

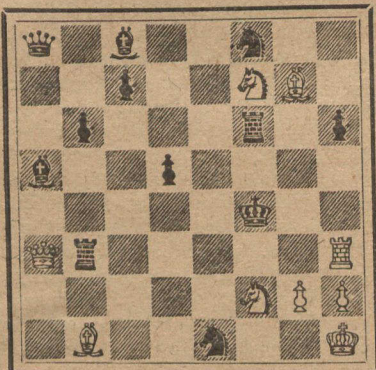


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PROBLEM No. 107, by Brian Harley.  
("Somewhere in France.")

Pittsburgh-Gaz-Times, 17 Dec., 1916.  
(Task.)

Black.—Eleven Pieces.



White.—Nine Pieces.

White to play and mate in two.  
SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 105, by T. R. Dawson.  
Upon examination the solver will readily discover that Black, having moved last, could have moved none other than the Pawn at KKt4. It, however, becomes imperative to prove that the Pawn was previously located on KKt2 to justify the assertion that White has at his command the key-move 1. PxPe.p. The Pawn could not have arrived at KKt4 by a capture from KB3 due to the fact that White has only lost two pieces which must have departed by capture from the Black Pawn at QKt6. The strategic beauty of the conception unfolds itself with the attempt to refute the previous location of the Pawn on KKt3. Previous to Black's P-KKt4 he was in check from the Bishop, which check obviously could only have been given by discovery by moving the White Rook to Q7. The Rook could not have made a capture on Q7, as the six pieces Black is minus must have departed in producing the White Pawn position. Therefore White was in check from the Black Bishop previous to the move of the Rook, which check could obviously have only been by a discovery, and that by the Black King moving from KKt4. On that square the Black King was in check from the White Queen, which check could obviously only have occurred by discovery, and that by the White Bishop moving from B5 to R7. Had the Black Pawn been on KKt3 this Bishop could not have reached KR7! Therefore the Black Pawn must have been on KKt2 Q.E.D. The board was inadvertently set at a quarter turn.

Problem No. 104, by T. R. Dawson.

1. P-B4. If 1. .... Kt PxP; 2. P-Q8 (Q); 3. Q-K8; 4. Q-R4; 5. Q-B2; 6. Q-Bsq. BxQ. If 1. .... QPxP; 2. P-Q8 (R); 3. R-Q5; 4. R-KB5; 5. R-Bsq; 6. R-Bsq; BxR. If 1. .... QPxPe.p.; 2. P-Q8 (B); 3. B-K7; 4. B-B5; 5. B-K3; 6. B-Bsq. BxB. If 1. .... KtPxP e.p.; 2. P-Q8(Kt); 3. Kt-B6; 4. Kt-Kt4; 5. Kt-Q3; 6. Kt-Bsq. BxKt.

Errata.

Our column of Dec. 30 was unavoidably published without proof correction. In the game Tarrasch v. Mieses, the annotations, where not indicated, occur at White's 5th, Black's 8th, White's 14th, Black's 15th, White's 16th, White's 24th, Black's 26th and Black's 32nd moves.

CHESS IN AUSTRALIA.

The editor of the chess and checkers column in "The Western Mail" (West Australia) has a lively pen. This is how he annotated an off-hand game played at Perth in the last cold weather season (our summer) between Messrs. J. Sayers, the West Australian champion, and A. Orloff, jun., "the lunch-hour lightning player":—

The scene is Boan Bros.' tea-rooms, time 3 p.m., when chessy intellects begin to warm in the influence of the afternoon sun and the dreamy music of the select orchestra.

The young-lightning player has his eagle eye on the numerous entrances. "Ha, there comes the champion. Hi, there, Mr. Sayers, time for a game? Afternoon tea, band, etc. Sit down. What'll you have? Black—No, I mean tea or coffee? I will take White then."

Having taken the champion by storm, so to speak, the Y.L.P. begins, and the surrounding bystanders, spectators, critics, confirmed pessimists, and future champions settle themselves comfortably in various attitudes from boredom to grudging interest.

1. P-Q4  
2. P-QB4  
3. Kt-QB3  
4. B-Kt5

1. P-Q4  
2. P-K3  
3. Kt-KB3  
4. B-K2

5. Kt-B3  
6. P-K3 (b)  
7. PxQP  
8. B-Kt5  
9. Castles (d)  
10. PxP  
11. BxQKt  
12. Kt-K5 (e)  
13. R-Ksq  
14. KtxKt  
15. BxB  
16. RxP (h)  
17. Q-Kt3 (i)  
18. Kt-Kt6 (j)  
19. R-R4 mate (l)

5. P-QB4 (a)  
6. Kt-QB3 (c)  
7. KPxP  
8. Castles.  
9. PxP  
10. Q-Q3  
11. PxB  
12. B-Kt2 (f)  
13. Kt-K5 (g)  
14. PxKt  
15. QxB  
16. P-B3?  
17. K-Rsq  
18. PxKt (k)

(a) "Huh, why don't he take the Pawn?" insists a watcher. "Why not take the Knight, you mean," suggests another. The champion looks up with a frown, and the commentators subside.  
(b) "We play the book, you see," remarks the Y.L.P. "Do we?" says the champion, replying.

