NORMANNAHEIMEN

THE LAND OF THE SKI

J. A. Nyman Writes of Winter Sports in Scandinavia.

HE HAS AN ARTICLE IN TRAVEL

Coasting One of the Favorite Sports—Music Goes With Skating.

The English magazine Travel, in its January number, has an interesting talk with J. A. Nyman of the Swedish railway department on the winter sports of Scandinavia, particularly those popular at Stockholm. Winter sports are assiduously followed in all Scandinavia. The weather is quite cold, but it is not trying even to weak persons. There are no great variations of temperature, and the air being dry, the cold is not felt nearly so much as where the air is damp.

"One of the most popular sports is coasting," says Mr. Nyman. "It is not the same as snow tobogganing, but is practiced on icy runways. The toboggans are again a foot high and a foot and a half broad, on steel runners, and they are steered with a pole from eight to twelve feet long.

"Then, of course, we have skating, ice-sailing and ice-yachting. We have exceptionally good opportunities for the sport in Stockholm on account of the large lakes and ponds and inlets of the sea, which are frozen over in winter. The ice is kept in excellent condition, being watered every night. Frequently you can see a number of people dancing on skates and executing quadrilles, waltzes and polkas on the ice. The whole scene is brilliant, and the foreigner who has never witnessed it will find it exceedingly novel and interesting.

"Ice-sailing is also very much practiced. It is managed with sails stretched on a frame of bamboo sticks which are fixed on the back so that they can be set in any way that is desired, to tack or beat up, or drive before the wind. It is very curious to see a number of people skating about with these large white sails spread, and looking like immense birds.

"Then there is ice-yachting, with a sort of snow plow on steel runners, which has a rudder, mast and sails, and is managed like any ordinary sailing-boat. Sometimes you can see these yachts skimming over the ice at a quicker pace than that of any train.

"The most characteristic diversion of Sweden are ski-running and ski-jumping. Skis were first used in Sweden as a convenient way of getting about when the ground was several feet deep in snow, but of late years ski-ing has become a regularly organized pastime. The length of the ski averages from eight to eleven feet, and the left one is generally from one to two feet shorter than the right, to prevent the ski from catching in each other and throwing the runner down when he has to turn suddenly. At Stockholm last year the ski-jumping competitions took place on a very steep hill about 160 feet high, leading down to the level surface on the lake at Saltsjoebaden. About half way down the hill there is a ledge from which the runners jump, making many famous leaps.

A very exciting variation to this sport is to go ski-driving after horses or reindeer. In this sport the person really makes a sleigh of himself, standing still on the skis, while the animal pulls one along by means of the reins."

IS IT THE TRANSLATION?

English of Bjornson's "Beyond Human Power" Doesn't Take.

There must be something faulty in the English translation of Bjornson's "Beyond Human Power." It has been well received in Germany and France, but the performances in English have never secured much recognition. The students of the New York Academy of Dramatic Arts produced part first of the play a few days ago. Of this performance the New York Sun's dramatic reviewer wrote:

Last week's production by the Academy students of "Pastor Sang," a translation from the Norwegian of Bjornstjerne Bjornson, showed another play with a valuable first part and worthless second part. The exhibition of a bedridden woman, suffering acutely from a nervous disease, was distressfully engrossing, as any reasonably close imitation of expiring life and approaching death is bound to be. And the religio-psychologic aspect of the case, as seen in the husband's pathetically futile resort to "Christian Science," did not fail to impress the audience much as the author had intended. It would not be fair to Mrs. Patrick Campbell to prejudge this play unfavorably prior to her appearance here in it. Very likely she may compel us to shrink and shiver by her representation of the death-marked woman; and possibly the long discussion of faith and cure, as given by her actors, may not be tedious.

HUNTING THE POLE

Captain Sverdrup and the Fram Are Thought to Be.

Robert Stein, secretary of the United States geological survey, who has lately returned from an expedition in Arctic waters, has sent to Minister Grip in Washington a box of mail intended for the Sverdrup party, which is on board the Fram somewhere in the northern seas. The box was entrusted to Lieutenant Peary, who turned it over to Mr. Stein as he was destined for Cape Sabine, where the Sverdrup party had wintered. He failed to connect or to find any traces of the party. He believes that the expedition has proceeded westward with the intention of returning via Bering strait or that it was sought to drift across the pole hoping for better success than when Sverdrup accompanied Nansen.

When Captain Sverdrup left Norway it was freely intimated that he would try to reach the pole. Publicly it was announced that he was only to make a modest little exploring trip along the coast of Greenland to visit the hitherto uncharted coasts, but the Fram was carefully provisioned for a four years' cruise and the experienced navigators suspected at once that the sturdy viking was after the great prize—the north pole.

LUNDGREN OVER-ZEALOUS

Head of Veterinary Institute of Sweden Is Removed.

Professor Lundgren, head of the veterinary institute of Sweden has been dismissed for the reason that his report on his long tour of inspection and study was very distasteful to those above him. He was granted a stipend to study veterinary matters in foreign countries. He found a great deal which would be of great benefit to the institute. In his report he called attention to many excellent features which could be adopted in Sweden. He also criticized very sharply the antiquated and impracticable methods employed in Sweden. He thought that it was his duty to recommend reforms but was soon undeceived. It was conceded that there was nothing wrong in his views but he erred greatly in embodying them in his report. He exceeded his authority in doing so and therefore had to go. Professor Lundgren is recognized as an able man and thoroughly devoted to his science which makes his removal seem all the more ridiculous.

MUST LEARN RUSSIAN

Revision of Course of Study in Finnish Schools.

