

Chess.

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NOTE.—The Editor has to offer his apologies to the readers of this column for the errata that occurred in the June number, which were owing to his absence from the City.

GAME 8.

Hard-fought battle in recent tourney between Mr. Jas. Mason and John E. Clarke.

BISHOP'S GAMBIT.

WHITE. <i>Mr. Mason.</i>	BLACK. <i>Mr. Clarke.</i>
1 P to K 4	1 P to K 4
2 P to K B 4	2 K P takes P
3 K B to B 4	3 Q to R 5 (ch.) (a)
4 K to his B sq	4 P to K Kt 4
5 Q Kt to B 3	5 K B to Kt 2
6 P to Q 4	6 P to Q 3
7 K Kt to B 3	7 Q to K R 4
8 P to K R 4	8 P to K R 3
9 P to K 5	9 Q B to Kt 5
10 Q Kt to Q 5	10 K to Q sq
11 K P takes P	11 B P takes P
12 P to Q B 3	12 K Kt to B 3
13 Q Kt takes Kt	13 K B takes Kt
14 K to his B 2	14 Q B takes Kt
15 Q takes Q B	15 Q takes Q (ch)
16 K takes Q	16 K R to B sq (b)
17 R P takes P	17 R P takes P
18 K R to his 7	18 Q Kt to Q 2
19 Q B to Q 2	19 K to Q B 2
20 K B takes P	20 K R to home
21 Q R to R sq	21 K R takes R
22 Q R takes R	22 Q R to R sq
23 Q R takes R	23 K B takes R
24 P to K Kt 3	24 B P takes P
25 Q B takes P	25 B to his 3
26 Q B to K 3	26 Kt to his 3
27 K takes P	27 Q Kt to R 5
28 Q B to home	28 P to Q R 3
29 K to his B 3	29 K B to R 5
30 K to his 4	30 B to K Kt 6
31 K B to K 8	31 Kt to his 3
32 P to Q Kt 3	32 K to Q sq
33 K B to R 5	33 Q Kt to Q 2
34 Q B to Kt 5 (ch.)	34 K to Q B 2
35 P to Q R 4	35 K B to K 8
36 P to Q B 4	36 B to Q Kt 5
37 K to his B 5	37 K B to R 6
38 K B to his 3	38 B to Q Kt 5
39 Q B to B 4	39 P to Q Kt 3
40 K to his 6	40 Kt to K B sq (ch)
41 K to Q 5 (c)	41 Kt to Kt 3
42 Q B to Kt 5	42 K B to K 8

WHITE.

- 43 K B to K 4
- 44 Q B to Q 2 (d)
- 45 K to his 6
- 46 Q B to K 3
- 47 K B to Q 3
- 48 K B to Kt 6
- 49 K B to K 8
- 50 K B to Q 7
- 51 Q B to Kt 5, and Mr. Clarke resigns.

BLACK.

- 43 B to K R 5
- 44 Kt to K 2 (ch.)
- 45 Kt to Q B sq.
- 46 K B to K 8
- 47 P to Q R 4
- 48 K B to Kt 6
- 49 K to Q sq
- 50 Kt to K 2 (c)

NOTES BY MR. CLARKE.

(a) In our estimation, this, with the subsequent moves, is the only good defense in this form of the Bishop's Gambit, and several experimental games we have recently contested with Mr. Bird confirm us in that opinion.

(b) K to his 2 would, we believe, have maintained the extra Pawn.

(c) At this point Mr. Mason could have won by force, e.g.:

41 K to B 7	41 Kt to Q 2
42 K to his 7	42 Kt to Kt sq best
43 P to Q B 5	43 Kt P takes P
44 B takes P (ch.)	44 K to B sq
45 P takes P, and wins.	

(d) If B takes B, Kt to B 5 mate.

(e) This foolish move loses a game which at this point ought to have been drawn.

GAME 9

Recently played at the rooms of the Montreal Chess Club, Mr. Ascher giving the odds of a Rook to a well known amateur.

CENTRE GAMBIT.

WHITE.

Ascher.

BLACK.

M. S.

Remove White Queen's Rook.

1 P to K 4	1 P to K 4
2 P to Q 4	2 P takes P
3 K Kt to B 3	3 Q Qt to B 3
4 P to Q B 3	4 P takes P
5 K B to Q B 4	5 P takes Kt P
6 Q B takes P	6 P to Q 3
7 Castles	7 Q B to K Kt 5
8 Q Kt to B 3	8 Q Kt to K 4 (a)
9 K Kt takes Q Kt (b)	9 B takes Q (c)
10 B takes B P (ch)	10 K to K 2
11 Q Kt to Q 5 checkmate.	