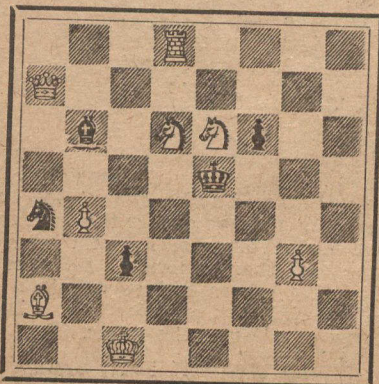




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PROBLEM No. 94, by J. Scheel.
Second Prize, Tidskrift for Schack, 1915-16.

Black—Five Pieces.



White—Eight Pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Problem No. 95, by F. Kohnlein.

White: K at QR4; Q at KR5; Rs at K4 and K5; Bs at QKt3 and K3; Kts at Q2 and Q3.

Black: K at QR8; Q at K8; Rs at QB5 and QB3; B at KR5; Ps at QR3, QKt5, QB4 and KKt5.

White mates in three.

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 90, by Dr. J. J. O'Keefe.

1. R-Q2, K-K5; 2. P-Q5 mate.

1., Kt-K5; 2. Kt-K3 mate.

1., P-B5; 2. Q-B6 mate.

1., threat; 2. PxKP mate.

Problem No. 91, by J. C. J. Wainwright

1. P-K4, Kt-K4; 2. Kt-B dis. ch, K-Q3; 3. Kt-B8 mate.

1., Kt-K2; 2. Kt-R3 dis. ch, K-Q3; 3. Kt-B4 mate.

1., Kt-K2; 2. K accordingly, any move; 3. R-KB3 mate.

1., B-Kt3; 2. Q-R3 ch, K moves; 3. B-Kt sq mate.

In the first two variations, the black Knight, in anticipation of the King moving to Q3, forms "anticipation blocks" on K4 and K2.

THE MARSHALL EXHIBITION.

The following interesting game was played at Board No. 2 in the exhibition of simultaneous chess at the Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto, on October 25. The notes are our own:

Danish Declined.

White. Black.

F. J. Marshall. G. K. Powell.

1. P-K4 1. P-K4

2. P-Q4 2. PxP

3. P-QB3 3. P-Q4 (a)

4. PxQP 4. QxP

5. PxP 5. P-QB4 (b)

6. ... QB3 6. QxQP

7. B-K3 (c) 7. QxQ ch

8. RxQ 8. Kt-KB3

9. Kt-B3 9. P-QR3 (d)

10. B-QB4 10. B-K2

11. Castles 11. Castles (e)

12. Kt-K5 12. QKt-Q2

13. P-B4 13. Kt-Kt (f)

14. PxKt 14. Kt-Kt5 (h)

15. B-B4 15. P-KKt4 (i)

16. Kt-Q5 16. B-Q sq

17. B-KKt3 17. B-K3

18. R-B3 18. P-Kt4

19. B-K2 19. P-KR4 (k)

20. P-KR3 20. Kt-R3

21. Kt-B6 ch (l) 21. BxKt

22. RxB 22. Kt-B4

23. B-B2 23. Kt-Kt2 (m)

24. BxBP 24. KR-B sq

25. B-B3 (n) 25. R-Q sq

26. B-Q6 26. QR-B sq

27. R-Q2 27. R-B3 ch

28. K-R2 28. BxP

29. P-QKt4 29. B-K3

30. B-Kt7 30. R-QR8

31. B-Q5 31. BxB

32. RxB 32. P-R5 (o)

33. R-QB5 33. Kt-R4! (p)

34. R-B5 34. Kt-B5 (q)

35. RxP ch 35. K-R2

36. R-B7 36. K-R3

and Black shortly resigned (r).

(a) It is good policy to decline the Danish against Marshall, an opening for which he shows considerable predilection.

(b) The safest defence.

