

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

Solutions to Problems sent in by Correspondents will be duly acknowledged.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J.W.S., Montreal.—The subject you speak of shall not be neglected. Correct solution of Problem No. 128 received.
H. A. C. F., Montreal.—Correct solution to Problem No. 128 received.
Student, Montreal.—Solution of Problem No. 128 received. Correct.
C. H., Montreal.—The problem shall be examined.

ALTERNATION CHESS.

Much has been said by those who find no pleasure in the game of Chess to the effect that it is a selfish amusement, which so absorbs the attention of the two players of a contest that they are for the time completely separated from those surrounding them, and that it almost entirely prevents that general desire to be gratified, and at the same time to gratify others, which is the true source of all social enjoyment.

There is no doubt of the truth of this to some extent, and it is one of the reasons why Chess is so rarely provided as one of the amusements for those who occasionally gather together to renovate the mind after it has been jaded by the weighty cares of business, public or domestic.

It is, we suppose, to do away to some extent with the cause of this reproach that what is called Alternation Chess is being revived in one, at least, of the principal clubs of England. The term is applied to games of Chess in which four players carry on the fight, two at each side, who are partners, and who move in turn without consulting one another.

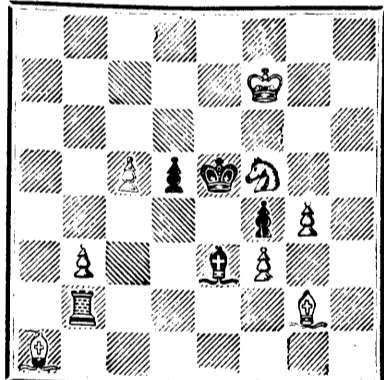
As a matter of course, games played in this way are wanting in some of the chief points of interest which attach themselves to contests in which each player is at liberty to follow out his own aims, and concentrate his powers in developing a scheme by which he ultimately expects to be victorious. Occasionally there must be in some of the contests what is vulgarly called a "muddle," especially as the partners are not permitted to advise, or consult with each other. Success in a great degree appears to depend upon the powers of each player to perceive the purpose of his partner's moves, and to assist in carrying out his schemes whatever they may be.

The plan has the merit of actively engaging the attention of double the usual number of players occupied with one game, and must lead to the exercise of the mind in directions which cannot possibly occur where two players alone are the antagonists, but we doubt much whether Alternation Chess will ever become a favorite mode of carrying on the game with players generally. We will try to give a specimen of this mode of play in some future Column.

Mr. Wisker, it appears, is doing much to advance the cause of Chess in the Australian Colonies, and has already established a Chess journal, which we feel convinced will be well patronized by the enthusiastic players of that distant part of the globe.

PROBLEM No. 103.

By G. E. BARBIER.
BLACK



WHITE
White to play and mate in three moves.

GAME 187TH.

Played at London, Eng., some time ago, between Mr Bird and Mr. Lord.

(Ruy Lopez.)

WHITE.—(Mr. Lord.)	BLACK.—(Mr. Bird.)
1. P to K 4	P to K 4
2. Kt to K B 3	Kt to K B 3
3. B to Kt 5	Kt to B 3
4. P to Q 3	B to B 4
5. Castles.	P to Q 3
6. P to B 3	Castles.
7. P to K R 3	Kt to K 2
8. P to Q 4	P takes P
9. P takes P	B to Kt 3
10. Kt to B 3	Kt to Kt 3
11. B to K 3	P to B 3
12. B to Q 3	R to K sq
13. Q to B 2	B to K 3
14. Q R to Q sq	R to Q B sq
15. K R to K sq	B to R 4
16. P to R 3	B takes Kt
17. P takes B	B to Q 2
18. K to Q B sq	Q to B 2
19. Kt to R 2	P to B 4
20. P to Q 5	P to B 5
21. B to K B sq	Q to R 4
22. R to Q 4	B to R 5
23. Q to K 2	Q takes P
24. B to Kt 2	Q to Q Kt 6
25. R takes P	Kt to B 5
26. Q to Q 2	R takes R
27. B takes R	Q takes K B
28. B takes Kt	R takes P
29. R takes R	Q takes R
30. P to B 3	Q to B 5
31. B to K 7	Q to B 4 (ch)
32. K to R sq	Kt takes Q P
33. B to R 4	B to B 3
34. Kt to Kt	P to K R 4
35. B to B 2	Q takes P
36. Q to Kt 5	Q to R 8 (ch)
37. K to R 2	Kt to B 3
38. Kt to R 6 (ch)	K to B sq
39. Kt to B 5	Q to K 4 (ch)
40. B to Kt 3	Q to Kt 7
41. Q takes Kt P (ch)	K to K sq
42. Kt takes Q P (ch)	K to K 2
43. Q takes P (ch)	K to Q sq
44. Kt to Q B 4	Resigns

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 128.

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. B takes P at Black's	1. P to K Kt 3
Q 3	2. P to K Kt 4
2. P to Q Kt 3	3. P takes R
3. R takes P	
4. Q P mates	

(There are other variations.)

Solution of Problem for Young Players, No. 126.

WHITE.	BLACK.
1. Q to Q Kt sq	R checks
2. K takes R	Any move
3. Q or Kt mates	

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 127.

WHITE.	BLACK.
K at Q R 5	K at Q Kt 6
R at Q B 4	Q at K R sq
B at Q 7	Kt at Q 4
B at Q B sq	Pawns at Q 6
Kt at K 6	Q B 6, and Q R 7
P at Q Kt 2	

White to play and mate in two moves.



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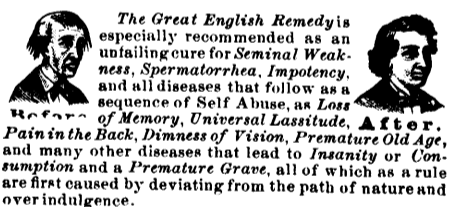
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