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TO CORRESPONDENTS

J. W. S., Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 103 received. Correct.

W. A., Montreal.—Letter received. Many thanks. We insert at the request of one of our correspondents a game of Chess played many years ago by the great Napoleon. The game and notes are taken from an old Chess magazine. In some remarks accompanying the game, it is stated that the great Emperor was fond of Chess, and often played it at home, and in the field, in Egypt as well as in Russia, in his solitude at Elba, and in his captivity at St. Helena.

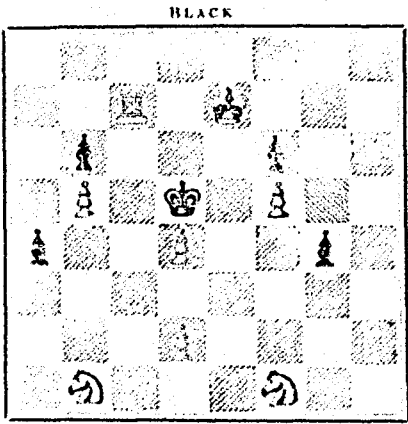
We may add that it was noticed by his friends at St. Helena, that, often when playing the minute battle, he would pause at certain points of the game, as if the position recalled some combination of strategy which he had seen years ago by had occupied a mind fixed for such strategy.

We have, we believe, also seen it stated that Napoleon once played with the celebrated Automaton Chess player, and that on his twice intentionally breaking the rules of the game, the pieces were indignantly swept from the board by his incensed antagonist. At this time, we presume, Moutet was the director of the mechanical wonder. Moutet in after years became a teacher of Chess to the children of Louis Philippe.

Madame de Rémusat, the antagonist of Napoleon in the annexed game, was the wife of Count de Rémusat; also the intimate friend of the Empress Josephine, and the authoress of an "Essay on the education of women."

PROBLEM No. 103

By MR. WM. FINLAYSON, Malta.



White playing, mates in four moves.

GAME 151st

Played at Malmaison, (France), between Napoleon and Madame de Rémusat, on the 29th March, 1804.

(Irregular Opening.)

- WHITE.—Madame de Rémusat. 1. P to Q3, 2. P to K4, 3. P to K B4, 4. P takes P, 5. K to Q B3, 6. P to Q3, 7. P to K3, 8. K to K R3 (ch), 9. K to K2, 10. K to Q3, 11. K takes K, 12. K takes B, 13. K to Q5.

NOTES.

- 10. The correct move was Q to K2. 11. The attack is kept up with great vigor.

CHESS IN CANADA.

GAME 152nd

Played at the Montreal Chess Club in the present match between Messrs. Henderson and Shaw.

(Remove Black's K B P from the board.)

- WHITE.—(Mr. S.) 1. P to K4, 2. P to Q4, 3. P to K5, 4. B to Q3, 5. B to K K5, 6. P to Q B3, 7. Q to K K4, 8. P to K R4, 9. P to K R5, 10. P to K R6, 11. B to B6, 12. Q to K3, 13. K to K B4, 14. Q to K to Q2, 15. P to K K4, 16. P takes B, 17. Q to R4, 18. K takes P, 19. K to K to B3, 20. P to K5, 21. P to K6, 22. P to R7, 23. Castles (Q R), 24. Q to B2, 25. K to K5, 26. P to K B4, 27. Q to K to Q2, 28. Q to K to K B3, 29. B takes K, 30. K takes K, 31. R to K5, 32. R takes K P, 33. Q to K2, 34. Q to Q K5 (ch), 35. Q takes Q P, 36. Q to Q R5, 37. Q to K4, 38. Q to K R6, 39. R takes B, 40. R takes R, 41. K to Q2.

And Black resigns.

SOLUTIONS

- Solution of Problem No. 103. WHITE.—1. R to Q3, 2. B to Q B6 mate. BLACK.—1. K takes R. There are other variations.

Solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 101.

- WHITE.—1. B to K B6, 2. R to Q sq (ch), 3. K mates. BLACK.—R to Q K2 (best), K to Q B2.

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 102.

- WHITE.—K to Q B2, Q to Q K7, R to K3, R to Q2. BLACK.—K to Q B5, R to K K6, Pawns at K B4, K R3, Q to Q B4, Q to K4 and Q R3.

White to play and mate in two moves.

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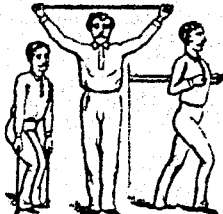
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