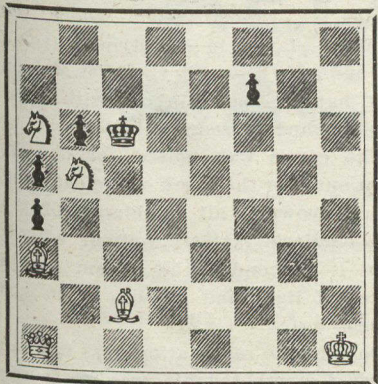




PROBLEM No. 173, by John McGregor.
(Tamworth, Ont.)
Specially composed for the "Courier."
Black.—Five Pieces.



White.—Six Pieces.

White to play and mate in three.

Problem No. 174, by C. W. Sheppard.
Second Prize, Good Companions' Club,
Dec., 1917.

White: K at Q8sq; Q at Kk5; R at Kk2; Bs at Qktsq and Q8; Kts at Qk4 and K3.
Black: K at Q5; R at Kk2; B at Kk8; Kts at Q4 and K4; P at Qb5.
White mates in two.

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 170, by L. B. Salkind.
1. P—R4, P—B4; 2. Q—R2, K—B3; 3. Q—Kk2 mate.

1. B—K6; 2. Q—Kb5, any move; 3. Q or Kt mates.

1. Kt—B4; 2. Q—K4ch, KxQ; 3. Kt—B6 mate.

1. threat; 2. Q—Q3ch, BxQ or K—B3; 3. Kt or Q mates.

Problem No. 171, by F. E. Godfrey.
1. B—K2, P—B3 ch; 2. QKt—K6 mate.

1. P—B4 ch; 2. Kkt—K6 mate.

1. K—Q5; 2. Kt—B5 mate.

1. K—B5; 2. KtxB mate.

1. K—B3; 2. KtxB mate.

1. P—QB4; 2. Kt—Kt5 mate.

1. B moves; 2. QKt—K8 mate.

Problem No. 172, by Dr. J. J. O'Keefe.
1. R—Q5, B—B4; 2. Q—R6 mate.

1. B—B6; 2. QxKt mate.

1. threat; 2. Q—B6 mate.

To Correspondents.

(J.V.S.), Acton West.—Your after play to No. 170 is incorrect. (J.M.G.), Tamworth.—Your latest three-mover appears above. All particulars re correspondence tournaments from Mr. Hickok.

Correct solutions of Problems Nos. 170, 171 and 172 received from John McGregor, Tamworth.

CHESS IN TORONTO.

A complicated game played in the Gambit Tournament at the Toronto Chess Club, between Messrs. J. Boas and A. W. Campbell.

King's Bishop's Gambit.

White.	Black.
J. Boas.	A. W. Campbell.
1. P—K4	1. P—K4
2. P—KB4	2. Pxp
3. B—B4	3. P—KB4 (a)
4. P—Q4 (b)	4. Q—R5ch
5. K—Bsq	5. Pxp
6. Q—K2	6. P—K6
7. Kt—KB3	7. Q—R4 (c)
8. P—Kk4 (d)	8. Q—R4 (e)
9. B—Q2	9. Q—Kt3
10. Kt—Kt5	10. Kt—KR3
11. Kt—QB3	11. P—B3 (f)
12. R—Ksq	12. QxQP
13. Kt—B3	13. Q—Kt3
14. P—Kt5	14. Kt—B4 (g)
15. Kt—K5 (h)	15. P—Q4 (i)
16. BxQP	16. PxB (j)
17. KtxP	17. Q—Qsq
18. Kt—B6ch (k)	18. K—K2
19. B—Kt4ch	19. Kt—Q3
20. Kt—Q5ch (l)	20. K—Ksq (m)
21. KtxBP	21. Qxp
22. Qxp	22. Kt—B4
23. K—K4	23. B—K2
24. Kt—Q5 (n)	24. Kt—QR3
25. BxB (o)	25. KtxB
26. Q—QR4ch	26. K—Bsq
27. R—K3 (p)	27. KtxKt
28. R—KB3ch	28. Kt—B3
29. Q—R3ch	29. K—Ksq
30. Q—R4ch	30. B—Q2

(a) The old classical defence. It leads to a game requiring careful handling by both parties.

