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Yours truly,

S. D. REMICK.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

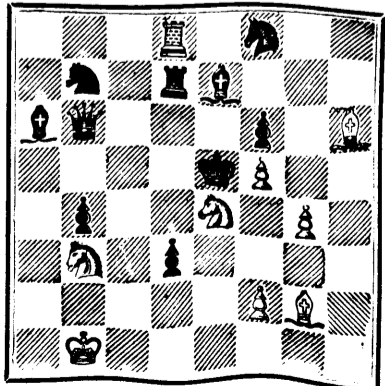
TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 169 received. Correct. M. J. M., Quebec.—Have answered your communication by post.

PROBLEM No. 171.

By J. PAUL TAYLOR, London, Eng.

BLACK.



WHITE White to play and mate in two moves.

THE INTERNATIONAL CHESS CONGRESS.

The particulars connected with the Chess Congress, which is to be held at Paris, in June next, during the time of the Great Exhibition, have just been made public.

The entrance fee will be 100 francs, and every competitor will have to play two games with each of the others.

The time limit will be 30 moves for every two hours. Drawn games to count half a game to each player.

Four prizes are spoken of, but it is probable the number will be increased to six. The Government will offer the first prize, which will be of the value of 6,000 or 8,000 francs.

Altogether this programme is calculated to attract the attention of the noted players of the day, and there is every reason to believe that this great International Chess Congress will take a very prominent place in the annals of the Royal game.

Speaking of this International Congress the Dramatic Times says: We learn that Mr. Rosenthal and another gentleman from Paris are expected in London in a few days for the purpose of consulting with the leading players in England as to the best mode of arranging the programme of the Tourney for June next.

(From the Hartford Weekly Times.)

Our readers will recollect the exceedingly difficult fifteen-move self-mate (No. 475) published March 7th. The Problem was composed by A. Townsend, and when first published a prize was offered for the first correct solution.

The Problem spoken of here appeared recently (No. 167) in our Column at the request of the composer.

The following games, which will be interesting to Chessplayers at the present time as specimens of the play of the late Mr. Cochrane, are taken from the Westminster Papers.

GAME 255TH.

Played with Labourdonnais.

(Cochrane Gambit.)

- WHITE (M. Labourdonnais.) 1. P to K4 2. P to K B4 3. Kt to K B3 4. B to B4 5. Kt to K5 6. K to B sq 7. P to K Kt3 8. K to B2 9. K to K3 10. K to Q3 11. B takes P 12. P to B3 13. B takes K B P (ch) 14. B to Kt3 15. K to B2 16. Q to B sq (b) 17. Q takes Q 18. P to Q3 19. R to Kt sq 20. B takes B 21. R takes P 22. Kt takes Kt 23. K to B sq 24. Kt to Q2 25. B to Q sq 26. K R to Kt sq 27. P to Kt3 (c) 28. R takes B 29. Kt takes Kt

NOTES.

And wins.

- (a) This Gambit is nearly sixty years old. Lowenthal preferred it to the Salvio, and Von der Lasa seems to take the same view. (b) White has a lost game, play how he may. (c) If he try B takes P the Rook will go to B7 all the same.

GAME 256TH.

Played in India by the late Mr. John Cochrane (Petroff Defence—Cochrane Attack.)

- WHITE.—(Mr. Cochrane.) 1. P to K4 2. Kt to K B3 3. Kt takes P 4. Kt takes P (a) 5. B to B4 (ca) 6. Castles 7. P to K R3 8. P to B4 9. Kt to B3 10. P to Q R4 11. Kt to Q5 12. P to Q4 13. P to K5 14. B takes Kt (ch) 15. B takes Kt (ch) 16. Q to R5 (ch) 17. P takes P 18. R to B7 (ch) 19. P to K6 20. B to Kt5 21. P to R5 22. P to Q Kt4 23. B to B4 (e) 24. Q to Q B5 25. B takes B (ch) and wins

NOTES.

- (a) Invented by Mr. Cochrane. Petroff started when he saw it. "Why they have actually turned my opening into a Gambit; should have thought it impossible." (b) The Bishop should be interposed, but no doubt the Hindoo expert considered the King too sacred a personage to be brought on to the third line. (c) B to K2 is better. (d) Affording an opportunity of which Mr. Cochrane is not slow to avail himself. The Brahmin should have played her to Q4 (e) This would have been of no avail last move.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 169.

- WHITE. 1. R to Q R3 2. Q to Q B2 3. Mates accordingly 1. B to B6 or B to K8 3. Anything 1. B takes B &c 2. K takes R 3. Q mates

Solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 167. (A Pawn is omitted in this Problem from Black's K B3.)

- WHITE. 1. R to Q5 (ch) 2. K takes P 3. Kt mates 1. K takes R 2. Anything

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 168.

- WHITE. K at K R sq Q at K8 B at K Kt2 Pawns at K R3 K5. Q Kt3 and 4 and Q R5 1. K at Q Kt2 R at Q2 Kt at K B sq Pawns at K3, Q3, Q3, Q3 B2 and 3 White to play and mate in four moves.

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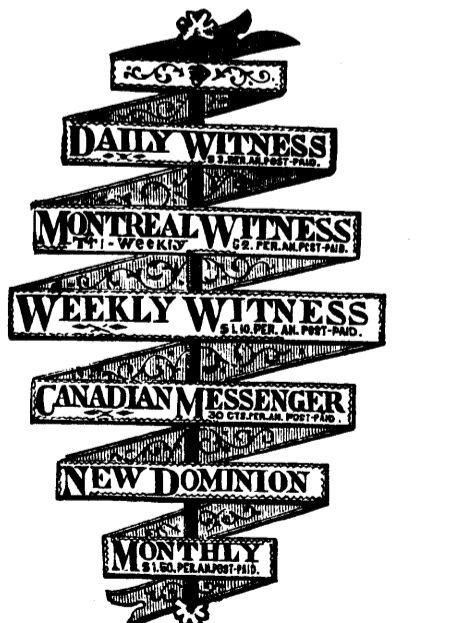
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