Russia has decreed that the Finns must learn Russian and has ordered a revision of the course of study for the next school year so as to give time for a thorough instruction in Russian in the elementary schools.

The question of introducing the Greek Catholic religion into Finland is being discussed. It will be only a matter of time when Greek Catholic priests will be found in the country in large numbers.

Three newspapers in Finland have been permanently suppressed by the censor. They are Jyranko, Kokkola and Fornio. Six others have been suspended for periods ranging from one month to five months and several others have been warned to be more careful in the future.

NOBEL'S FAMILY

An Old and Respected Line in Sweden.

On account of his long residence in Russia and also on account of his name many have conceived the idea that Dr. Afred Nobel was not of Swedish origin, but the family is an old one in Sweden and has been traced back to the seventeenth century. The name was originally derived from Noebbeloef a small parish in Torna district, province of Skaane. It was Latinized into Nobellus according to a custom very prevalent in those days among people of learning and in more recent times pronounced No-bell with the first syllable short.

One of the most distinguished members of the family was a Peter Nobelius, a high magistrate who was born about 1,600 and who married a sister of Olof Rudbeck, the author of Atlantica, most original work.

Y. P. S. Election.

The Young People's Society of Augustana Lutheran church had its annual meeting last Wednesday evening, when reports of the work the past year were received. The following officers were elected for the next six months: President, Byron A. Lindgren; vice-president, Philip Carlson; secretary, Emma E. Newman; treasurer, Frank Palmquist; librarian, Carl E. Petri; organist, Malinda Skoglund; reporter, Axel Anderson. Mission Committee—Carl Freeberg, Sister Cecilia Nelson, Ida Marie Johnson, Hannah Arvidson, Augusta Rulander, Laura Anderson, Anna K. Anderson and Augusta Nelson. Program Committee—V. E. Holmquist, Peter Youngdahl, Charles Swenson, Signe Lindstrom and Amalia Malmberg. Library Committee—Minnie Sandberg, Hulda Anderson, J. A. Wennerdahl, Bessie Johnson, Carl Freeberg, Minnie Malmberg, Philip Carlson and Arthur Petri. Tract Committee—Ida Marie Johnson, Byron A. Lindgren, Emma A. Newman, Carl Freeberg, Sister Cecilia Nelson, Augusta Nelson, Hannah Arvidson, Augusta Rulander, Laura Anderson and Anna K. Anderson. Reception Committee—Frank Larson, Beda Ekstrom, Per Sjoquist, Axel Anderson, Matilda Newman, Seraphia Prim, Ida Peterson, Walter Hanson, Edwin Lindblom and Edith Olin. Editing Committee—Byron A. Lindgren and Emma E. Newman.

Orpheus Will Sing.

Orpheus, the Swedish singing society, will give its first concert Sunday afternoon, Feb. 2, at the First Unitarian church. Professor Olof Valley, a leading basso singer of Chicago, will be the principal soloist. Aroused by the great success of the Gunnar Wennerberg memorial concert, the Orpheus society has an ambition to make other Swedish song composers known in this city by producing their works. The concert of the series will be an Otto Lindblad concert. There have been two Swedish composers of note by the name of Lindblad. Adolf Frederic Lindblad was chiefly known for his beautiful songs at the piano, which were made world famous by his celebrated friends, Felix Mendelssohn and Jenny Lind. Otto Lindblad, not related to the former, was principally a composer of quartets and part songs. He did for the culture of student song in Lund what Gunnar Wennerberg did for Upsala. In temperament Otto Lindblad's genius is of a more melancholy character than Wennerberg's, although his songs to spring and spring life are bewitchingly merry. His compositions have all a sweetness of melody and a blending of delicacy and boldness of harmony all their own. He also wrote some beautiful songs for one voice, the most famous of which, "Trollhaettan," will be sung by Professor Valley at the Orpheus concert.

"Slandered His Native Land."

Professor Morgenstjerne, of Norway university, has been called to account for his article in the French periodical, Revue du Droit Publique et de la Science Politique, in which he seeks to present the political situation in Norway. It is written from the standpoint of an ultra conservative, and is said to be such a distortion of facts as to tend to cause serious misapprehension. The church department has demanded an explanation of what they term a slander against Norway. Even the students held a big indignation meeting and, in speeches and resolutions, sharply criticized their professor.

Sweden and Norway to Confer.

Before long the Swedish and Norwegian governments will doubtless be engaged in friendly conference for the settlement of the dispute regarding the consular service. Minister Lagerheim proposes the appointment of a commission of four members, two from each kingdom, to consider the matter and to recommend a solution. The Norwegian government is not averse to the plan, but insists that the commission shall work upon the definite proposition that the two countries shall have separate services.

Changed Fortunes.

L. O. Smith, at one time one of the wealthy men of Sweden, and a liberal giver to all worthy institutions and movements, is living in Stockholm in staitened circumstances. He transferred large portions of his fortune to his family, and with the remainder speculated in Transvaal gold mines, losing all on account of the war. His family has offered him an annuity of 12,000 kroner, but he is not satisfied and threatens suit.

Norway Snowbound.

A heavy snowstorm covered southern Norway with several feet of snow during Christmas week and trains were stalled. Trains out from Christiania on Christmas Day for the west were snowbound at Roken, Asker and Heggedal. A snow plow with three engines was sent out to relieve them, and stuck fast in a cut. The passengers on the trains lived as they could for three days before the railway was finally opened.

Another Protest.

