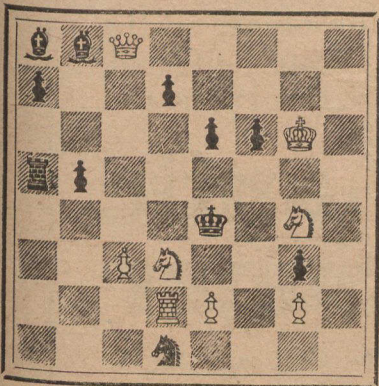


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PROBLEM NO. 86, by Frank Janet.
Mount Vernon, N.Y.
(Specially composed for the Courier.)
A. "Pickabish."

Black.—Eleven pieces.



White.—Eight pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Problem No. 87, by V. Cisar.

Morning Post, 1899.

White: K at Kt8; Q at Q8; R at Q5; Kt at K7; Ps at K4, Kt2, K2 and KR4. Black: K at KB5; Bs at Kt2 and KR4; Kts at Qsq and KRsq; Ps at QKt4, QKt6; K6, K7, KB3 and Kt3.

White mates in three.

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 81, by A. J. Fink.

1. Kt-Kt3! Kt-K5; 2. R-QB5 mate.
1. Kt-K4; 2. Kt-K7 mate.
1. Kt-K4; 2. R-KB5 mate.
1. Kt-Kt; 2. QxR mate.
1. R-K4; 2. Q-B6 mate.
1. threat; 2. Q-K4 mate.
One of the most puzzling two-ers we have ever come across. The Knight must go to Kt3 to prevent the defence 1. Q-Kt5.

Problem No. 82, by J. Scheel.

1. Kt (K3)-Q5, K-B4; 2. Q-Bsch, K moves; 3. Q-B3 or 7 mate.
1. K-B5; 2. QxQPch, K-B4;
3. Kt-K4 mate.
1. K-K4; 2. Kt-Q7ch! KxKt;
3. QxQP mate.
1. RxP; 2. Q-K3ch! K-B5;
3. PxP mate.
1. B-Q3; 2. QxQPch K-K4;
3. Q-K4 mate.
1. threat; 2. Q-R4ch, K moves;
3. Q-Kt4 or B4 mate.

BLACK PAWN PROMOTION.

The following Black Pawn promotion task is relative to the one published in our commentary July 29. We are indebted to Mr. Faulkner for this specimen, which he prefers to the pioneer composition by O. Wurzburg.

By J. Keeble.

White: K at Q5; Q at Q8; R at KBsq; Bs at QKt3 and QBsq; Kts at K2 and Kt3; Ps at QR3, QB4, Q7 and KB4. Black: K at Q8; Rs at QR8 and QB7; B at QKt8; Kt at K8; Ps at QR7, QB4, Q7, K6, KB7 and Kt5. Mate in four.
1. Q-R5, PxB=Q; 2. P=Q, Q-Q7ch;
3. KxP! etc. 1. PxP-B; 2. Kt-Ktsq! P-K7; 3. Kt-K4! etc.
1. PxP-B; 2. Q-B3, B-Q7; 3. Q-Kt2, etc. 1. PxP-B; 2. Kt-Ktsq, K-Q2; 3. Kt-R4 dis. ch, etc.

Canadian Correspondence League.

Mr. C. F. Davie, of Victoria, B.C., has succeeded in getting the Canadian branch of the Chess Amateur Correspondence League on a working basis and has issued a set of rules, together with a comprehensive prospectus of the activities planned. The following tournaments are to be held throughout the year:

(a) TRI-MONTHLY. Each tournament is composed of six players, who compete for first and second places. First prize, silver medal; second prize, silver medal. Entrance fee, \$1.00. Dates of commencement: 1st January, April, July and October.

(b) SEMI-ANNUAL MAJOR TOURNAMENT (special gold and silver medals). Each tournament is composed of three preliminary sections of four players each, the winners of which play off in the final section for first, second and third places. First prize, gold medal; second and third prizes, silver medals. Entrance fee, \$2.00. Date of commencement: 1st April and October.

(c) ANNUAL CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP. The arrangement of this tournament will depend upon the number of entries. First prize, silver cup; second prize, gold medal; third prize, silver medal. Date of commencement: 1st January. Fuller particulars can be obtained from Mr. C. F. Davie, P. O. Drawer 783, Victoria, B.C., to whom entrance fees should be sent.

The following is an interesting correspondence game won by Mr. Davie, who is a councillor at law:

Falkbeer Counter Gambit.

