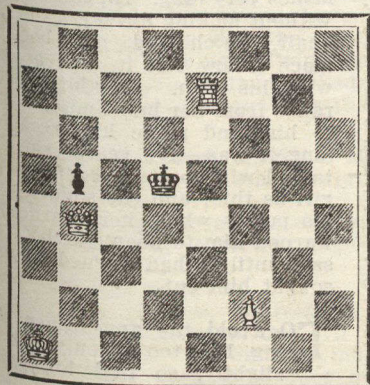


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PROBLEM No. 69, by W. Pauly.
Bukarest, Roumania.
(Specially contributed to the "Courier.")
Black—Two Pieces.



White—Four Pieces.

White to play and mate in four.
The above problem has no bearing on our Solver's Ladder, the two problems for which appear below. Solutions, however, will be acknowledged.

Problem No. 70, by M. F. J. Mann.
Illustrated London News, 3 July, 1915.
White: K at K4; Q at QB8; Rs at Q3 and KR4; Bs at KB8; and KB6; Kt at QB3; Ps at QR2, QR3, QKt4, K3, K6, KB2 and KKt5.
Black: K at QB5; Q at QB2; Kts at QKtsq and K4; Ps at KB2, KB6, KKt3 and KR4.

White mates in two.

Problem No. 71, by Karel Traxler.
White: K at QKt8; Q at Q3; R at Q5; Bs at QKt5 and Q6; P at K2.
Black: K at K3; B at KR7; Kts at KB3 and KRsq; Ps at QKt2, KB3 and KB5.
White mates in three.

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 65, by R. G. Thompson.
1. R—B2! Kt—Q3; 2. Kt—B7 mate.
1. Kt else; 2. B—R2 mate.
1. K—K5; 2. R—B5 mate.
1. else; 2. mate accordingly.

Problem No. 66, by F. Kohnlein.
1. B—Q4! BxBch; 2. K—B2! B—Kt3; 3. QxB mate.
1. P—B6ch; 2. K—Bsq! Q—Kt6; 3. QxKt mate.
1. RxB; 2. K—Rsq! Kt—Kt4; 3. Q or R mates.

If 1. K moves, Black replies P=Q. The defence 1. BxBch has an anti-ristol effect. The following are two further studies with daring sacrificial keys.

By F. Sackmann.
White: K at KBsq; Q at KB2; R at QKt7; Bs at Q8 and KKt4; Kts at KB7 and KKtsq; P at K4. Black: K at K3; Kts at QR6; Rs at QB4 and KB4; B at KB5; Kt at QB3 and Q6; Ps at QB3, Q3 and KKt4. Mate in three. 1. Q—KR2, B any dis. ch; 2. Kt—B3, etc. The threat is 2. Q—R6 mate.

By F. Sackmann.
White: K at QKt7; Q at QB6; Rs at K2 and KKt3; B at Qsq; Kts at QR5 and KB6. Black: K at Q6; R at KR6; Bs at KB6 and KR3; Kts at QKt3 and Q4; Ps at QKt4, QB2, QB6, Q7, KR2 and KR5. Mate in three. 1. Q—B6! KtxQch; 2. Kt—B6! etc.

Solver's Ladder.

	No.	63.	No.	64.	Total.
J. R. Ballantyne	2	3	4	47	
R. G. Hunter	2	0	3	30	
P. W. Pearson	2	0	3	30	
J. Kay	2	0	3	30	
R. A. Leduc	0	0	3	29	
W. J. Faulkner	1	5	11		

Solutions of Nos. 56 and 57 received from "Yukon," Dawson City—29 points.

To Correspondents.

(J.R.B.) Will republish shortly. (W.J.F.) Thanks for letter. Kindly send full solution to latest problem.

WHITAKER v. SHOWALTER.

Fourth Game of the match.	
White.	Black.
1. P—K4.	1. P—K4.
2. Kt—KB3.	2. Kt—QB3.
3. B—Kt5.	3. P—QR3.
4. B—R4.	4. Kt—B3.
5. Castles.	5. P—Q3 (a).
6. R—Ksq.	6. B—K2.
7. P—B3.	7. Castles.
8. P—Q4.	8. P—QKt4 (b).
9. B—Kt3.	9. B—Kt2 (c).

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| 10. QKt—Q2 | 10. P—KR3 |
| 11. Q—K2 (d) | 11. Pxp |
| 12. Pxp | 12. R—Ksq? |
| 13. Kt—Bsq (e) | 13. B—KBsq |
| 14. Kt—Kt3 | 14. Kt—K2 |
| 15. Kt—R4 | 15. P—B4 |
| 16. Q—B3 | 16. P—B5 |
| 17. B—B2 | 17. Kt—B3 |
| 18. Kt (R4)—B5 (f) | 18. P—Kt3 |
| 19. Bxp | 19. KtxQP! (g) |
| 20. KtxKt | 20. BxB |
| 21. QR—Qsq | 21. R—K4. |
| 22. Q—R3 | 22. Q—Kt3 (h) |
| 23. Kt(Q4)—B5 | 23. PxKt |
| 24. RxP | 24. P—Kt5 |
| 25. RxQ | 25. PxB |
| 26. RxB | 26. PxBtP |
| 27. RxKtP | 27. B—Q7 |
| 28. R—Qsq | 28. P—B6 |
| 29. R—Kt4 | 29. P—R4 |
| 30. R—Q4 | 30. Pxp |
| 31. KtxP | 31. KtxKt |
| 32. RxKt | 32. RxR |
| 33. BxR (i) | 33. R—Ktsq |
| 34. R—Ktsq | 34. R—Kt5 |
| 35. RxR | 35. PxB |
| 36. K—Bsq | 36. K—K2 |
| 37. K—K2 | 37. K—B3 |
| 38. B—B2 | 38. K—Kt4 |
| 39. K—Q3 | 39. B—B5 |
| 40. P—Kt3 | 40. B—Q3 |
| 41. K—K4 (j) | 41. K—Kt5 |
| 42. P—KR4 | 42. P—B4ch |
| 43. K—Q5 (k) | 43. B—Bsq |
| 44. K—K6 | 44. P—B5 |
| 45. B—Qsqch | 45. P—B6 |

