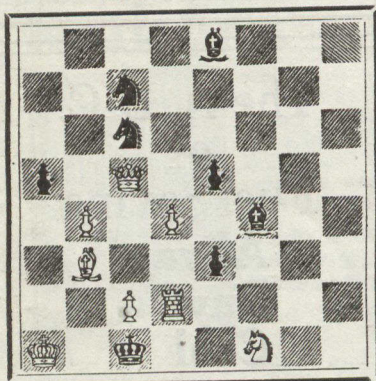




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PROBLEM NO. 72, by H. W. Bettmann. Specially contributed to the "Courier" (Task).

Black.—Eight Pieces.



White.—Eight Pieces.

White to play and mate in three.

Problem No. 73, by A. Ellerman

Second Prize, Good Companion Club, March, 1916.

White: K at KBsq; Q at KR4; Rs at QK4 and KR6; Kts at KB4 and KKt3. Black: K at K4; Rs at K7 and KB2; Bs at QKtsq and QBsq; Kts at K8 and KBsq; Ps at QB3, Q6, Q7, KB7, KKt2 and KKt5.

Mate in two.
SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 69, by W. Pauly.

1. R—QKt7! K—K4; 2. R—Kt6, K—B4; 3. P—B3, K moves; 4. Q—K4 or Kt4 mate. 1., K—K3; 2. QxP, K—B3; 3. P—B4, K moves; 4. Q—K5 or Kt5 mate.

Problem No. 70, by M. F. J. Mann. 1. K—B4, KtxR dbl. ch; 2. KxP mate. 1., KKt—B3ch; 2. R—Q6 mate. 1., QxQ; 2. KxKt mate. 1., Q—B4; 2. QxQ mate. 1., QKt moves; 2. Q—R6 mate.

Problem No. 71, by Karel Traxler.

1. Q—R7, KxR; 2. B—B4ch! K moves; 3. Q—Q3 or QB7 mate. 1., B—Kt8; 2. B—B5! KxR or Kt—B2; 3. Q—B5 mate. 1., threat; 2. B—Q7ch, KxR; 3. Q—Q3 mate.

A REMARKABLE CLEARANCE THEME

By F. Kohlein.

White: K at QB6; R at KKt6; B at KBsq; Kt at QKt5; Ps at K4, K6 and KR5. Black: K at Kt5; Rs at KRsq and KR2; Bs at QB6 and KBsq; Kt at KKt2; Ps at K2, K4, KB6, KB7 and KR3. Mate in seven.

Obviously the means of mating is by the Bishop at B7. White must first clear a path by the removal of his Knight and King. The play commences 1. K—Kt7! threatening 2. K—R8; 3. Kt—R7; 4. B—Kt5 and mates on the sixth. (The Knight covers first at R7, or the King would eventually be subject to a check from Black's Queened Pawn at QR8.) Black defends by 1., B—Q5! If now 2. K—R8, then 2., B—R2; 3. KtxB stalemate. The defence 1., B—Q6, however, permits procedure by 2. Kt—B7, the most remarkable point in this remarkable composition. White then threatens 3. K—B8; 4. B—Kt5, P—Q; 5. B—K8, Q—R3ch; 6. KtxQ and 7. B mates. If Black continues 2., B—Kt3, this line of play will not answer, however, on account of 3., BxKt. But 3. B—Kt5 is feasible at once, as the disastrous check from the Queened Pawn at QKt8 is consequently not forthcoming. This brings into the light the reason why 1. Kt—B7 does not cook. Black would reply 1., B—B6; 2. K—Kt7, B—R4 and now 3. K—B8, or B—Kt5 will of course not avail.

COPENHAGEN TOURNAMENT.

An international tournament at Copenhagen has resulted in a victory for the well-known Swiss master Paul Johner by a score of five wins out of a possible seven. The other prize-winners, Dr. Krause (Denmark), Lowenborg (Sweden) and Marchand (Holland) tied for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, places, with 4½ games each. Johner was a visitor at the Toronto Chess Club one afternoon in September, 1910, and met ten players in simultaneous play, winning eight games and losing two, to J. S. Morrison and the late veteran W. Flint Jones. Following this Johner engaged eleven players singly in rapid play with a result of 9 wins, 1 loss and 1 draw, in the master's favor also. The following is an interesting game from the tournament, with notes, abridged, from the London "Field."

Queen's Pawn Opening.

