

CHESSE IN ENGLAND.

For the following interesting games we are indebted to the Dramatic Times.

GAME 224TH.

CHESSE IN LONDON, ENG.

The following fine game was played in the last Handicap Tourney at the City of London Club:

(Remove White's Q, Kt.)

- WHITE.—(Mr. Potter.) 1. P to K B 4. 2. P to Q K 3. 3. B to K 2. 4. P to K 3. 5. Kt to B 3. 6. Q to K 2 (b). 7. P to Q 3. 8. P to K 3. 9. P to Q R 3. 10. P to B 3. 11. B to K 2. 12. P to K 4. 13. Kt to Q 2. 14. Castles K R. 15. K to B 2. 16. Kt to B 3. 17. P to B 5. 18. B to B sq. 19. R to B 2. 20. Kt to R 4. 21. B to Q 2. 22. B to K B 3 (c). 23. B to R 5. 24. B to Kt 6 (f). 25. B takes P (ch). 26. Kt to Kt 6 (ch). 27. B takes Kt. 28. P takes Kt. 29. Q to B 5 (ch). 30. B takes R (ch). 31. B to Q 5. 32. Q to R 5 (ch).

NOTES.

- (a) In this phase of the close opening, it is better for Black, whether playing on even terms or at odds, to advance his Q B P before he moves the Q Kt. (b) Much better than playing P to Kt 3 at once, because it conceals White's intention of bringing out the K B on the King's side, and seduces Black into making a weak move. (c) Ignoring Staunton's advice to young players—'avoid needless check.' (d) Casting Q R would have been much better. (e) The key move to a capital combination. (f) From this point to the end, White's game quite outclasses with pretty moves. (g) If K takes B, White wins by checking with Q, and then playing Kt to Kt 6.

GAME 225TH. CHESSE AT LEEDS, ENG.

The following smart little game was played a short time since between Mr. H. Millard, the late Secretary of the Leeds Club, and the Rev. S. W. Earnshaw.

- WHITE.—(Mr. Millard.) 1. P to K 4. 2. P to Q B 3 (a). 3. B to B 4. 4. Kt to B 3. 5. Castles. 6. P to Q 3. 7. B to K 3. 8. Q Kt to Q 2. 9. B takes B. 10. P to Q 4. 11. P takes K P. 12. B to K 2. 13. B takes Kt. 14. P takes B (c). 15. K to R sq. 16. Q to K 2. 17. R to Kt sq. 18. Q to K B sq. 19. Kt takes Q. 20. K to Kt 2. 21. K to R sq. 22. P takes P. 23. R to Kt 2.

NOTES.

- (a) This move may be commended, not as being strong, but as being uncommon, and as such, calculated to test the native capacity of the combatants, and to lead to novel positions. (b) Good enough, but the most effective reply is P to Q 4. (c) Safest course, had he captured the K P White must have obtained, at least, an equivalent for it by P to Q 4. (d) Unless, unless Black purposed, after casting Q R, to employ his pawns in an immediate attack upon his adversary's King. (e) The open file thus obtained is valueless; he ought to have taken with the Q. (f) Very well played. (g) Black deserves great credit for his perspicacity in spying out the latent strength of his position, and for the judgment he exercised in utilizing it so speedily and happily.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 149. By THE AUTHOR.

- WHITE. 1. R takes P (ch). 2. R to K 5 (ch). 3. R to K 6 (ch). 4. R to B 4 (ch). 5. R to B 6 (ch). 6. R to K 6 (ch). BLACK. 1. K to K 4. 2. Kt takes R (best). 3. K to Q 5 (a). 4. K to B 4. 5. K to Q 3 (b). 6. K to K 4. (a) 1f3. K to B 5. 4. K to Kt 4. 5. K to R 3 or B 5. (b) 1f5. K to Kt 4. 6. K to R 1. 6. R P ch. 7. Kt P mates.

Solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 147

- WHITE. 1. Q to R 5. 2. Kt mates. BLACK. 1. Anything.

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 148

- WHITE. Kt at K Kt 3. R at Q B sq. B at Q B 8. B at Q Kt 2. Kt at Q 7. Pawns at K B 2, K R 4, Q B 2, and Q Kt 3. BLACK. Kt at K B 4. Q at Q R sq. B at K B 8. Pawns at K B 3, K R 3, Q 3, and Q B 4. White to play and mate in three moves.

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