(c) And the game continues.  
(d) "I imitate him, you see," chuckles the Y.L.P. "Now watch."

(e) "There to stay," interjects a future Dr. Lasker—no, pardon, Capablanca—among the now passably interested crowd of business men neglecting their duties for chess—no; that is to say, having an afternoon cup o' tea.

(f) The champion must have been too interested in studying the spectators at this stage, as there were numerous better moves, B-K3, for example. "Ha, an idea, now look outski," exclaims the Y.L.P.

(g) The orchestra was playing "Somewhere a voice is calling," and the champion responds by sending his Knight on a fruitless expedition.

(h) One of the spectators (?) awakes with a start at the signs of excitement among his fellow critics, while the tea-room girls give up trying to sweep the cigar ash from under the table—as well try and move the Sphinx as one of those chess-players.

(i) "Checkski," announces the Y.L.P., while his mortal enemy on the left-hand side at the back ejaculates meaningly, "Yes, yes."

(j) "Check again," triumphantly calls the would-be Morphy, the while his opponent blinks and stares as if—

(k) "I've nothing else," he remarks.  
(l) Now, who said I couldn't play chess? cries Senor Orloffski, Y.L.P. "Would anyone like a game? No! Have some more tea? Nobody will have a game? All right, then, I've had enoughski for to-day. Eh? Good-day, Mr. Sayers."

"About six moves ago," remarks one of the callous critics, "I think Black could have—" But let us leave them to it.

(From the "British Chess Magazine.")  
Toronto Chess League.

The following results have not previously been recorded:

DIVISION "A."  
Dec. 12—Toronto 3½, Parliament 1½.  
Dec. 13—Beach 3½, Varsity 1½.

DIVISION "B."  
Dec. 14—Beach 4½, Toronto ½.  
Dec. 16—West End Y.M.C.A. 3, Parliament 2.

## A Smile or Two

A COLONEL in the French army who had a great eye for neatness, but not much of an ear for music, took occasion one day to compliment his bandmaster on the appearance of his men. "Their uniforms are neat," said the colonel, "and their instruments are nicely polished and kept in order, but there is one improvement that I must insist upon." "What is it, colonel?" "You must train your men, when they perform, to lift their fingers all at exactly the same time and at regular intervals on their instruments, so—one, two, one, two!"

OF A SAVING DISPOSITION.

I sent his wife shopping in a taxi the other day. A friend who happened to see him say good-bye to her from the curb remarked on his apparent extravagance.

"It's economy, really," said the husband. "Whenever she's in a store she'll be worried to death because the taxi is eating up money all the time,

so she won't stay long enough to spend half as much as she would if she went on foot or in a street car."

The newly-elected mayor of a small town was fond of show, and so he did his best to be inducted into office in weather favourable to gay processions.



## A NEW EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION.

—Rehse, in New York World.

At his suggestion this notice was put into the local papers three days before his installation: "On the occasion of the installation of the new mayor the fire brigade will be reviewed in the afternoon if it rains in the morning, and in the morning if it rains in the afternoon."

A family in an eastern city includes several children, but only one—the eldest—is a boy. The little lad longed for a brother. Recently the house was rather upset. A nurse who had ap-

peared on the scene came to the little boy.

"What do you think you've got?" she asked him.

"A baby brother!" fairly gasped the boy.

"No, dearie, it's a baby sister," replied the nurse.

"Aw!" groaned the youngster, "am I goin' always to have to sift those ashes?"

Only Details Lacking.

"Is that airship finished yet?" queried an advocate on preparedness.

"No-o, not exactly."

"How far along are your preparations?"

"We have the air."

Often Enough.

"How often does your road kill a man?" asked a facetious travelling salesman of a Central Branch conductor the other day.

"Just once," replied the conductor sourly.

Proficient.

Visitor—"I suppose, Willie, that you can spell all the short words?"

Willie (who hears much talk about automobiles)—"Yes, I can spell words of four cylinders."

It was several days after arriving home from the front that the soldier with two broken ribs was sitting up and smoking a cigar when the doctor came in.

"Well, how are you feeling naw?" asked the latter.

"I've had a stitch in my side all day," replied the wounded soldier.

"That's all right," said the doctor. "It shows that the bones are knitting."

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