

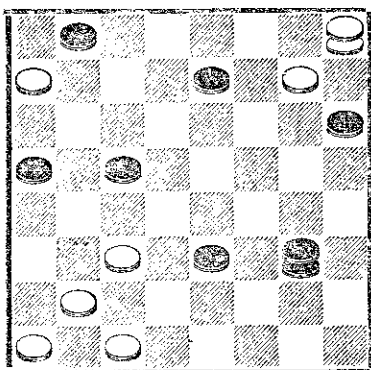
DRAUGHTS.

(Conducted by F. C. Hutchins.)

Problem games and draughts items are invited for this column. Address, "Draughts Editor," 28 Bigger street, Invercargill.

PROBLEM 7.

Black 1, 7, 12, 13, 14, 23. King on 24.



White 5, 8, 22, 25, 29, 30. King on 4.

White to play and win.

This masterpiece won the first prize in the Liverpool Mercury competition, 1893.

The annual meeting of the Invercargill Draughts Club will be held in the Athenaeum smoke room on Wednesday, April 28, at 7.30 p.m. Newcomers will be cordially welcomed.

The following is a game played at Auckland in the championship tourney some years ago between W. Penman (who held the title prior to D. Calderwood) and F. Hilliker.

Whitter.

Penman (Black).	Hilliker (White).
11.15	25.22
23.19	16.20
7.11	30.26
26.23	2.7
9.14	23.18
22.17	14.30
11.16	19.16
12.19	31.26
31.26	1.6
17.13	3.10
29.25	14.9
22.15	4.8
25.22	9.6
8.11	11.15

Drawn.

PIFE GAME.

(By Lieutenant Aubryn, in the "Draughts World.")

11.15	13.22	11.18	12.19	18.22	31.26
23.19	25.9	23.14	23.16	26.23	32.27
9.14	6.13	19.17	8.11	22.26	26.19
22.17	29.25	21.14	16.12	23.18	2.7
5.9	8.11	13.17	11.15	26.31	19.15
26.23	25.22	31.26	20.16	18.14	7.11
9.13	1.5	2.6	15.18	17.22	15.8
24.20	22.18	27.23	16.11	7.30	12.3
15.24	3.8	6.10	7.16	22.26	16.19
23.19	18.15	19.16	14.7	30.23	3.7
					4.8

(a) Corrects Lee's Guide and Drawn Bowen's Fife, where 8.11 is played, allowing White to win.

(b) Corrects Jordan-Stewart match where 16.19 is played, allowing White to win.

(c) 14.10, 16.19 7.3, 19.23, 3.7, 31.27, 7.11, 27.24, 11.15, 23.27, 32.23, 24.27, 15.18, 22.26. Drawn.

(d) Looks White's best.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Thursday morning a very pretty wedding took place at the R.C. Church, Dipton, when Miss Annie Quinn, of Kilkenny, Ireland, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Mr P. O'Callaghan, Dipton, a former member of the Main Body, Otago Mounted Rifles, the Rev. Father O'Neill, officiating. The bride was given away by Mr W. Stewart, and attended by Miss Molly Baird.

The bridal frock was of ivory crepe-de-chine with wreath and veil, and the bridesmaid wore saxe blue with picture hat and bouquets of beautiful lilies and rata. Mr W. Cassin attended the bridegroom. After the ceremony the party adjourned to the residence of Mr W. Stewart, and here the wedding repast was served, toasts being proposed by Father O'Neill, Mr W. Stewart, Mr P. O'Callaghan and Mr J. O'Callaghan.

Later, when the bride and bridegroom left on their honeymoon, the former wore a beautiful Navy serge costume and dainty saxe blue and fawn hat.

The mound-shaped nests of the jungle-fowls of Australia, in which the eggs are hatched by the heat of the decomposing vegetation, are sometimes fifteen feet high and one hundred and fifty feet in circumference. They are believed to be the largest nests made by any creature.

SOCIAL NOTES.

