, Problems, Games and Checker News will at all times be welcome. All communications to be addressed

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SOLUTION TO PROBLEM No. 205.

BY JORDAN AND FRAZIER.

Black—1, 3, 7, 28; king, 24.
White—9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19.
White to move and draw.

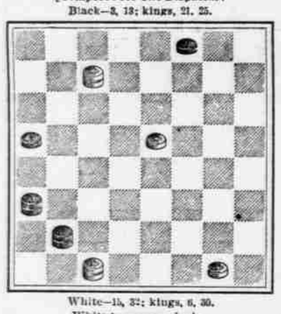
12—8	9—6	15—6	6—2	2—18	18—14
3—12	1—10	24—15	12—19	28—32	Drawn.

PROBLEM No. 206.

BY L. M. STEARNS, DERRY DEPOT, N. H.

[Composed for The Dispatch.]

Black—3, 13; kings, 21, 25.



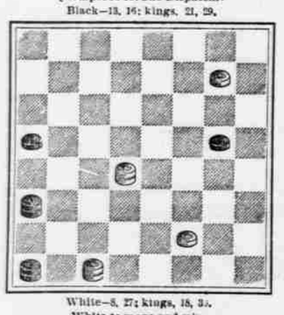
White—15, 32; kings, 6, 30.
White to move and win.

PROBLEM No. 207.

BY L. M. STEARNS.

[Composed for The Dispatch.]

Black—13, 16; kings, 21, 29.



White—8, 27; kings, 18, 30.
White to move and win.

PROBLEM No. 204.

BY J. WYLLIE, CHAMPION OF THE WORLD.

Black—5, 11, 32.
White to move and win.

The above problem appeared last week in a diagram. The conditions were stated wrong; instead of white to move and draw, it should have read white to move and win.

GAME NO. 400—OLD FOURTEENTH.

Played in Wilkinsburg, Pa., December 6, between Mr. George Shawfield and a friend.

MR. SHAWFIELD'S MOVE.

11—15	4—8	14—18	9—14	5—9	15—19
23—19	17—13	29—25	22—17	26—22	23—16
8—11	9—14	5—9 a	1—5 b	12—16	11—20
22—17	25—22	26—23	30—26	19—12	W. wins

(a) The move in the text, is given as a loss in the American Draught Player; but it is a move that is taken by nearly every natural player. For this reason we consider the game of importance to the beginner, and will repay careful consideration. The play for the draw in the A. D. P. is as follows:

11—16	17—14	1—10	19—15	23—22	15—10
21—17-1	10—17	26—21-3	22—25	1—6	18—22
16—23	19—10	10—14	15—10	22—17	28—24
26—19	6—15	26—23	29—25	24—19	16—20
7—11	13—6	18—22-4	10—6	17—13	24—19
31—26	2—9	23—19	25—22	19—15	22—25
6—9-2	22—6	15—18	6—1	11—16	Drawn.

VARIATION 1—BY STURGES.

25—22	16—23	31—27	10—20	21—17	10—14
8—11	17—13	12—16	30—26	7—10	17—10
23—14	10—26	27—27	5—9	25—21	B. wins.

VARIATION 2.

6—9	17—14	1—10	27—2a	9—13	21—17
13—6	10—17	26—22	18—27	25—21	White
2—9	22—6	5—9	32—23	3—7	wins.

VARIATION 3.

26—23	23—18	15—18	18—14	14—9	9—6
18—22-5	15—22	10—15	11—16-6	16—19	Drawn.

VARIATION 4.

12—16	30—26	18—27	21—17	21—25	23—18
24—20	3—7	22—23	14—21	28—23	30—26
8—12	27—24	15—18	23—14	25—30	W. wins

VARIATION 5.