Mme. Clemence Royer, who has achieved some fame in the world of science, protests against the award of the Nobel prize for chemical research to Professor van't Hoff. The discoveries he is credited with, she says, were made by herself, and were publicly announced by her some forty years ago in her lectures at Lausanne.

In Minneapolis.

Enigheden lodge, I. O. G. T., will give a social and entertainment on Jan. 29.

John Granath and Peter Ribb, citizens of Dassel, Minn., have been visiting friends in Minneapolis recently.

Rev. E. P. Harbo, president of the Norwegian Free church, has accepted a call from St. Olaf's church in this city.

Rev. O. A. Tofteen, pastor of St. Ansgarius Swedish Episcopal church, has gone to the south for his health. He will return in March.

The head lodge of the Sons of Norway will meet Sunday, Jan. 26, at the rooms of Nidaros lodge, No. 1, at Forester's hall, on Washington avenue N.

A. G. Englund of Starbuck, Minn., was in the city this week preparing for a prolonged business trip to Europe, which will take him to the principal countries.

Nordmaendenes Sangforening will meet every Wednesday evening at 1502 Franklin avenue for rehearsal. Eric Oulie has been secured as musical director.

Minneapolis members of the Minnesota Scandinavian Relief Association will send delegates to the twenty-third annual meeting to be held at Red Wing, Jan. 28.

Messrs. Michael Johnson, O. C. Odberg, J. Ganberg and Bjorn have been instructed to arrange a basket social for the Normanna infantry company and its friends.

The youngest lodge of the Daughters of Norway has secured the name of Idun lodge, No. 3. Until other arrangements have been made the lodge will meet at the rooms of Dovre lodge, on Central avenue.

Normanna infantry company is talking of abandoning its rifle range at Keegan's lake. A desirable range can be secured at Silver lake, near the reservoir, and a change will probably be made as soon as outdoor work is practicable. Indoor target practice will be continued throughout the winter.

Samuel Garborg, a brother of the famous Norwegian writer, will open an evening school next Monday evening, Jan. 20, at the Nazareth Unitarian church, Ninth street and Twelfth avenue S. The school is principally intended for such as are deficient in English. Classes will be conducted Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Bouveng May Come Here.

Efforts are being made to bring Nels Bouveng, the lecturer, of Rockford, Ill., to this city. He has spent two years in Sweden and northern Europe in gathering material for his well-known illustrated lectures, and is said to have secured views which are of special interest to Scandinavians. He is about to make a tour of the west.

Here and There.

Germany is becoming greatly interested in skis. In the Htraz mountain districts two hours weekly are devoted to instruction in running on skis. A big tournament is to be held at St. Andreasberg Feb. 15-17, and many Norwegian champions have already entered in the prize contests.

Peter Jorgensen, a retired pilot of Copenhagen, and his wife, Marie Elizabeth, celebrated the sixty-fifth anniversary of their marriage on Jan. 8. Though upwards of 90 years of age the old people are still active and in possession of all their faculties.

Charles H. Hogland, who died last week in Chicago, was one of the leading Swedish-Americans in Illinois. With the aid of Edward and Westman and William S. Hussander, he organized nearly all the Swedish republican clubs in the windy city. He was a justice of the peace at the time of his death.

Norway boasts of being better equipped with telephones than any other country in the world. Of every 1,000 inhabitants over fourteen have telephones. Sweden, Switzerland and Denmark rank high, while in France and Austria there is only about one 'phone for every thousand inhabitants.

Professor E. A. Key, a noted pathologist, died at Stockholm Dec. 27, aged 69 years. He founded a separate institute for pathology in 1867 and continued his researches and study. Together with Professor Retzins he completed a large work on the anatomy of the nervous system. He was honored by many scientific societies with honorary membership and was recognized as an authority.

Hans Ludvig Peterson, a well-known wholesale merchant of Christiania, has left 75,000 kr. of his fortune to charitable and kindred institutions. A sum of 25,000 kr. is left to a sanatorium for consumptives, and 20,000 kr. to the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, a portion of the latter sum to be paid out in prizes to such persons as are especially active in reporting cases of cruelty.

Chess

Edited by F. N. Stacy.

In the forthcoming international tournament at Monte Carlo, which opens two weeks from next Monday, there probably will enter the following twenty-five players, of whom three are from the United States: H. N. Pillsbury, F. J. Marshall and W. E. Napier of America; J. H. Blackburne, J. Mason, I. Gunsberg and R. Teichmann of England; M. I. Tschigorin of Russia; C. A. Walbrodt, J. Mieses and T. von Scheve of Germany; C. Schlechter, G. Marco and A. Albin of Austria; G. Maroczy of Hungary; D. Janowski, Taubenhaus and Billecard of France; A. Reggio of Italy.

It is positively announced that World Champion Lasker will not appear, owing to his having accepted the chair of mathematics at Owens college, Manchester. Partial recompense for Lasker's non-appearance is found in the reappearance of Dr. Tarrasch, three times international tourney champion prior to Lasker's victory in 1897. The latter, in the Manchester Evening News, gives Tarrasch the following token of welcome:

The tournament at Monte Carlo, which will soon be in full swing, promises to be of conspicuous interest. Twenty-three entries have been made, including Dr. Tarrasch and Marcoczy. Much interest will naturally center round Dr. Tarrasch, whose retirement from the arena of chess was announced some years ago. As our columns suggested recently, when we notified a successful exhibition by him, he has emerged from that retirement, and, to use a fashionable phrase, he is not going "to plough his furrow alone." The chess world, no doubt, welcomes his reappearance, and hopes that he will make his presence felt; that is, by playing up to his own standard.

Problem No. 22.

