PROBLEM WORLD.

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Monthly Tourneys.—For the most solutions of the two-movers and three-movers in the present number, sent by a *solver who has never won a prize in the B.C.M.*, a copy of "The Principles of Chess" (Mason) is offered. Ties will be decided by the first solutions to hand. For the February prize three solvers, viz., M. Sultzberger, H. Holmes, and C. A. Plaister have obtained the maximum points, but according to our conditions the winner is the first-named solver.

Every month a copy of "Chess Exemplified" is given to the author of the problem that gives the greatest pleasure to the solvers. The solvers decide this prize by naming those problems that have pleased them most. This month the prize is taken by A. G. Fellows, for No. 1,004. We have awarded six points to a problem placed first, five points to one placed second, four to the third, &c. By this system No. 1,004 has received 68 points, and wins easily. It will be some consolation to F. R. Gittins, after his rough usage, to know that his problem 1,010 has been well liked, as shown by the fact that it secured 43 points. Mrs. Baird's 1,006 has pleased many, and has obtained 39 points. Gittins comes next with 1,009 (27 points), and then E. A. Crowley with 1,002 (16 points). Altogether the sui-mates have been in favour.

B.C.M. Solution Tourney.—Many of the scores in this tourney have been affected by the February problems, but the leaders have steered clear of the pitfalls and are still together. The scores are given below :—

	Old Score.	1001	1002	1003	1004	1005	1006	1009	1010	Total.
"Beta"	27	4	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	50
T. H. Billington	27	4	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	50
F. R. Gittins	27	4	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	50
Chr. Lund	25	4	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	48
C. A. Plaister	24	4	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	47
"De Novo"	25	2	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	46
W. Prendergast	26	4	2	4	3	2	3	·1	3	46
"Harold"	23	2	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	44
"Chat"	22	4	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	43
E. Holt	22	4	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	43
Chas. Johnstone	22	2	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	43
C. S. Earle	24	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	43
"The Giant"	20	2	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	41
"East Marden"	20	4	2·2	4	3	2	3	2	3	41
H. Holmes	17	4	2	4	3	2	3	2	3	40
A. W. Cooper	20	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	39
C. A. Daliphard	25	2	2	2	0	2	3	2	0	38
A. S. Fish	18	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	37
"W.S."	18	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3	37

Geo. A. Thomas	...	...	18	...	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3 ...	37
Geo. Palmer	...	...	18	...	2	2	4	0	2	3	2	3 ...	36
E. W. Brook	...	...	13	...	2	2	4	3	2	3	2	3 ...	34
C. Cade	...		15	...	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3 ..	34
E. Titterton	...	...	17	...	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	·1 ...	32
E. A. Crowley ...	...	...	12	...	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3 ...	31
M. Sultzberger ...	...	...	—	...	4	2	4	3	2	3	2	3 ...	23
W. Damant	...	...	20	...	·1	2	2	3	·1	0	·1	·1 ...	23
John Moore	...	...	12	...	2	2	2	0	2	·1	0	3 ...	22
"Dolly" ..	...	...	—	...	2	2	4	3	2	3	2	3 ...	21
A. Denham	...	...	—	...	2	2	4	3	2	3	2	3 ...	21
F. O'D. Hoare...	..	...	13	...	2	2-1	4	·1	2	3	·1	·1 ...	19
J. Pollock ...	...	...	—	...	4	2	2	3	2	3	2	·1 ...	17
P. Park ...	...	...	—	...	2	2	2	3	2	·1	2	3 ...	15

Correct solutions of Nos. 1,001, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 from "Bellum"; of Nos. 1,001, 2, 3, 5, 9 from Margaret Barlow; of Nos. 1,003 and 1,004 from W. H. Acford and L. G. Wright; of Nos. 1,003, 5, 6 from H. S. Brandreth. Additional solver of Nos. 992—999, C. D. Latting, New York, 27 points.

Challenger No. 2.—We should like to draw a veil over this position, and screen its fate from public observation. A sense of duty, however, compels us to admit that it has been slaughtered to an alarming extent. The ink on the magazines was barely dry before the solutions came rolling in. T. H. Billington headed the procession with a solution in seven thus: 1 Kt—Kt 7 ch, K—Kt 4; 2 B—K 3, K × P; 3 B—K B 5, K—B 6; 4 B—K B 2, P—Q 4; 5 Kt—R 6, P—Q 5; 6 R—K 3, P × R; 7 B—K sq. P—K 7 mate. Then came the following host, named in the order they were received. The figure in brackets denotes the length of the solution found. W. Dixon (7), E. N. Frankenstein (11), H. H. Davis (7), L. M. F. Colborne (7), H. N. Fellows (7), "East Marden" (7), F. O'D. Hoare (12), "G. H." (13), E. A. Crowley (7), P. Park (12), R. Worters (7), C. Cade (7), Alfred Nicolas (14), A. Demonchy (10), Chr. Lund (7), and "Harold" (12).

