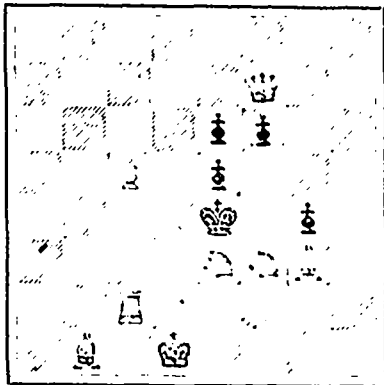


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PROBLEM No. 88. BLACK 5 pieces.



WHITE 8 pieces.

White to play and mate in 2 moves.

GAME No. 70.

The following is one out of eight games played by Mr. Blackburne simultaneously and sans voir, against eight strong players of the Montreal Chess club, June 8, 1889.

Two Knights Defence.

- WHITE BLACK
J. H. Blackburne. R. P. Fleming.
1 P to K4 P to K4
2 Kt to KB3 Kt to QB3
3 B to B4 Kt to KB3
4 P to Q4 P takes P
5 Castles B to K2 (a)
6 P to K5 Kt to K5
7 Kt takes P Kt takes P
8 B to Q5 Kt to KB3
9 QKt to B3 P to QB3
10 R to K sq Kt to Kt 3
11 B to K4 P to Q4
12 B takes Kt RP takes B
13 Q to K2 K to B sq
14 B to B4 B to Q3
15 B to Kt3 P to QR3 (b)
16 QR to Q sq B to KKt5
17 P to B3 B takes B
18 RP takes B B to Q2
19 Q to B2 Q to B2
20 KtQ4 to K2 P to Kt3
21 Kt to B4 P to KKt4
22 Kt to Q3 Kt to R4 (c)
23 Kt to K5 B to K3
24 P to B4 R to K sq
25 P takes P K to Kt sq
26 P to KKt4 Kt to Kt6 (d)
27 Q takes Kt P to B3
28 P takes P P takes P
29 Q to B4 P takes Kt
30 R takes KP Q to Kt3
31 R to Kt5 ch K to B sq (e)
32 Q to Q6 ch R to K2
33 R to Q3 (f) Q to K sq
34 R to B3 ch B to B2
35 Kt to K2 Q to Q2
36 R takes B ch K takes R
37 Q to Kt6 ch K to B sq
38 Q to B6 ch R to B2
39 Q takes KR ch R signs.

NOTES.

(a) The authorities give, 5 Kt takes P; as the best move for Black, if White then continues; 6 R to K sq, 6 P to Q4; 7 B takes P; 7 Q takes B; 8 Kt to QB3; 8 Q to KR4, or 8 Q to B5, as recommended by Mr. Wayte, Black having the better game.
(b) Mr. Fleming thought this necessary to prevent Kt to Kt5—when he played his Q to B2.

(c) Premature, better to bring the QR into play at Q sq, &c.
(d) B to B sq is better, but Black has a bad game.
(e) Forced, if to R2, White mates in two moves.
(f) How distinctly he sees everything with his mind's eye, had he played R to KB sq, Black would play R to R8 ch, and when K takes R, Q takes R ch, &c — Montreal Gazette

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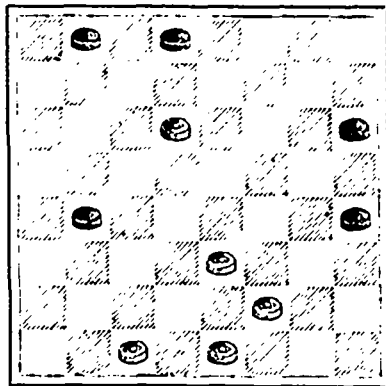
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