Black—Four pieces.
K on K6; Kt on KB8; Ps on KB7 and KR4.

K on QB2; Q on Q7; Kts on Q4 and KB6; Ps on Q3 and KB4.
White—Six pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.

Lasker's Latest Games.

World Champion Lasker, at Manchester, Eng., the other day, played a two-game exhibition match with Janowski, the champion of France, under the auspices of the Manchester Chess Club. The result was one draw and one win for Lasker.

By stipulation prior to the games, Lasker was to play a King Bishop gambit in playing white and defend an Evans in playing black, thus getting, theoretically the disadvantage in the openings. His opponent was one of the cleverest of the European masters and a thoroughly resourceful antagonist. It will be remembered that Janowski tied Pillsbury for second place in the late world's championship tournament at Paris. The two games are examples of brilliant maneuvering, and are otherwise remarkable in departing from the usual lines of play in old and worn-out openings.

FIRST GAME—EVANS GAMBIT.
Janowski, White. Lasker, Black.

White—	Black—	White—	Black—
1 P-K4	P-K4	23 R-K3	Q-R5
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	24 R-KKt3	KR-B2
3 B-B4	B-B4	25 Q-R3	Q-Q5(h
4 P-QKt4	BxKtP(a	26 QR-KKt1	QxP ch
5 P-B3	B-R4(b	27 QR-Kt2	R-K1(i
6 P-Q4	PxP	28 P-R3	R-K8 ch
7 Castles	PxP(c	29 K-R2	Q-K4(j
8 Q-Kt3	Q-B3	30 Q-Kt4	P-Kt3
9 B-KKt5	Q-Kt3	31 P-B4	Q-R8
10 KtxP	BxKt	32 R-Q3	KR-K2
11 QxB	P-Q3	33 Q-Kt3 ch	KR-K3
12 B-Q5	KKt-K2	34 R-Kt1	K-Kt2
13 BxKKt	KtxB(d	35 QxR	Q-Kt7 ch
14 QxBP	KtxB	36 R-Kt2	QxR ch
15 PxKt	Castles(e	37 KxQ	RxQ(k
16 KR-K1	B-R6	38 K-B3	K-B2
17 Kt-R4	Q-Kt5	39 R-K3	R-B3(l
18 Q-K7	P-KB3	40 R-R3	K-K3
19 K-R1(f	R-B3	41 R-R7(m	R-B4
20 QxQKtP	QR-KB1	42 K-K3	K-Q4 and wins(n
21 PxB	QxKt		
22 QxRP	QxRP(g		

Notes by Editor.

(a) Lasker usually declines the gambit and plays here B to Kt3, which he recommends as giving Black the preferable position. In this game, however, he stipulated to accept the gambit.

(b) Pillsbury and Steinitz usually play B to B4, in order to follow with Kt to R4, attacking the bishop. Lasker, however, prefers the text.

(c) Lasker takes all the pawns offered and gives White full opportunity to get all the attack the opening will yield.

(d) Lasker hereby prefers his position and White's attack peters out with pawn loss.

(e) Black enters upon the end-game campaign with a pawn to the good, and if anything with a superior position.

(f) A strategic maneuver, which forces the fish-or-cut-bait alternative.

(g) The position is coming Black's way.

(h) Characteristic of Lasker strategy. Most players would have played Q to Q5 ch, at once, and taken the pawn, simply. Lasker gains a move and advances his attack.

(i) Things are getting hot.

(j) Recovering the bind and threatening also.

(k) These are interesting exchanges of the chain lightning order.

(l) Lasker knows that exchange of rooks means a draw or a lose, because of Janowski's passed QR pawn. Lasker's preceding move, K to B2, is now explained, for if K to B3, Janowski can force exchange of rooks with at least an even game.

(m) Clever maneuver, which cramps Lasker's position, but yet does not suffice.

(n) Lasker is sure to win one of Janowski's isolated pawns and eventually the game.

SECOND GAME—KING'S BISHOP GAMBIT.
Lasker, White. Janowski, Black.

White—	Black—	White—	Black—
1 P-K4	P-K4	31 R-B6	RxKt(d
2 P-KB4	PxP	32 RxQ	BxR
3 B-B4a	P-Q4	33 Q-Q2	R-B6
4 BxP	Q-R5 ch	34 K-R2	K-R2
5 K-B1	P-KKt4	35 R-K2	B-B4
6 Kt-QB3	B-Kt2	36 Q-Kt1(f	B-K3
7 P-Q4	Kt-K2	37 Q-KR1	R-B6
8 Q-Q3	QKt-B3	38 P-QR4	P-Q6(g
9 BxKtch(b	PxB	39 PxP	R(Q4)x QP
10 QKt-K2	P-KR3	40 Q-K1(h	B-Kt6
11 B-Q2	R-QKt1	41 R-Q2	R(Q6)-K6
12 Kt-KB3	Q-R4	42 R-K2	R-B6
13 P-KR4	Kt-Kt3	43 P-R5	B-B5
14 K-Kt1	P-Kt5	44 R-K4	R-B7 ch
15 Kt-K1	P-QB4	45 K-Kt1	R(B6)-B8
16 BxP(c	BxP ch	46 R-Q4	B-K7(i
17 KtxB	KtxB	47 R-Q2	R-B8
18 Q-Q2	PxKt	48 RxB	RxP ch
19 QxKt	RxP(d	49 K-R2	RxQ
20 Kt-Q3	R-Kt3	50 RxR	R-QR6
21 QxBP	Castles	51 P-K6	PxP
22 QxP	R-Q3	52 RxP	RxP
23 P-KKt3	Q-Kt3	53 K-Kt3	P-R4
24 R-K1	KR-Q1	54 K-B4	R-R2
25 Kt-B4	Q-Kt2	55 R-QKt6	R-B2 ch
26 P-K5	R-QB3	56 K-Kt3	R-B6 ch
27 R-R3	Q-B1	57 K-Kt2	R-KR6
28 R-B2	R-Q2	58 R-Kt5	RxP
29 Q-R5	Q-K2	59 R-Kt3(j	
30 Kt-Q5	Q-K3		Drawn.

