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of just where in the world he was until—

Turning a corner he ran into somebody else, almost butting a gentleman with an overcoat and a stick, swinging along—and it was Mr. Skritch from Morekirk.

Bardo had no speech left. His ears were hammering out loud. His voice was gone.

"Good-morning," said Mr. Skritch. "You seem to be in a hurry." No reply.

"I'm going to England," he went on tersely. "I leave here to-day. You haven't sent me that list of books yet."

There was a smile in his eyes.

"I want that list," he said. "You'd better give it to me now. Wait. I'll just take it down."

The Chopin nocturne took unto itself wings. Mr. Bardo was on the verge of profanity. In absolute desperation he

shot at Mr. Skritch such a lingo of literature that the man had scarcely time to scribble them down in his memo book. Any kind of book he had ever read since he got into the heavy class he flung at his benefactor who maliciously took his time getting down the names of philosophers, historians, scientists, biographers, essayists, poets and what not; almost everything but music.

"Thanks very much," said Mr. Skritch when he had got down about twenty pages of this, very particular as to the spelling. "I hope I haven't kept you from an engagement."

"No, not at all," blurted Bardo.

The carriage was clean out of the world now.

"I shall be back from Europe in ten months. Remember, when you need any money—"

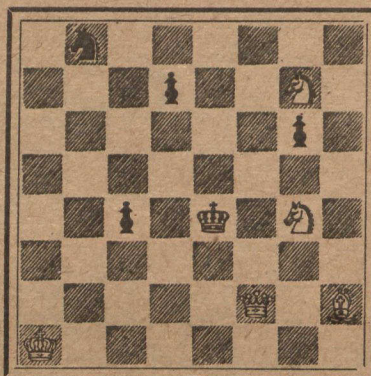
They shook hands.

(To be Continued.)

CHESSE Conducted by Malcolm Sim

PROBLEM No. 161, by V. Cisar.
First Prize, Cesky Spolek Schovl
Tourney, 1917.

Black.—Five Pieces.



White.—Five Pieces.

White to play and mate in three.

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 159, by C. A. L. Bull.

1. K—K7! R—K8; 2. B—K6, any move; 3. Q—R8 mate.
1. R—P; 2. B—Kt3ch! K—R6 or R—B; 3. B—Bsq or Q—R8 mate.
This is a little classic.

To Correspondents.

(J.M.G.), Tamworth.—Thanks for letter and further problem. Will examine all. ("Curious"), Campbellton, N.B.—In 152, yes, 2. K—K5. We admire your insistence.

Problem No. 158, by Mr. Faulkner unfortunately has an easy cook in four pointed out by Mr. John McGregor: 1. P—QB4ch, P—P e.p.; 2. Q—B5ch, K—Q5; 3. P—K3ch, K—Q6; 4. R moves from Bishop's file, P mates.

CHESSE AMONG THE ENEMY.

The following short but interesting partie was played in the 1914 Trebitsch Memorial Tournament at Vienna. Notes from the Year-Book of Chess.

Vienna Opening.

R. Spielmann.	C. Schlechter.
1. P—K4	1. P—K4
2. Kt—QB3	2. Kt—QB3
3. P—B4	3. B—B4 (a)
4. P—P (b)	4. P—Q3 (c)
5. P—P (d)	5. Q—P
6. Kt—B3	6. B—KKt5
7. Kt—K2 (e)	7. Castles
8. P—B3	8. P—B4 (f)
9. P—Q4 (g)	9. P—P
10. Kt—Kt5 (h)	10. Q—K2
11. Q—B2 (d)	11. P—K6
12. Q—K4 (j)	12. Q—Kt
13. B—P	13. Q—R5ch
14. P—Kt3 (k)	14. Q—R4
15. P—B3 (l)	15. Kt—B3
16. Q—KB4 (m)	16. Kt—Q4
17. Q—Kt5	17. Kt—B
18. Q—Kt	18. KR—Ksq
Resigns (n)	

(a) This counter Gambit is not altogether new, but is little known. The great advantage is that it enables Black to avoid the dangerous variations of the Hampe-Algaier Gambit.

