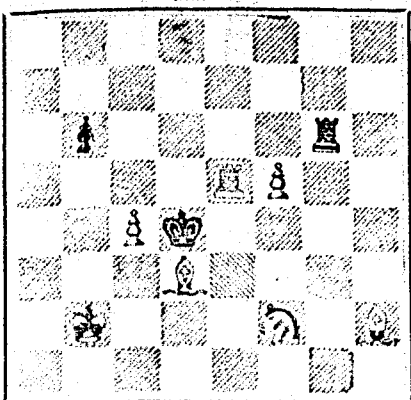


evening amusement of some nature in many cases must be provided for all members of the family, a more innocent one than Chess could not be selected, and it has the advantage over many others of affording a most invigorating exercise of the mental powers.

PROBLEM No. 145.
BY J. W. ABBOTT.
BLACK.



White to play and mate in three moves.

CHES IN ENGLAND.
GAME 2110.

Played by correspondence between A. Smith, Esq., of London, and Mrs. Down, of Brighton.
(Petroff Defence.)

- | WHITE. | BLACK. |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| (Mr. A. Smith.) | (Mrs. Down.) |
| 1. P to K 4 | P to K 1 |
| 2. K to K B 3 | K to K B 3 |
| 3. K to B 3 | P to Q 3 (a) |
| 4. P to K B 3 (b) | B to K 2 |
| 5. B to B 4 | P takes P |
| 6. P to Q 4 | P to B 4 |
| 7. K takes P | B to K 3 |
| 8. K to B 3 | P to K B 3 (c) |
| 9. Q to Q 3 | B takes B |
| 10. P to K 5 | P takes P |
| 11. Q takes B | Q to Q 2 |
| 12. B to K 3 (d) | P to Q 3 (e) |
| 13. K to Q 5 (f) | B takes K |
| 14. K takes K (g) | Q to K 2 |
| 15. Q to K 4 (h) | P to K 5 |
| 16. B takes R P (i) | K to K 4 |
| 17. K to R 4 | Q to K 4 |
| 18. Q to K 3 | K to B 2 |
| 19. Castles K side | P to K 3 |
| 20. B to K 5 | B takes B |
| 21. K R to K sq | P to B 4 |
| 22. Q takes B | K to B 2 |
| 23. P to K B 4 | R to K K sq |
| 24. Q to K 4 | Q to K B 3 |
| 25. K to B 4 | K takes K |
| 26. K to K 5 (j) | Q takes K P |
| 27. P takes K | K to K 2 |
| 28. Q to R 4 (k) | Q R to Q sq |
| 29. Q to K 3 | R to Q 5 (l) |
| 30. Q to B 7 (m) | K to R sq |
| 31. Q takes R P | Q takes R P |
| 32. R takes R | P takes R |
| 33. Q takes P | P to Q 6 |
| 34. Q to Q 4 (n) | R to K 2 |
| 35. Q to B sq | P to Q 7 |
| 36. R to Q sq | P to K 6 and wins. |

NOTES.

- (By W. N. Potter, Condensed.)
- (a) Avoiding the complexities of the four knights game.
 - (b) P to Q 4 is better here.
 - (c) Not so good as K to Q B 3.
 - (d) By this move a pawn is lost.
 - (e) A skilful and embarrassing move.
 - (f) The correct reply was K takes K, followed by Q to B 2.
 - (g) A formidable stroke, winning back the pawn lost on Q's side, would, however, have been dangerous at this point in the game.
 - (h) The only move.
 - (i) White's best chance was P to B 3.

CHES IN CANADA.
GAME 2110.

(From the Illustrated New Yorker.)

Played at the Annual Congress of the Canadian Chess Association, held at Quebec 26th August, 1877.
(Sicilian Defence.)

- | WHITE. | BLACK. |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| (Mr. J. W. Shaw.) | (Mr. E. Pope.) |
| 1. P to K 1 | P to Q 4 |
| 2. P to K B 4 (a) | P to K 3 |
| 3. K to K B 3 | K to Q B 3 (b) |
| 4. B to K 2 | P to K B 3 (c) |
| 5. P to Q 3 (d) | K to Q 5 (e) |
| 6. B to K 3 (f) | K takes K |
| 7. B takes K | P to K K 1 (g) |
| 8. K to Q 2 | B to Q 3 |
| 9. P to K 5 | B to B 2 |
| 10. K to K 4 | P takes P |
| 11. B takes R P | P to Q 4 (h) |
| 12. P takes P (ten pawns) | R to B 5 (i) |
| 13. P to B 3 | B to Q 2 |
| 14. B to K 5 (j) | R to B 2 |
| 15. Q to B 2 | P to K B 4 |
| 16. K takes P | B to B 3 |
| 17. B to R 5 (k) | R to B 2 |
| 18. B takes R (l) | K takes B |
| 19. P to K R 4 | B takes K P (m) |
| 20. Q takes B | Q to K 3 |
| 21. Q to K 7 (n) | K to K sq |
| 22. Q takes K mate | |

NOTES.

- (a) Not a good continuation; it allows the second player to convert the game into a variation of the French opening, favourable to the defense.
- (b) He should rather have played (3) P to Q 4, which would have given him the better game, whilst K to Q B 3 leads to positions nearer equality.
- (c) Again, P to Q 4 should have been played—the text move is very feeble and entirely unnecessary.
- (d) White, on the other hand, has so far played his opening as recommended for the variation he has chosen, and this is the orthodox 5th move, but Black having wasted time on his last play, White, perhaps, had better have castled here, preparing for a vigorous attack.
- (e) Black appears unconscious of any necessity of developing his pieces.
- (f) We should have preferred (6) P to Q B 3, which would lead to a formidable centre of pawns.
- (g) A move like this, in the present state of Black's game, is absolutely suicidal.
- (h) Even thus early, his game is hopelessly compromised.
- (i) Better than taking the pawn at once. If, in reply, Black move P to B 3, White can first check with Bishop, and then castle.

(f) To put himself out of his misery as speedily as possible, we presume.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 143.

- | WHITE. | BLACK. |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 1. B to R 7 | 1. K takes B |
| 2. P to B 7 becoming a Rook | 2. K takes K |
| 3. R mates. | |

Solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 141.

- | WHITE. | BLACK. |
|--------------------|--------------|
| 1. Q takes K (ch) | 1. P takes Q |
| 2. B to K R 6 (ch) | 2. K to K sq |
| 3. R takes R (ch) | 3. Q covers. |
| 4. R takes Q mate. | |

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 142

- | WHITE. | BLACK. |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| 1. K to K sq | K to K R 5 |
| 2. Q to K 3 | Q to Q sq |
| 3. R to K 7 | R to K 2 |
| 4. P to K 12 | Pawns at K R 4, and K K 7 |

White to play and mate in two moves.



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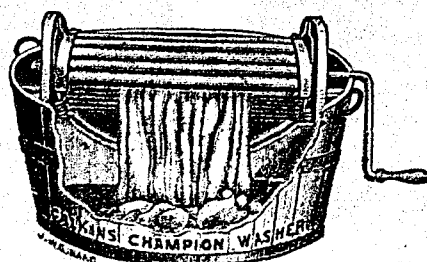
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