On Friday night a most enjoyable dance was given in Ashley's Hall by Misses Hain and Wilson. The hall was very prettily decorated and the supper tables were artistically arranged and adorned with red geraniums and soft greens. Among those present were: Mesdames Wilson and Hain, W. Jones, A. Hawke, A. Roe, Misses Hain, Wilson, Moffett, Prain, Vyrer, Crofts, Featherstone, Bews, Snow, Hazlett, Field, Tucker, Brodie, Strettell, Dyer and Logan; Messrs Callender, Cameron, Dalgliesh, Farnall, Gilmour, Hawke, Hazlett, Irving, Thomson, Owen, A. Saunders, Morrah, Prain, and Williams.

A very delightful party for children was given by Mrs J. Oliver, Earn street, on Saturday afternoon, some of those I noticed were: Misses Moffett, Snow (2), Crawford, Webb, Tapley, Miller, Bews, Macdonald, Hodges (2), Gilmour and Gilmour. In the evening there was a small dance for the older ones.

Mr Geo. Sisco, of Dunedin, has been spending a few days' holiday in Invercargill.

Miss Ada Christie, is the guest of Mrs D. Cuthbertson.

Mr and Mrs Tennent are at present staying at the Club Hotel.

Rev. Archdeacon Packe has been visiting the city for a few days.

Miss M. Carswell is spending a few weeks' holiday in Oamaru.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE R.S.A.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING, 31st AUGUST, 1920.

EXPENDITURE:

	£.	s.	d.
To Headquarters Subs.	221	10	6
" District Organisation	77	4	0
" Loan "Digger" (paper)	156	11	8
" Soldiers Club A/c	50	0	0
" Salaries, sec. and clerk	329	13	4
" Delegates' expenses, conf.	16	3	9
" Travelling expenses	8	10	11
" Postage, stat. and tels.	77	8	10 1/2
" Advertising	93	10	0
" Sundry, petty expenses	15	7	3
" Badge engraving	33	6	10
" Office furniture	37	3	7
" Transfers, sub. A/c	4	15	0
" Headquarter badge A/c	25	3	1
" Sub-As. A/c (form. charges)	7	17	6
" Public meetings	5	0	7
" Invest. fixed deposit	100	0	0
" Balance, in hand and bank	22	8	8 1/2
	£1271	15	7

INCOME:

	£.	s.	d.
By Balance 1/4/19 cash in hand	6	15	4
" Bal. 1/4/19 cash in bank	244	4	9
" First sub. A/c	644	5	0
" Renewal sub A/c	161	10	0
" Badge re-issue	2	5	0
" Hon. members' sub.	24	3	0
" Donations	125	18	3
" Repatriation Rep. fees	19	19	0
" Entertainment, etc.	36	19	4
" Soldiers' Comforts Fund	1	5	6
" Suspense A/c	1	9	10
" Interest	3	0	7
	£1271	15	7

LIABILITIES:

	£.	s.	d.
Outstanding subs, due headqrs.	4	7	6
Outstg. dist. organisation fd.	3	16	0
Salaries	10	0	0
Balance	561	1	5 1/2
	£579	4	11 1/2

ASSETS:

	£.	s.	d.
Cash in hand and bank as per statement of income and expenditure	22	8	8 1/2
Invested (Wright, Stephenson and Co.), interest included to date	363	1	0
Adv. Digger Newspaper Co.	156	11	8
Office furniture	37	3	7
	£579	4	11 1/2

TO ANY DEMOBILISED FIANCE.

Jack, is that you? I am surprised!
I didn't know you in that hat.
I'm glad that you're demobilised,
But need you wear a suit like that?

I always thought that you were tall—
I love you still, it isn't this—
But now in mufti you look small,
Your Sam Browne belt is such a miss!

You had a most commanding way,
But shed it with your British Warm.
Old sport, when we got out to-day,
I wish you'd wear your uniform!

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LAKE COUNTY.

R.S.A. AFFAIRS.

The Queenstown branch of the R.S.A. held a meeting on Saturday evening. Capt. P. Mackenzie was re-elected president, and Mr Thos T. Wilson, secretary. The Arrowtown branch also held its annual meeting, Mr W. McEwen, being elected president, Mr T. B. Fletcher, vice-president; T. W. Butel, treasurer; and Mr John Forbes, secretary.