White.	Black.
Major H. E. Stickie.	C. F. Davie.
1. P-K4	1. P-K4
2. P-KB4	2. P-Q4
3. Kt-KB3	3. B-KKt5 (a)
4. PxQP (b)	4. P-K5
5. Q-K2	5. P-KB4 (c)
6. Q-Kt5ch	6. P-B3
7. PxP	7. PxP
8. Q-K5ch	8. Q-K2
9. P-KR3	9. BxKt
10. PxP	10. Kt-Q2 (d)
11. QxKBP	11. PxP dis. ch
12. K-B2	12. Q-R5ch (e)
13. KxP	13. B-B4
14. Q-K4ch	14. Kt-K2
15. P-Q4	15. Castles (f)
16. PxP	16. Kt-KB4
17. B-B4ch	17. K-Rsq
18. B-K3	18. Kt-Kt6
19. B-B2	19. QR-Ksq
20. Q-Q4 (g)	20. RxPch (h)
21. QxR	21. Kt-K4oh (i)
22. QxKt	22. RxQ
23. BxKt	23. Q-K5ch
24. K-B2	24. R-B4ch
25. K-Ktsq	25. R-Kt4

Resigns.
(a) Favoured by Marshall.
(b) Black evaded the counter-gambit by 3. Kt-KB3, but he now decides to accept it.

(c) Q-K2 was possibly better.
(d) To get rid of the Pawn, so as to open the files on the King is Black's only chance.

(e) If White will only take another Pawn, something must happen.

(f) There is no time to retreat the Bishop; the heavy artillery must be brought up at once, if advantage is to be taken of the Pawn sacrifices.

(g) If 20. BxKt, then 20. Q-R4ch and the White Queen is lost.

(h) Some more material must go.

(i) And still more if the day is to be saved.

(Score and notes from "The Chess Correspondent.")

END-GAME NO. 17.

By W. and M. Platoff.

White: K at QKt7; R at KR4; Kt at QR2; P at Kt6. Black: K at QKt4; R at QB7; B at K2. White to play and win.

Solution.

1. P-Kt7, R-KKt7; 2. Kt-B3ch, K-B4; 3. Kt-K4ch, K-Q4 (a); 4. Kt-Kt5, RxKt; 5. R-R5, RxR; 6. P-Qch, K-B4 (b); 7. Q-B8ch, K-Q4 (c); 8. Q-Q7ch, B-Q3; 9. Q-B7ch, and wins.
(a) If 3. K-B4, then 4. R-R5ch and 5. Kt-Kt5.
(b) If 6. K-K4 then 7. Q-B7. If 6. K else, then 7. Q-Kt4 or 6 ch.
(c) If 7. K-Kt4, then 8. Q-K8ch. If 7. K-Q3, then 8. Q-B6ch and 9. Q-Kt5ch. If 7. K else, then 8. Q-Kt4ch.

A Smile or Two

BETWEEN THE LINES.

Hamilton Fish, Jr., told a war-story at a smoker at the officers' training-camp in Plattsburg.

"Two brothers, Russians," he said, "were captured in the Carpathians and sent to a prison-camp in Germany.

"Their mother heard nothing from them for a long while, and the poor woman was nearly distracted. Then, at last she got a letter, a letter from the eldest brother, Piotr.

"Dear mother," he wrote, "here I am in the lovely German prison-camp. I have a beautiful room, with use of bath. The bed is comfortable, clean sheets every week. Good food and plenty of it. Beer to drink and cigars to smoke. I am very happy.

"Piotr."

"P. S.—Brother Ivan was shot this morning for complaining."

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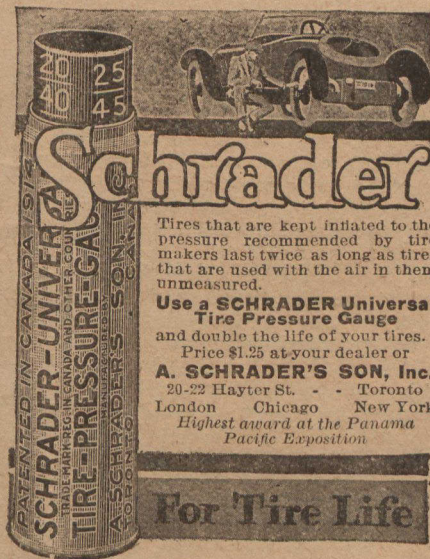
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