White. J. Giersing (Denmark)	Black. P. Johner (Switzerland)
1. P—Q4	1. P—Q4
2. Kt—KB3	2. P—K3
3. P—B4	3. Kt—KB3
4. Kt—B3	4. P—B4
5. BPxP	5. KPxP
6. P—KKt3	6. Kt—B3
7. B—Kt2	7. B—K3
8. Castles	8. B—K2
9. B—Kt5	9. Kt—K5
10. BxB	10. QxB
11. R—Bsq	11. R—Qsq
12. P—K3	12. KtxKt
13. PxB	13. Castles
14. Q—K2	14. B—KKt5
15. Q—Kt5	15. P—B5
16. P—K4 (a)	16. P—QR3
17. Q—Kt6 (b)	17. PxB
18. QR—Ksq (c)	18. R—Q4 (d)
19. Q—Ktsq	19. BxKt
20. BxB	20. P—B4
21. B—K2	21. P—QKt4
22. P—B3	22. P—K6 (e)
23. P—B4	23. KtxP (f)
24. PxB	24. RxP (g)
25. P—QR4	25. Q—B4
26. PxB	26. PxB
27. R—B3	27. R—Q7
28. K—Bsq	28. R—Ksq
29. R—Bsq	29. Q—Q4
30. Q—Kt4	30. P—R3
31. K—Ksq	31. RxBeh
32. KxR	32. Q—Q6ch
33. K—Ksq	33. R—Qsq (h)

34. R—Rsq
35. Q—Kt2
36. Q—K5 (j)
37. QxKP
38. QxR
39. Q—K2 (k)
40. Q—Bsq
41. KxQ
Resigns.

34. K—R2 (i)
35. P—Kt5
36. P—B6
37. R—Ksq
38. QxR
39. Q—R8
40. QxQch
41. P—Kt6

(a) A good move, but white does not follow it up correctly.

(b) A mistake which loses a Pawn. The correct continuation was 17. Q—R4 still bearing on the Queen's Bishop Pawn, followed, if Black plays 17., PxB, by 18. R—Ksq, threatening 19. Kt—Q2 and regaining the Pawn with the better game. If Black plays 17., QxP, then 18. Kt—K5, Q—B4; 19. KtxKt, PxB; 20. P—B3 winning the Bishop for two Pawns.

(c) If 18. Kt—Q2, then 18., P—K6; 19. PxB, (if 19. KtxP, Black would win the exchange by 19., B—K7), QxPch; 20. R—B2, Kt—K4, threatening Kt—Q6 and winning the exchange, for if 21. B—Bsq, then 21. Kt—B6ch!

(d) Threatening to win the Queen. (e) The only move. If 22., R—Ksq, then 23. PxB, PxB; 24. B—B3, regaining the pawn with the better game.

(f) The sacrifice was almost forced as white was threatening B—B3, after which he would probably have won the isolated Pawn in a few moves and would then have had the advantage.

(g) Black has now three Pawns for his piece and White's game is very cramped. (h) Threatening Q—Q7ch.

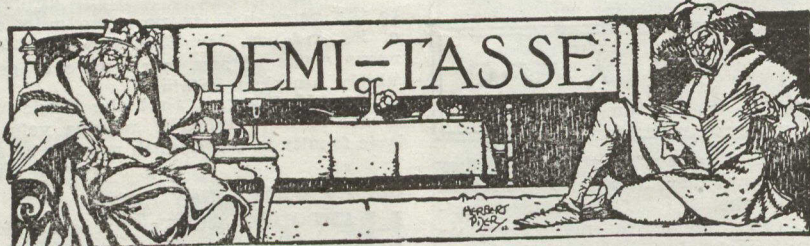
(i) Black has now a forced win by Q—K5, e.g., 34., Q—K5; 35. R—KBsq, P—K7; 36. R—B2, Q—R8ch; 37. KxP, QxR, threatening mate in two.

Or 36. R—KKtsq, Q—Q5; 37. KxP! R—Ksqch; 38. K—Bsq (not 38. K—B3, Black mates in two), QxQRch; winning easily.

Or 35. Q—R5, QxR; 36. QxRch, K—R2, threatening Q—B7ch and also Q—R8ch, to which there is no valid defence.

(j) If 36. QxP, then 36., P—B6, followed by 37., Q—Q7ch, wins.

(k) The losing move. R—R8, instead, would have drawn.



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