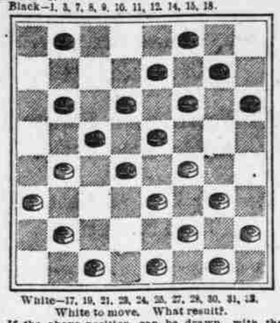
3—7	10—17	17—22	22—31	31—24	White
23—14	25—21	30—26	24—20	28—3	wins.

VARIATION 6.

12—16	15—18	13—19	23—26	28—22	23—26
30—26	14—10	8—7	16—12	3—7	10—14
22—31	11—15	20—15	25—30	15—10	White
24—20	10—7	7—11	12—8	11—15	wins.
31—24	8—10	19—23	26—23	19—23	A.D.P.
28—12	12—8	20—16	8—4	7—10	

(b) We have always considered that 6-9, 13-6, 2-9 would give blacks a stronger game than 1-5, and we will give a copy of Lee's Guide to the game of draughts, to the first sending us play, showing a forced win for white from the position diagrammed as follows:

Black—1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18.



White—17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32.
White to move. What result?

If the above position can be drawn, with the blacks, it will correct variation 39, in the American Draughts Player; where 1-5 is given and white wins easily.

GAME NO. 401—BLACK DOCTOR.

BY J. MACFARLANE, GLASGOW.

11—15	29—25	15—19	26—19	3—10	7—2
23—19	2—7	8—15	17—26	14—7	25—22
8—11	27—23	10—19	30—22	17—21	2—6
22—17	6—10	31—27	10—17	7—3	23—14
9—13	24—20	6—10	21—14	22—26	6—13
17—14	11—15	a30—16	7—11	19—15	14—18
10—17	28—24	5—11	c14—10	26—30	15—10
19—10	14—18	22—18	11—16	23—18	18—15
7—14	22—14	11—15	18—14	d—9	10—6
25—22	1—6	b25—22	13—17	d3—7	15—19
4—8	32—28	19—23	10—7	30—26	B wins.

(a) 22-10 loses. Mr. Wyllie played this against the late Mr. Yates and lost.

(b) 18-15 draws.—Lee's Guide.

*—I submit this to win and correct Lee's Guide. Mr. Clouser plays 30-26 here and allows W. to draw.

(c) I submit this to draw for white and correct Lee's Guide:

19—15	23—24	18—9	23—18	5—1	1—6
11—16	17—22	22—26	31—26	1—5	
13—11	14—9	9—5	18—14	14—10	Drawn.
13—17	5—14	26—31	26—22	17—22	

(d) If 15-10 or 11, 30-25, 15-18, 26-31, B. wins.—*Courier.*

GAME NO. 402—WHITE DYKE.

The following two games on this interesting opening are from the Liverpool *Mercury*, England, by Chiel, in Club Papers No. 2.

In furnishing the figures introductory to Wardell's problem (Lyman's $40), Mr. McMaster expresses his surprise that no one had succeeded in finding the run up or the game, but thinks the unattractiveness of the position must have discouraged the study. The following are his figures:

11—15	4—18	11—16	11—16	6—10	5—9
22—17	26—23	27—23	22—18 b	23—21	25—22
8—11	6—9	16—20	8—10	10—17	9—13
17—14 a	24—19	32—27	23—21	21—14	18—15
9—18	15—24	2—6	10—17	7—10	10—14
23—14	28—19	31—26	21—14	14—7	15—10
10—17	9—18	8—11	1—6	3—10	14—17
21—14	23—14	26—21	27—23	30—25	B wins.

(a) Upon this move, says Mr. McMaster, the "Blue Slasher" (Mr. W. Martin) built his reputation.

(b) Form's problem 840 in Lyman's book: The succeeding moves give the solution.

The above game has been entered on the minutes of "Our Club." CHIEL.

GAME NO. 403—WHITE DYKE.

BETWEEN E. CLARK AND R. D. PETERSON.

