

CUSTER.

EDMUND C. STEEDMAN.

What! shall that sudden blade
Leap out no more?
No more thy hand be laid
Upon the sword-hilt, snuffing sore!
O for another such
The charger's rein to clutch—
One equal voice to summon victory.
Sounding the battle-cry,
Brave darling of the soldier's choice!
Would there were one more voice!
O gallant charge, too bold!
Oh, fierce imperious greed
To pierce the clouds that in their darkness hold
Slaughter of man and steed!
Now, stark and cold,
Among the fallen braves thou liest
And even with thy blood defiled
The wolfish foe.
But ah, thou liest low,
And all our birthday song is hushed in woe!
Young lion of the plain,
Thou of the tawny mane!
Hail the soldier's hearts shall bend,
Their mouths thy death repeat,
Their vengeance seek the trail again
Where thy red dromedary
But on the charge no more shall stream
Thy hair—no more thy sabre gleam—
No more ring out thy battle-shout,
Thy cry of victory!
Not when a hero falls
The sound a world appeals:
For while we plant his cross
There is a glory, even in the loss.
But when some craven heart
From honor dares to part,
Then, then, the groan, the blanching cheek,
And men in whispers speak,
No kith nor country dare reclaim
From the black depths his name.
Thou, wild young warrior, rest,
By all the prairie-winds caressed!
Swift was thy dying pang:
Even as the war-cries rang
Thy deathless spirit mounted high
And sought Columbia's sky—
There, to the northward far,
Shines a new star,
And from it blazes down
The light of thy renown!

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

Solutions to Problems sent in by Correspondents will be duly acknowledged.

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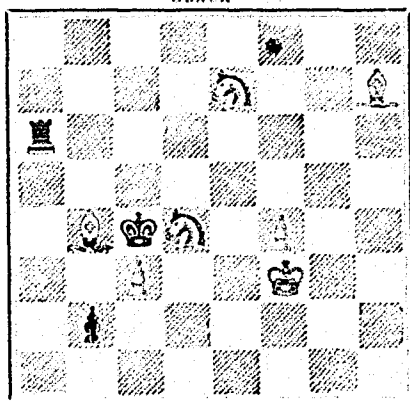
Mount Forest, Ont.—Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 76 cannot be solved in two moves. See the Solution in Chess Column.

The score of the leading players in the Tournament at the Cafe International is stated to be as follows:—Mr. Mackenzie has won 19 games, lost 5, and has two to play. Mr. Albertoni has won 19 and lost 7. Mr. Delmar has won 17, lost 7, and has two to play. Mr. Mason has won 15, lost 7, and has 3 to play. Mr. Bird has won 17, lost 7, and has one to play.

Mr. Bird during the Tournament has been very successful in occasional games with some of the leading players, winning 7 games in succession from Albertoni, some from Mason, and 12 to 2 against Enser, who is called, it appears, the Buffalo Champion.

From England we learn that Mr. Blackburne was to play on the 24th of last month his annual blindfold match against 10 of the leading members of the City of London Chess Club. We shall be glad to see the results of the encounter.

PROBLEM No. 81.
By J. MENZIES.
BLACK



WHITE
White to play and mate in three moves.
(Chess in Canada.)
GAME 113TH.

Played some time ago between two members of the Montreal Chess Club.

