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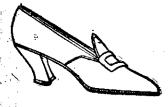
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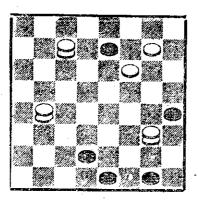
DRAUGHTS.

(Conducted by F. Hutchins).

Draughts Club meets in Athenaeum Wednesday and Saturday, afternoon and evening, visitors welcome.

Communications of interest to readers of this column to be addressed "Draughts Editor" 28 Biggar street. PROBLEM 29

By Mr W. O'Malley (Queenstown).



Black-1, 2, 7, 13, and 26. White-22 and 25, kings 9, 16, and 27. Black to play and win.

A practical and useful ending.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM 28. By W. Veal (Southampton).

Black-7, 17, 25, kings 9, 12, 29. White-5, 11, 16, 19, 27, king 3.

White to play and win. 5.1 19.15 3.12 1.5 12.19 6.10 10.19 27.2311.8 19.26 5.16 3.8 W. wins.

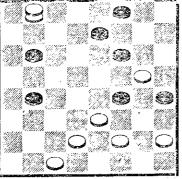
The following is an interesting contest, off the usual lines, published a few years ago in the "Draughts World" :--

Played by correspondence between J. A. Hoffman (Fremont, O.) and Mr Judd-L. Palmer (Piqua, O).

GAME	2133 S	INGLE C	ORNER.
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11.15	23.18	8.12	в9.5	
22.18	13.17	19.15	15.19	
15.22	25,22	12.19	51.27	
25.18	6.10	23.15	1.6	
12.16	22.13	2.6	5.1	
29.25	10.17	27.23	A5.10	
9.13	24.19	6.10	27.24	
18.14	8.11	13.9	20.27	
10.17	27.23	5.14	1.6	
21.14	4.8	18.9	11 20	
16.20	52.27	10.15	6.71	
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A Mr L. S. Head gives 5.9 at this point to draw, see position after 6.9:-



White	to play	; Black	to draw.
c1.6	23.16	28.24	24.19
9.13	17.22	p14.17	*21.25
6.10	26.17	. 11.7	30.21
7.14	15.22	17.21	22.26
16.7	16.11	7.2	19.15
3.10	10.15	15.18	Drawe.

B Hoffman claimed a win after 9.5, but | tion she may get up against. . S. Head shows the draw, as in var. A. c If 27.24 is played, then the following is a safe draw :-

6.9	6.22	22.18	30.23
27.24	3.8	12.19	27.32
20.27	23.16	26.23	23.19
1.6	8.12	19.26	20.24
11.20	(L.	S. Ream	Drawn.
ъ 14.13	loses.		

(Contributed by L. S. Ream, Paulding, O., U.S.A.)

THE STEWART BANKS MATCH.

Considerable interest is being taken in America (says the "Glasgow Weekly Herald") over the match for the world's championship. Mr Banks has asked for articles of agreement, and Mr Stewart is now preparing them. The match will be the first topic at the great checker meeting to be held at Cedar Point in August. Meantime Mr Birrell, Rutherglen, is proceeding with his arrangements, and a meeting of the match committee will be held about the end of August, at which Bailie A. Smith, Cambridge, will preside.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Geo. H. Brown .-- Your solution of Problem 27 was correct, but came to hand too late for acknowledgment in last issue.

Geo. H. Brown.-Your solution of Problem 28 is correct.

SPORTING.

On Thursday morning I had a stroll round the new portion of the S.R.C.'s course, or Baird's abortion as I heard one trainer call it. The track has been excellently laid off, but the work appears to have been very indifferently carried out. I do not know what the conditions of the contract were, but they should certainly have provided for three or four inches of soil being spread on top of the clay. There is a slight growth of young grass, in places, but before it will ever be a course worth talking about it will require two or three inches all over of good soil or else the grass will never remain in it. The caretaker is busy now top-dressing the track with stable manure, and this will certainly help the grass. About twenty yards of good coarse sand to the acre would be the best topdressing it could have just now, if the Committee do really mean to race on it at New Year time. Unless sand is spread on the track it will always be a very slippery surface when the least bit wet.

