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(a) This, the McCutcheon variation of the French Defence, is now seldem seen in first-class play. White's attack leaving Black with too dificult a game.

(b) This is the accepted continuation. The attack 6. PxKt, PxB; 7. PxP, R-Ktsq; 8. P-KR4, PxP; 9. Q-R5, yields no convincing superiority.

(c) Kt-B3 is the book move here, as played in Lasker-Marshall match, 1907. To withdraw the Bishop is too hazardous.

(d) BxKt, etc., here or on the next move, would be decidedly inferior, the Bishop being important in attack and defence.

defence

(e) If 12..., KtxQBP, then 13. KtxP, Kt—B3; 14. KtxKt, PxKt; 15. Q—KR4, Q—Qsq; 16. Q—QKt4, Kt—K5; 17. BxKt, PxB; 18. B—R3, followed by 19. KR—Qsq, with a winning attack.

(f) Necessary, for if 13.., Kt—B4 at once, then 14. BxKtP, PxB; 15. QxKtPch, etc.

(g) Ingenious but apparently unsound. (h) After 19... PxR; 20. KtxKP, a satisfactory defence against the threatened Kt—Q6ch would b: 20..., K—Bsq. 19.., Q—Kt7 also merits consideration.

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(i) Preferable seem Kt—B5.

(j) For now White threatens 31. Kt—K4, K—B3; 32. RxKtch, PxR; 33. QxPch, K—Q4! 34. Kt—B6ch, KxP; 35. Kt—Q7ch.

(k) This is mainly to get the King's Rook into action, and lends a touch of humor, the Queen herself becoming boxed in at the critical moment.

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(1) Not 33..., K—Q2, on account of 34. RxKt, PxR; 35. QxP, etc.

(m) Threatening RxKtch.

(n) If 36..., Q—R7, then equally 27. Kt—Kt5 threatening the Queen, amongst other good things.

(o) If 40..., K—Q2, then 41. Q—Kt5ch, K—K2! 42. R—B7ch, K—Qsq! 43. BxKt-If 40..., K—Kt2, then 41. Q—Kt5, threatening 41. Q—Q7ch, K—R3; 42. R—R5ch and also 41. P—R5.

(p) A finely played game by Chajes, after he had the attack in hand.

You Won't Squander Yourself This Year

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the sides of a large packing box, some three or four foot high, was placed over it fencing it all in quite securely. The plants were sufficiently close to make a solid top screen of foliage, and the box fence around it shut out the light from the sides, and shaded the whole bed. Plenty of water was poured on it, and the result was most gratifying. In one garden ! saw celery planted like beets growing openly in a row about five or six inches apart, and as the family needed it they began at one end and covered three plants with three old cylinder sides of cream cans. When the first bunch was ready they used it, and covered another exposed head with the same tin. This process of bleaching celery only as it was needed I saw ir operation at the Guelph Model Farm in November. Only small tile drain pipes about a good finger length in diameter were used. And I fancy old stove pipes would be ideal bleachers. This individual bleaching is an excellent method for the people who plant only one box of celery.

There was one other nove! gardening scheme that struck me last year as well worth knowing. I saw what would be an old ash or sugar barrel (and a small nail keg would be equally efficient) without top or bottom set on the ground and half-filled with clay upon which had been placed a thick top dressing of manure. Around the barrel at various intervals between the level of the clay and the ground were holes bored in the staves some two or more inches in diameter. Cucumber seeds had been thrust into the clay through those holes, and the seeds had sprouted, and vines grew cut, ran down the barrel and across the grass. There was no hoeing or weeding necessary, and the device was set up on a small disused strip of green sward. Into this parrel the household dishpan was invariably emptied, and the experiment proved a most satisfactory and successful