

CHESS

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readers who solve the problems. We will give due recognition in this column to those successful, and point out to others where they have erred. The compositions we select, generally speaking, have not the difficulty comparative with the strategy they contain. Our selection above is a remarkable achievement in the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times Ty., self-block with battery mates task. Pink gets six self-blocks from his two batteries, four from the upper one, Queen and Rook!

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 143, by V. Noto.

1. Q-KR5!! PxQ dbl. ch.; 2. K-B3, Rch; 3. KtxR or B6 mate.

1. ... KxKt; 2. Q-K5ch, KxQ; 3. R-K2 mate.

1. ... threat; 2. Q-R3ch, KxKt; 3. R-K2 mate.

Mr. A. C. White, in "The White King," points out the following odd example, where, by means of the en passant capture, Black gives double check without either of the checking pieces moving.

By W. Pauly.

White: K at KB5; Q at Ksq; Rs at QR5 and KR6; Bs at QR2 and QKt2; Kts at K3 and KB5; Ps at QB6, Q2, KB2, KB6, Kkt3 and KR5. Black: K at K4; R at QB6; B at Kkt3; Kts at Q8 and KR6; Ps at QR2, QB5 and KB2. Mate in three. (1. P-B3, BxKtch; 2. P-Q4ch, Pxp e. p. dbl. ch.; 3. K-Kt4 mate. 1. KtxB; 2. P-Q4ch, Pxp e. p. ch; 3. QxR mate. 1. ... KtxKt; 2. Kt-Kt7, any; 3. BxR mate. 1. ... Kt-B5; 2. PxKtch, any; 3. Q or Kt mates). This first appeared in "Running the Gauntlet," 1911, and was the only example at the time. The construction must have been difficult.

Lasker v. Tarrasch.

From various sources, the "democratic world" has received three of the games from the match between Dr. Emanuel Lasker, the world's champion, and Dr. S. Tarrasch, played in Berlin a few months back. Score: Lasker 5, Tarrasch 0, drawn 1. The following is the most interesting of the three, Dr. Tarrasch's solitary draw:

Ruy Lopez.

White.	Black.
S. Tarrasch.	E. Lasker.
1. P-K4	1. P-K4
2. Kt-KB3	2. Kt-QB3
3. B-Kt5	3. P-QR3
4. B-R4	4. Kt-B3
5. Castles.	5. B-K2
6. R-Ksq	6. P-QKt4
7. B-Kt3	7. P-Q3
8. P-B3	8. Kt-QR4
9. B-B2	9. P-B4
10. P-Q4	10. Q-B2
11. P-QR4-(a)	11. P-Kt5-(b)
12. PxKtP	12. PxKtP
13. P-R3	13. Castles.
14. B-Kt5	14. R-Ksq-(c)
15. QKt-Q2	15. Kt-Q2
16. BxB	16. RxB
17. R-QBsq	17. Q-Kt3
18. Kt-Bsq	18. B-Kt2-(d)
19. Kt-K3	19. P-Kt3
20. Pxp-(e)	20. Pxp
21. Kt-Q5	21. BxKt
22. QxB	22. R-Qsq
23. B-Ktsq	23. R-K3-(f)
24. KR-Qsq	24. Kt-Kt2
25. Q-B4	25. Kt-Bsq-(g)
26. RxB	26. KtxR
27. Q-B7	27. QxQ
28. RxB	28. R-Q3
29. B-R2	29. Kt (Bsq)-K3
30. R-B8	30. R-Q8ch
31. K-R2	31. K-Kt2
32. B-B4	32. K-B3
33. P-QKt3-(h)	33. Kt-Kt2
34. BxP	34. Kt-Q3
35. R-QKt8	35. KtxP
36. B-K2	36. R-QR8
37. RxB	37. KtxP
38. K-Kt3-(i)	38. Kt-R8ch
39. K-R2	39. Kt-B7
40. K-Kt3	Drawn.

(a) In their world's championship match, 1908, Lasker, as White, adopted the more frequent 11. QKt-Q2, sacrificing a Pawn for attack with the following continuation: 11. QKt-Q2, Kt-B3; 12. P-KR3, Castles; 13. Kt-Bsq, BxpP; 14. Pxp, KtxQP; 15. KtxKt, PxKt; 16. B-Kt5.

(b) This continuation is advocated, but is not to our fancy. 11. ... R-QKtsq can be played. If 12. RpxP, RpxP; 13. PxpP, Pxp; 14. KtxP, then 14. ... QxKt; 15. RxB, Kt-Kt5; 16. P-KB4, Q-B2; 17. R-Rsq (not 17. P-QKt4, Pxp; 18. Pxp, B-B4ch!), Castles with the preferable game.

(c) The defence is a difficult one. This seems the least unfavorable method of relieving the restraint from the White Queen's Bishop.

(d) We suggest as here as preferable 18. ... Pxp; 19. KtxP, P-Kt3; 20. Kt-K3, B-Kt2, followed by 21. ... QR-Ksq.

(e) Now White exchanges Pawns instead and gets his Queen in a commanding position, whilst Black's forces are disorganized.

(f) If the King's Knight moves, then 24. Q-B5 would win a Pawn.

(g) Black has not much choice. If 25. ... Kkt-B4, then 26. RxB, QxR; 27. QxKtP, R-Kt3; 28. Q-B4 (A.C.B.).

(h) At the psychological moment, White wavers and misses his opportunity. Instead, he should have continued with 33. Bxp, R-QKt8; 34. B-B4 (if 34. R-B2, then 34. ... P-Kt6; 35. R-Q2, Kt-B3), Rxp; 35. P-R5, R-Kt8; 36. P-R6, R-QR8; 37. R-Kt8, R-R5; 38. R-Kt6, practically rendering all Black's pieces useless. (A.C.B.)

(i) If 38. R-Kt6, then 38. ... R-R8ch;

39. K-Kt3, Kt-K5ch; 40. K-R4, P-Kt4ch; 41. K-Kt4, P-R4ch, winning the Bishop, with the White King in a mating net. Similar possibilities also restrict White on his next move.

(Notes marked (A.C.B.) are from the American Chess Bulletin, and notes (f) and (i) are based on theirs.)

Petrograd Not Russia

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scut one, but it is easier than the other road along the Struma and into western Bulgaria.

A study of the inner recesses of the German official and military mind would now be of surpassing interest, if it were only possible to make it. Certainly that mind is not expressed by the Pan-German ravings for a "Hindenburg peace," whatever that may be. Von Bethman Hollweg allowed us a glimpse of his own mental processes by his bitter reply to the Pan-Germans that the first step to the indemnities and annexations for which they were clamouring was to win the war. Evidently he did not think that the prospect was a very roseate one. How could he? The German armies have now manifestly lost the habit of victory. They must have lost also the expectation of it. The story of the war in the west has now a certain sameness about it that is almost monotonous. The British win a section of ground with heavy losses to their enemies. The German counter attack, and are repulsed with still heavier losses. And so it goes day after day. The same process is repeated, although lately with somewhat less emphasis in the south, where the French have their eyes fixed upon Laon. Have the Germans any real belief that they can stop this disastrous process? Of course they have not. They know that they can not stop it. They must be far more occupied in plans for retreat than for advance. They know that they can not for long stave off a general falling back of their whole line, and I believe that this is imminent. They have been prodigally consuming their drafts and their reserves. They have so far weakened their eastern lines that Hindenburg's offer of an armistice to the Russians while they are holding their elections becomes almost laughable in its transparency. The German armies in the west can never be stronger than they are now, and yet they are not

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