Royal Star's chance in the N.Z. Cup will be improved by his win at Ashburton, so will Glen Canny's chance by his victory in the Avondale Cup.

According to his trainer Bengeroop is an unlikely starter in the big race at Riccarton next month.

Don't forget that nominations for the Gore Racing Club's Spring meeting close at 5 p.m. on Monday.

Eight Bells moved very scratchily on the local course on Thursday morning. Clothilde makes nearly as much noise on the track now-a-days as Bill Couser

does at a Farmers' Union meeting. The Kilbroney-Grey Linnet colt in 'Put's' team is an extremely good looking youngster, and if looks win races he

will be hard to beat. So Bill Gardiner is giving up training to take on his old trade again. Well Bill I hope you will plate more winners during the next two years than you have trained. Business will be bad if you

Elcus looks big, healthy and well, and I am picking him to be a good one to follow this season.

According to "Put" Hogan the scantiness of the grass on the new course was caused by the last severe frost which caused the grass to rise up and look for Apparently it forgot to lie Bill Baird.

O'd harry Searle sticks to the game well. He is now building a fence round the motor enclosure of the local course. More profitable Harry than training rum-

Old Awahou is working well, and shows no sign of bleeding in his work. In a rough field he might pick up a inredlerace, but like "Gib" he is getting old.

He hasn't got a trainer's license but he should have one as he helps to teach and train all the youngsters in and around Rorke's Drift Lodge, I refer to old Sirius who, though somewhere between twenty and fifty years' old--and he looks older-lines up with "Puts" team at the barrier just as well as he does at the

I say Ivan, where did you get those boots? They are indeed a shining advertisement for the brand of polish you use. If Billy had them it would be a case of black and tan.

Swanny Smith has got that smart little pacer Last Vue in work again. She was off colour last year, but given plenty of time she will be ready this season to worry the handicappers and the opposi-

Roy Berry has a mixed team at the local tracks, and amongst the best looking of the mixture is Coldwater, This pacer, in Berry's hands should be a useful one this season. He has plenty of pace and can stay out a solidly run mile and a-half.

Seaward Spot is now trained by Digger Dwyer, and will no doubt appreciate the lighter weight she has to draw under this mentor. If Dwyer can get her as well as old Tom Tilson did he'll catch money with her all right.

Alex McIvor's team looked at their best on Thursday morning, and of the lot I was most pleased with Mantua who has grown up a lot since she raced last year. She will be hard in the Winton Guineas if the weight adjuster is not too hard on her.

Martial Dance doesn't worry much about the racing game, and whether it is a feed of grass or slipping out of the barrier is all the same to Paddy. He has a typical Martian head, and looks as if he would be a game one.

Most of our owners and trainers will welcome the news that Bill Gardiner is going to commence as a blacksmith again in Invercargill. Few, if any men in New Zealand know more about shoeing and plating than Bill does, and with his old reputation for care and thoroughness he will speedily gather a big connection.

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I don't like Tommy Taylor's Adjudge filly, she is too small and wide in front.

Tom Marshall has the course and training tracks on the local Club's property looking at their best. He thoroughly deserves all the good things said of him at the recent annual meeting and the good-thing in the shape of a bonus passed to him by the Committee at their last The paddocks and stock all look well farmed and selected, and the members of the Club are extremely lucky in having such a capable man in charge of their property.

Alex. McLellan has a number of trotters in work again, about ten of them, and he will want to win a stake or two to buy oats for this mob. On Thursday morning Marvelle was given a fast round or two, and she moved very nicely. This mare has come in quite sound after her winter spell, and should she remain sound I pick her to easily hold her handicap during the coming season.

Golden King Graham according to my friend "Put," has solved the problem of how the Canadian thistles came to flourish round about the pay-in windows of the totalisator on the local course. The seed was sown by the farmers who attend the meetings and who have had to shake their pockets out to get the last quid to put on the machine, and manured or top-dressed each meeting by farmers who during the same process of extraction. shake artificial manures over them.

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