All-in Tourney.—The prize this month is taken by "De Novo" (H. Hosey Davis), who has reached the top a second time. In a recent letter to us he says he is bound to make a slip in the quarterly tourney. Whether that be true or not, there is no doubt that he is a solver of the first rank. His marks are now cancelled and he must begin "De Novo." Scores: "De Novo," 367; E. Titterton, 343; Chas. Johnstone, 337; E. Holt, 298; ‡ "East Marden," 258; C. A. Plaister, 235; C. S. Earle, 217; * "Beta," 160; E. A. Crowley, 148; ‡ F. R. Gittins, 145; ‡ T. H. Billington, 113; "Harold," 84; W. Prendergast, 64; F. O.' D. Hoare, 62; "The Giant," 59; A. S. Fish, 55; C. A. Daliphard, 52; A. W. Cooper, 48; G. H. Palmer, 45; "W. S.," 43; C. Cade, 43; E. W. Brook, 39; M. Sultzberger, 35; "Dolly," 30; W. Damant, 26; G. A. Thomas, 22.
* Previous winners.   ‡ Twice winners.

SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEMS.

No. 1,001, by W. Gleave.—Two solutions. 1 Kt—Kt 3 (author's). Also 1 Kt—B sq.

No. 1,002, by E. A. Crowley.—1 Kt—Kt 5.

No. 1,003, by A. G. Fellows.—Two solutions. 1 Q—Kt sq (author's) Also 1 Q—Kt 7 ch, &c.

No. 1,004, by A. G. Fellows—1 Kt—B 8, K × P ; 2 Kt × Q 7, &c. If 1..., B × P ; 2 Q—B 3 ch, &c. If 1..., P—R 3 ; 2 Q—B 5, &c. If 1..., K—B 5 ; 2 Kt × P ch, &c. If 1..., K—Q 5 ; 2 Q—Kt 4 ch, &c.

No. 1,005, by Mrs. Baird.—1 P—B 6.

No. 1,006, by Mrs. Baird.—1 Q—R 7, K × P ; 2 B—K 3 ch. &c. If 1..., K—K 4 ; 2 B—Kt 3 ch, &c. If 1..., P—Q 4 ; 2 P—K 3 ch, &c.

No. 1,007, by Mrs. Baird.—1 Kt to R 6, K—Q 3 ; 2 Kt × P, K—K 4 ; 3 P—R 3, &c. If 1..., K—B 5 ; 2 P—R 3, K—K 4 ; 3 Kt × P, &c.

No. 1,008, by Mrs. Baird.—1 K—K 2, K—Q 5 ; 2 K—Q 2, K—Q 4 ; 3 B—R 2, K—Q 5 ; 4 Kt—K 6 ch, &c.

No. 1,009, by F. R. Gittins.—1 Q—Kt 3.

No. 1,010, by F. R. Gittins.—1 B—R 6, P—R 3 ; 2 Kt × P (B 6) ch, P—Kt 4 ; 3 Kt × R's P, &c. If 1..., B—R 2 : 2 Kt—K 2 ch, P × Kt ; 3 Kt—B 3 ch, &c. If 1..., P × P ; 2 B—Q 3, any ; 3 Q—B 3 ch, &c.

No. 1,011, by F. R. Gittins.—1 Kt—B 8, K—K 5 ; 2 Q—B 2 ch, K—K 4 ; 3 Kt × B ch, P × B ; 4 P—Q 4 ch, &c. If 1..., Kt—Kt 3 ; 2 R × K B ch, K—K 5 ; 3 R × R ch, K—K 4 ; 4 Kt—Q 7 ch, &c.

No. 1,012, by F. R. Gittins.—Unsolvable. Author's intention is 1 B—R 6 ch ; 2 Kt (K 4)—B 5 ch ; 3 R—R 2 ; 4 P—B 8 Bec. a Kt, B—B sq ; 5 Kt—Q 6 ch, P × Kt ch White can, however, capture the Black Knight, because it is unprotected.