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1., PxR (or KxR, or P-R7); 2. QxKtP, any; 3. Q-R7, mate.

Problem No. 187, by H. W. Barry.

Key move. 1. R-Q3.

CHESS BY CORRESPONDENCE.

The following entertaining game was played some time ago in a contest of the defunct Canadian Correspondence Chess Bureau, between Mr. R. A. Hart, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Mr. Ernest J. Farmer, of Toronto. Mr. Farmer, the winner, besides being a chess player of repute, ranks high as a professional pianist.

Evans Gambit.

White.	Black.
R. A. Hart.	E. J. Farmer.
1. P-K4	1. P-K4
2. Kt-B3	2. Kt-QB3
3. B-B4	3. B-B4
4. P-QKt4	4. BxKtP
5. P-B3	5. B-R4 (a)
6. P-Q4	6. P-Q3
7. Q-Kt3 (b)	7. Q-Q2
8. PxP	8. Pxp (c)
9. B-R3	9. B-Kt3
10. Q-R4 (d)	10. Q-Kt5
11. Castles.	11. B-Q2
12. QKt-Q2	12. Kt-R3 (e)
13. Q-B2	13. Castles QR
14. B-K2 (f)	14. Q-Kt3
15. Kt-B4	15. P-B3
16. KtxBeh	16. RpxKt
17. P-B4 (g)	17. B-R6
18. Kt-Ksq	18. Kt-Q5
19. Q-Q3	19. KtxBeh
20. QxKt	20. R-Q5
21. P-B3	21. B-K3
22. R-B2 (h)	22. Bxp
23. Q-K3	23. Kt-B2 (i)
24. B-Kt2	24. R-Q2 (j)
25. R-QBsq	25. B-R3
26. Qxp	26. K-Ktsq
27. Q-R5	27. Kt-Kt4 (k)
28. KR-B2 (l)	28. Kt-K3
29. B-Rsq (m)	29. KR-Qsq
30. R-Ktsq	30. R-Q8 (n)
31. R (B2)-Kt2	31. RxR
32. RxR	32. K-R2
33. Kt-B2	33. Kt-B5
34. P-Kt3	34. P-Kt3
35. Q-Ksq (o)	35. B-K7
36. Q-B3	36. K-Kt2
37. Kt-Kt4	37. P-QB4
38. Kt-B2 (p)	38. R-Q6
39. Q-Kt2 (q)	

NOTES BY CHESS EDITOR.

(a) This defence, in conjunction with P-Q3 and B-Kt3 (Lasker's variation), has stripped the gilt from the beautiful Evan's Gambit. Black gets a safe game with a pawn ahead.

(b) If 7. Q-R4, then 7... Pxp. Usual is 7. Castles, B-Kt3! following which 8. Pxp, Pxp; 9. QxQeh, KtxQ; 10. KtxP, results to Black's advantage, due primarily to the unfavorable position of the white pawns.

(c) If 8... KtxP, then 9. KtxKt, PxKt; 10. Bxpch, QxB; 11. Q-Kt5ch, etc.

(d) This appears a waste of time. (e) If 12... Kt-Q5, then 13. Bxpch, starts undesirable complications. Black's choice of casting on the Queen side is, however, decidedly hazardous. KKt-K2 and Castles (KR) was good enough.

(f) A good move, making room for Kt-B4, threatening the King's Pawn. Consequently he cannot avoid the doubling on the Queen's Knight file.

(g) This move, on the contrary, is a mistake, which loses a vital Pawn, and leaves him with a hopeless game. With B-Kt4 and P-QR4, instead, he could have commenced a dangerous assault upon the adverse monarch. K-Rsq would be a precedent, of course.

(h) If 22. P-B5, then 22... B-B5; whilst 22. R-Bsq would be answered by 22... Q-B2

(i) Now Black errs with a similar loss. He should have withdrawn B-R3. The surrender of the doubled pawn narrows the margin of victory to a point of excitement!

(j) If, to save the pawn, 24... QR-Qsq; 25. R-QBsq, Kt-Q3, 26. B-R3, P-Kt4, then follows 27. Q-R7 (threatening 28. BxKt, RxB; 29. Q-R8ch. Or 28... PxB; 29. R-Kt2, Q-Qsq; 30. RxBch), KR-Ksq; 28. BxKt, PxB; 29. R-Kt2, R-Q2 (If 29... K-Q2, then 30. RxB, PxB; 31. RxBch, K-K3; 32. RxB, Q-R4; 33. P-Kt4, and wins); 30. RxB, etc.

(k) The threat of Kt-R6ch gains a tempo, the adverse Rook having to move twice to arrive at QKt2.

(l) K-Rsq might have turned out an improvement.

(m) B-R3 looks the natural move. (n) Mr. Farmer is just in time to break the dangerous attack.

(o) He cannot play Q-B3 at once on account of the fork.

(p) If 38. K-B2, then 38... Q-R4; 29. K-Ktsq (if 29. PxKt, then 29... QxRPch; K-Ksq! 30. B-Kt4, and wins), Kt-R6ch; 30. K-Kt2, Bxpch; 31. K-Bsq! Bxp, and wins. If, instead, 38. Q-Kt3, then 38... R-Q7 (PxKt is obviously bad); 39. Kt-Q5, Kt-R6ch; 40. K-Rsq, BxPch; 41. QxB, RxB; 42. RxBch (if 42. K-Kt2, then 42... R-Q7ch! 43. KxKt, Q-R3ch and RxBch, wins. Or 43. K-Rsq, QxKP! wins), KxR; 43. Q-Kt3ch, K-B2; 44. QxR, QxKPch, and wins. The slow process, 38. P-QR4, would be answered by 38. B-Q6!

(q) Black here announced mate in nine, but this is one in excess of the possibility, e.g., 39... Kt-R6ch; 40. K-Kt2, Bxpch; 41. K-Bsq, B-Kt7ch; 42. KxB, QxKPch; 43. KxKt! Q-B4ch; 44. K-Kt2, R-Q7ch; 45. K-Rsq, Q-B6ch; 46. K-Ktsq, Q-Kt7, mate. A game of memorable interest at the final stage.

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