(c) 7. QxQ, PxQ; 8. Kt-Kt5, regaining the Pawn with a perfectly even game is the better continuation. The sporting instinct, however, is essential to success in an undertaking of this description.

(d) There is hardly time for this precautionary measure. B-K2 at once could have played. If then, 10. Kt-QKt5, Kt-B3; 11. Kt-Q6ch, BxKt; 12. RxB, Kt-B2, retaining the Pawn plus with a safe position, 13. BxP not being feasible.

(e) 11...., Kt-B3, preventing White's

Kt-K5, appears a good move at this juncture.

(f) This leads to a difficult game. 13...., Kt-Kt3; 14. B-Kt3, B-B4, or 14. B-Q3, R-Qsq, etc., would be our choice.

(h) If 14...., Kt-Q2, then 15. P-K6, Kt-K4; 16. PxP ch, Kt-P; 17. Kt-Q5, B-Qsq; 18. BxP, R-Ksq; 19. Kt-B7, etc. If 14...., Kt-Ksq, then 15. Kt-Q5, B-Qsq; 16. BxP, etc.

(i) A weakening move, but White threatened P-KR3 and BxKt.

(j) Threatening to win the exchange.

(k) A hazardous advance that takes the game into a very interesting phase. 19...., BxKt; 20. RxB, P-B5; 21. P-KR3, Kt-R3 (B-Kt3ch would lose two pieces for a Rook); 22. B-B2, B-K2; 23. B-K3 (threatening P-KR4), K-Kt2; 24. B-Q4, QR-Qsq was, perhaps, the best line at Black's command.

(l) An unfavourable transposition. 21. B-B2, P-B5 (if 21...., R-Bsq, then 22. Kt-B6ch, at once); 22. B-B5, R-Ksq; 23. Kt-B6ch, BxKt; 24. RxB, Kt-B4; 25. BxRP, threatening 26. BxPch was the correct play.

(m) 23...., P-B5; 24. BxRP, Kt-Kt2 (if 24...., QR-Qsq, then 25. RxR, RxR; 26. BxPch); 25. B-B3, QR-Qsq; 26. RxR, RxR; 27. B-K3, R-Q6; 28. BxKtP, P-B6 would have given Black good chances of victory. If instead, 26. K-Bsq, then 26...., RxRch; 27. BxR, R-Qsq; 28. K-Ksq, R-Q4; 29. B-KKt3, Kt-B4; 30. B-R2, Kt-K6; 31. B-B3, Kt-B7ch; 32. K-K2, Kt-Q5ch; 33. K-K3, Kt-B3; 34. RxKt, P-Kt5 and wins.

(n) This is unfavourable. The retreat of his Rook is cut off and Black succeeds in reverting to his status of a Pawn plus on the Queen's side. 25. P-QKt4 would have been better. If 25...., BxQRP,

then 26. R-Rsq, B-K3; 27. B-B3, winning the exchange at least. If instead 25...., R-Qsq, then 26. R-B2, retaining the Pawn with a safe game.

(o) 32...., Kt-K3, in order to seize the open file with the Rook looks promising, but White defends by 33. R-Q2! R-QBsq; 34. K-Kt3, the King's move anticipating P-R5 and R (Bsq)-B3. Still the move might have answered under the circumstances.

(p) Kt-Ksq is not good. White replies 34. R-B5.

(q) Mr. Powell, up to this stage has played chess of a very high order, but here he unaccountably neglects the opportunity of Kt-Kt6, which would have secured the draw, e. g., 34...., Kt-Kt6; 35. RxKtPch, K-R2; 36. RxKt, PxRch; 37. KxP, R-KKt3sqch, winning the Knight's Pawn shortly. The text-move loses.

(r) The concluding moves were not recorded, but White wins easily by 37. R-KB5, Kt-R4; 38. R (B5)xP, Kt-Kt6; 39. R-KR7ch, and the Black Rook's Pawn falls.

