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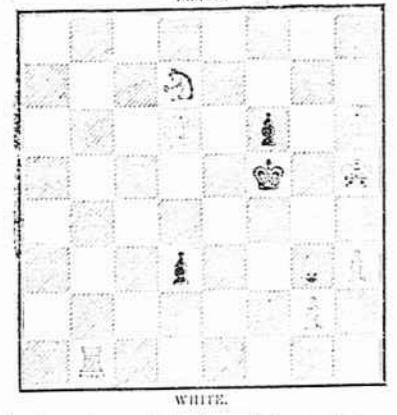
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PROBLEM NO. 15, BY "C. H. P." OF THE
CAMDEN CHESS CLUB.



WHITE.

White to play, and Checkmate in four moves.

SOLUTION to Problem No. 14.

WHITE. 1. P. moves. 2. P. to Q. R. 2. K. moves. 3. K. to K. R. 3. P. claims Q. (ch.) 4. Kt. interposes, check mate. If C. K. to K. B. 5. 4. Kt. to K. G. mate.

CORRECTION.

The Solution of Problem, No. 14, by "C. H. P." requires four moves, as appears in our present issue, in place of three moves, as previously stated.

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J. W. CALL, Associate Editor.

The Charlotte Bulletin.

We observe that E. H. Burros is now in full charge of the Charlotte (N. C.) *Bulletin*, and the *Charlotte Journal*. Mr. B. well equipped for the successful conduct of those papers, and we extend him our best wishes for his prosperity.

Newbury Conservatist.

This paper has recently entered upon its third volume. The *Conservatist* is worthy of the patronage and support of a discriminating public. In the two first years of its existence we have observed evident indications of a commendable effort to give its readers something more durable and enduring than the fashions of a sensation sheet. We confidently recommend this journal to the attention of those in want of a newspaper from that section.

Our Visit to the City.

On Wednesday morning, 1st instant, we started, in company with a party, to enjoy the sights and amusements of the "Queen City" for a few days. It was our good fortune to be joined at the Depot in Camden, by a brother pull-driver, W. M. Coxons, of the Lancaster (S. C.) *Conservatist*, who had formed the evening previous in our sunction. It is said that "a fellow feeling makes us wounded kind"; but as it may, we soon found ourselves outside the sandbars of a dull, cold formality, and spent a decided pleasant time with our new acquaintances. We only trust that such companies may accompany us in all our peregrinations; for, we know of nothing more agreeable in traveling than a kind-natured, pleasant companion, whom you can approach with some degree of assurance that you will not be deceived by the short-sappings of our nonsyphiles, or wherethrown down by indifference and ostentation. Mr. Coxons is a spirited advocate of the proposed Rail Road from Camden to Lancaster, and looks with confidence to its earliest possible inauguration. Although differing with friend C. upon this point, we do not regard it proper to attempt to throw any dagger upon the shoulder with which some of the public spirited citizens of Lancaster have addressed themselves to this work. We opine that they are as equally capable of determining their interest as any one else, and that, by a long odds, they have the best right to shape their own enterprises.

On our route we were struck with nothing that seemed "grand, gloomy and peculiar." We breakfasted at Kingville, and just here we would remark that, there has been a very decided "letting down" in this house since its first appearance. It may possibly have been the case that we went along "a soot time," and that we have been premature in our verdict. If so, we will very likely pass that over again, and afford those concerned an opportunity to remove the records of the press, we certainly desire to be justified.

We arrived in Charleston about 1 o'clock, when our hitherto unbroken party *parted off* in quest of their respective places of residence—some to the Mills House, others to the Charleston Hotel, and myself single and alone, to the Planters', where we happened just in the niche of time to secure a comfortable room without negotiation. Our table made and dinner over, we partly from a sense of duty, and partly from a desire to take a still, conducted look after the whereabouts of our party, two of whom we found at the Mills House, without a garment of that most essential apparel to the attire of planters and farmers. These gentlemen also advertise an assortment of agricultural implements, new and improved, to be sold at their store, the great thoroughfare, the Charleston Hotel, where one of the gentlemen, was fortunate enough to secure a test in a partnership with a friend who had arrived on the day before. Our other friend afterwards "wrote off" similarly at the Mills House.