Notes by the Editor.

(a) Lasker himself has pronounced this move bad, and demonstrated it in his book. He doubtless played it in this game because of the stipulation.

(b) This is emphatically "something different" in the way of a king gambit opening.

(c) Lasker apparently looks with favor upon the exchanges thus brought about, in order to hasten the end-game, his special forte.

(d) This pawn capture leadss to loss of two black pawns.

(e) Janowski plays very cleverly here and during the next few moves, and obtains decidedly the better of the position. The French champion is noted for giving up his queen for rooks and minor pieces on the end-game.

(f) This is an exceedingly wily maneuver. Black dares not take the pawn now that it is in his hand, for fear of white's counter-attack on the king.

(g) Vigorous and forceful play.

(h) Move of Laskeresque strategy.

(i) This blocks Lasker's position effectually and insures the advance of R to QB8.

(j) Out of a clear sky! Janowski apparently thought his win now was assured.

Center Counter Gambit.

As a way to avoid stereotyped openings, Black sometimes tries 1—P to Q4 in reply to 1—P to K4. This reply has usually been condemned by critics as not the best. In the past few years, however, the center counter is getting in better repute. There were several of these openings in the Hastings international tourney of 1895, and in international and national tourneys since then the center counter is getting to be a more or less familiar figure. The following are two good samples, one played by Richmond experts, with notes by the winner, and another by former international masters, with notes by Steinitz. In the twin cities the center counter has been played to some extent by one or two players, notably by Dr. F. A. Huxmann of Minneapolis, who has achieved with it fully as good results as with any other defense.

The games referred to follow:

CENTER COUNTER GAMBIT.
White, Fox. Black, Walker.

White—	Black—	White—	Black—
1 P-K4	P-Q4	20 P-QR4	Kt-Kt5
2PxP	Kt-KB3	21 Kt-Kt5	B-Kt1(d
2 PxP	Kt-KB3	Kt-Kt5	B-Kt1(d
4 P-QB4	Kt-KB3	23 Kt-B3(a	BxP
5 Kt-KB3	B-Kt5	24 R-KB1	Kt-B3(f
6 Kt-B3	P-K3	25 B-Q4	B-Kt4
7 B-K2	B-K2	26 BxKt	BxB
8 Castles	Castles	27 Kt-K4	QxP
9 B-K3	P-QB3	28 RxB(g	RxKt
10 Kt-K5	BxB	29 QxR	PxR
11 QxB	QKt-Q2	30 Q-Q4(h	P-Kt4
12 P-B4	P-B4(a	31 P-QKt3	Q-Kt5
13 QR-Q1	Q-Kt3	32 K-B1(i	PxKt
14 P-Q5	QR-Q1	33 Q-K3	PxP
15 R-B3	KR-K1	34 Q-R6	R-Q8 ch
16 R-R3(b	PxP(c	35 K-K2	Q-K8 ch
17 PxP	B-Q3	36 K-B3	R-Q6 ch
18 Kt-B4	Q-R3	37 Resigns(k	
19 Q-Q3	Kt-B1		

(Notes by Mr. Walker.)

(a) This advance was premature. Black's rooks should have been developed before this pawn was advanced.

(b) Mr. Fox afterward questioned the efficacy of this line of play. Against a proper defense it proves lost time.

(c) This and the succeeding move seem to be favorable to White, who is enabled to secure a good attack.

(d) KtxB looked tempting, and might have given a satisfactory defense.

(e) Getting ready for an attack on the K.'s side.

(f) White is continually threatening to remove the protection to the KRP, and Black must play to defend the P.

(g) Pretty play, but costs a pawn.

(h) With a view to regaining the pawn and also to prevent R to K.

(i) Q to Q2 saves the piece, but loses another pawn. White was playing for a draw by perpetual check, but he did not have a chance for it.

(k) Black mates in three more moves.

Checkers

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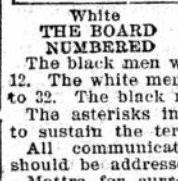
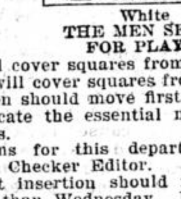
Black



White
THE BOARD NUMBERED

Black



White
THE MEN SET FOR PLAY

The black men will cover squares from 1 to 12. The white men will cover squares from 21 to 32. The black men should move first.

The asterisks indicate the essential moves to sustain the terms.

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Game No. 1443—Single Corner.

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

B wins.

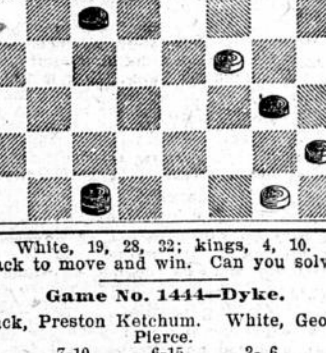
(a) At last moves White enters trap No. 306 and Black proceeds to win as follows:

23-19	25-22	16-11	10-14	23-19	14- 9
14-10	19-16	14-10	8- 3	10-14	15-10
20-23	10-14	11- 8	14-10	19-15	

B wins.

