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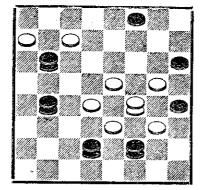
ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Geo. B. Brown.—Your solution to Problem 24 is not correct. Your play, 5.1, 9.2, 18.14, 17.10 is not forced. Black has the option of taking the two pieces with king on 27, 27.11, etc. Try again.

PROBLEM 25.

By C. Lee, Warrington.

(From "Hobbies.")



Black to play and draw. Black-2, 6, 16, 17, 19, 24. White-3, 16, 26, 28, 32, king 3. The draw is extremely critical.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 24.

Black—3, 12, 20, kings 9, 17, 26, 27. White—5, 6, 15, 16, 18, 23, 24, king 19. White to play and win.

15.11	20.27	12.19	3.10
9.2	10.6	15.6A	5.1
18.15	2.9	1815	10.14
27.18	19.15	11.7	6.10
15.10	White	wins.	
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CENTRE GAME.

Showing a little trap played at the English Championship Tourney, 1891: 11.15 19.15 11.15 17.14 18.23 22.15 23.19 10.19 28.24 9.13 27.11a 13.31 8.11 24.8 12.16 32.28 20.27 Black 22.17 4.11 30.26 6.9 31.24 wins. 15.18s 26.22 16.20 21.17 9.18

A If 26.10, 9.18, 22.15, 7.50, Black wins. B An opening not much practised, but capable of a still greater development.

The following two games were contested at Halifax, between Mr J. Swift, Springhill, U.S.A., and Mr W. Forsyth, champion of Canada:—

GAME	2141—Bristol	Cross.

Black—Forsyth.		White-Swift.		
11.16	22.18	9.13	21.14	
23.18	1.6	18.9	10.17	
8.11a	29.25	5.14	18.14	
18.14	6.10	23.18c	7.10	
9.18	25.22	14.23	14.7	
22.8	16.20	27.18	2.11	
4.11	24.19	16.23	19.15	
26.23s	11.15	31,26	11.18	
6.9	18.11	$3.7 \mathrm{p}$	28.24	
25.22	7.16	26.19	20.27	
10.14	22.18	13.17	32.14	
			Drawn.	

- AA good line.
- в 21.17 and 25.22 draw.
- c A good move.
- D Throwing 23.27 also draws.

GAME 2141—CROSS.

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Black-Swift.		White-Forsyth.		
11.15	24.19	15.24	25.22	
23.18	7.14	17.13	23.26	
8.11	28.24	24.27	22.17	
27.23	6.10	13.6	26.31	
10.14a	15.6	10.15	17.14	
23.19в	1.10	6.2	15.11	
14.23	32.28	27.31	14.10	
19.10	8.11	2.6	12.16	
7.14	25,22	14.17p	10.7	
26.18	3.7	21.14	16.19	
11,16	30.26	31.26	7.3	
19.15	11.15	14.10	19.24	
16.20	24.20	26.19	3.7	
22.17	15.24	10.7	11.15	
20.27	28.19	15.18	6.9	
17.10	7.11	7.2	5.14	
4.8	26.23	19.15	7.10	
31.24c	11.15	29.25	15.6	
2.7	22.17	18.23	2.18	
			Drawn.	
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A This is quite a modern line, and regarding strength is quite equal to 4.8.

B 22.17 draws.

c Or 32:23.

D 31.27, 6.10.—Drawn.

Racing Notes.

Roy Berry has got a big team of trotters and gallopers to work on this season. Berry opened his career as a trainer well last season, but should do better in the coming one.

Digger Percy Price and his brothers apparently do not intend to patronise Rorke's Drift Lodge this season. Hogan has won a lot of money for this family with Rorkes' Drift and Tin Soldier.

The prospects for next season look good with big teams of horses in training at Gore, Riverton, Winton, and Invercargill. Stakes may be good, but they will be hard to catch with so many horses about.

Otago returned soldiers lost a good friend in Captain Allan Orbell, who went west this week. A public-spirited man with a fine big heart for Diggers.

If only the training tracks would dry up a little some interesting work could be done on the courses now. Nearly every trainer has horses ready to shove along in their work, but, owing to the wet state of the tracks, it is quite impossible to do so just now. Next month racing commences in earnest in the south with the Dunedin Spring, Gore Spring, and Otago Hunt Club fixtures, and many of our horses will be backward.

True Blue Dave was sufficiently recovered to enable him to leave the hospital last week, and he is now convalescing at home in Gala street. Mr Morton has a very large number of friends who will congratulate him on the recovery he has made, and will wish him the best of luck in keeping it going.

Secretary Jack Oliver got out a very creditable annual report and balance sheet of the local Racing Club. By the time the summer meeting comes round Jack will be able to hold his own with most of the secretaries, and as he has plenty of go in him I expect to see several improvements fathered by him.

Two "have beens," in Jimmy Lawson (trainer) and Alex. McKenzie (jockey) were in evidence at the Birchwood Hunt meeting last week. Alex. is looking after Veterinary Surgeon Chisholm's recent importations, and they are reported to be good-looking ones. Jimmy is taking things quietly, and still talks of the good ones the late Jimmy Miller was getting round him before he died.

ADVOCATING THE BOOKMAKER. An Australian writer, who has always

favoured the bookmaker, in reviewing the position in New Zealand as he sees it from a distance, says:—"Our New Zealand friends are very much concerned over the aggressive bookmaker. As the Germans did years before them, they passed some very drastic laws relating to betting-drastic enough, seemingly, to wipe odds merchants right off the map. But, instead of packing up their books and worldly goods and seeking more generous climes, they stayed right there, and instead of decreasing they increased a thousandfold, as they did in Germany, and practically defied the authorities. On the advice of the police all over Germany, the authorities recalled the bookmakers, and under heavy tax allowed them to compete against the totalisator. The New Zealanders followed suit as far as recalling was concerned; but, according to one who ought to know, they registered all the ruffians they could lay hands on purposely to disgust the public. Consequently, the life of the bookie on the New Zealand courses was very short-lived. They returned to the old order, and in time it became possible to win large amounts on any race at starting or stated price. Though it is a misdemeanour to publish totalisator odds, as the very wise New Zealand Parliament reckons the publication of tote dividends increases starting-price betting, there is comparatively more s.p. done there than here. Despite the law, I have learned from a very big New Zealand bookmaker, there is ten times more of it now in New Zealand than there was ten years ago, and also in every big town there are more big firms of bookmakers doing tremendous business at both double and straight out. The reason for this is that a majority of people who bet prefer a stated price to the off-chance of the totalisator. They want the bookmakers, and support them; but a very small circle of big racing men, who do not bet, but like good prizes to race for, are against bookmaking. They, however, have no objection to the public coming to their courses in droves to get on to their totalisators, and on enriching the race clubs that way. It would be better if they registered the best bookmakers and charged heavy fees for bet-

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