(b) The only real good continuation at this point is 4. Q—K2. 4. P—Q3 may also be ventured. The text-move permits Black to obtain a formidable arrangement of Pawns.

(c) 7. ... Q—Qsq was preferable. The text-move leaves him open to 8. BxKt, RxB; 9. Q—B4, Q—B2; 10. Qxp, which would have proved troublesome.

(d) One of White's characteristic sporting ventures, which, in this case, is not convincing.

(e) Black should have accepted the proffered Pawn. 9. B—B7ch in reply would simply drive the Black King to Qsq, a very usual post in this phrase of the Gambit.

(f) 11., QxQP could have been played at once. 11., QxKtP is tempting, but Black's better policy is to attend to his backward development.

(g) 14., Kt—Kt5 is inferior.

(h) This is a further swindle, but White is committed to an unsound policy.

(i) It would have been preferable to play 15., PxB. If 16. Kt—B7 dis. ch, then 16., Kt—K6ch. If 16. Q—R5ch, then simply 16., P—Kt3.

(j) Again PxB would be our choice.

(k) A desperate sacrifice, which Black should have accepted readily.

(l) Now White demolishes the advanced Pawns and a dangerous attack against the exposed Black King results.

(m) If 20., K—K3, then 21. KtxBPch, KxKt; 22. QxPch, K—B4; 23. Q—KR3ch, KxP; 24. Q—R5ch, and mates.

(n) It is difficult to maintain the attack. 24. Q—B4 is adequately met by 24., B—Q2. 24., Kt—Q2 instead would lose the Black Queen, whilst 24., Kt—QR3 would surrender the pieces ahead, by 25. Q—B7ch, K—Qsq; 26. R—Qsqch, K—B2; 25. Kt—Q5ch, etc. The text-move seems right.

(o) Here however White goes astray and the attack filters out. The winning continuation was 25. Kt—KB3.

(p) The final mistake 27. Kt—KB4 instead was the best at his command. The resulting position is unfathomable though Black's extra piece should tell eventually.

Romance of the Ocean

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attention to the tides, as Hugo advises, he would realize that in their mighty power and the volume of their currents, lies the answer to the submarine menace.

From another point of view, as a source of food supply, the ocean is proving its worth. The scarcity of cattle, as well as that of other meat-producing animals in Canada at the present time, as well as the soaring prices of what is available, should cause the housekeepers to study the value of fish as a food. It compares most favorably with many far more costly edibles, but the greatest trouble is to acquire the knack of really palatable cooking of this food, which eminent specialists have told us so often, is healthful for the body, and which stimulates the brain, because being easily assimilated, it causes none of the false energy or fatal lethargy, which is an after effect of two heavy a diet.

Our Reserves of Stocks

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nursery stock which we should prepare to meet. The stock of young trees which will be needed for the reforestation of the areas laid waste by and for war, may be best obtained from countries near the scene of reforestation, but whether done there or here the interested Governments should at once provide for the establishment or support of the necessary nurseries. A possible procedure would be to have certain nurseries or companies authorized to go ahead under a scheme that shall secure the kind of trees wanted, and guaranteed a certain per cent. per annum on the market value of the stock under cultivation, the count to be based upon a yearly census made by a Government agent. The longer the time before the trees are to be used, the bigger they will be, and the nurseries will have received a certain per cent. of the cost for each year of the tree's life. This inducement should secure the necessary producers.

The schemes outlined will go a long way toward providing a stock of agricultural material ample to meet a demand which will become insistent the moment peace is declared, and its adoption in some form is essential.

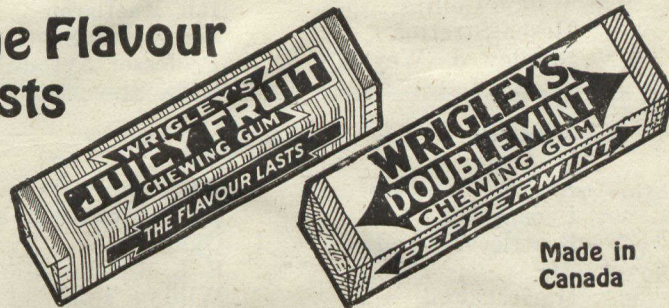


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