

a Problem Tournament under the auspices of the Chess Editors throughout the United States, and such foreign countries as will give their kind assistance.

Problems with the customary mottoes, composer's address, and an entrance fee of 50 cents for each Problem, may be sent to any of the Chess Editors who have the affair in charge previous to the 1st of January, 1877, at which time competition will be closed, and the award made with as little delay as possible.

Competitors may send as many Problems as they desire.

There will be twelve prizes as follows:

For the best set of three original Problems, consisting of two, three, or four moves	\$ 50.00
For the second best set, a prize of	25.00
For the third best set, a prize of	12.50
For the best single Problem of two, three, and four moves, three prizes, each,	10.00
For the second best single Problem, three prizes, each	5.00
For the third best single Problem, three prizes, each	2.50

The amount of the above prizes is already guaranteed by the leaders of the movement, but as the fees and subscriptions may make up a sum that will greatly exceed the required amount, the entire surplus will be given in one extra prize for the best single Problem of the Tournament. The prize, it is expected, will be the largest ever offered.

The Problems will be compared upon the following points of merit:—For ingenuity and beauty of trick or design, 1 to 15 points; for difficulty of solution, 1 to 10 points; for beauty of construction or position, 1 to 5 points.

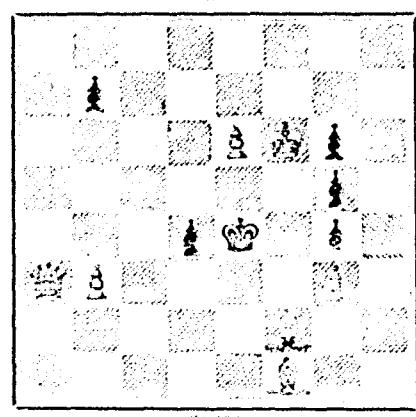
This gives 30 points to a strictly first-class problem, and shows the basism on which composers may expect their problems to be judged.

The following appears in one of our city papers as a telegraphic item from Quebec:

"CHESS.—The next general meeting and sixth annual Chess Tournament of the Dominion Chess Association is fixed to take place in this city during the summer of next year, and in view of the fact, at the meeting of the Quebec Club held the other night, it was resolved that the meetings of Council should be held fortnightly."

PROBLEM No. 24.

BY F. W. MACKENZIE,
BLACK



WHITE
White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME 1244.

From Laddie and Water.

A brilliant little skirmish, in which Capt. Mackenzie takes the odds of Q R to a New York amateur.

(Evans') Gambit.)

WHITE, Capt. Mackenzie. BLACK, an Amateur.
1. P to K 4. P to K 4.
2. Kt to Q B 3. Kt to Q B 3.
3. B to Q B 1. B to B 1.
4. P to Q 4. B takes Kt + P.
5. P to B 1. B to R 4.
6. Castles. Kt to B 3.
7. P to Q 4. K takes P.
8. P to R 3. P to Q 4.
9. P to K 5. B to K 3.
10. Kt takes K P. B to Q second.
11. Kt takes B P. K takes K 3.
12. Q to B 5 ch. K to K 3.
13. Kt to Q 2. P to K 3 (ch).
14. K takes P. K takes K 3.
15. P mates.

NOTES.

In *Past, Field, and Farm*, Captain Mackenzie points out that if Black had captured the Kt, the following would have been the probable continuation:

Kt takes Kt
Kt to K 5
P takes R
K to B 3
Q to B 5 ch.

And mates in a few more moves.

As fine a stroke as we have ever seen in acting play.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 91.

WHITE. BLACK.
1. Q to Q B 7. Any move.
2. Q R or P mates see.

Solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 89.

WHITE. BLACK.
1. R to Q Kt 7 (ch) K takes R.
2. Q to R 5 ch. K takes Q.
3. R takes Kt mate.

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 90.

WHITE. BLACK.
1. Kt at K Kt sq. K at Q 4.
2. R at K 3. B at Q 6.
3. R at Q R 3. K at Q B 3.
4. B at Q Kt sq. P moves at K 3 and Q B 4.
5. Kt at K B 2.
6. Kt at K Kt 6. P moves at K 3.
7. K B 3. K B 4.
8. And Q B 3.
White to play and mate in three moves.



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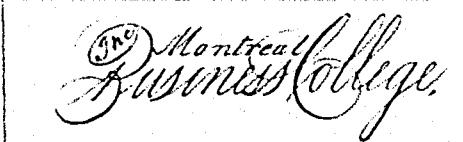
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