Problem No. 617.

BY A. L. GRINER.
Black—3, 14, 24; kings, 11, 30.



White, 19, 28, 32; kings, 4, 10.
Black to move and win. Can you solve it?

Game No. 1444—Dyke.

Black, Preston Ketchum. White, George Pierce.

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

Drawn.

Game No. 1445—Kelso Exchange.

Played at the Chicago Chess and Checker Club, between Charles Welen and John T. Denvir. Welen's move.

10-15	25-22	1- 6	26-17	20-27
22-18	6- 9(a	30-25	16-19(c	31-24
15-22	22-18	6-10	22-16	2- 9
25-18	8-11	19-15	12-19	17-13
11-16(a	24-19	23-16	17-13	32-27
29-25	11-16	12-19	19-23	13- 6
9-13(a	28-24(b	13-17	13- 6	27-29
18-14	4- 8	25-21	23-32(d	6- 2
16-20(a	32-28	17-22	21-17	7-11

And we have problem No. 1924 on diagram:

White (Denvir) to continue and draw.

14-10(e(h	16-19	2- 7	7-16	15-10
20-16	2- 7	19-23	20- 4	11-15
28-24	19-16	7-16	3- 7	8-11
5- 9(g	7- 2	23- 7	4- 8	15-19
24-20	16-19	16-11	7-11	

Drawn.

NOTES BY THE EDITOR.

(a) These moves were first introduced by A. J. Heffner and are supposed to be the best blacks have at their command.

(b) 18-15 was played at this period against Heffner, who scored a win with the black men. We have no record of 28-24 at this point.

(c) If 9-13, then 14-9, 13-22, 9-6, 2-9, 15-11, and White would have nothing to fear.

(d) If 2-9, then 21-17, 23-32, 17-13, and White would pick a man.

(e) 15-10, 20-16, 2-7(f, 16-12, 7-16, 12-19, 10-6, 8-11, 14-10, 19-23, 18-14, 23-18. Black wins.

(f) 10-6, 16-19, 14-10, 19-23, 18-14, 23-18. Black wins.

(g) If 16-19, then 2-7, 19-28, 7-16, 28-24, 16-19, and it avails blacks nothing.

(h) You may ask why we could not see this draw on a run. In reply, will say that the natural move, or what we call the "judgment" move, at this stage is 15-10. Not finding any draw by 15-10, we then looked at 2-6, 20-16, 6-9, 16-19, 9-13, and for a time we concluded it would draw a piece down. Our last look was at the only route, 14-10.

Game No. 1446—Cross.

Black—Titus. White—Kehoe.

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

Black wins.

Solution of Problem No. 616.

Black—3, 24, kings, 22, 30.
White, 10, 31, 32; king, 16.
White plays to win as follows:

32-28	28-19	10- 7	31-26	16-20	20-18
22-18	18-15	3-10	30-23	15-24	

White wins.

Correct solutions to last week's problem have been sent in by the following gentlemen: E. C. Dahl, Granite Falls, Minn.; Frank Seavey, Aitkin, Minn.; Ellwood Grimshaw, Deadwood, S. D.; A. D. Robertson, Sandstone, Minn.; George Pierce, Eau Claire, Wis.; S. J. Picha, St. Paul; E. H. Crooker, Minneapolis; L. T. Carpenter, Rochester; G. L. Melcher, Rochester; Amos Butler, Albert Lea; S. L. Haight, St. Thomas, N.D.; Thomas Evans, Gladstone, Minn.; Will Hunt, River Falls, Wis.; Andrew Laing, Willmar, Minn.; Robertson Cook, Minneapolis; Bert Titus, Fred Davis, C. A. Merrill, Delroy Getchell, Wendell Hertig, Robert Raine, Sam Faulkner, George Kehoe of this city.

Checker Chatter.

It has always been a mystery to the editor of this column why St. Paul could not develop a few checker players. They play whist and chess, baseball and golf fairly well, but at checkers they are not at present, and in fact never were, a success. A dozen of our best players would like to play them a match for the oysters and give them the drawn games.

The inquiry has been made why we do not devote more space to the encouragement of checker matches by correspondence. While we have never discouraged this practice, we never took much stock in it, because it simply plays one library against another, or one neighborhood against another, and the real individuality of the game is necessarily lost. The only correct way to play checkers is to have your opponent before you, with no books of reference.

Boston has a school for checker players that at last reports was interesting a considerable number of pupils. The idea seems to be a good one, and it will be a fine thing for the game if the interest in the school can be sustained. The great trouble with the persons who think they want to learn this simple game is that they insist on looking for short cuts to success; clearly demonstrate first position to them, and they fail to understand why they don't win it ever afterward without effort. Checkers is work, but it is difficult to make people believe that.

Realizing that there is something going on, an old-time firm of handbook publishers in this city has issued a circular on "The Checker Player," saying: "Although this work was primarily intended for pretty strong crossboard players, it is excellently adapted to beginners." Whether the person who made this statement knows anything about the game is immaterial, as it is evident he understands how to take the breeches in wording a business announcement.

What constitutes an opening is a question that will not down. One critic says: "11-15 24-20 should not be called the Ayrshire Lassie, as on the next move Black may play 15-19 and form the regular Bristol; 11-15 24-20 8-11 and Black allows the regular 'Lassie' formation. The Bristol Cross, 11-16, 23-18, 16-20, 24-19, 10-14, 26-23, 8-11, is now a Paisley, and the play should be put under that heading." A good way to get along in a discussion of this kind is to agree with the man who is most vehement. It would be a good thing, though, if this and several other matters of dispute could be settled by an international committee. A recognized authority is much to be desired.

