

CHESS.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. BOODLER.—Your solutions came too late for insertion in the last week's CRITIC. In 50 Kt takes R ch is fatal J. W. W.—In your solution of Problem sent the K move is neither mate or stalemate but a move unknown in chess.

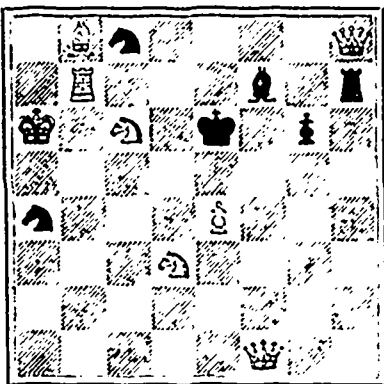
K to B5 is not mate or stalemate but is a move unknown to chess.

Solutions received from J. W. W., Mrs. H. Moseley and A. Boodler.

Solutions to Nos. 52 and 53 received from A. Boodler and Mrs. H. Moseley. To No. 53 from J. W. Wallace.

PROBLEM No. 56.

"Illustrated London News." BLACK—7 pieces.

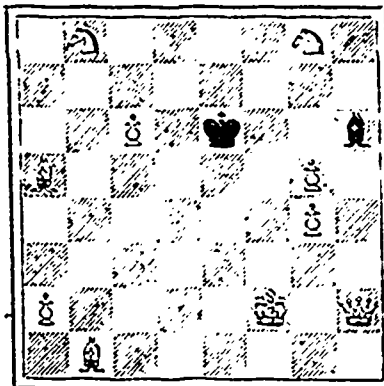


WHITE—7 pieces.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

PROBLEM No. 57.

"Casell's Saturday Journal." BLACK—2 pieces.



WHITE—10 pieces.

White to play and mate in 3 moves.

GAME No. 40.

Played recently in a friendly match between two members of the Liverpool Club.

ZUKERTORT'S OPENING.

- WHITE: F. C. Howard. 1 Kt to KB3, 2 P to Q4, 3 P to K3, 4 Kt to Q2 (c), 5 B to K2, 6 P to QKt3, 7 P to B4, 8 B to Kt2, 9 KP takes P, 10 P to B5 (e), 11 Castles, 12 P to QR3, 13 B to B3 (f), 14 P to QKt4, 15 Kt takes Kt (g). BLACK: M. Kaizer. P to Q4 (a), B to Kt5 (b), P to K3, Kt to KB3, B to Q3 (d), P to B4, Kt to B3, BP takes P, Castles, B to B2, Q to K2, P to QR4, P to QKt3, Kt to K5, RP takes P.

- 16 Kt to B6 (ch) (h), 17 RP takes P, 18 Q takes R (i), 19 B takes B, 20 R to K, 21 KtP takes P, 22 K to B, 23 Q to R4, 24 B to K2 (j), 25 B to Kt5 (k), 26 K to Kt, 27 B takes Kt. Q takes Kt, R takes R, B takes Kt, Q to B5, P takes P, Q takes P (ch), Q to B5, Kt to K2, Kt to B4, Kt to Kt6 (ch), Kt to K7 (ch), Q to R7 (ch).

and White resigns.

(a) The Chess Players' Chronicle, 1881, referring to a game, Blackburne v. Tschigorin, played in the Berlin tournament, remarked that Herr Tschigorin had shown boldness by adopting the text move, which had been dogmatically declared unfavorable. Also that Zukertort was probably the only man whose knowledge of positions would enable him to take due advantage of it. This specimen of chess criticism, which now appears so absurd, is only one more illustration of the way the theory of the game fluctuates. It is hardly necessary to add that the text is as sound as any move can possibly be.

(b) The tradition that the fianchetto is the best mode of development for the QB in the close openings is not so generally accepted as it once was. The text is now a recognized move, and requires to be met very carefully. Sometimes 2 B to B4 is played.

(c) Steinitz remarks that QB3 is the natural post for this Kt, preceded, of course, by the QBP advancing.

(d) The same authority considers K2 the proper place for the bishop. The question resolves itself into a choice of methods. A queen's side attack requires B to K2, a king's side B to Q3.

(e) White secures by this move the majority of pawns on the queen's side—in fact, a winning game if Steinitz's maxims are to be trusted.

(f) Perhaps white should have reserved this, and played 13 R to B, or 13 Q to B2.

(g) This seems to be a mistake; 15 Q to B2 is still available.

(h) Black's ingenious answer has created a very complicated game, and appears to get the advantage in any case. If 16 B to Kt5; P takes Kt, 17 B takes Kt! B takes Kt; 18 P takes B; black mates in three moves. After 16 P takes P; R takes R, 17 B takes R (best); B takes Kt, 18 B takes B; P takes P, and white cannot take the pawn (18 Q to R5,) and black then wins the QKtP. However, white has no better move than 16 P takes P, unless it is 16 Kt to Kt3, which also loses a pawn.

(i) He saves the QKtP at the cost of a much more serious loss.

(j) 24 Q to Q seems the only move to prolong the game.

(k) White now falls into a pretty mating trap, which concludes a most interesting game.—Liverpool Weekly Courier.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The Morning Chronicle, of this city,

having announced that Mr. Richard Ellis, of Portland, St. John, N. B., was desirous of arranging for a series of games of checkers with any man in the provinces for any sum of money, our checker editor, Mr. Wm. Forsyth, promptly accepted the "def" and, the day after it appeared, caused to be inserted in the same paper a statement that he was ready to enter into negotiations with Mr. Ellis for the purpose of arranging time, place, number of games and other conditions for such a match. We hope that Mr. Ellis will attend to this with equal promptness, and look forward with pleasure to what we are confident will prove a more than interesting contest.

The Chicago Evening Lamp of November 10th, and the Boston Weekly Globe of November 21st, have failed to reach us. As their absence breaks our files, their checker editors will greatly oblige by kindly sending copies of the missing numbers to our Checker Editor's address, 36 Grafton Street, Halifax.

SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 71.—The position was: black men 3, 15, 18, 19, 22; white men 21, 27, 32, kg. 6; black to play and win.

Table with 4 columns of numbers representing game moves and outcomes. Includes 'black wins' and 'white wins' indicators.

VAR I.

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The author, Mr. C. W. Parrow, at this point played 8—12 which allows white to draw.

VAR II.

Table with 4 columns of numbers representing game moves and outcomes. Includes 'black wins' indicator.

VAR III.

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If black plays 15—10 he only draws.

VAR IV.

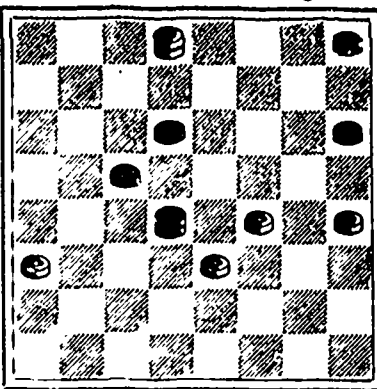
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VAR V.

Table with 4 columns of numbers representing game moves and outcomes. Includes 'black wins' indicator.

Solutions to Problems 75 and 76 will be given next week.

PROBLEM No. 78. Black men 4, 10, 12, 14, kg. 18.



White men 19, 20, 21, 23, kg. 2.

White to play and win. This is a neat end game. We call it "a wheel within a wheel." Solvers should not neglect the inner wheel.

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