

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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It has been repeatedly said that men very often find consolation in the misfortunes of others, and this remark will perhaps apply as well to chess as to more important matters.

He will be told that the masters of the game, playing for prizes amounting to hundreds of pounds sterling, make "grave errors," that their moves are often "useless and feeble," that others are "unaccountably weak," and that they make "palpable blunders."

Such things, however, will occur in the best regulated Tournaments, and independent of any considerable ordinary mortals may derive from such mishaps, they will certainly be useful if they serve as warnings to all players, great and small, to look carefully before they leap.

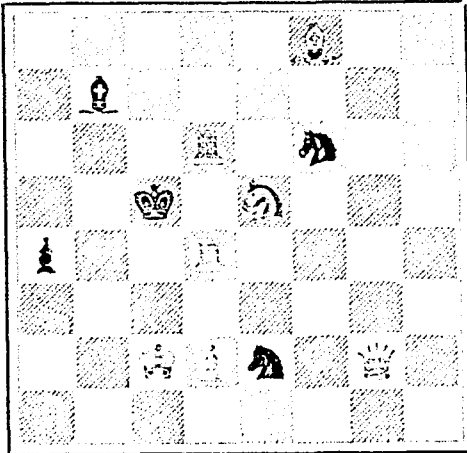
The result of the Chess Tournament was (the "Jewish Chronicle" says) a triumph for Jewish chess-players. Out of the fourteen engaged in the chief or "master" tournament, no less than six were Jews.

We must not neglect to speak of the scores of Capt. Mackenzie in the late International Tournament. At the end of the first round his score was 5 won, 8 lost; at the end of the second 19 won, 22 lost.

PROBLEM NO. 448.

By Kerr Kling.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 446.

White. Black. 1 Q to Q Kt3. 1 Any. 2 Mates acc.

GAME 574TH.

INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT.

Played in the second round of the London International Tournament, Thursday, June 7, 1883.

Table showing chess game moves between White (Steinitz) and Black (Zukertort), numbered 1 to 31.

- 32 K K to Kt sq. 32 P to B 5. 33 B to B 2 (b). 33 P to B 6. 34 Q to K 3. 34 B to R 3. 35 R to Kt 6. 35 R to B 3. 36 P to R 5 (c). 36 Q R to Q B sq. 37 K to B 2 (f). 37 Q to B 5. 38 B to Kt 3. 38 Q to Q 5. 39 B to Q 5 (d). 39 R takes R. 40 P takes R. 40 P to B 7. 41 Q takes Q. 41 P takes Q. 42 R to Q B sq. 42 P to Q 6. 43 K to K 2. 43 R to Kt sq. 44 P to Kt 7. 44 K to Kt 2. 45 K to Q 2. 45 B takes P. 46 B takes B (g). 46 R takes B. 47 K takes P. 47 R to Kt 6 ch. 48 K takes P. 48 R takes P. 49 R to K Kt sq. 49 R to K 6. 50 K to Q 2. 50 R takes P. 51 K to Q 3. 51 R to K B 5. 52 K to K 3. 52 K to B 3. 53 R to Kt 2. 53 K to K 4. 54 R to Kt sq. 54 P to B 4. 55 R to Q R sq. 55 P takes P. 56 R to R 5 ch. 56 K to B 5. 57 R to R 6 ch. 57 K to Kt 2. 58 R to Kt ch. 58 R to B 2. 59 R to R 1. 59 P to Kt 6 (h). 60 R to K Kt 4. 60 R to B 5. 61 R takes P. 61 R to K R 5. 62 K to B 2. 62 R takes P. 63 R to Q R 7. 63 R to R 8. 64 R to R 6. 64 R to Q Kt 8. 65 K to Kt 3. 65 R to Kt 5. 66 R to Q B 6. 66 R to K 5. 67 R to R 6. 67 P to R 1. 68 R to Kt 6. 68 P to R 5 ch. 69 K to R 3. 69 R to K B 5. 70 R to Q B 6. 70 R to B 3. 71 R to R 8 ch. 71 K to Kt 3. 72 R to Kt ch. 72 K to R 4. 73 R to R 8 ch. 73 R to B 2. 74 R to K Kt 8. 74 R to B 2. 75 R to Q R 8. 75 P to Kt 5 ch. 76 K to K 2. 76 R to K B 2. 77 R to R 5 ch. 77 K to Kt 4. 78 R to Kt 8 ch. 78 K to B 5. 79 R to K R 8. 79 P to R 6 ch. 80 K to B 2. 80 K to B 6. 81 R to K Kt 8. 81 R to B 1. 82 R to Kt 7. 82 K to B 5. 83 R to Kt 8. 83 R to B 2. 84 R to Kt 6. 84 R to Q R 2. 85 R to B 5 ch. 85 K to Kt 4. 86 R to B 2. 86 K to R 5. 87 R to B sq. 87 R to Kt 6 ch. 88 R to Q Kt sq. 88 P to R 7. 89 K to R sq. 89 P to R 7. 90 Resigns.

NOTES.

(a) This certainly places Black at a great disadvantage. P to Q B 3 was the correct play.

(b) Black's K side is now blocked, and White may direct his full attention to the other wing, which is much weakened.

(c) Absurdly weak. The proper move, Kt to B 4, was clearly indicated. Black could not then effect an exchange.

17 Kt to B 4. 17 Q Kt to Kt 3. 18 Kt to R 5.

and if Black takes the B, then follows:

19 Kt takes B. 19 Kt takes P. 20 Kt takes Q. 20 Kt takes Q. 21 Kt to B 6.

and wins a piece, for he will capture the B checking.

(d) Threatening to win a P by exchanging Pawns and taking the Q P with the Kt.

(e) The best under the circumstances, Black prepares the sacrifice of a P in order to free his rook.

(f) Again weak. White could have well kept his Pawns intact and advanced the Kt to P, for Black could not venture to take the B P, on account of the rook's, Kt to Q 5, followed by B takes P.

(g) Senseless. R to Q B sq would have obviously saved the Pawn.

(h) Black is evidently playing for a draw, in order to get the first move next time, and White is systematically playing to win. If R takes B, Black replies Q to Q 3, recovering the piece, with an even game.

(i) Necessary. If White attack the Q in order to gain a P, he loses a piece, e. g.:

36 B to Kt 3. 36 R to B 5. 37 R takes R. 37 Q takes R. 38 Q takes P. 38 Q to Kt 6 ch and wins.

(j) B to Kt 3 was again of no use, excepting for a draw. White could easily then exchange the two pieces and advance to R P, which would thus have been exchanged for the B P.

(k) In reply to R to Q sq Black could take off the R at Kt 6, and would gain three pieces for the Queen if White answered R takes Q.

(l) Such a blunder has rarely been witnessed in match-play. It loses at once, while K takes P instead would have saved the game, with winning prospects, if Black ventures to win the K B P, e. g.:

46 K takes P. 46 B takes B. 47 P takes B. 47 R to Kt 6 ch. 48 K takes P. 48 R takes P. 49 P to Q 6. 49 K to B sq.

If R to B 5, White answers K to B 3, and if R to B 3, White equally wins by R to Q sq.

50 R to K sq. 50 R to B 3. 51 P to Q 7 and wins.

(m) Black plays the ending with precision and excellent judgment.

(n) R to Kt 4, with the intention of playing K to Kt 4, was now the only chance of a draw; but Black would then win quicker if he did not allow the entrance of the K at Kt 4 and checked with the R at B 6, followed accordingly by R to Kt 6 ch or K to Kt 3.

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