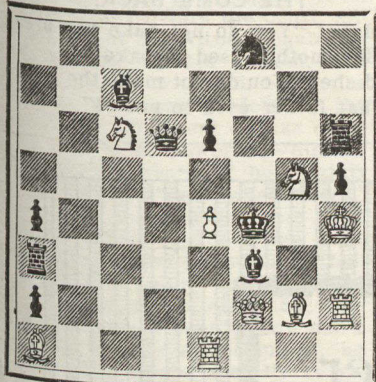


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PROBLEM NO. 77, by H. ROHR.  
La Strategie, 1906.

Black.—Eleven Pieces.



White.—Nine Pieces.

White to play and self-mate in two.

Problem No. 73, by F. Palitzsch.

White: K at KRs; Q at QB3; R at QKt5; B at QR4.  
Black: K at QR3; Q at QRsq; Bs at QBsq and KB7; Ps at QR2, QR4, Q4 and K5.

White mates in three.

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 72, by W. J. Faulkner.

1. R(Q5)—Q6; 2. RxPch; 3. RxKtch; 4. R—QB5ch; 5. R(Q7)—Q5, QxB mate.

Problem No. 73, by J. Kotrc.

1. R—K4, KxR; 2. Q—Kt2 mate.  
1. ...., PxR; 2. Kt—K3 mate.  
1. ...., KtxR; 2. Q—QKt3 mate.  
1. ...., P—B5; 2. R—Q4 mate.  
It would seem that the White King should be on QB7, as there is no mate after 1. ...., QKt any.

Problem No. 74, by V. Holst.

1. Kt—B7, R—K3; 2. Q—Kt8, any move;  
2. Kt—Q6 or K5 mate.  
1. ...., R(Ksq)—K4; 2. Q—Kt7, any move; 3. Kt or P mates.  
1. ...., R—Q5; 2. Q—Kt8, RxQ;  
2. Kt—K5 mate.  
1. ...., R—Q6 or Q7; 2. Q—B4ch, any move; 3. Kt—Q6 or K5 mate.

A SUBTLE SACRIFICIAL THEME.  
The following two compositions, of the sacrificial type, can be compared with interest. In the first position it being necessary to unpin the White Knight, to mate, the two sacrifices form, in advance, a safe haven for the White K on KB4. In Hocker's problem the initial sacrifice opens the diagonal path for procedure by the White King, whilst the following move of the Knight decoys the Black Bishop for the same protective influence as in both of Holzhausen's sacrifices.

By W. F. Holzhausen.

White: K at KKt5; Q at Q7; Bs at QBsq and K8; Kts at Q5 and KKt3; Ps at QR2, QR3 and KR2. Black: K at QR5; Q at QKt4; Rs at QKtsq and KKtsq; B at Q6; Ps at QR4, QB5, KKt3 and KR4. Mate in four. 1. Q—Kt4, PxQ; 2. Kt—B5! PxKtch; 3. K—B4, etc.

By H. Hockner.

White: K at QB4; R at Qsq; B at KKt7; Kts at QKt3 and K5; Ps at Q6, KB2, KB3, KR2 and KR4. Black: K at KB5; Rs at QB4, K2, K3, K5 and KB4. Mate in five. 1. R—Q3, PxR; 2. Kt—Q2, BxKt; 3. KxQP, RxPch; 4. K—K2, etc. If 1. ...., PxP; 2. RxPch, K—K5; 3. R—K3ch, etc.

A SOUTH AMERICAN BRILLIANT.

The following very fine and little-known specimen of the Evans' Gambit was contested between Dr. Caldas Vianna and A. Silvestre at Rio de Janeiro in 1900. We had the good fortune to come across it a matter of a year after in the "Australasian," to which publication we are also indebted for the annotation:

Evans' Gambit.

White.  
C. Vianna.  
1. P—K4  
2. Kt—KB3  
3. B—B4  
4. P—QKt4  
5. P—B3  
6. P—Q4  
7. Castles  
8. Q—Kt3  
9. P—K5  
10. R—Ksq  
11. B—KKt5  
12. KtxKP  
13. P—B4  
14. QxP (c)  
15. PxKt  
16. R—KBsq  
17. Kt—Q2  
18. QR—Ksq  
19. B—B7ch

Black.

A. Silvestre.

1. P—K4  
2. Kt—QB3  
3. B—B4  
4. BxKtP  
5. B—R4  
6. PxP  
7. P—Q3 (a)  
8. Q—B3  
9. PxKP  
10. B—Q2 (b)  
11. Q—B4  
12. KtxKt  
13. P—KB3  
14. R—Qsq  
15. PxP  
16. QxP (d)  
17. Kt—K2 (e)  
18. Q—QB4  
19. K—Bsq

