

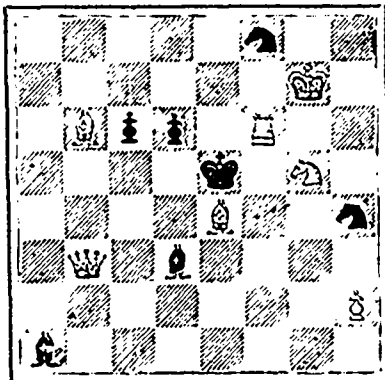
CHESS.

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Solution to problem No. 95, P to Kt8 becomes Kt. Solved by Mrs. H. Moseley, C. W. Lundy and J. W. Wallace.

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PROBLEM No. 97.
BLACK 7 pieces.



WHITE 7 pieces.
White to play and mate in 2 moves.

GAME No. 78.

Awarded Messrs. Frank Rudd and Wehle's special prize of \$50, for the best game in the New York tournament. Notes by W. H. K. Pollock in the Baltimore *Sunday News*.

(GIUOCO PIANO)

WHITE	BLACK
J. Mason.	I Gunsberg.
1 P to K4	P to K4
2 Kt to KB3	Kt to QB3
3 B to B4	B to B4
4 P to Q3	P to Q3
5 B to K3	B to Kt3
6 P to B3	Kt to B3
7 QKt to Q2	Q to K2
8 P to QR4	

The profound combinations, by which in this game Gunsberg makes capital out of the possibilities created by scientific Mason, are almost indescribable, even when seen and analyzed.

9 B to QKt5	B to K3
10 P takes B	B takes B
11 B takes Kt ch	P to QR3
12 P to QKt4	P takes B
13 Castles	Castles, K R
14 Q to K2	Kt to Kt5!
15 P takes P	P to KB4
16 P to K4	B takes P
17 Kt to B4	B to Q2

Well conceived The object is to manoeuvre the Knight to K3, a better sq., while immediately preventing Black from playing P to QR4 or P to Q4.

18 Kt to K3 Kt to B3
19 P to B4 P to Kt3

Mr. Teed, in his lucid notes, explains here: "Not dangerous, as White's Q to B is off, in fact the advance of Pawn opens a way for his own Knight to reach K3 and Q5, as will be seen."

Even Mason may be excused for having failed to foresee the Mephistophelian subtlety by which his opponent avails himself of this flaw.

20 P to Kt3	Kt to R4
21 R to B2	B to R6!
22 Q to Kt2	Kt to Kt2!
23 QB to K sq	Kt to K3!
24 QR to K2	R to B2!
25 Kt to K sq	QR to KB sq

The Knight is clearly obliged to move away in favor of the hostile Knight.

26 R to Q2 Kt to Q5
27 Kt (K3) to Kt2 Q to Kt4!

27 Kt to Q sq would have avoided such sudden disaster, but would not have saved the game.

28 K takes B! B takes Kt
29 K to B sq Q to K6

The only move to save this piece for a moment, but giving Black an opportunity for a marvellous consummation of skill and brilliancy.
Kt to Kt6!!!

30 Resigns.
If 30 Q takes Kt Black mates in two moves. If 30 R to K2 or B2, R takes R ch. 31 R takes R, Kt to Q7 ch! and wins.

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SOLUTION.

PROBLEM 131.—Position — Black men 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 19, 20; white men 10, 15, 18, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32; white to play and win:

21 17	8-12	18 15	9-13
1-7-21	16 11	10-14	7 11
27 23	12-16	3 8	6-9
20-27	11 7	14-18	15 10
23 7	16-19	8 11	9-14
3-19	7 3	1-6	11 15
32 16	6-10	11 7	w. wins.

VAR. I

7-23	32 7	8-11	26 23
27-18	3-19	2-25	22 19-26
20 27	17 13	11-16	30 23

white wins.

VAR. II.

25 21	10-15	1-10	10-26
6-10	26 22	18 14	30 7
13 6			white wins.

GAME XXVII—SWITCHER

By A. E. Burnett, Lyons, N. Y., in *American Checker Review*.

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

b—white wins.

(a) When Denvir played this game against Wright to this stage the latter took 32 27, and Denvir won as follows:—

32 27	27 24	31 24	24 15
14-17	16-20	6-9	8-11
25 21	23 16	13 6	15 8
9-14	20-27	1-19	3-19

black wins.

VAR. I.

3-8-11	3-12	1-5	19-26
15 8	32 27	26 22	22 17

white wins.

VAR. II.

7-10	16-20	20-27	10-19
27 24	23 16	31 24	24 15

white wins.

VAR. III.

8-12	27 24	12-19	32-16
c-31	27 16-20	26 22	white
3-8	23 16	20-27	wins.

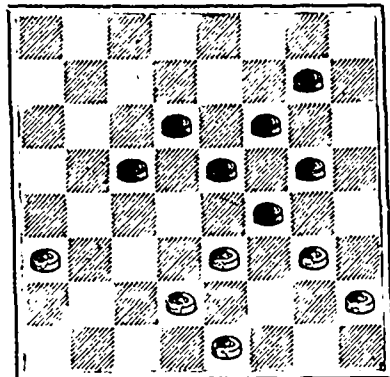
(c) If 15 11, then 14-18, 23 5, 19-24 draws.

(b) Mr. Burnett leaves it here as a white win, but our Checker Editor claims that Denvir should have drawn, and submits the position as

PROBLEM No. 133.

By Wm. Forsyth, correcting A. E. Burnett.

Black men—8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19.



White men—21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 31.
Black to play and draw.

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