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where m is a positive integer, and the $(r+1)^{\text{th}}$ term is

$$(-)^r \frac{2m(2m-1) \dots (2m-r+1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots r} \cdot \frac{1}{n+r} \cdot \frac{1}{2m+n-r}. \dots\dots\dots 32$$

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5945. (W. J. C. Sharp, M.A.)—From a double point on a quintic, a triple point on a sextic, or a p^{th} point on a $(p+3)^{\text{th}}$, prove that a limited number of lines can be drawn so as to be harmonically cut by the curve. (This is an extension of Question 5787, which may be extended to surfaces as follows):—Through an ordinary point on a quartic surface lines may be drawn so as to be cut harmonically by the surface; the points of section will trace out a quintic curve on the surface. 31

6053. (The Rev. A. J. C. Allen, B.A.)—A prism filled with fluid is placed with its edge vertical, and a beam of light is passed through an infinitely thin vertical slit, and is incident normally on the prism infinitely near its edge. The emergent beam is received on a vertical screen. If the refractive index of the fluid varies as the depth below a horizontal plane, find the nature and position of the bright curve formed in the screen. 73

6878. (B. H. Rau, B.A.)—Given a concave spherical mirror, a luminous point, and the position of an eye perceiving one of the reflected rays; find the point of incidence and reflection on the mirror. 99

6884. (For Enunciation, see Question 4904) 111
 6907. (S. Tobay, B.A.)—If A, B, C can do similar pieces of work in a, b, c hours respectively, ($a < b < c$); and they begin simultaneously, and regulate their labour by mutual interchanges at certain intervals, so that the three pieces of work are finished at the same time: find the number of solutions..... 47

7040. (Rev. T. R. Terry, F.R.A.S.)—If p and q be two positive integers such that $p > q$, and if r be any positive integer, or any negative integer numerically greater than p , show that

$$1 - \frac{q}{p-q+1} \cdot \frac{r}{p+r-1} + \frac{q(q-1)}{(p-q+1)(p-q+2)} \cdot \frac{r(r-1)}{(p+r-1)(p+r-2)} - \&c. \\ = \frac{p-q}{p} \cdot \frac{p+r}{p-q+r} \dots\dots\dots 98$$

7155. (T. Woodcock, B.A.)—If P, Q be the points in which the plane through the optic and ray axes intersects the circle of contact PQ of a tangent plane perpendicular to an optic axis of the wave surface of a biaxial crystal, and if a, c , the greatest and least axes of elasticity, be given; prove that, O being the centre of the wave surface, (1) the triangle POQ, (2) the circle of contact PQ, (3) the angle POQ will have their greatest values respectively, when the square of the mean axis b is (i.) the arithmetic, (ii.) the geometric, (iii.) the harmonic mean of a^2 and c^2 ; and the cone whose vertex is O and base the circle PQ will have its maximum volume when $b^2 = \frac{1}{2} [a^2 + c^2 + (a^4 + 14a^2c^2 + c^4)^{\frac{1}{2}}]$ 46

7159. (R. Knowles, B.A., L.C.P.)—In a parabola whose latus rectum is $4a$, if θ be the angle subtended at the focus S by a normal chord PQ, prove that the area of the triangle SPQ = $a^2 \cot \frac{1}{2}\theta (\tan \frac{1}{2}\theta + 4 \cot \frac{1}{2}\theta)^2$ 64

7194. (Professor Wolstenholme, M.A., Sc.D.)—In the examination for the Mathematical Tripos, January 2, 1868, Question (6) is as follows:—"If there be n straight lines lying in one plane so that no three meet in one point, the number of groups of a of their points of intersection, in each of which no three points lie in one of the n straight lines, is $\frac{1}{2}(n-1)$." Prove that this is not true; but that, if " n -sided polygons" be written for "groups of n points, &c.," the result will be true: and calculate the correct answer to the question enunciated. ... 57

7230. (The Editor.)—On a square (A) of a chess-board, a knight is placed at random: find the probability that it can march (1) from that square (A) to a given square (B), as, for example, to one of the corner-squares, within a moves; and (2) over b squares in less than c moves, for instance, over the four corner-squares of the board. 70

7236. (The Rev. T. W. Openshaw, M.A.)—On AB, a chord of an ellipse, as diameter, a circle is drawn intersecting the ellipse again in C, D; if AB, CD are parallel to a pair of conjugate diameters: show that the locus of their intersection is $b^2x + a^2y = 0$ 44

7247. (Dr. Curtis.)—Two magnets, whose intensities are I_1, I_2 , and lengths a_1, a_2 , are rigidly connected so as to be capable of moving only in a horizontal plane round a vertical line, which passes through the middle point of the line connecting the two poles of each magnet; if 2α denote the angle between the lines of poles of the two magnets in the