

The American Problem composer seems to be trending in the British lion's tail. In the Problem Tourney of the *Huddersfield College Magazine*, recently closed, Mr. William A. Siskuan carried off the prize for the best two-move Problem, while Mr. F. W. Martindale tied for the best four-mover. That'll do.—*Hartford (Conn.) Times*.

CHES IN MEXICO. GAME 258111. (From the *Chess Player's Chronicle*.) (Evans' Gambit.)

- WHITE: (A. C. Vasquez.) BLACK: (Sen. L. Reim.) 1. P to K 4 1. P to K 4 2. Kt to K B 3 2. Kt to K B 3 3. B to B 4 3. B to B 4 4. P to Q K 4 4. B takes Kt P 5. P to B 3 5. B to B 4 6. Castles 6. K to K 2 (a) 7. Kt to K 5 (b) 7. P to Q 4 8. P takes P 8. Kt takes P 9. Kt takes B P (c) 9. K takes K 10. Q to B 3 (ch) 10. K to K 3 11. P to Q 4 11. Q Kt to K 2 12. R to K sq 12. P to B 3 (d) 13. R takes P (ch) 13. K to Q 3 14. B to K K 5 14. B to K 3 15. Kt to Q 2 15. K to Q 2 16. R takes B (e) 16. K takes R 17. R to K sq (ch) 17. K to Q 2 18. K B takes Kt 18. P takes B 19. R takes Kt (ch) (f) 19. Q takes R 20. B takes Q 20. K takes B 21. Q takes P 21. P to Q K 3 22. Kt to K 1 22. P to K R 3 (g) 23. Q to K 7 (ch) 23. K to K 3 24. P to K K 4 24. Q to R Q sq 25. P to K B 4 25. P to K K 3 26. P to Q B 4 26. R takes P 27. Q to Q B 6 (ch) 27. K to B 2 28. Q to K R 6 (ch) and wins

NOTES.

(a) A move which brings disaster; the Kt in such positions should always go to B 3. (b) We should have preferred playing P to Q 4 here; for if Black then Castles, White wins back his Pawn, with a free attack, by P to Q 5; and if P takes P, White can either retake, or play Kt to K 5, with an excellent game. (c) If this move is sound in the two Knights' Opening where White has not Castled, it might be naturally supposed to be still more powerful now; nevertheless, owing to White's Q Kt being unable to go to B 4, and also to the fact that Black's Bishop being out, leaves room for his Rook to come into action, we must question its soundness. (d) A serious error: the Kt should of course have been played to K 3. (e) Brilliant, but it strikes us that Q R to K sq was at least equally decisive. (f) He might also have played— 19. R to K sq or 20. Q to B 3 (ch) 21. R to K 6 (ch) and wins 19. Q takes B 20. Q to Q 3

CHES IN AUSTRALIA. GAME 259111.

Played by correspondence between Mr. Charluk, of Adelaide, and Mr. Holloway, of Wilkesstown. (Q B P Opening.)

- WHITE: (Mr. Charluk.) BLACK: (Mr. Holloway.) 1. P to K 4 1. P to K 4 2. Kt to K B 3 2. Kt to Q B 3 3. P to B 4 3. P to K B 4 4. P to Q 4 4. P to Q 3 5. P takes K P 5. K B P takes P 6. Kt to K 2 6. Kt takes P 7. Kt takes K P 7. P to Q 1 8. Kt to K 3 8. Kt to K B 3 9. B to K 2 9. B to Q B 4 10. B to K K 5 10. B takes P (ch) (a) 11. K to E 6 11. Kt to K 5 (ch) (b) 12. B takes Kt 12. Q takes B 13. B to B 3 13. Castles 14. Q takes P (ch) 14. B to K 3 15. Q takes B (ch) 15. K to R sq 16. R to Q sq 16. Q R to K sq 17. Q to Q 5 (ch) 17. Kt to K 5 (ch) 18. K to B sq (ch) 18. Q to K 6

NOTES.

(a) The commencement of a bold combination, counterattacked by Mr. Holloway, with Morphy-like vigour and ingenuity. (b) Q takes R, followed by Kt to Q 2, is a better line of play. (c) If K to K 5, Black gives "smothered" mate in two moves.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 171.

- WHITE: BLACK: 1. Kt to Q 5 Anything 2. Moves accordingly

- Solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 169. WHITE: BLACK: 1. R to K K 5 1. Any move 2. Kt mates

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 170.

- WHITE: BLACK: K to K 7 K to K K 2 R to Q R 8 B to K K sq B to K B 4 Pawns at K to K K 6 K R 2, K R 3 and P to K R 4 K R 4

White to play and mate in two moves.

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