About 4 o'clock p.m., those who had been in attendance on the races returned. Then it was that we could form some conception of the vast crowd on visit to the City. We saw several old familiar faces, and many, very many, whose countenances were strange as angels' visits. The verdict of several in regard to the sport of the day, the turf, seems to have been that of absolute judgment.

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We enjoyed a personal acquaintance with the above-named gentleman, and our conversation was friendly, due to the interest of those who enter business in his hands. He pays particular attention to Naval stores, cotton and General Produce. These having each disposed of well, so far as to entitle it to the care of Mr. COXONS.

On Thursday, after strolling about the City for a while, and failing to connect at any of the points with our party, we concluded to "go it alone" and accordingly avoided ourselves of the privilege made, and provided therefore, and secured a comfortable seat in a passing carriage for the Ross Course, where we arrived long before the sport commenced, or the visitors had assembled. After a while we came in contact with friend C. of the *Conservatist*, who kindly furnished us with a programme of the racing for the day, and likewise caused to present us, from the dispensing steward, a bottle of whisky, in common with the representatives of the City press, but without success, insomuch as "the powers that be" seem to have

entirely excluded such provision for the entry press. They have, however, a fair precedent in the conduct of racing on another turf, we wot of.

Notwithstanding we were not among "the privileged few," or rather, *now-a-days*, we witnessed the contest for victory between "The River and Flaxy Washington," with considerable interest. We were much disappointed in the final result, as we were not prepared to witness so signal a defeat of the old "Rip Van Winkle" course. For the information of the curious we will state that we have heard it mentioned in our *newspapers* that "The River" is to be withdrawn from the turf, and

we are upon racing matters it may be well enough to mention that it is expected that a match of \$10,000 a side will be run next Fall, we think on the Hawthorn Course, near Camden, between *Jones Hooper*, belonging to Maj. Bacox, and *Erebope*, belonging to the Messrs. Dosswell, of Virginia, We understand that a forfeit of \$1000 has been promptly entered into by the parties concerned.

It was our pleasure while in Charleston, to make the acquaintance of Bourier McKnight, Esq., formerly of the *Charlotte Journal*. We believe he is now devoting himself to the mercantile business. Several of our readers in Camden will remember Mr. McKnight, as having formerly resided in our good old town.

On Friday we called on several of the merchants in Charleston, and found them in anticipation of an increased business the coming Spring, which, from manifestations in various sections of the country, we have reason to believe will be great. It is said, however, by those who have the opportunity of judging, that the facilities of Charleston in supplying the South and South-West markets will require very decided additions in order to secure and retain the great body of this trade, which has for years flowed in Northern channels, and will continue until there is practical demonstration of the claim that Charleston is fully prepared to compete with New York in all the varied essentials of a well appointed Jobbing business, &c.

We shall have peculiar delight the drawing of that period when the Southern people shall *know* assert their commercial independence of a people whose audacity and presumption has been nursed into a truly formidable political obstruction to a constitutional administration of a common government, in a great measure by the thousands of tribute extorted from the South, which has for years flowed in Northern channels, and will continue until there is practical demonstration of the claim that Charleston is fully prepared to compete with New York in all the varied essentials of a well appointed Jobbing business, &c.

Those who, in visiting the city, contemplate purchasing an epiphany, will find to their interest to give Mr. GALE an opportunity of exhibiting his large and superior stock of vehicles, ships to know fully the great facilities of this establishment you must *examine* for yourself.

South Carolina Rail Road. The annual Report of the President and other Financial Agents of the South Carolina Rail Road shows this Institution to be in a most flourishing and satisfactory condition. For the information of our readers interested in the operations of the Company, we append the report of President CALDWELL, for the year ending December 31st, 1859.

