

Chess.

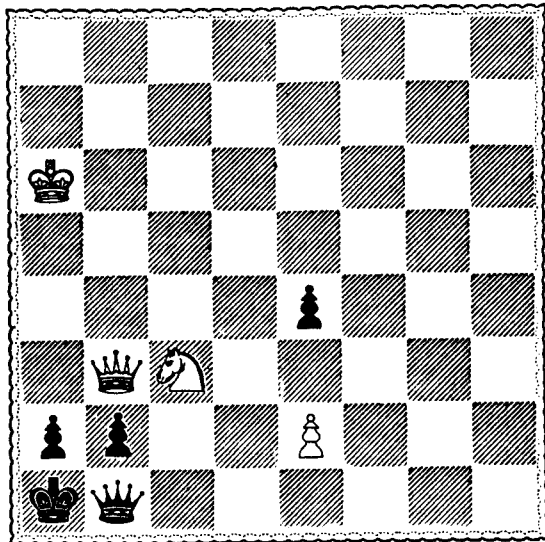
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PROBLEM NO. XLIX.

By Mr. J. N. Babson. From the Newton (Mass.) Republican.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM NO. XLVI.—By Sig. Nicolo Sardotsch.

White. 1 Kt to Q 7
Black. R takes P
White. 2 Q to K 6 (ch)
Black. 2 R takes P (ch)
White. 3 R takes P mate
Black. K to B 5
White. 3 Q to Q 6 mate
Black. Kt takes Kt
White. 3 Q takes P mate
Black. K to R 3

Correct solution received from T.M.J., Pax.

GAME NO. XLV.

A brilliant little game played a short time ago at Crosby Hall, London, between Herr Schnitzler and Mr. Alexandre. From *The Field*; notes by Mr. Steinitz.

DANISH GAMBIT.

WHITE. Herr Schnitzler. **BLACK.** Mr. Alexandre.
1 P to K 4 P to K 4
2 P to Q 4 P takes P
3 P to Q B 3 P takes P
4 B to Q B 4 P takes P
5 Q B takes P Q to Kt 4 (a)
6 K Kt to B 3 (b) Q takes P
7 R takes K B P (ch) K to Q sq (c)
8 R to Kt sq B to Q Kt 5 (ch)
9 Kt to B 3 (d) Q to R 6
10 R to Kt 3 Q to R 3
11 Q to Q Kt 3 R takes Kt (ch)
12 Q takes B K Kt to B 3
13 R to K Kt 6 (e) P takes R (f)
14 Q takes Kt (ch) P takes Q
15 B takes P mate.

NOTES.—(a) Not a good move. The German Handbook gives the following defence: Black 5 Kt to B 3. White 6 P to K 5—B to Kt 5 (ch), 7 K to B sq—P to Q 4, with the better game. If, however, on the 7th move White interposes the Q Kt, the answer proposed by the Handbook is Q to K 2, whereupon White is made to reply 8 K Kt to K 2. The efficiency of the last move seems to us, however, to involve the whole question whether the second pawn can be taken with safety on Black's fourth move, for the continuation 8 Q to K 2 would, we believe, give the attack sufficient vitality.
(b) A very clever rejoinder, and the root of fine combinations developed in the next few moves.
(c) The B could not be taken, for his Q would then have been lost by the answer R to Kt sq and Kt to Kt 5 (ch), ultimately.
(d) Stronger still was K to K 2, for White could afterwards win a piece by B takes Kt followed by Q to Kt 3.
(e) An ingenious manœuvre. White pursues the attack in vigorous style.
(f) Which leaves an opportunity open for a brilliant finish, but the game was lost. Q to B 5 would not have saved it, as White could answer R takes Kt. Nor could the defence be kept up by Kt takes P, for White would simply take the Q, with the superior game. e.g., Black 13 Kt takes P. White 14 R takes Q—Kt takes Q, 15 B takes Kt—R to B sq, 16 R takes P (not R to B 6, to which Black would reply K to K 2)—R takes B, 17 R to R 8 (ch)—K to K 2, 18 R takes B—R takes Kt, 19 B takes P—R to B 2, 20 B to R 6, and White will soon be able to bring the other R to the eighth row and win a piece.

CHESS INTELLIGENCE.

