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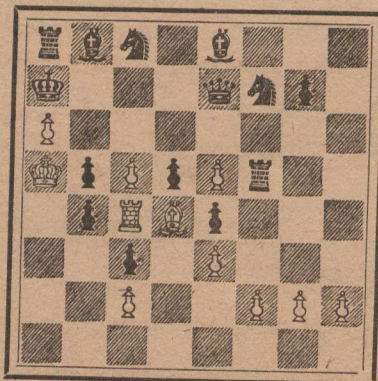


Solutions to problems and other correspondence should be addressed to the Chess Editor, Canadian Courier, 30 Grant Street, Toronto.

PROBLEM NO. 117, by W. Hundsdorfer, Tidskrift, 1908.

(Retrograde Analysis.)

Black.—Fourteen Pieces.



White.—Eleven Pieces.

White mates in two.

The solution to the above problem is only possible by White making, for key-move, an en passant capture. The onus upon the solver, apart from finding the solution, is to prove that Black so last moved as to render the key-move legal.

Problem No. 118, by G. Guidelli. Second Prize, Good Companions Club, January, 1917.

White: K at K8; Q at KKt5; Rs at QB4 and KB4; Bs at K4 and KKt7; Ps at QB4, K2 and KB6.

Black: K at Q5; R at QR5 and K6; B at KR4; Kts at QB4 and KB2; Ps at QR2, QKt3, Q3 and KB6.

White mates in two.

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 113, by G. Guidelli.
1. Kt—Kt3, Kt—B3; 2. R—Kt5 mate.
1. Kt—B5; 2. QxBP mate.
1. Kt—Q3; 2. BxP mate.
1. Kt—Q5; 2. QxB mate.

The arrangement of the two Knights under pinning influence from the White Rook is known as the half-pin theme. The four diagonal self-blocks are an excellent feature. The threat is, of course, 2. Q—K4 mate.

Problem No. 114, by Rev. J. Jespersen.
1. R—Kt2, Kt—Q6; 2. Q—KB3 ch, Kt—B5 ch; 3. KxP d.ch, B—B4 mate!
1. Kt—Q8; 2. BxP ch, RxB;
3. Q—K4 ch, BxQ mate.
1. B—K5 ch; 2. KxP d.ch, B—Q4; 3. BxP ch, RxB mate!
1. BxQ; 2. RxKt ch, B any;
3. P—K4 ch, BxP mate.
1. threat; 2. QxKtch, BxQ;
3. P—K4 ch, BxP mate.
Correct solutions of Problems 111 and 112 received from B. Gordon, Ottawa.

To Correspondents.

(B.G.)—In No. 110, if 1. R—B2, then 1. PxB(Kt), no mate—

CHESS AMONG THE ENEMY.

An instructive game from the Tarrasch-Mieses match, which ended in a victory for the doctor by 7 games to 2, with 4 draws.

French Defence.

White.	Black.
Dr. Tarrasch.	J. Mieses.
1. P—Q4	1. P—K3
2. P—K4	2. P—Q4
3. Kt—QB3	3. PxB (a)
4. KtXP	4. Kt—Q2
5. Kt—KB3	5. KKt—B3
6. B—Q3	6. KtXP (b)
7. BxKt	7. Kt—B3
8. B—Kt5 (c)	8. B—K2
9. BxKt	9. PxB (d)
10. Q—K2	10. P—B3 (e)
11. CastlesQR	11. Q—B2
12. KR—Ksq	12. B—Q2
13. K—Ktsq	13. CastlesQR
14. P—B4	14. B—Kt5 (f)
15. R—Rsq	15. B—Q3
16. P—B5	16. B—Bsq (g)
17. Q—B4	17. B—Kt2
18. Q—R4	18. K—Ktsq
19. B—B2 (h)	19. B—QBsq
20. R—Q3	20. R—Q2
21. R—R3	21. P—QR3
22. R—Kt3	22. K—R2 (i)
23. R—Kt6	23. KR—Qsq
24. Q—R5	24. R—K2 (j)
25. P—QKt4	25. P—B4
26. R—Qsq	26. P—K4 (k)
27. P—QR4	27. P—K5 (l)
28. P—Kt5	28. PxB (m)
29. RxRP ch	29. PxB
30. P—Kt6 ch	30. K—Rsq
31. PxB	31. R (Qsq)—Q2
32. BxP	32. RxBP
33. BxB	33. RxB
34. QxP ch	34. K—Ktsq
35. PxB	35. R—Q2
36. K—B2	Rasana

(a) There is nothing radically wrong with this exchange, but the more solid continuation, favoured by Dr. Lasker among others, is Kt—KB3.

(b) Or Black might continue with 6. B—K2, when White would proceed with his development by means of B—KKt5.

(c) To economize time is the secret of a successful opening, for which reason this move, although it involves the opening of the King's Knight file for Black, is to be preferred somewhat to the retreat of B—Q3.

(d) In answer to 9. BxB, White would play 10. Q—Q3, threatening the King's Rook Pawn and also BxKtP, to be followed by Q—Kt5 ch, recovering the piece.

(e) Forestalling the threat of BxKtP.

(f) Although this particular move does not cost him a tempo, so much time is lost with the King's Bishop that Black's position is seriously jeopardized. P—QB4 would have been in order here and prevented the hemming-in which now takes place.

(g) Under ordinary circumstances, the White Queen's Pawn would be regarded as hopelessly weak, but in this case White is well ahead in the process of development, and his attack comes to a head before the weakness alluded to can be made to count against him.

(h) Taking time by the forelock and illustrating the ultra-sound style of Dr. Tarrasch.

(i) White has succeeded in forcing the much-feared "hole" in the enemy's lines, and now proceeds to batter away until he accomplishes the end he has in view.

(j) He must be careful to keep the Rook in touch with the Queen, otherwise he would invite the loss of the latter through RxRP ch.

(k) It's nip and tuck now, with Black striving heroically to make a counter demonstration to relieve the pressure upon his own beleaguered King. White, however, has just sufficient lead to make his strokes count.

(l) If 27. PxB, then 28. B—Q3, to be followed by R—QBsq and P—Kt5, with irresistible attack.

(m) A fatal capture, of course, which enables Dr. Tarrasch to bring about a neat finish. If 28. Q—Q2, then 29. Kt—K5, BxKt; 30. PxB, Q—Ksq; 31. RxR, QxR; 32. RxRP ch, etc. Black's only recourse lay in playing 28. K—Rsq. The winning continuation then would be found in 29. PxBP, PxB; 30. K—R2, PxB; 31. KR—QKtsq, etc.

(Notes from the "American Chess Bulletin.")

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Toronto vs. Buffalo.

A team of Toronto players journeyed to Buffalo on Saturday, February 10, to meet in match play the local experts. A full report will appear next week.

Among the New Books

(Concluded from page 25.)

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