President CALDWELL has certainly managed the affairs of the Road with much success and practical good. The Company are exceedingly fortunate in having one of Mr. CALDWELL's experience and sagacity at its head. The Report to the Stockholders reads as follows:

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Directors have the honor of presenting to you their Annual Report of the operations of the Company for the year ending the 31st December, 1859, and of its financial condition at that date:

The Gross income, as shown by State, "is" \$1,596,655.72,

and the expenses of management, ordinary and extraordinary, "are" \$61,255.33.

Total Income, "is" \$1,535,399.39.

Stock held, "are" 175,616.96.

And there is left in the Income Account, "is" \$27,638.13.

Average rate, as last calculated, "is" \$4.25 per share, equal to 8% per cent, per annum.

And carried the balance of "is" \$29,555.60.

As heretofore to Surplus Income Account.

Upon a comparison with the income of the previous year, the following improved result is shown:

Increase in 1859 in U. S. Postage, "is" \$82,570.54.

Death Passage, "is" \$28,282.26.

Post Freight, "is" \$14,629.20.

Minor Services, "is" 177.05.

Total Increase, "is" \$158,941.80.

Decrease in 1859 in Dues, Freight, "is" \$82,404.52.

Net Income, "is" \$76,537.28.

The cost of management is somewhat greater than in 1858, but it is to be borne in mind, that all expenses save those for Land, Negroes, Los Angeles and Cars, are saved, in 1859, by the items of Ordinary and Extraordinary Expenses, which though they include very nearly \$1000 for new Rail, from the expense of repairing the road, have been entirely extinguished by the saving of the old road. This item is the largest item of expense in the annual statement, and those from the Auditor's Department, establishing the Company's data, and property assets, the monthly earnings and receipts of produce, are largely submitted. Also, the Report of the General Superintendent, with his usual careful accompanying it, showing the condition of the marine and car-park, both of which were leave respectively to the care of the General Superintendent, for whom no account is given, for the failure of the South to sacrifice a little profit for great good, like the political resistance of the South to the encroachments of abolitionism, we fear will be great difficulty in securing anything like a majority of action in this movement, and that consequently it will be brought to a standstill if not impossible.

We adjourned, during our stay, at the Planters' Hotel, under the proprietorship of Messrs. GORMAN & MCINTOSH, where we were properly cared for. The venerable J. L. LAWRENCE, who has long been connected therewith, still has "a place in the picture," and we found him quite obliging to those around.

On Saturday morning we left the city, in company with a greatly number of acquaintances, and friends, and are now able to report ourself as ready for the home voyage, promising at our next stop, No. 4, to make a call on the *Charleston Advertiser*.

Letter from Texas. Through the kindness of a friend we are permitted to make the following extract from a private letter received by him from a brother in Texas:

MANSFIELD, Tarrant County, Texas, January 11, 1860.

"We have had some of the severest weather this winter that we have experienced; from the 20th to the 24th, and 25-26, the North that reduced us to this stage was one of the severest known, and had the spell lasted long, thousands of cattle must have perished; as it was, a great many died—frozen to death. Several persons are known to have been frozen to death, and many frost-bitten.

"Years were entered into the wheat crop was destroyed, but time proved that was but slightly injured.

"Our roads seemed almost useless in protecting us against the fine snow and sleet that fell as it drizzled in and covered our beds, giving us the chance of sleeping with our heads covered or taking an occasional show drive in our houses.

"We have come along very favorably for us, and are engaged well with our works. But after four days or four weeks, I have been Springlike and have

expected a Norther, and nothing but a Norther has come. And, though I have been told that the Norther that reduced us to this stage was one of the severest known, and had the spell lasted long, thousands of cattle must have perished; as it was, a great many died—frozen to death. Several persons are known to have been frozen to death, and many frost-bitten.

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