

GAME 299TH.

Played between Messrs Pitschel and Blackburne in the late great Paris Tourney.

(From the Westminster Papers.)

- WHITE.—(Herr Pitschel.) BLACK.—(Mr. Blackburne.) 1. P to Q B 4 2. P to K 3 3. Kt to K B 3 4. P to Q Kt 3 5. B to Kt 2 6. B to K 2 7. Castles 8. Kt to Q B 3 9. Kt to K sq 10. P to K B 4 11. B to B 3 12. P to Q 4 13. P to Q R 3 14. Kt to Q 3 15. B to B sq 16. Kt to K 5 17. R to R 2 18. R to Q 2 19. P to K Kt 3 20. R to R 2 21. Kt to Q 3 22. P to K R 3 23. P to Q Kt 4 24. Kt to Kt 2 25. B to K 2 26. Q to R 4 27. Q to B 2 (b) 28. R to B 3 29. Kt from B 3 to R 4 30. Kt to B 5 31. Kt to Q sq 32. Kt to K B 2 33. Kt P takes B 34. K takes Kt 35. K to Kt 2 36. R to B sq 37. B to Kt 2 (d) 38. B to B 3 39. Q R to R sq 40. K P takes P 41. B to B sq 42. P takes P 43. K to R 2 44. B takes R 45. B takes Kt 46. Q to K B 2 47. K R to K sq 48. R to K 3 49. R to Q sq 50. Q R to K sq (f)

NOTES.

(a) I do not admire Mr. Blackburne's proceedings up to this point. Possibly, what seems like an elaborate development of eccentricity, arises from the fact that, having intended a certain line of attack, he finds the opponent stronger than he had counted upon. (b) Having taken nothing by his motion, better to have captured the Pawn last move. (c) This bold device does not surprise one, coming from Mr. Blackburne. Its soundness against the best play is questionable. The idea, I believe, is if 37 B P takes P, then Q to K 4. 38. R to B 3, B to K 3, with B to Q 4, as the continuation. (d) This makes matters very comfortable for Black, seeing that now B P cannot take P. (e) This, as will be seen, has to be followed up by the sacrifice of the exchange, and though the attack obtained may seem a sufficient justification, yet where is the necessity with such an impregnable position? I would decidedly prefer here Q to K 2. (f) This is too absurd!

GAME 300TH.

Played recently between Mr. C. A. Boivin, of St. Hyacinthe, P. Q., and Mr. Geo. P. Black, of Halifax, N.S., in the Canadian Chess Correspondence Tourney.

(Irregular Opening.)

- WHITE.—(Mr. Boivin.) BLACK.—(Mr. Black.) 1. P to K 4 2. Kt to K B 3 3. P to K Kt 3 4. B to K Kt 2 5. Castles 6. P to Q B 3 7. P to Q 3 8. B to K 3 9. P takes B 10. Q Kt to Q 2 11. P to Q 4 12. Q to B 2 13. P at K 3 takes P 14. Kt takes P 15. Kt to K 5 16. B takes B 17. P takes Kt 18. Q takes Kt 19. R to K B 4 20. R to K B 2 21. K to Kt 2 22. Q R to K sq 23. R to K B 5 24. R to K R 5 25. Q to K R 4 26. Q to K Kt 5 (ch) And the game is drawn by perpetual check.

NOTES.

(a) This move does not seem to improve Black's position. (b) The last two moves of this Kt have caused a loss to Black of valuable time. (c) P to K B 4 appears to be well worth consideration. Taking the R leads to a draw at once.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 192.

- WHITE. BLACK. 1. Q to Q R sq 1. Any move 2. Mates acc.

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 190.

- WHITE. BLACK. 1. P to R 5 1. P takes P 2. P to Q 5 2. P takes Q P 3. P to B 5, etc.

There are other variations.

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 191.

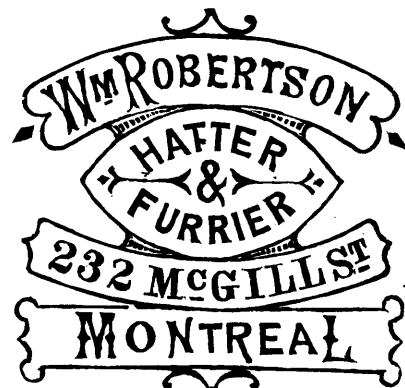
- WHITE. BLACK. K at Q R sq K at Q 5 Q at Q B 8 Pawns at Q 3 and 4 R at Q B 3 R at K 8 Pawn at K 4

White to play and mate in two moves.



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