

## CHESS.

(To Correspondents.)

A. M. S.—You will find one of the positions sent inserted as a problem in the present number.

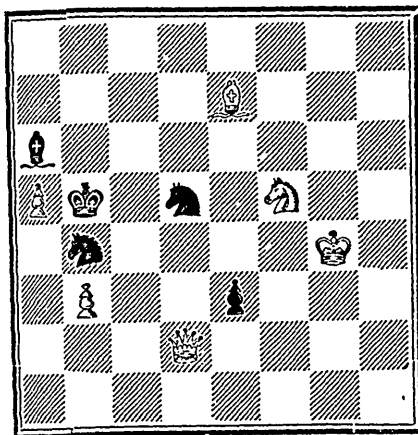
ROOK.—The games you have sent appear to have been wrongly taken down, or impossible moves have been made. In reporting, a confusion of the King's and Queen's Kt. has evidently taken place.

\*.\* We defer the solution of our last problem until our next issue, as only one correspondent has favoured us with a reply, which unfortunately is wrong.

## PROBLEM No. XIII.

By A. M. S.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

## ENIGMAS.

No. 37. By G. S. Jelicoc.

WHITE.—K at Q B 3d; R at K B 6th; B at K 8th; Kt at Q 5th; Ps at K R 4th and Q 2d.

BLACK.—K at K 4th; Ps at Q 6th, Q B 2d, and K R 4th.

White to play and mate in three moves.

No. 38. By E. H. G.

WHITE.—K at Q B sq; Q at her 8th; R at K 3d; B at K Kt 2d; Kt at K B 6th; Ps at Q 3d and 5th, and Q R 3d.

BLACK.—K at Q B 4th; Q at K sq; Rs at K R sq and Q Kt 5th; Bs at Q 5th and Q R 5th; Ps at K 5th, Q 3d, and Q Kt 2d.

White to play and mate in five moves.

No. 39. By an Amateur.

WHITE.—K at K R sq; B at Q B 7th; Kt at K 7th; Ps at K B 5th, K 2d, and Q B 3d.

BLACK.—K at K 5th; Ps at K B 3d, K 6th, and Q B 3d.

White to play and mate in four moves.

## ANECDOTES OF CHESS-PLAYERS.\*

TAMERLANE THE GREAT.—The game of chess has been generally practised by the greatest warriors and generals. Tamerlane the Great was engaged in a game during the very time of the decisive battle with Bajazet, the Turkish emperor, who was defeated and taken prisoner.

AL AMIN, THE KHALIF OF BAGDAD.—It is related of Al Amin, the Khalif of Bagdad, that he was engaged at chess with his freedman Kuthar, at the time when Al Mamun's forces were carrying on the siege of that city with so much vigor, that it was on the point of being carried by assault. The Khalif, when warned of his danger, cried out, "Let me alone, for I see checkmate against Kuthar!"

KING CHARLES I. was playing at chess when news was brought of the final intention of the Scots to sell him to the English; but so little was he discomposed by this alarming intelligence, that he continued his game with the utmost composure, so that no person could have known that the letter he received had given him information of anything remarkable.

KING JOHN was engaged at chess when the deputies from Rouen came to acquaint him that their city was besieged by Philip Augustus; but he would not hear them until he had finished his game.

COLONEL STEWART used frequently to play at chess with Lord Stair, who was very fond of the game; but an unexpected checkmate used to put his lordship into such a passion, that he was ready to throw a candlestick, or anything else that was near him, at his adversary; for which reason the Colonel always took care to be on his feet, to fly to the furthest corner of the room when he said, "Checkmate, my Lord!"

LIFE is chess on a grand scale, and chess is an emblem of life, with its hopes and its fears, its losses and its gains; only in chess, if you lose one game by a false move, you can set up the pieces and play another. \* \* \* \*

Nobody but a chess-player can appreciate the strong tie of brotherhood which links its amateurs. For a fellow-chess-player, a man will do that which he would refuse his father and mother. The habit of breathing the same air, and looking at the same chess-board, creates a friendship to which that of Damon and Pythias was a mere "How d'ye do?"—*Frazer.*

\* Related by Herr Harrwitz.