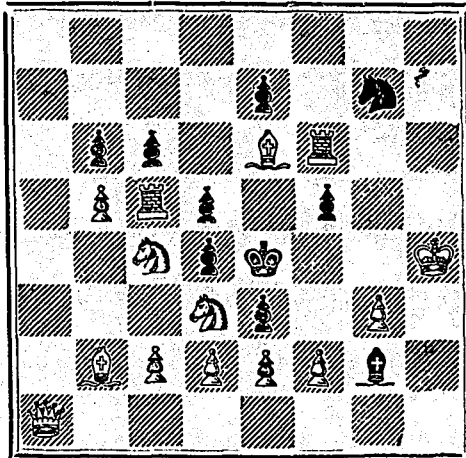


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| WHITE.—(Mr. Delmar.) | BLACK.—(Mr. Mackenzie.) |
| 1. P to K B 4 | 1. P to Q 4 |
| 2. Kt to K B 3 | 2. P to Q B 4 |
| 3. P to K 3 | 3. P to K 3 |
| 4. P to Q Kt 3 | 4. Kt to K B 3 |
| 5. B to Kt 5 (ch) | 5. B to Q 2 |
| 6. B tubes B (ch) | 6. Q Kt takes B |
| 7. B to Q Kt 2 | 7. B to Q 3 |
| 8. Castles | 8. Castles |
| 9. Kt to Q B 3 | 9. R to Q B sq |
| 10. Kt to K 2 | 10. R to K sq |
| 11. Kt to K Kt 3 | 11. Kt to K B sq |
| 12. Kt to K 5 | 12. Kt to K Kt 3 |
| 13. R to Q B sq (a) | 13. P to Q 5 |
| 14. Kt to K Kt 4 (b) | 14. Kt to Q 4 |
| 15. P to K B 5 | 15. Kt to K R 5 |
| 16. P to K 4 | 16. P takes K B P |
| 17. Kt takes P | 17. Kt takes Kt |
| 18. R takes Kt | 18. Kt to K 2 |
| 19. R to K B 2 (c) | 19. Kt to K Kt 3 |
| 20. Q to K B 3 | 20. R to Q B 2 |
| 21. Q to K B 5 (d) | 21. Kt to K R 5 |
| 22. Q to Q 5 | 22. R to Q 5 |
| 23. P to K 5 | 23. B to K B sq |
| 24. Q to K 4 (e) | 24. P to K B 4 (f) |
| 25. R takes P | 25. Kt takes R |
| 26. Q takes Kt | 26. R to K B 2 |
| 27. Q to K R 5 | 27. P to K Kt 3 |
| 28. Q to K R 3 | 28. B to K Kt 2 |
| 29. R to K sq | 29. P to K R 4 |
| 30. P to K 6 | 30. R to K B 4 |
| 31. Kt to K B 2 | 31. Q to K B 3 |
| 32. Kt to K 4 | 32. Q to K 4 (g) |
| 33. R to K 3 (h) | 33. P takes R |
| 34. B takes Q | 34. P to K 7 |
| 35. Q takes K | 35. P takes Q and wins. |

NOTES.

(a) An injudicious move, as it permits Black to advance his Q P and block on the Q B.

(b) Had he played to win the Pawn, the following variation might have occurred:

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| White. | Black |
| 14. Kt takes Kt | 14. R P takes Kt |
| 15. P takes Q P | 15. P takes P |
| 16. B takes Q P | 16. B to Q R 6 |
| 17. B takes Kt | 17. Q to Q Kt 3 (ch), &c |

(c) Better to have played the Rook to K B, so as to leave a place of retreat for the Kt.

(d) For the purpose of preventing P to K R 4; but the Queen is badly placed here, and White has to sacrifice the exchange before she can escape the dangers that threaten her.

(e) If to Q B 4, Black would probably reply with P to K R 4, &c.

(f) Black cannot now play P to K R 4 on account of the answer, Kt to K B 6 (ch.)

(g) If Q takes K P, White regains the exchange by K to B 6 (ch).

(h) An error which loses off hand; White overlooks the fact that the Rook can be taken with advantage.

SOLUTIONS

Solution of Problem No. 252.

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| WHITE. | BLACK. |
| 1. Kt to Q Kt 2 | 1. K takes R |
| 2. Kt to Q B 4 (ch) | 2. K moves |
| 3. P mates. | |

There are other defences.

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 250

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| White. | Black. |
| 1. Q to Q R sq | 1. Any move |
| 2. Mates acc. | |

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS, No. 251

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|---------------------|--------------|
| WHITE. | BLACK. |
| K at K 7 | K at K 4 |
| R at Q sq | Kt at K B 6 |
| B at K Kt 2 | Pawns at K 3 |
| B at Q 2 | and Q Kt 3 |
| Kt at K R 4 | |
| Kt at Q Kt 3 | |
| Pawns at K 3, Q B 2 | |
| and 4 and Q Kt 5. | |

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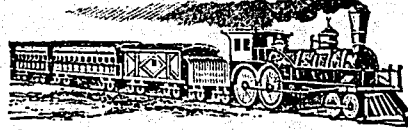
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