

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

Solutions to Problems sent in by Correspondents will be duly acknowledged.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS

J. W. S. Montreal.—Letter received. Many thanks. The contents will prove very useful in our Column. M. J. M. Quebec.—Solutions of Problems Nos. 114 and 115 received. Correct. H. A. C. F. Quebec.—Solutions of Problems Nos. 114 and 115 received. Correct. E. A. J. C. Quebec.—Correct solutions of Problems Nos. 114 and 115 received. W. A. Montreal.—Letter received. Many thanks. It shall have early attention. Student, Montreal.—Correct solution of Problem No. 116 received.

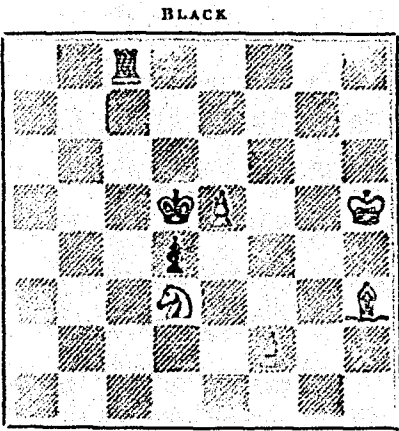
We have received another letter from our esteemed correspondent Mr. W. Atkinson, on the characteristics of a good Chess problem. We shall be glad to publish this letter in our next Column, as we are sure his views on the subject will be read with interest by Chess players generally.

In connection with this, it is worth mentioning that we have been asked repeatedly, when the Prospectus of the annual meeting of the Dominion Chess Association is to be issued, and, also, whether a Chess problem Tourney will form a part of the programme. If it is determined to make the latter a part of this year's proceedings, competitors will be anxious to have, at an early date, all the information needed to guide them in selecting and forwarding their productions.

A match has been recently concluded at the Montreal Chess Club, between Messrs. Henderson and Shaw, in which the former player allowed his opponent three descriptions of odds, viz.: Pawn and move, the exchange of Rook for Knight, and Knight. At the close, the score stood: Mr. Henderson, 5; Mr. Shaw, 12, and 3 drawn games. In the Annual Chess Match between Oxford and Cambridge just concluded, Oxford is again victorious, having scored eight games to their opponents' two.

A match by Telegraph has just been fought between the Toronto and Cobourg Chess Clubs. The games were played simultaneously at boards marked respectively A, B, C, and the match was contested by three members of the Toronto Club against the same number of the Cobourg Club, each member playing singly one game against an opponent chosen by lot. The Toronto players were the victors on the occasion, having succeeded in winning two out of the three games. Through the kindness of a friend, we are enabled to give this week in our Chess Column, the score of the game played at board B.

PROBLEM No. 117. By A. TOWNSEND.



WHITE. White to play and mate in three moves.

CHESS IN CANADA. GAME 169TH.

Played by Mr. P. T. Jones and Mr. Boggs in the recent Telegraphic Match between Toronto and Cobourg

WHITE.—(Cobourg.) Mr. Boggs. BLACK.—(Toronto.) Mr. F. T. Jones.

- 1. P to Q 4
2. P to Q B 4
3. Q Kt to B 3
4. K Kt to B 3
5. P to K 3
6. K B to K 2
7. Castles
8. P to Q Kt 3
9. P to K R 3 (a)
10. B to Q 3
11. P to Q R 3
12. B takes Kt (b)
13. Kt takes P
14. P to Q 5
15. P takes P
16. Kt to Q B 3
17. Kt to Q 4
18. P to K 4
19. Kt at Q 4 to K 2
20. B to Q Kt 2
21. R to K sq
22. Kt to Kt 3
23. Kt to K B 5
24. K to K R 2
25. K takes Kt
26. P takes R

NOTES.

- (a) Kt to Kt 5 looks tempting.
(b) To take with Kt seems better here.
(c) A crumpling move.
(d) P to K B 4 would, perhaps, ward off the attack.
(e) This move of the Kt strengthens Black to a great extent.
(f) The right move.
(g) Fatal.

CHESS IN THE UNITED STATES. GAME 170TH.

Played between Messrs. Bird and Roberts in the Centennial Tournament. The game and notes are taken from the "Book of the Congress," published in Philadelphia.

(Scotch Gambit.)

WHITE.—(Mr. Bird.) BLACK.—(Mr. Roberts.)

- 1. P to K 4
2. Kt to K B 3
3. P to Q 4
4. Kt takes P
5. Kt to Kt 5
6. B to K 3
7. Q Kt to Q 2
8. Q takes B
9. Castles
10. Kt takes Q B P (c)
11. Q to Q 6 (ch)
12. Q to B 8 (ch)
13. Q to Q 6 (ch)
14. B to Kt 6 (ch)
15. B to Q 3
16. K R to K sq (ch)
17. B to K 4
18. Q takes Q
19. B takes Kt
20. B to Q B 5
21. R takes P
22. R takes B
23. R takes K P
24. R takes Kt (ch)
25. R to Q 7
26. B to K 3
27. R takes R P
28. R takes R P
29. B takes R
30. B to K 3
31. P to K R 4
32. P to K R 5
33. P to K Kt 3
34. P to K B 6
35. P to Q B 3
36. P to Q Kt 4
37. R to Q 4
38. B to Kt 7, and wins.

NOTES.

- (a) A very bad move. He should have played Q to K 4, retaining his pawn with a threatening position on the King's side.
(b) Black seems oblivious of the threatened danger; 9. Kt to K B 3 was the correct move here.
(c) Played in Mr. Bird's happiest style. The sacrifice appears to be perfectly sound.
(d) It is evident that if he interposes the Q, mate follows at Q Kt 6.
(e) The best and only move.
(f) Another singular position. Q P takes B, cannot be played on account of the threatened mate.
(g) The piece might have been saved by the following line of play:—

- 22. R takes Q B P 21. R to Q Kt sq
23. R takes K R P 22. R to Kt 2
23. R takes K R P 23. R to Q 2

And White having three pawns for his piece should win.

(h) Black had here perhaps a chance for a draw, by playing 26. R to K 2, in which case, however, White could have retreated his R to Q 2, and finally won by the King's pawns.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 115.

- WHITE. BLACK.
1. P to Q 5 1. Anything.
2. Mates acc.

Solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 113.

- WHITE. BLACK.
1. Q to K R 6 (ch) 1. K takes P
2. B to K 6 mate.

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 114.

- WHITE. BLACK.
K at Q Kt 6 K at K 4
Q at Q B 8 Q at Q sq
R at K Kt 4 R at Q B 2
B at K R 4 R at K B sq
Kt at K 3 B at K 2
Kt at Q Kt 7

White to play and mate in two moves.

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