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| 46. P—R5 | 46. K—R6 |
| 47. K—Q5 | 47. K—Kt7 |
| 48. K—B4 | 48. Kxp |
| 49. K—Kt3 | 49. K—K6 |
| 50. Bxp | 50. KxB |

Resigns

Notes by the Editor.

(a) A safe but cramping defence.
(b) B—Q2 is the usual alternative, to meet the threat against the King's Pawn.
(c) A questionable development, the Bishop being a desirable factor in defence from the King's side. B—KKt5 was therefore preferable.
(d) White has now much the better game.

(e) White should have seized an opportunity by 13. P—QR4 here. Black must continue with the unfavourable 13. Pxp, for if 13. P—Kt5, then 14. Q—B4, R—KBsq; 15. P—Q5, winning a Pawn. Now Black improves his game considerably.

(f) Ingenious enough, but simply B—K3 was the sounder alternative. As played he simply hands over his Queen's Pawn for his opponent's less valuable Rook's Pawn, and incidentally brings the adverse Bishop into play.

(g) White hoped for 19. PxBt, for then would follow: 20. KtxP, BxB; 21. KtxBch, K—Bsq; 22. Kt—B5 (not 22. KtxP, KxKt; 23. P—K5, PxB; 24. PxB, KtxP; 25. QxBch, R—K2, winning the Queen), Kt—K2; 23. P—KR4, with a dangerous attack.

(h) Evidently a well thought out move, tempting White to embark on a further sacrificing combination.

(i) Black emerges from the fray with an ominous looking passed Pawn, but with Bishop of different colour. White has every promise of securing the draw.

(j) P—KR3 would have been more prudent.

(k) The losing move. 43. K—K3, B—B4ch, 44. K—K2, P—B5; 45. PxB would draw easily.

British Columbian Notes

(Concluded from page 16.)

arrived at a vigorous maturity in the matter of rancour. The speeches now being made on the hustings, and the editorials being printed in the newspapers are up to the best eastern models for strength of language. One of the liveliest issues is a personal charge against Mr. M. A. Macdonald, a leading member of the Liberal Opposition, of having engineered a very flagrant scheme of "plugging" in a recent bye-election in Vancouver. The reply of the accused is that this nefarious operation was in reality a plot invented and carried out by the Government party for the purpose of destroying him politically. Both sides contend that the result of the investigation held in the matter was to fully vindicate their respective views of it. The delicate question of deciding which is right is one of the matters up to the electors.

THERE are some other problems which judicious citizens would like to see tackled with earnestness and energy—problems that call for the best efforts of genuine statesmanship. The land question is one of these: how to secure a fair chance for the man who wants to take up a small ranch and devote himself to the work of a primary producer. What is needed is cheap land, low interest, knowledge of cultivation and good marketing facilities. The aftermath of the boom days, combined with the general depression caused by the war, have effectively brought home the conviction to the people in general that the fundamental thing is Production. It is now pretty clearly apprehended that there is no permanent prosperity to be got out of a universal system of trading jack-knives.

IT is production and not speculation that is making good times for the mining industry of the whole West at present, producing a prosperity of which British Columbia is getting a good share. Rossland, Trail, Silverton, Grand Forks, Hedley and other well known centres of dividend paying mines are enjoying all the sweets of big pay-rolls, and steady shipments,

and these pleasurable things are being reflected in improved conditions throughout the various districts. It fortunately happens that the metals thus being mined and smelted, gold, silver, lead, copper and zinc are those for which a strong demand is likely to continue after the close of the war.

ONE word must be allowed to the visitor travelling through British Columbia as to the physical charms and agreeable climatic conditions of the country. As to the latter, it is only needful to say that such a thing as an unpleasant hot mid-day has scarcely been known this summer. Everybody knows that the evenings and mornings are always cool. As to the scenery, other pens in the Courier and elsewhere have more adequately dealt with the majestic mountains, the translucent lakes, the wildly magnificent rivers and the romantic valleys, than mine is at all capable of it. I will only say that they remain as unspeakably splendid as ever.

J. W. BINGOUGH.

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- Craft—Elihu Root.
- Avoidupois—Taft.
- Cussedness—Uncle Joe Cannon.
- Endurance—Connie Mack.
- Clownishness—W. Randolph Hearst.
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