THE DUMMY PAWN.—We Canadians were not a little proud of the dust we created by the discussion of the "Move or No Move" question, but it sinks into insignificance when compared with the doing that the Dummy Pawn, or "P on 8," as it is now more elegantly described, is receiving at the hands of the Chess Editors of the *Ayr Argus*, *Derbyshire Advertiser*, *Brighton Herald* and others. The New Notation having been ventilated and discussed *ad nauseam*, the subject of the Dummy Pawn first started, we believe, in *The Field*, has in its turn been set upon, and seems in a fair way to outdo its predecessor in sophistry and verbiage. Chess is a very difficult game, and has not yet arrived, thank goodness! at such a point of exactness that it is necessary to make any radical changes in it to render it more difficult. It is painful to think that several fine masterpieces in problems are to be spoiled by the introduction of this novelty, which received its baptism at the hands of the British Chess Association, in 1862, in the code of Laws drawn up by that Society, which was notorious for its mismanagement and incompetence. The notion of the Dummy Pawn has never, so far as we are aware, been adopted by any society or club of importance, nor has the time arrived, we hope, when any such body will admit among their rules the adoption of this frivolous innovation. What becomes, let us ask, of the exulting cry of "Queen!" as the intrepid little subaltern, *quo pede pulsanis tabernas pauperum et aulas regum*, and after having threaded his way dexterously amidst the serried ranks of his enemies, proudly faces round clad with honour and power? Is it to be tolerated that the State shall leave this devoted servant to inanition and his paltry thirteen pence per day? Certainly not. *Requiescat igitur in pace* and continue to retain the proud rewards that have been his wont for many generations. For our own part, it costs us a pang of regret to see ably conducted Chess Columns taken up with useless discussions, in some cases advocating such unnecessary innovations, in others, going out of their way to refute them, and all to the loss of valuable space which would be better appreciated if occupied with problems, games or gossip.

The New York *Era* has recently started a bold and handsome Chess Column, under the Editorship of Mr. D. E. Harvey. The chess intelligence, headed "The Chess World," is especially good.

ITEMS.—In the series of games lately played between Capt. Mackenzie and Mr. Delmar, the score stands:—Mackenzie, 5; Delmar, 0; drawn, 1.—Ex-Gov. W. T. Minor and Col. John R. Fellows have each contributed \$100 to the Congress Fund.—A live Chess Club is now established in Newark, New Jersey. Secretary, Mr. J. R. Cleveland; Room No. 5, Library Hall.—The Manhattan Chess Club recently inaugurated the improvements in its accommodations by a grand seance, in which Capt. Mackenzie played simultaneously against twenty competitors.—Holyoke has raised its subscription to the Congress to the handsome sum of \$76.—Messrs. Cook, Carpenter and Waterbury have accepted the invitation to act as judges in the Congress Problem Tourney.

TRADE—FINANCE—STATISTICS.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC RECEIPTS.

COMPANY.	Period	1879.			1878.		Week's Traffic.		Aggregate.		
		Pass.	Mails & Express	Freight	Total.	Total.	Incr'se	Decr'se	Period	Incr'se	Decr'se
Grand Trunk.....	Nov. 22	\$1,850	147,195	199,045	185,661	13,384	.....	.....	21 w'ks.	\$272,061	.....
Great Western.....	" 1	34,197	69,823	104,02	81,333	2,687	.....	.....	20 "	101,548	.....
Northern & H. & N. W.	" 15	5,544	18,128	22,672	18,592	5,080	.....	.....	20 "	70,365	.....
Toronto & Nipissing	Oct. 28	1,892	4,728	6,621	5,78	882	.....	.....	19 "	3,910	.....
Midland.....	Nov. 14	1,67	4,614	6,241	4,682	1,550	.....	.....	21 "	20,189	.....
St. Lawrence & Ottawa	" 8	1,28	1,855	3,140	2,661	479	.....	.....	fm Jan. 1	14,811	.....
Whitby, Port Perry & Lindsay.....	" 21	549	956	1,505	1,532	.....	.....	.....	27 "	.....	819
Canada Centr. l.....	" 14	1,807	5,33	7,160	7,325	443	.....	.....	20 w'ks	17,734	.....
Toronto Grey & Bruce	" 15	2,21	4,107	6,320	5,877	.....	.....	.....	20 "	11,339	.....
Q. M. O. & O.....	" 22	2,964	1,872	4,836	3,385	1,451	.....	.....	July 1	116,751	.....
Intercolonial.....	Month Oct.	55,219	81,350	136,569	135,18	1,431	.....	.....	4 m'ths	.....	53,174

* This is the aggregate earnings for 1879; 1878 figures not given.

BANKS.