(b) A premature capture which enables Black, by the sacrifice of a Pawn, to obtain the better development. The correct move was 4. Kt—B3, converting the opening into the King's Gambit declined.

(c) If instead 4. BxKt, then 5. Kt—B.

KtxP; 6. P—Q4. Or 5. Q—R5ch; 6. P—Kt3, QxRP; 7. R—Kt2, followed by P—Q4 and White has a good game.

(d) 5. Kt—B3 looks better.

(e) This manoeuvre, the object of which is to shut out Black's King's Bishop by P—B3 and P—Q4, takes too much time. White, however, had the worst game in any case. If, instead of the text-move he had played B—Kt5, B—K2 or P—Q3, Black would have obtained a crushing attack by Castles.

(f) "They're off!"

(g) If 9. P—P, then 9. Kt—B3, followed by KR—Ksq.

(h) If 10. Kt—Q2, the sacrifice of the bishop is decisive, e.g., 10. Kt—Q2, BxP; 11. P—B, KtxP; 12. Q—R4, P—K6; 13. Kt—QB4, Q—Kt5ch; 14. QxQ, Kt—B7 mate. If 14. Kt—B3, then 14. QxQ; 15. Kt—B7 mate. If 10. B—B4, then 10. Q—Bsq.

(i) If 11. Q—Kt3, then 11. P—K6 is very strong.

(j) Better would have been 12. Kt—K4, to which black would have replied; 12. B—Q3 followed by 13. BxP, by 13. Kt—B3 with a good game, or he might have ventured to sacrifice a rook, e.g., 12. Kt—K4, BxP; 13. KtxB, R—Kt; 14. P—R, KtxP; 15. Q—Q3, Q—Kt5ch; 16. Kt—B3 (if 16. Q—B3, Kt—B7 mate), B—B4; 17. P—QR3, Q—B4; 18. Kt—K4, BxKt; 19. QxB, Kt—KB3; 20. Q—Kt5ch, Kt—B7ch; 21. K—K2, Q—B5ch, and wins. The position is an interesting one.

(k) Or 14. B—B2, Q—R4; 15. Kt—Kt3 (or Kt—B4), R—Ksq; 16. KtxQ, R—Ksq and 17. BxKt.

(l) If 15. Kt—B4, then 15. Q—Ksq retains the piece ahead.

(m) If 16. Q—B2 or Kt2, then 16. KR—Ksq with an overwhelming attack.

(n) For 19. Q—B2 then 19. BxKt; 20. BxB, RxBch; 21. QxR, R—Ksq, winning the queen. Or 19. Kt—K4 is also decisive.

CHESSE LEAGUE ANNUAL.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Chess League took place in the Toronto Chess Club rooms, 65 Church street, on Tuesday evening, October 23, Mr. W. Cawell of the Beaches Club, occupying the chair in the unavoidable absence of Bishop W. D. Reeve, the President.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. Pres., Mr. H. H. De Mers; President, Mr. R. G. Hunter; Vice-President, Mr. E. Willans; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. K. B. O'Brien.

The Ladies' Championship Cup and Silver photograph frame were presented to Miss F. E. Sprague. Prizes were also presented to Messrs. J. Boss, H. J. Lane, I. L. Fox, H. M. Boddy, T. Crossley and G. C. Robinson, winners in the League tournaments. Prof. Mavor, winner of the sections has yet to receive the Wanless Challenge Cup and accompanying prize.

The Holt Shield was presented to the Beaches Club, winners of the League A Competition, 1916-1917, with 8 wins, 2 draws and no losses to their credit. Individual medals were presented to Messrs. Wilkes, Cawell, Lane, Merrill and Hopkins of the club.

Parliament Club proved winners of the B. competition, and received the shield donated by Bishop W. D. Reeve. Medals were presented to Messrs. Wilson, Crighton, Charles, Larsen, Adey, Crosby, Hooper, Priest and Pollock. Mr. H. H. De Mers donated several of the medals.

Referring to our column of last week—Solution of Problem No. 158, the paragraph beginning "The construction of" should be deleted and the following inserted:

There is, unfortunately, a cook in four, sent in by Mr. J. McGregor: 1. P—QB4ch, P—P e.p.; 2. Q—B5ch, K—Q5; 3. P—K3ch, etc.