

The officials of the Home Office have been engaged in a unique task. They have collated and completed a careful digest of the English law relating to public morality, a copy of which (the London correspondent of the Birmingham Post asserts) will be presented to the German Emperor. The Kaiser is desirous of basing the reform he is about to introduce in the Prussian code of morality upon the English law. The digest is a long document, containing an exhaustive description of the clauses of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, and dealing especially with all the phases of the question in which houses of a disorderly character are associated. It was completed on Friday, and having received the approval of the Home Secretary, will be despatched to Berlin.

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## CHESS.

Solution of Problem No. 97: B to K8. Solved by C. W. L.

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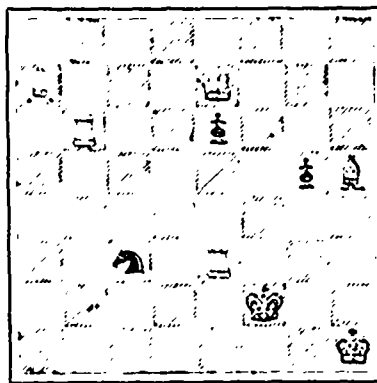
LILLIAN LORDLEY — I letter received without date or address. Problem No. 85 should contain but two white bishops. The key move is Q to QKt2.

### PROBLEM No. 99.

By A. F. Mackenzie.

From The Week.

Black 4 pieces.



White 6 pieces.

White to play and mate in two moves.

### GAME No. 100.

Played in the championship tournament of the United States Chess Association at Lexington. Score and notes from the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

### FRENCH DEFENCE.

WHITE.	BLACK.
Uedemann.	Dr. Fick.
1 P to K4	P to K3
2 P to Q4	P to Q4
3 Kt to QB3	Kt to KB3
4 P to K5	KKt to Q2
5 P to B4	P to QB4
6 P takes P	Kt to QB3 a
7 B to QKt 5 b	B takes P
8 Q to Kt4	Castles
9 Kt to B3	Q to K2
10 B to Q2	P to KB3
11 B takes Kt	P takes B
12 Kt to K2	P takes P
13 P takes P	R takes Kt c
14 Q takes R	Kt takes P
15 Q to Kt3	Kt to B2
16 Castles d	P to K4
17 P to KR4 e	B to B4
18 QR to KB	Q to K3
19 K to Kt sq	Kt to Q3
20 B to B3	P to Q5
21 B to K sq	R to Kt sq
22 Kt to B sq	Kt to B5
23 Kt to Kt3	B to Q3
24 Q to Kt3	Kt to K6 f
25 R to B2	Q to B5
26 B to B3 g	P to QR4
27 B takes RP	B takes P ch
28 R takes B h	Q takes R ch
29 K to R sq	Kt to B5
30 R to QKt sq	R takes Kt
31 Q takes P :	R to Kt sq h
32 P to QKt3	Kt to R6
33 Q to Q5 ch	K to R sq
34 R to KB sq	Q to Q6

White resigns.

a The more usual and better continuation in this branch of the Steinitz attack against the French game is B takes P at once.

b Q3 is the natural and strongest position for this B.

c A bold and brilliant stroke, which, though full analysis might show it to be unsound, was difficult to meet in actual play, and leads at once to lively and interesting positions.

d White, we are inclined to think,

mistakes the proper line of defence here. 16, B to K3 would either have forced exchanges highly advantageous for White, or have enabled him to castle (KR) in comparative safety. The text move is actually dangerous on account of the open QKt file.

e Here, too, 17, KR to K sq seems a quiet move that might have averted many of his subsequent troubles.

f Anticipated by White's feeble play, the second player has now a strong attack.

g Practically the only way to delay the capture of the QBP.

h 28, K to R sq instead appears to offer much more resource.

i 31 Q takes R would now only have prolonged matters, for then 31 Q takes Q; 32 P takes Q, Kt takes B; 33 K to R2, P to K5, &c.

j Overlooking an artistic mating finish that was possible by 31 Kt to R6; 32 Q to Q5 ch (best), K to R sq; 33 Q to K5 ch, B to Kt sq, and mates in three more moves.

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