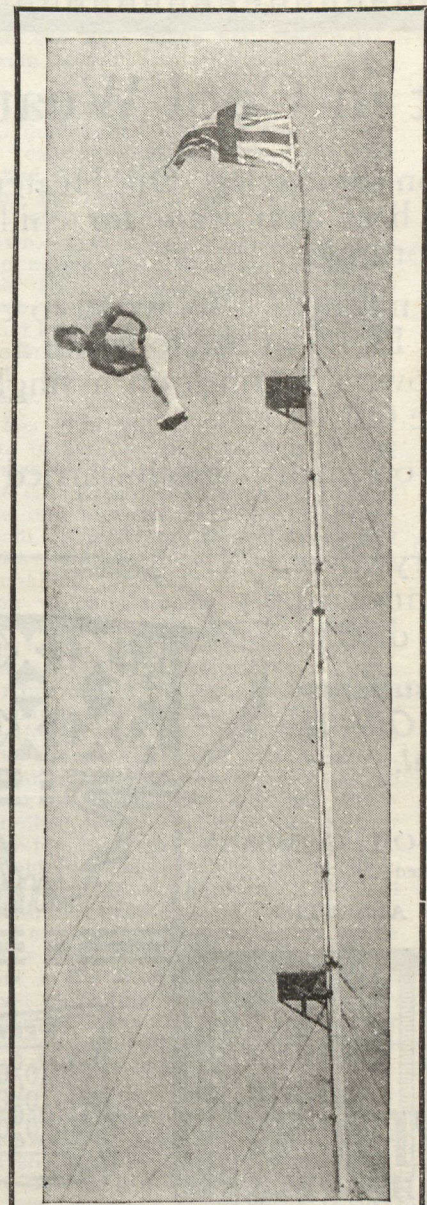
20. B—Kt6 dis. ch  
21. BxB  
22. Kt—K4  
23. RxKtch  
24. Kt—Q6 (h)  
25. K—Rsq  
26. Q—Q5ch  
27. Q—K4  
28. Q—K6ch  
29. R—B6 (k)  
30. Q—B5ch  
31. RxRch  
32. QxRch  
33. R—K3 mate (l)

20. B—B4 (f)  
21. KtxB  
22. Q—Kt3 (g)  
23. K—Ktsq  
24. PxP dis. ch  
25. P—KR3 (i)  
26. K—R2  
27. K—Ktsq (j)  
28. K—R2  
29. KR—Bsq  
30. K—Ktsq  
31. RxR  
32. KxQ

(a) PxP is the compromised defence. Black avoids its intricacies only to meet with an even more complicated game.

(b) Probably best. Paulsen's defence, Kt—R3, seems unsatisfactory on account of 11. B—KKt5, Q—B4; 12. Q—R3.

(c) After 14. BxKt, Castles, Black would



OUR AMUSEMENTS.

This unfortunate man was one of the amusement attractions at a popular amusement resort in the city of Toronto. This snapshot of him may be the last he will ever have taken. At the time he was snapped the photographer had no idea that in less than two seconds the man would land on the edge of the basin in which he customarily ended his 140-foot dive from the top of the flag-pole for the "amusement" of the spectators, and that he would afterwards be lying in a hospital betwixt life and death. This is a form of civilized art that does not represent human progress either in the performer or the spectators. When millions of men are being sacrificed in a great war for half the flags in the civilized world it is no time for any man to risk his life in any such foolhardy exploit under the Union Jack.

have had the better game.

(d) He has no better.

(e) If 17. ...., Q—K6ch, then 18. K—Rsq, QxKt; 19. QR—Qsq ch, Kt—K2; 20. RxKtch and White mates in three by 21. R—B7ch, or 21. Q—K4ch.

(f) If 20. ...., K—Kt sq, then 21. Q—Kt3ch wins. If 20. ...., Kt—B4, then 21. Kt—K4, Q—Kt3; 22. BxKt, PxP dis. ch; 23. K—Rsq, QxQ; 24. BxB dis. ch, K—K2; 25. Kt—B5 dis. ch, etc.

(g) Nor can he get a satisfactory game by giving up the Queen by 22. ...., Q—Q4; 23. RxKtch, QxR; 24. R—KBsq.

(h) A marvellous move. Three pieces can take it, but none with safety.

(i) A fine variation runs. 25. ...., QxQ; 26. KtxQ, P—B7; 27. KtxB, R—Q8; 28. R(B5)—Bsq, P=Q; 29. R—Q8 mate.

(j) Still the Knight cannot safely be taken, for if Pawn takes, mate in two follows: If Rook takes, then mate in three by 28. R—B6 dis. ch, K—Ktsq; 29. R—B8ch KxR; 30. Q mates. If 27. ...., QxKt, then 28. R—B6 dis. ch, followed by RxQ and wins.

(k) Threatening 30. RxPch and 31. Q—B7 mate.

(l) A fitting conclusion to as brilliant a game as anyone could desire. The Knight, which nine moves ago was offered

to Black, is still en prise, the Queen has been sacrificed and the Rook is the only other piece White has left.

Solver's Ladder.

(Fourth Week, Sept. 9.)

	No. 67.	No. 68	Total
J. R. Ballantyne ....	2	0	49
J. Kay .....	2	2	40
P. W. Pearson .....	0	3	38
R. G. Hunter .....	0	0	32
R. A. Leduc .....	0	0	29
W. J. Faulkner ....	2	3	21

The prize for this month goes to Mr. Ballantyne, whose rise to the top has been of the mushroom order, due to his discovery of several cooks. His solutions to Nos. 65 and 66 must have met with misfortune, as they never came to hand. He has our hearty congratulations.

Solver's Ladder.

(First Week.)

	No. 70.	No. 71.	Total
J. Kay .....	2	3	45
P. W. Pearson .....	2	3	43
R. G. Hunter .....	2	0	34
R. A. Leduc .....	0	0	29
W. J. Faulkner ....	2	3	26
J. R. Ballantyne ....	2	3	5

Correct solutions of Nos. 61, 62, 63 and

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