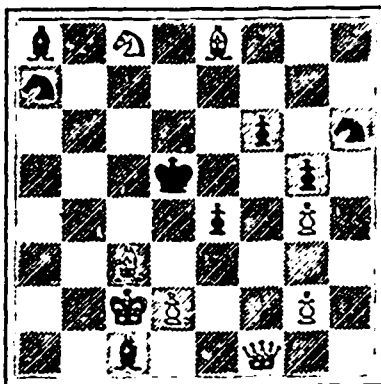


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SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 195.
Q—K3 etc.

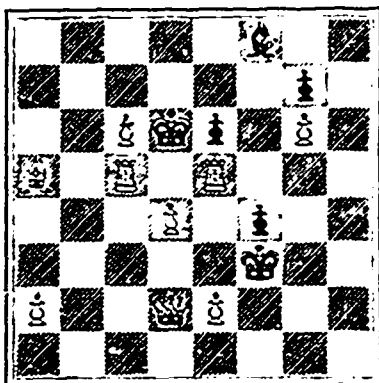
SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 196.
Q—Q7.

PROBLEM 199.
Black 8 pieces.



White 8 pieces.
White to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM 200.
Black 5 pieces.



White 10 pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME 181.

HISTORICAL CONTESTS.
Charlemagne's Wager.

A Kingdom Staked.

It would be vain to search the illuminated volumes of the romance of history for a more daring and reckless boast of prowess than that of Charlemagne's to his courtier and friend Guerin, which we here recount. Flushed with his victories of the west, his conquests in Saxony, Lombardy, Italy, Spain and Bavaria, the great Emperor knew not defeat, and, as he staked his life on the battle field, so would he have staked his life on his chances of success with the mimic warriors of the checkered field. One evening while the tired out army was taking a much needed repose on the banks of the Danube where the Emperor had pushed his conquests by slaying thousands of the Huns, and gaining possession of the Ringes in which he found treasures and booty which had taken over two hundred years to collect. Guerin was summoned and thus challenged by the elated Charlemagne—"I wager that you would not stake your hopes of preferment on a game of chess against me, unless I were also to propose some very high stake." "I will play," replied Guerin, "provided only you wager your kingdom of France." "Very good, let us see," said the Monarch, who was confident of his powers. They played, and, as usual, Charlemagne obtained an overpowering attack; he even went so far as to gain a position in which checkmate

could be given in a few moves. The fates, however, willed it otherwise, for Guerin, who had lost his Queen, succeeded, at the critical point, in queening a pawn, which so turned the tide of war as to leave his opponent's king alone do battle against such heavy odds. The result was a complete overthrow of the Monarch's game, a victory for Guerin, and the payment of the kingdom of France as the wager. The latter was demanded, but to relinquishing such, Charlemagne would not see his way, and, instead offered either death or such compensation as he might choose to give. The town of Lyons was named as compensation, was accepted by the courtier, and never afterwards was Charlemagne known to make a rash bet.

The game played as follows:—

WHITE.	BLACK.
Charlemagne.	Guerin.
1 P—K4	P—K4
2 P—KB4	P tks P
3 B—B4	Q—R5ch
4 K—B:q	P—KKt4
5 KKt—B3	Q—R4
6 P—KR4	B—Kt2
7 R—R2	P—Kt5
8 Kt—Kt5	KKt—R3
9 P—Q4	P—Kt6

The kingdom of France is to be gained only by a fearless fight.

10 B tks Pch Kt tks B
11 Q tks Q P tks R
12 Q tks Ktch

Who is there who would not here say "in articulo mortis?"
K—Q:q

13—Q tks B

The Emperor threatens to mate in four moves by 14 Q tks Rch, K—K2; 15 Q—Kt7ch, K—Q3; 16 Q—K5ch, K—B3; 17 Q—QB5 mate. But mark the opposing denouncement.

P—R8 a Q ch,
14 K—B2 Q tks RPch
15 K—K2 Kt—Kt5ch
16 K—Q3 (best) Q—Kt6ch
17 K—B4 (best) P—Kt4ch
18 K tks P B—R3ch

And Black's King is freed from the danger.

19 K—R4 R—K eq
20 Kt—B7 ch
"Alas! good knight, alas! too late!"

K—B eq
21 Q tks Q P tks Q
22 P—K5 Kt—B3
23 P—B3

White, though now on the defensive, endeavors to secure his position.
B—B5

24 Kt—K:5 R—QKt eq
25 Kt tks P

A useless capture. Black now forces mate in two moves by R to Kt3; 26 any R to R3.—*Bristol Mercury*.