11—15	10—17	1—6	12—16	3—10a	15—24
22—17	21—14	27—23	22—25	18—14b	22—6
8—11	6—9	4—8	16—19	9—13	9—18
17—14	26—23	25—22	31—26	26—23	31—22
9—18	9—18	6—9	7—10	19—26	Drawn
23—14	23—14	23—18	14—7	24—19	

(a) This forms a very neat problem. White to move and draw.

(b) There may be a "forlorn hope" by 22-17, but this beautiful stroke destroys all hope of a win for black.—W. Beattie.

GAME NO. 404—WHITE DYKE.

BY J. LEES, DALMELLINGTON.

11—15	9—13	11—15	16—19	6—9	18—25
23—17	23—14	28—24	23—16	17—13	29—22
8—11	4—8	a 8—11	8—22	9—13	6—10
17—14	26—23	30—26	25—18	31—26	2—6
22—17	15—18	12—16	13—22	1—6	e 2—6
21—14	24—20	b 32—28	26—17	26—22	W wins

(a) Loses; 6-9 draws. See Lee's Guide, page 128, var. 5.

(b) Corrects Game No. 203, Dundee *Weekly News*, where 24-19 is played, and Black wins.

(c) 10-14, 22-18, 14-17, 23-19, 17-22, 19-15—W. wins.

AMERICAN-SCOTTISH CHAMPIONS.

BARKER'S REPLY IN REVIEW LIKELY TO CLOSE FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS.

Mr. Barker's reply in November number of the A. C. R. to Mr. Ferrie's challenge to a match for $500, on the restricted principle of the Searight-McKelvie match, thus states his objections to the restriction: "In regard to the Searight-McKelvie restriction, I do not approve of that kind of a match. I will ignore all challenges to me based on this style of restriction. I play checkers for the science, and what money is in it."

CHARLES F. BARKER.

The leading Scottish checker column, the *Herald*, replies to Mr. Barker as follows:

Mr. Barker's reply it will be seen, is such as almost to close further negotiations. Does he really mean that the Searight-McKelvie system is not scientific? Surely it is the opinion of many, it brings out, more than any other, the natural qualifications of the contestants. By no possible "crank" could a player cover all the openings; and, if he selected some few in which to be well posted, they might never come out of the bag. There is no "fear" on the part of Mr. Ferrie's supporters that he would lose on a "scientific foothold," but that science they consider will be best shown by a series of games that open up the least trodden paths of the board.

The Searight-McKelvie system, it is further stated, was not laid down as a hard and fast line, but as the one on which Mr. Ferrie preferred to play; and it was optional for Mr. Barker to name any other restriction he wished—the possible outcome being the division of the match into two sections combining the games preferred by both principals. Chicago was named as the place of play because "all the world and his wife" will be there in the course of next summer, and also because it occupies the position of the leading checker-playing city of the United States. Neither Boston nor Providence could supply a "gate" like Porkopolis—an object of considerable importance when the expenses entailed in connection with such a match are taken into consideration.

H. I. JACKSON VS. CHICAGO CLUB.

To the Checker Editor of the Dispatch:

I notice in THE DISPATCH that reports say I am not holding my own with the players here. The following are my scores to date:

	Wins.		Wins.		
Hefter	4	Jackson	2	Drawn	0
Denvir	2	Jackson	3	Drawn	5
Crowell	9	Jackson	13	Drawn	6
Starky	8	Jackson	12	Drawn	5
Slocum	7	Jackson	12	Drawn	4
Chicago	30	Jackson	41	Drawn	20

I only met checker players at Crestline, O., and Ft. Wayne, Ind. At the former the score was Jackson, 7; all others, 1; drawn, 1. At the latter, Jackson, 22; all comers, 4; drawn, 7.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4. H. I. JACKSON.

Our authority for the report we made that Mr. Jackson was not in it with the Chicago players was the following from the Woonsocket *Reporter*:

"Jackson is doing very little with the Chicago players, Denvir, Crowell, Starky and others winning easily. Head beat him 5 to 0 and 3 or 4 drawn. He tried to ring in a bluff about playing anyone there but Hefter for money. Mr. Hopkins offers to make a list of ten players, residents of Chicago, and Mr. J. can take his choice at $100 a side."

