

Chess.

Solutions to problems sent in by Correspondents will be duly acknowledged.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.
J. H., St. Liboire.—Solution to Problem No. 70 received, correct.
W. B., London.—In your proposed solution to No. 70, you apparently overlook Black's playing 2. P. takes Kt.
PROBLEM No. 71.—In addition to the author's solution, we have received another from J. H., St. Liboire, beginning with Q. takes K. The position requires a black pawn at Black's K. Kt. 4th to make it a perfect problem. Solvers, competing for the prize, should not omit the Enigmas.
 Correct solution of Problem No. 71 received from J. H., St. Liboire, and G. E. C., Montreal.

INTELLIGENCE.
 The Ontario clubs have commenced a series of consultation games by telegraph. Belleville and Elora were first in the field, the former winning both games played. The next encounter was Cobourg v. Whitby, each winning a game; then one game, Cobourg v. Port Hope, resulting in victory for the former.
 The latest match we hear of was Toronto v. Seaforth; two games were won by the latter, and two drawn, a victory which speaks very highly for the skill of the Seaforth players.
 We shall select the best of these games for publication at an early date.

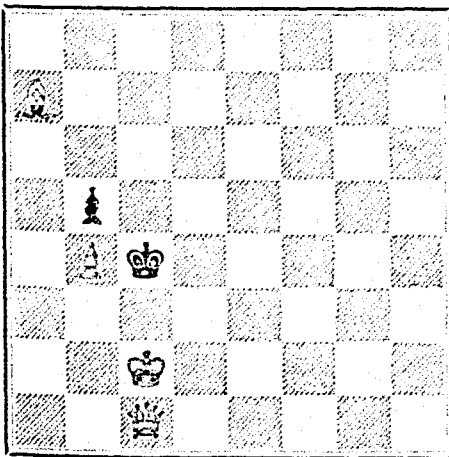
CHESS IN HAMILTON, ONT.
 A well-contested and interesting game in the recently-concluded Tourney of the Hamilton Chess Club.
Philidor's defence.

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| <p>White.
 Mr. W. F. Mackay.
 1. P. to K. 4th
 2. K. Kt. to B. 3rd
 3. P. to Q. 4th
 4. P. takes K. B. P. (b)
 5. Q. P. takes K. P.
 6. B. to K. 2nd
 7. Castles.
 8. B. to Q. Kt. 5th
 9. P. to Q. B. 3rd
 10. B. to K. Kt. 5th
 11. B. takes Q. Kt.
 12. K. Kt. to Q. 4th
 13. B. to K. 3rd
 14. Q. Kt. to Q. 2nd
 15. P. to K. B. 4th
 16. Q. to K. R. 5th
 17. Q. R. to K. sq.
 18. B. takes Kt.
 19. B. to K. 3rd
 20. B. takes B.
 21. P. to K. R. 3rd
 22. Kt. to K. 4th (f)
 23. P. takes Q. B. P.
 24. Q. takes Q.
 25. Kt. to Q. 6th
 26. P. to K. B. 5th
 27. R. to Q. sq.
 28. Kt. takes Q. B. P.
 29. R. to Q. 4th
 30. R. takes R.
 31. R. to K. 4th
 32. R. takes B.
 33. K. to K. 4th
 34. P. to K. 6th
 35. P. to K. Kt. 4th
 36. R. to Q. 4th
 37. P. takes R.
 38. K. to B. sq.
 39. K. to K. sq.
 40. K. to Q. 2nd—wins.</p> | <p>Black.
 Mr. W. T. Taylor.
 P. to K. 4th
 P. to Q. 3rd
 P. to K. B. 4th (a)
 Q. B. takes P.
 P. to Q. 4th
 B. to Q. B. 4th
 Q. Kt. to K. 2nd
 Castles.
 B. to K. 3rd (c)
 P. takes B.
 Q. to Q. 2nd
 B. to Q. Kt. 3rd
 Kt. to K. Kt. 3rd
 Kt. to K. R. 5th
 Kt. to K. B. 4th
 Kt. takes Kt. (d)
 P. to Q. B. 4th
 P. to Q. B. 5th (e)
 Q. B. P. takes P.
 P. to Q. 5th
 P. takes Q. B. P. (g)
 Q. to K. R. 2nd
 B. takes Q.
 B. to K. 3rd
 B. to Q. 4th
 B. to Q. B. 3rd
 Kt. to Q. Kt. 4th
 Q. R. to Q. sq.
 R. takes R.
 B. takes Kt.
 K. to Q. 4th
 P. to Q. Kt. 4th
 K. to B. sq.
 K. to K. 2nd
 R. takes R.
 P. to Q. Kt. 5th
 P. to Q. R. 4th
 P. to K. Kt. 3rd</p> |
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(a) A spirited commencement for a match game; this variation produces lively and critical positions, and the counter attack requires to be very carefully answered by the first player.
 (b) P. takes P. Q. is the correct play; the move made allows the second player to gain an advantage by—4. P. to K. 5th.
 (c) Black has lost a pawn but his position seems slightly superior.
 (d) Better than Kt. takes B., but P. to K. Kt. 3rd might have been played first, forcing a retreat of the Queen.
 (e) Here Black misses his opportunity; he should have continued as follows:—

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| <p>White.
 20. P. takes P.
 21. B. retires.
 with the better game.
 (f) Well played; the oncoming of the Kt. changes the aspect of affairs at once.
 (g) Why not P. to Q. 6th?—but even that would scarcely have equalized the game, as White has now a good position, and two extra pawns.</p> | <p>Black.
 19. P. to Q. 5th
 20. P. takes P.
 21. R. takes P.</p> |
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PROBLEM No. 73.
 By J. W.
BLACK.



WHITE.
 White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM No. 71.
White. 1. R. takes R. P. ch. 2. Q. to Kt 5th 3. R. takes P. mate
Black. P. takes R. B. takes Q. or moves.

VARIATIONS.
 1. B. takes P. mate. 2. Kt. mates. 3. Kt. mates. 4. Q. to Q. 2d, mate. 5. Q. takes Q. mate.
 R. takes Q. Q. takes Q. Q. or R. takes P. R to K 4th or P moves. Q. takes Kt.
 Black has other defences; we have only noted the best.

Varieties.

The gardener who grafted a chestnut to a box-tree found it only produced large trunks.
 A disgusted Dunbarian wants to know, if a woman was designed to be the equal of man, why it is she can't whistle.

A Kirk luminary recently asked his pet scholar why they took Stephen outside the walls of the city to stone him to death. The little fellow was silent for a moment, as though absorbed with the problem, when, brightening up suddenly, he replied, "So they could get a better crack at him."

The little son of a prominent Baltimore minister said to his father, "Pa, St. Paul was a Southerner."
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