"The Digger" will be pleased to be kept in touch with local doings. Messrs Reid and Sons have increased the circulation of the paper, for which we thank them. They will be pleased to accept all applications for "The Digger."

A social was held in Queenstown to honour the return of some of the local boys. The function was held in the Garrison Hall. Medals were presented to Petty Officer G. Green and Private Robert M'Kinley. There was a good attendance. The Mayor (Mr Simson) presided, and made the presentations, and an address was also given by Dr Stewart.

Mr John Jenkins, junior, who recently sold his farm at Crown Terrace to Mr W. H. Thompson, was, with his wife and family, farewelled at a social in the schoolhouse by the residents of Crown Terrace. Mr Alfred Miller presided, and during the evening, on behalf of the residents of the district, presented Mr Jenkins with a purse of sovereigns with which to buy a memento of the high esteem in which he and his wife were held by their neighbours. Mr Jenkins suitably replied.

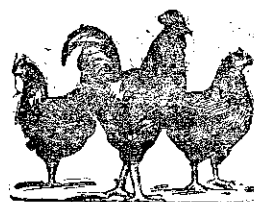
A very pretty wedding was celebrated at Arrowtown recently, when Mr Matthew Elliot, only son of Mr George Elliot, of Melbourne, was married to Miss Catherine Butel, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Butel, "Willow Bank," Arrowtown. Mr Elliot was a Main Body boy, and well known amongst a great circle of returned men, who wish him every success in his married life. The ceremony took place at St. Paul's Church, Arrowtown, the Rev R. de Lambert, being the officiating clergyman. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Lucille Preston as bridesmaid, and Mr Robert Hunter was best man. The wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of the bride's parents, after which the happy couple left for Queenstown, en route to Dunedin, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

TUATAPERE.

A special meeting of the Tuatapere branch of the R.S.A. was held on Tuesday night, when there was a good attendance of members. Arrangements were made for a parade on Anzac Day, a special service being arranged for. The rebate on members' subscriptions to sub-branches was again discussed, and Messrs Cunningham and McFeeley were appointed to attend the Invercargill meeting arranged to discuss this vexed question. The delegates were given a free hand in regard to settling the question. After the ordinary business had been transacted a social was held, a pleasant couple of hours being spent with song and story. The next general meeting of the sub-branch will be held at Orawia, on 5th May.

Keen interest is being displayed locally in football this season. Tuatapere has a team entered for the Western District competition. Most of the players are ex-Diggers, and they form a strong combination. A tennis club is also under way, and the ladies have formed a hockey team. The number of returned men in this district is rapidly increasing, there being at present about seventy attached to the local sub-branch.

If all the land of the globe were scraped off down to the level of the sea and thrown into the ocean it would fill only one-thirtieth part of the enormous abyss which is occupied by the waters.



POULTRY NOTES.

THE WHEAT PROBLEM.

GREAT SHORTAGE EXPECTED.

The wheat scarcity in New Zealand is very apparent and it is estimated there will be a shortage of 2,000,000 bushels. Wheat is unobtainable in Australia so that we must be on guard for our requirements.

The wheat controller states that if there is a shortage of wheat the public must be considered first and poultry will have to be sacrificed. Recently the president, Mr E. J. Ross and the secretary interviewed the wheat controller at Christchurch and laid the matter of poultrymen's requirements before him. He regretted the great shortage and held out very little hope for the supply of poultrymen. He promised whatever assistance he could render. On the question of a standard of pollard he agreed that something should be done and noted with interest the proposals laid before him at Conference. He promised to be in attendance with the Minister of Agriculture in Wellington where the Executive would wait upon him with the remits passed at last Conference. The interview was of a private nature and little is available for publication.

CHICK MORTALITY.