CHECKER CONDENSATIONS.

Mr. J. Hill has a work in the press, to be issued shortly, devoted solely to the interest of the beginner.

Harry Shearer, of Dundee, is coming to the front as a blindfold player; at the conclusion of the Jordan-Fraser match, he contested eight boards at one time, against eight of the strongest players of the club. He won 5 and 3 were drawn.

Mr. George D. Sherrow, of Pittsburg, won the prize offered in *Journal* for the best solution to problem No. 43, being the only correct solution sent in. This is the second time Mr. Sherrow has carried off first prize in a solving contest.

The final round for the draughts championship of Queensland will be fought between Mr. C. F. Abraham, the winner of the youths' championship tourney in the Melbourne Centennial Congress, and Mr. F. Passey, the Captain of the Brisbane Draughts Club.

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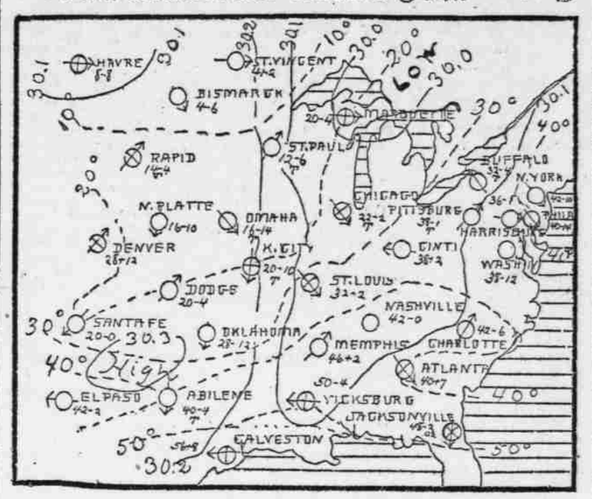
FROM OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 P.M.



EXPLANATION.

CLOUDLESS. PARTLY CLOUDY. CLOUDY. RAIN. SNOW.

Arrow flies with wind.

First figures at station indicate temperature; next figures indicate change in temperature; and figure underneath, if any, indicate amount of rainfall or melted snow in hundreths of an inch during past 12 hours; T indicates trace of precipitation; isobars, or solid black lines, pass through points of equal pressure; isotherms, or dotted lines, equal temperature.

Storms generally move from West to East in atmospheric waves, of which the crests are marked "High" and the oval trough, or depression "Low." These waves move Eastward on an average of 600 miles per day.

High winds, rain or (if cold enough) snow, Southerly winds, and consequently high temperature, usually precede "Lows" across the country.

When the "Low" passes East of a place the wind changes to North, bringing lower temperature, clearing skies, and often cold waves and Northers.

The high area brings sunshine.

FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA, WEST VIRGINIA AND OHIO—Generally Fair, Except Snow Flurries in the Lake Regions; Winds Becoming West; Colder, Except in West Virginia.

WEATHER CONDITIONS—The barometer has fallen decidedly in the Rocky Mountain region noth of Idaho. It has risen east of the Rocky Mountains, there being no marked departure from the normal. The temperature has fallen decidedly on the Atlantic coast from Maine to Florida and in the Lower Missouri Valley. Generally fair weather has prevailed, except light rain on the Atlantic coast this evening and very light snow flurries in the Lake regions and the Lower Missouri Valley.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 9.—The Local Forecast Official of the Weather Bureau furnishes the following:

BAROMETER—8 A. M., 30.08; 2 P. M., 30.08; 8 P. M., 30.10.

RELATIVE HUMIDITY—8 A. M., 72; 2 P. M., 58; 8 P. M., 63.

PRECIPITATION past 24 hours from 8 P. M., trace.

TEMPERATURE—8 A. M., 34;