BANK.	Shares par value.	Capital Subscribed.	Capital Paid up	Rest.	Price per \$100 Nov. 26, 1879.	Price per \$100 Nov. 26, 1878.	Two last 1/2-yearly Dividends.	Dividend based on price of Stock.
Montreal.....	\$200	\$12,000,000	\$11,999,200	\$5,000,000	\$141 1/2	\$147	10	7 1/2
Ontario.....	400	3,000,000	2,996,000	100,000	69	68 1/2	6	8 1/2
Molson's.....	50	2,000,000	1,999,095	100,905	75	84	7	8
Toronto.....	100	2,000,000	2,000,000	500,000	115	117	7	6
Jacques Cartier.....	25	5,000,000	5,000,000	55,000	60	35 1/2	5 1/2	9 1/2
Merchants.....	100	5,798,267	5,506,166	475,000	88 1/2	85 1/2	6	6 1/2
Eastern Townships.....	5	1,469,600	1,381,989	200,000	10	97	7	7
Quebec.....	100	2,500,000	2,500,000	425,000	.....	85	6	.....
Commerce.....	50	6,000,000	6,000,000	1,400,000	118	110 1/2	8	6 1/2
Exchange.....	100	1,000,000	1,000,000	.....	.....	71 1/2	..	..
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Montreal Telegraph Co.....	40	2,000,000	2,000,000	171,432	91	112 1/2	7	7 1/2
R. & O. N. Co.....	100	1,565,000	1,565,000	.....	39	53 1/2	4 1/2	11 1/2
City Passenger Railway.....	50	.....	600,000	163,000	73	8	5	7
New City Gas Co.....	40	2,000,000	1,880,000	.....	120 1/2	106	10	8 1/2

*Contingent Fund. †Reconstruction Reserve Fund.

The shipments of Canadian live stock from Montreal and Quebec this year are given by Mr. McEachran as follows:

	1879.	1878.
Cattle.....	24,823	18,655
Sheep.....	78,792	41,250
Hogs.....	4,745	2,078

American live stock is prohibited from being imported into Canada, and consequently cannot pass through it to Great Britain, and now the United States have retaliated and prohibited Canadian live stock (cattle) from going into the United States; so that Canadian farmers will either have to dispose of their cattle at home or send it by Halifax during the winter if they wish to sell it in Great Britain. Of course it can be killed in Canada and shipped as "dead meat" from Portland, but the refrigerator accommodation on the steamers is limited, so that this kind of business cannot be entered into very extensively. There is protection in Great Britain, in the United States and in Canada. This may look fair, but we have only got a market of four millions, while the United States and Great Britain together have between eighty and ninety millions; and we have only one port, a thousand miles away from Ontario, at which we can ship to Europe.

The export of animals during the season of St. Lawrence navigation just closed gives:—

	Cattle	Hogs	Horses	Mules	Sheep
Per Allan Line* (Liverpool and Glasgow).....	6,122	99	180	74	23,705
Per Dominion Line.....	5,826	188	104	..	20,264
Per Beaver Line.....	2,231	..	54	..	4,755

*Exclusive of a small shipment, not exceeding 300 animals, from Point Levi.

Summary of the week's exports:—

From—	Flour, brls.	Wheat, bush.	Corn, bush.	Oats, bush.	Rye, bush.	Peas, bush.
New York.....	111,086	1,230,29	523,027	3,891	7,970	17,001
Boston.....	13,388	100,548	47,786	.....	.....	.....
Portland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montreal.....	22,557	325,617	135,518	128,275	.....	310,741
Philadelphia.....	2,100	49,283	181,454	.....	.....	.....
Baltimore.....	12,717	736,217	170,347	400	.....	.....
Total per week.....	161,848	2,441,694	1,058,132	132,565	7,970	327,741
Previous week.....	156,469	2,765,636	940,539	49,838	.....	339,111
Two weeks ago.....	152,07	3,390,718	984,856	41,344	41,683	182,099
Corresponding week of '78.....	95,592	2,479,445	771,636	9,350	54,199	53,421

Exports for week ending Nov. 15:—

From—	Pork, brls.	Bacon & hams, lbs.	Lard, lbs.
New York.....	6,974	10,076,201	4,574,234
Boston.....	721	3,548,635	1,884,542
Portland.....	.....	.....	.....
Montreal.....	210	213,500	1,980
Philadelphia.....	30	789,000	2,500
Baltimore.....	.....	63,730	906,958
New Orleans.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	7,835	14,691,065	7,370,214
Previous week.....	4,402	12,854,190	8,284,802
Two weeks ago.....	9,120	9,135,845	5,018,774
Corresponding week of '78.....	7,059	11,810,355	5,920,307