M. M. Hastings, U.S.A., Department of Agriculture, makes some very interesting observations in his "Dollar Hen":—

The high mortality of young chicks, though not an epidemic disease, shares, with excessive cost of production, very much of the responsibility for poultry farm failures. At the present writing the poultry editors of the country are having much discussion over the conclusion of Dr Morse, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, to the effect that white diarrhoea is caused by an intestinal parasite similar to the germ that causes human dysentery. Dr Morse's opportunities for investigation have been somewhat limited, and as the intestines of any animal are always swarming with various organisms, it will take very conclusive evidence to prove that the doctor is right. Practically, the naming of the germs that attend the funeral is not particularly important for the reason that it has been thoroughly demonstrated that with good parentage, good incubation, and good brooder conditions white diarrhoea is unknown.

Poultry ailments are assignable to one of the three following causes, or a combination of these:—First, hereditary or in-born weakness; second, unfavourable conditions of food, surroundings, etc.; third, bacteria or animal parasites.

A great many chickens die while yet within the shell, or during the growing process, there being no assignable reason save that of inherited weakness. To this class of troubles the only remedy is to breed from better stock. It is as much the trait of the birds to produce infertile eggs or chicks of low vitality as it is for others to produce vigorous offspring.

The third class of ailments includes the contagious diseases. It is now believed that most common diseases are caused by microscopic germs known as bacteria. These germs in the same manner gain entrance to the body of an animal, and, growing within the tissues give off a poisonous substance known as toxins, which produce the symptoms of the disease. The ability to withstand disease germs varies with the particular animal and the kind of disease. As a general rule it may be stated that disease

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germs cannot live in the body of a perfectly vigorous and healthy animal. It is only when the vitality is at a low ebb, owing to unfavourable conditions or inherited weakness, that disease germs enter the body and produce disease.

MARKET NOTES.

Messrs Bray Bros. Ltd., Auctioneers, Dee street, Invercargill, report as follows:—

"There is a good demand for all classes of produce. Potatoes are arriving in large quantities, and the market price is easier. Some Canterbury consignments have been placed on the market and the quality of same is poor. Local grown potatoes are selling at £10 to £11 per ton. Onions are meeting with a ready sale at 13s; chaff, £7 5s to £7 15s; cets, 5s 6d per bushel. Meggitts Linseed Meal, 25s per bag. Oatdust, 5s per bag. Sorrell, 6s per bag. Bran, 10s 6d per bag. Pollard (wheat) 12s 6d per 100lb bag. Pollard (barley) 22s 6d per 200lb bag. Pressed Hay 5s per bale. We are requiring consignments of Chaff and Fowl Wheat. We expect supplies of Oaten Straw to arrive early next week.

Fruit consignments have been arriving regularly but the quantities show a decided decrease. We realized the following prices for our consignors: Grapes (outdoor grown), 1s per lb. Peaches, 3d to 5d per lb. Plums, 3d to 4d per lb. Apples (dessert), 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 per lb., according to variety and grade. Cooking, 2d to 2 1/2 per lb. Pears, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 per lb. Quinces, 2d to 3d per lb. Tomatoes, 2 1/2 to 5d per lb., the former price for "sauce" variety.

Vegetables.—Marrows, 10s per cwt. Pumpkins, 10s per cwt. Cabbages, to 6s per doz. Cauliflowers, 3d to 6d each. Carrots, 4s to 6s per sack. Parsnips, 1 1/2 per lb.

General.—Lepp Salt Lick, 2s 3d per brick. This lick contains free sulphur and is a splendid tonic for cattle. Cow Covers lined, 21s 6d; unlined, 19s. Horse Covers, £2 8s to £2 12s 6d.

Sundries.—Motor Cycle Side Car, £12 10s; New Century Typewriter, £5; Remington Typewriter, £4; Hammond Typewriter, £3 10s. Men's Heavy Boots, 25s; Honey (10lb. tins), 10s per tin.

Furniture.—Our furniture department in Spey street, has received a number of sewing machines and go-carts which will be sold at low prices. We have large stocks of Kapok, Bedding and Wire Mattresses, and advise clients to buy early at prices continue to advance.

Land Department.—This is a Snip—55 acres, Gap Road, all level country. Good marketable bush on a portion of the property. Price £2000. Owner will leave if desired. Enquire early about this.