One great improvement in the game of checkers in the last quarter century is the noted absence of brilliant strokes in published plays. The best games of to-day are those which show close analytical powers, and though these may not be as interesting to the amateur, at the same time a safe game has more real merit than one filled with skyrockets. By noting the games of Heffner of Boston, the reader will discover that they are permeated with an all-around excellence, with few brilliant strokes.

To be a checker player you must begin by studying well, then you must remember well, then you must practice well; then you will soon learn to play well.

Problem solving should be conducted on the Pomeroy method, as described by Charles Smith. Give Pomeroy a problem and he does not touch a piece until he has looked into the situation as far as he can. Then he announces that he thinks he has discovered the idea, and it is up to you to prove the contrary.

Experts are always able to view a game from any side of the board without mental bother. Amateurs usually want the board and pieces placed just so. The most skilful players recognize a position upside down or with colors reversed, as surely as a mother knows her boy after he has had a hair cut.

At 309 Nicollet avenue, The Flour City Checker Club is always glad to entertain strangers. Most any grade of checkers is always on tap. The boys generally commence by introducing an ordinary player. Then, if the stranger proves too strong for him, they introduce a second-rate player; and if the latter fails to defeat the newcomer, then one of the half-dozen old war horses is introduced and the consequence is that few strangers ever leave the club victorious. Do not fail to go up and interview the boys. They will tell you stories and treat you first-rate, and finally convince you that you don't know the first principles of the game.

Whist

Edited by J. H. Hemphill.

A Trophy Deal.

Minneapolis gained four tricks on the deal which The Journal publishes this week. The gain is in a large measure due to the original lead by the Minneapolis player holding East's cards at table 1. The Minneapolis player led low from a five-card suit, headed by the ace, while in the other room, at table 2, the Hamilton player led the ace and followed with his original fourth best. The low lead is the regular play advocated by the Minneapolis team, and has almost invariably been found to be the winning play.

The cards were dealt by North, who turned the 6 of clubs. East to lead.

DEAL NO. 5.
Hamilton vs. Minneapolis.

North:
♠—2 4 6 8
♡—7 10 J
♣—6 10 J Q K
◇—8

West:
♠—Q
♡—2 Q
♣—2 3 5 7 9 A
◇—2 3 5 7

East:
♠—7 A
♡—3 4 6 8 A
♣—4 8
◇—9 10 K A

South:
♠—3 5 9 10 J K
♡—5 9 K
♣—
◇—4 6 J Q

Trump, club 6. Leader, East.

THE PLAY AT TABLE 1.

Trick.	North	East	South	West
1	♡7	♡4	♡5	♡Q
2	♣10	♣4	5♠	♣5
3	♣K	♣8	4◇	♣A
4	8◇	K◇	6◇	7◇
5	♡J	♡A	♡9	♡2
6	♡10	♡6	♡K	♣7
7	♣6	9◇	J◇	5◇
8	♣Q	♡3	Q◇	♣3
9	2♠	7♠	10♠	Q♠
10	♣J	10◇	3♠	3◇
11	4♠	A♠	9♠	2◇
12	8♠	♡8	J♠	♣2
13	6♠	A◇	K♠	♣9

Score: North and South, 4.

COMMENT.

Trick 1—Minneapolis plays the East hand at this table and opens the hand according to the system in use by the team.

Tricks 2 and 3—The play is natural.

Trick 4—West makes a rather peculiar play in the lead of the diamond. The natural play from the hand would be to return the heart to his partner, hoping to be able to get discards of some of his losing cards. The play makes no difference at all, however.

Trick 7—North (Hamilton), plays poorly. He should discard a losing card, of which he has several.

Trick 9—East should have played his ace of spades at this point, for the cards can be placed exactly with but little trouble. The 2 and 3 of diamonds are still missing, and must be in West's hand, and as his partner held six trumps originally, he can have but one spade, and consequently has but three suit cards left, all of which he can care for. South's finesse in the spade suit was just a trifle late.

TABLE 2.

Trick.	North	East	South	West
1	♡7	♡A	♡5	♡2
2	♡10	♡4	♡K	♡Q
3	♡J	♡3	♡9	♣3
4	8◇	K◇	4◇	2◇
5	♣6	A◇	6◇	5◇
6	♣J	♣4	3♠	♣A
7	2♠	7♠	K♠	Q♠
8	4♠	9◇	Q◇	3◇
9	6♠	10◇	J◇	7◇
10	8♠	A♠	9♠	♣5
11	♣10	♣8	5♠	♣7
12	♣K	♡8	10♠	♣9
13	♣Q	♡6	J♠	♣2

Score—North and South, 8.

COMMENT.

Trick 1—Hamilton playing the East hand at this table, leads the ace of hearts. The play is not as bad as the score would indicate, as he has three cards of re-entry, but it is hard to see where the play can ordinarily win, as the cards next the ace are very small.

Trick 3—The return of the heart by South at this stage is a most excellent play and is directly responsible for at least two of the tricks gained. South knows that North has the best heart, and wants it to make if possible. He himself is so weak in suit and entirely void of trumps that it seems advisable for he and his partner to make their good cards early. By South's return of the heart (after North's false-carding), West may be induced to pass the doubtful trick, or, in any event, it is forcing what must be the strong opposing trump hand.

If West trumps he will probably feel less like leading trumps, unless very strong originally, and must therefore lead to one of South's suits, either of which will be much more valuable led up to than led from.