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MINING OUTLOOK.—Gold mining remains very quiet, there being reported one sale of a part interest in a mine at Rawdon and some little movement at Oldham, where a promising find is reported. Very favorable reports also have been received from Tangier, and many different stories are rife as to the value of the last clean-up of the Standard mine at Oldham, where it is claimed by some that 6 tons of quartz crushed yielded 600 ozs. gold, by others that the yield was only 100 ozs. Either way the average was large, and the official returns will have to be awaited to settle the matter. The large output of coal continues, iron mining is being pushed, and other mining interests are in a satisfactory condition.

RAWDON.—It is reported that J. Withrow and Mt. Sim of Rawdon have sold part of their rich gold claims at Rawdon to English parties.

BROOKFIELD, QUEEN'S COUNTY.—John McGuire has returned from the United States, and if rumors are to be believed is to re-open the mine at Brookfield which he originally worked, and which when worked by him proved a rich gold yielder.

PERSONAL.—Mr. H. A. Sanders, the assayer of the Nova Scotia Gold Mines (Ltd), is now enjoying a well earned vacation. He left Tuesday morning on the Flying Bueenose for Yarmouth and Boston.

THE HERALD AND THE TRURO GOLD MINING COMPANY.—A late issue of the *Herald* had a most unjust attack on the Truro Gold Mining company, in fact ever since the inception of that enterprise it has shown a most unfair determination to belittle the mine. As far as we can discover the present difficulty is between the manager, Mr. Geo. W. Stuart, and some of the directors. There is every reason to believe that the mine is a very valuable property, but some of the directors, it has been reported, had been making outside remarks about the management of the mine, which, coming to the ears of the manager, caused him to resign. At the last meeting of the board we understand Mr. Stuart was able to show that the work was progressing most favorably and that it was being accomplished at the minimum of cost. He called attention to the rumors in circulation that some of the directors had expressed dissatisfaction with the management and tendered his resignation. The directors generally denied that there was any dissatisfaction, but Mr. Stuart, feeling that some of the board had not treated him fairly, persisted in his determination to resign and they had most reluctantly to accept. The majority however were disinclined to go on with the work under other management and it was decided to sell the mine. The property therefore is not in question in the present stoppage, which we imagine is simply an heroic measure to rid the mine of obstructive ownership.

REVIVAL OF INTEREST IN GOLD MINING.—On every hand there are indications of a great revival of interest in gold mining. The following clippings are good evidence of this:—"It is stated that the depreciation of silver is about to provoke a boom in Canadian gold mining. An exchange announces that Messrs. McArthur Brothers, of Toronto, have just sold for \$130,000 a small portion of their gold mining property on the Chaudiere, in Beauce, to a firm of Boston and Portland capitalists, who intend to work it on a large scale, and that Mr. W. P. Lockwood has also succeeded in interesting in the Beauce auriferous deposits personages of no less financial and mining importance than Mr. MacKay, of big bonanza fame, Senator Jones, of Nevada, and Mr. J. B. Hagen, of New York, who have actually had on the ground for the past three weeks an eminent engineer in the person of Mr. Dwight, Crittenden."

"The drop in silver has been a god-send to all the gold miners of California, for in sixty days the revival of quartz and placer mining in the Sierra and foothill regions has produced over \$4,000,000 in gold. Many abandoned claims are being opened, and no such energetic prospecting of old fields has been seen for twenty years as is now going on in California, in Tuolumne, Amador, Eldorado and other counties through which the great 'mother lode' extends. With new appliances much ore which was formerly thrown away is now worked, and gold mining promises to soon take the prominent place in the resources of California which it held in the early days."—*Chicago Blade*.

OLDHAM.—Last November Mr. Reeves took up a large block of areas in the south-east of the Oldham district, and in May and July added a few more areas to his southern boundary. On Sept. 4th last E. C. McDonnell, the well-known gold miner of Enfield, took up 17 areas, being a strip across the whole southern boundary of the Reeves areas. This would indicate that Mr. Reeves has developed something important in his prospecting.

TANGIER.—A. McG. Barton has just returned from Tangier with a number of fine specimens taken from a new lead lately discovered at Tangier. The lead is a combination of six or more seams, making in all about five feet of quartz. He is still prospecting and expects to further improve the find.—*Chronicle*.

NEW BRUNSWICK GOLD.—Our reporter was shown a small fist full of gold yesterday, the result of a clean-up of 25 tons of ore at the Memram-