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Given an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a  $d$ -blocker is a subset of edges whose removal decreases the cardinality of a maximum matching by at least  $d$ . A  $d$ -transversal is a subset of edges which intersects with each maximum matching on at least  $d$  edges. We are in particular interested in finding minimum  $d$ -blockers and minimum  $d$ -transversals. First we will give some basic properties concerning these two notions. Then we present some complexity results and analyze special classes of graphs for which minimum  $d$ -blockers and/or minimum  $d$ -transversals can be found in polynomial time. (Received February 01, 2008)