WHITE.—(Mr. Hicks.)	BLACK.—(Dr. Howe.)
1. P to K 4	P to K 4
2. B to Q 4	P to K 4
3. Q Kt to B 3	K Kt to B 4
4. P to Q 3	K Bt to Q 4
5. Kt to K R 3	P to Q 3
6. Q Bt to K R 5	P to K R 3
7. B takes Kt	Kt P takes B
8. K Kt to K R 4	P to K R 4
9. P takes P	P to Q R 3
10. Q to Q 2nd	P to Q 4
11. B to Q Kt 3	P to Q R 4
12. Q Kt to R 4	B to Q 3
13. P to Q R 3	P to Q Kt 4
14. Q Kt to Q R 3	Q Bt to Q 2
15. Q Kt to K 2	Q to Q R 4
16. Q Kt to K Kt 3	K to Q R 5
17. Castles (Q R)	P to Q R 5
18. B to Q R 2	Kt to Q R 3
19. P to Q R 4	P takes P
20. P takes Q Kt P	Kt to Q R 4
21. B takes Q P	B to Q R 3
22. K to Q Kt sq	K to Q Kt 3
23. B to Q R 2	Kt takes Kt
24. Q Kt to K 1	B takes P (ch)
25. P takes Kt	R to Q R 4
26. K to Q R sq	K Bt to Q 4
27. K to Q 3 (ch)	K R to Q 5
28. Q takes Q B	B takes R
29. B takes R	Q to Q R 4
30. Q to K 2	P to Q Kt 5
31. P to K R 4	Q takes P
32. Q R P takes P	P to Q R 6
33. K to Q Kt sq	R to Q R 6
34. R to Q B sq	Q to Q R 4
35. R to Q R 4	K takes R
36. R to Q R 6 (ch)	K to B 5
37. Q to Q 4 (ch)	K to Q Kt 3
38. Q to K 6 (ch)	K to Q R 4
39. Q to Q Kt 3 (ch)	K to Q R sq
40. Q to Q sq	

And White resigned.

(Chess in the United States.)

GAME 114TH.

Played some time ago in the contest between Messrs Judd and Albertoni.

(French Defence.)

WHITE.—(Mr. Albertoni.)	BLACK.—(Mr. Judd.)
1. P to K 4	P to K 3
2. P to Q 4	P to Q 4
3. Q Kt to B 3	B to Kt 5
4. B to Q 3	P to Q B 4
5. P takes Q P	Q takes Q P
6. K Kt to B 3	P takes P
7. P to Q R 3	B to R 4
8. P to Q Kt 4	P takes Kt
9. P takes B	B to Q 2
10. Castles	B to B 3
11. B to K 2	K Kt to B 3
12. B to Q 4	Q takes R P
13. Kt to K 5	Q to Q 4
14. Kt takes B	Kt takes Kt
15. B takes P	Kt to K 4
16. B takes Kt	Q takes Q B
17. Q to Kt sq	Castles (Q R)
18. P to Q R 4	Kt to K Kt 5
19. P to K Kt 3	Q to K R 4
20. P to K R 4	R to Q 5
21. Q to Q Kt 5	Q to Q 4
22. B to K 2	Kt to K 4
23. P to Q B 4	Q to K 5
24. Q R to K sq	K R to Q sq
25. P to Q B 5	R to Kt 5
26. Q to R 5	Kt to Q B 3
27. B to B 4	Q takes B

And Mr. Albertoni resigns.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 79.

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. Q to R 4	K to Kt 3 (A)
2. B to Kt 3	Any
3. Mates accordingly.	

(A)

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. Kt takes P (ch)	B to B 3 (B)
2. Kt to Kt 6 (mating)	K to B sq

(B)

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. Q to K - 6 (b)	K to Q sq (C)
2. R mates	K takes Q

(C)

2. Kt takes P (ch)
And Queen or Rook mates.

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 78.

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. R to K 4	K to Q B 3
2. R to K 6 mates	

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 79.

WHITE.	BLACK.
K at K B 7	K at K R sq
Kt at K B 5	Pawns at K R 2
Pawns at K Kt 5	And K R 3

White to play and mate in three moves.

ROUND THE DOMINION.

THE Quebec *Morning Chronicle* office had a narrow escape from destruction by fire.

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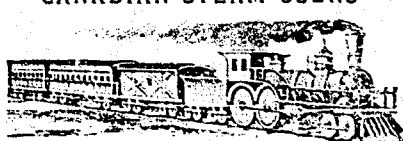
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