TORONTO CHESS LEAGUE.

Two divisions have been formed in the Toronto Chess League for this season, consisting of "A" and "B" teams of last year's entrants, e. g., Central Y.M.C.A., West End W.M.C.A., Beach, Toronto, Parliament and Varsity. The half dozen, or more, players of higher calibre in the Toronto C. C., were debarred from the formations. Wednesday evening, Nov. 8th, in the "B" division, Parliament beat Toronto by 4 games to 1, and on Saturday evening, Nov. 11th, in the "A" division, between the same clubs the result was 4 games to Toronto and 1 to Parliament. Rt. Rev. Bishop W. D. Reeve, president of the League, has very liberally donated a shield for the "B" division. The Holt shield, emblematic of division "A" is held by Y.M.C.A., last season's victors.

Exhibition by Morrison.

Mr. J. S. Morrison, the Dominion champion, playing against 16 players at the Central Y.M.C.A., Friday evening, Nov. 10th, made a clean score of 16 wins. On January 8, 1915, Mr. Morrison, at the Toronto Chess Club, made a score of 17 wins against that number of players.

MOTORING IN WINTER

THE good people who lead their cars into the storage garage after the first heavy snow-fall and for the rest of the winter ride in street cars or the limousines of their neighbours, cheat themselves of one of the healthiest and the pleasantest uses of the motor. At no time is the air as good and the zest of driving as keen.

"I tell my patients," said a doctor of my acquaintance recently, "To keep their cars in commission if it is at all possible."

"But what about delicate people catching cold?"

"They won't catch cold if they're reasonably careful, and they will get so hardened by a bit of exposure that they will find themselves presently freer from colds than they have ever been before."

"You know, too many people are afraid of shivering. They think a shiver is a chill and a chill is a cold. That is nonsense. A cold comes from a germ. You inhale the cold germs in street cars and in badly ventilated rooms, such as offices and concert halls, or even at home. Perhaps the germ doesn't get a chance to work. Perhaps in a moment of low vitality—that is practically what a chill is—it does get a start. That is how we catch cold. But cold, fresh air has really nothing to do with it. Winter motoring is a protection against cold rather than anything else."

"Keep warm from your waist down. Keep the sides of the neck and the head warm and you are not likely to have much trouble from cold. People who know how to look after themselves can keep their chests as used to cold as their faces—by cold sponges in the mornings. Get a big pair of gauntlets for your hands. See that they are not too tight—and there you are."

"Winter is the healthiest time of the year in the city. The air has less dust in it and a greater tonic influence. It stimulates every surface. It increases the power of resistance. Last year I had occasion to advise

a man to buy a motor in order to get out into the air and relax after office hours. He made great use of it during the summer and gained physically and mentally. But when the winter came he was bound to lay it up, until I talked to him. He drove his car all winter—and he gained in health half as much again in the winter as he had gained in the same length of time in the summer."

A Smile or Two

A travelling man one night found himself obliged to remain in a small town on account of a washout on the railroad caused by the heavy rain, which was still coming down in torrents. The travelling man turned to the waitress with:

"This certainly looks like the flood."

"The what?"

"The flood. You've read about the Flood, and the Ark landing on Mount Ararat, surely."

"Gee! mister," she returned, "I ain't seen a paper for three days."—Harper's.

Policeman (giving evidence)—"After being ejected from the cinema, he was discovered with a large bouquet in his arms on the doorstep of the back entrance to the picture-palace."

Magistrate—"Did he give any reason for his extraordinary behaviour?"

Policeman—"His speech was very indistinct, yer worship, but from what I could gather, 'e was waiting to see Mary Pickford 'ome."—Passing Show.

"Does my practising make you nervous?" asked the man who is learning to play the cornet.

"It did when I first heard the people round about discussing it," replied the sympathetic neighbour.

"But now I'm getting so I don't care what happens to you."—Contributed.

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