Trick 7.—West should have continued the diamond suit, which would have saved one trick. There was no use in leading the spade suit up to South, for he will be quite sure to win the trick and will then make what good diamonds he has, anyway.

The A. W. L. Trophy.

Minneapolis was again victorious in the weekly contest for possession of the challenge trophy of the American Whist League. A team representing the Hamilton Club of Chicago played and were defeated, after a very close match, by four tricks. The Hamilton team was composed of four of the best of Chicago's fine whist players, and a very hard but interesting match resulted. Minneapolis was represented by O. H. Briggs, E. A. Montgomery, W. T. Fraser and F. E. Barney. J. H. Hemphill played in Mr. Barney's place during the last half of the match. Hamilton played George W. Keehn, W. J. Walker, W. C. Atwater and W. J. Taylor. The score by deals was as follows:

FIRST HALF.

Deal No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Gain
Hamilton	7	7	5	5	4	3	6	4	3
Minneapolis	7	6	5	3	8	4	6	6	7
Deal No	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Gain
Hamilton	7	5	7	8	5	6	6	2	4
Minneapolis	6	4	7	7	5	5	7	2	1
Deal No.	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Gain
Hamilton	5	4	7	9	5	3	2	3	4
Minneapolis	4	5	6	8	5	4	2	2	2

SECOND HALF.

Deal No.	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	Gain
Hamilton	10	6	7	6	6	7	6	10	2
Minneapolis	11	6	7	5	8	7	7	9	4
Deal No.	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	Gain
Hamilton	10	8	7	5	3	8	5	4	2
Minneapolis	10	6	8	6	3	8	5	5	3
Deal No.	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	Gain
Hamilton	9	4	6	7	6	4	4	2	2
Minneapolis	8	3	8	7	7	4	4	3	4

Total—Hamilton, 17; Minneapolis, 21.
Minneapolis wins by 4 tricks.

Ladies' Night.

Ten tables were formed for the usual ladies' game last Tuesday evening, at the Whist Club. Mr. Paul and Mrs. Rankin, playing the north and south hands, were high, with a gain of twelve tricks during the evening's play. Mr. Carpenter and Mrs. Sohmes made top score in the east and west section, with a plus of nearly eight tricks. The scores recorded were as follows:

NORTH AND SOUTH.

Mr. and Mrs. Mix 181
Mr. Paul and Mrs. Rankin 195
Mr. and Mrs. Gage 182
Mr. Blew and Miss Edgerton 185
Mr. and Mrs. Sackett 180
Mr. and Mrs. Higbee 181
Mr. and Mrs. Pike 186
Mr. Guiwits and Mrs. Gifford 179
Mr. Johnston and Mrs. Chamberlain 175

Average 183

EAST AND WEST.

Mr. Shannon and Mrs. Neil 174
Mr. and Mrs. Luther 167
Mr. and Mrs. Gammons 161
Mr. Harris and Miss Candee 167
Mr. Carpenter and Mrs. Sohmes 176
Mr. Hooker and Miss Fish 167
Mr. Bechtel and Mrs. Dickey 167
Mr. Briggs and Mrs. Paul 169
Mr. Janney and Miss Knowlton 168

Average 168

The Local Tournament.

The eighth and ninth matches of the winter whist tournament were played last Thursday night, with eighty players in attendance. Fahnestock and Nicholson made high score, with a plus of 14 tricks. Mix and Hobart and Gray and Barney tied for second, each having a gain of 13 tricks. Captain Higbee and his team won both matches, gaining 31 tricks during the evening play. The recorded score follows:

SECTION A.

Players.	8th match. N-S.	8th match. E-W	9th match. N-S.	9th match. E-W	Gain.
Shan'n-McMich'l	107				
Pike-Bechtel	103			111	
Emery-Lawrence		88			
Fox-Hayes		92		99	5
Luther-Gammons	115			97	7
Blew-Thompson		80		94	
Chase-McMillan	108			97	
Phelps-Montg'ery		87		98	
Brown-Harris	103				
Bagley-Wilcox		92	96		3
Pratt-Storey	104		84		
Taylor-Perkins		91	101		7
Tinne-Johnston	101		98		
Burgess-Carp'ter		94		96	4
Fraser-Briggs	109		99		4
Fish-Kilbourne		86	97		
Paul-Barnard	112		98		6
Delieu-Bardwell		83	95		
Fahnestock-Nicholson			102		5
Brinsm'd-Thom's				100	2
Wolf'rd-Williams				93	
Averages	107	88	97	98	

SECTION B.

Players—	8th Match. N.S.	8th Match. E.W	9th Match. N.S.	9th Match. E.W	Gain.
Walford-Williams	93				
Hooker-Manley	93			98	
Brinsm'd-Thomas		102			3
Lederer-Christian		102		94	
Higbee-Jennison	101			101	9
Parsons-Heywood		94		100	
Jones-Satterlee	94			100	
Boutelle-Longb'e		101		102	7
Todd-Flynn	104			94	5
Lum-Strong		91		92	
Fahnestock-Nic'n	104				8
Thoreson-Ken'dy		91	101		
Guiwits-Sackett	100		97		3
Lane-Barber		95	95		
Jenks-Tuttle	96		94		
Gray-Pratt		99			
Loy-McKusick	88		95		
Gray-Barney		107	103		13
Pierce-Glotfelt'r	85		101		
Mix-Hobart		110	100		13
Gray-Higgins			93		
Brown-Harris			101		3
Emery-Lawrence				95	
Shannon-McMic'l				94	
Average	96	99	98	97	

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