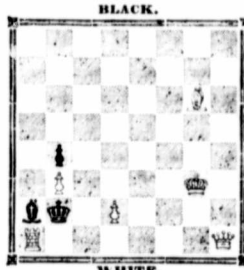


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Problem No. 9.

BY THEODORE M. BROWN.



White to play and mate in two moves.

GAME No. 20.

Another off-hand game played at Providence, R. I., during Mr. Stubbs's recent visit to "the States."

KING'S BISHOP'S OPENING.

White.

John A. Belcher.

1. P-K 4
2. B-Q B 4
3. Kt-K B 3
- 4 Castles.
5. P-Q B 3
6. P-Q Kt 4
7. B-Q Kt 2
8. P-K R 3
9. P-Q R 3
10. P-Q 4
11. P×P
12. Q B×B
13. Q B×Q
14. Q B×K Kt P
15. K B-Q R 2
16. Kt-Q B 3 (a)
17. B×K R
18. P-K B 3
19. Kt-K 2
20. K-K B 2
21. P×Q Kt
22. K R-K Kt
23. R×R
24. B-K 6+
25. R-Kt 8+
26. K-Kt 3
27. B-K B 7

Black.

Chas. F. Stubbs.

1. P-K 4
2. B-Q B 4
3. Q-K B 3
4. Kt-Q B 3
5. P-Q 3
6. B-Kt 3
7. Q B-K Kt 5
8. B-K R 4
9. Castles Q R
10. P×P
11. K B×P
12. Q B×Kt
13. Q B×Q
14. Q Kt K 4
15. B-K R 4
16. K Kt-K 2
17. R×B
18. R-K Kt
19. Kt×K B P+
20. K Kt-Kt 3 (b)
21. Kt-K R 4
22. R×R
23. P-K B 4 (c)
24. K-Q
25. B-K
26. Kt-Kt 3
27. Resigns.

NOTES BY JOHN A. BELCHER.

- (a) Showing the evils of procrastination; B×R wins a piece clear.
 (b) Poor judgment; giving away a Kt without recompense.
 (c) A fatal foray; losing immediately.

SOLUTION TO PROBLEM 9.

1. Q-K R 8
2. mates accordingly.

Correct solutions received from C. F. S., and Rev. J. W.

Bayard Taylor, Mark Twain and Murat Halsted left New York for Europe in the "Hollatia" on Friday, the 12th inst.

Garibaldi's health is improving.

Tennyson received \$1500 for a ballad called "The Revenge" in the March number of *The Nineteenth Century*.

PUZZLERS' KNOTS.

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Contributions and answers are cordially invited from all interested in whatever pleases the young, and also from every reader of the Torch, and the Puzzle fraternity in general. All communications for this Department should be sent to its Editor at the above address.

66.—HIDDEN JEWELS.

Fred, I am on duty—
 O. Anthony, Xenophon is dead.
 He is to appear like a dancing dervish—
 If thy aim is to seek a good name, thy standard
 is high.

LEWINDA.

67.—CHARADE.

My first is called a chief;
 My second, a nobleman;
 My whole is like my first;
 Now guess me if you can.

MAY.

68.—DIAMOND PUZZLE.

A consonant; a covering; a contrivance; a compound; a consonant.

N. V.

69.—WORD SQUARE.

To make a harsh noise; to ramble; to declare; to jerk.

EPHEV.

70.—SHIELD PUZZLE.

Across; a bird; a city of Great Britain; a genus of plants; a science. Down; a circumstance; a fish; part of a shield; a French city; an English river; cheerful; a pronoun.

GLEN LYON.

71.—CROSS-WORD SQUARE.

Across; a precious stone; a space of time; a young hare.
 Down; a surgeon's instrument; to appoint; to constitute.

SIL V.

72.—HALF-WORD SQUARE.

Learn; to expect; bluster; a citizen; a pronoun; a consonant.

PASSEPARTOUT.

73.—CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.

My first is in geography, but not in atlas;
 My second is in lady, but not in woman;
 My third is in decorum, but not in style;
 My fourth is in brandy, but not in wine;
 My fifth is in everything, but not in anything;
 My whole is the name of a planet.

LITTLE FRAUD.

74.—CHARADE.

My first, you know, in ancient times,
 Was feared and shunned by all,
 Their deeds of darkness seemed to cast
 A blighting, funeral pall;
 And even now at this late date
 In many savage lands,
 Their souls of first emancipate
 By fire and stake and brands.

By second a livelihood is gained,
 And he who is most skilled,
 Succeeds the most, gets on the best,
 And always is good willed.
 In art, in literature, in fame,
 In all that minds do greet,
 My second is ever useful,
 Its use is ever meet.

'T was o'er two hundred years ago—
 In sixteen hundred and nine,
 My whole was found—the stories go
 And stifled at a shrine
 Of flame and smoke,—the records say,
 And what else ought to know,
 And if you read it all to-day
 You'll surely find it so.

Answers in two weeks.

CLARA L.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES IN APRIL 20.

- 54.—Eastern War.
 55.—M E A N
 E T N A
 A N A M
 N A M E
 56.—Fare-well.
 57.—Youth.
 58.—Z O N E
 O M E N
 N E V A
 E N A R
 59.—George Washington.
 60.— A
 A R T
 A R G I L
 A P T I N E T
 A F F A I L M O N
 T A W E T O N
 L E M A N
 T A Y
 N

CHAT WITH KNOTTERS.

CLARA L.—Thanks. Your Charade appears, and more from the same source will be welcome. LEWINDA, St. John.—We are pleased to receive a new knoter, and find your contributions very good. Please continue interest. Answers to Nos. 54 and 56 correct.

MAY, Carleton.—Your knot is published. Please favor us with some more puzzles. Nos. 54, 55, 56, 58 and 59 are right.

N. V.—We will be pleased to receive an excellent batch of knots from your pen. Four of your answers are accurately given.

PASSEPARTOUT, Colebrook.—We regret the delay, and will instantly remedy it. Please accept our excuses; also our thanks for first-rate puzzles your letter encloses.

We will be happy to hear from George E. A. Cigarette, Ottawa; and every patron of the Torch, from whom we anticipate puzzles of all kinds to fill our column. Every reader is cordially invited to send puzzles and solutions.

HOME CONVERSATION.—Children hunger perpetually for new ideas. They will learn with pleasure from the lips of parents what they deem it duty-bound to study in books; and even if they have the misfortune to be deprived of many educational advantages they will grow up intelligent if they enjoy in childhood the privilege of listening daily to the conversation of intelligent people. We sometimes see parents who are the life of every company they enter, dull, silent and uninteresting at home among their children. If they have not mental activity and mental stories sufficient for both, let them first use what they have for their own households. A silent home is a dull place for young people, a place from which they will escape if they can. How much useful information, on the other hand, is often given in pleasant family conversation, and what unconscious but excellent mental training in lively social argument. Cultivate to the utmost the graces of home conversation.—Ee

The Rev. W. H. H. MURRAY, who preaches in Boston Music Hall, is a man of sweet sympathies, and large as well, and as full of the milk of human kindness as the fullest nut is of sweetest meat. He is clear-headed, without being profoundly logical; highly opinionated without being repulsively bigoted; and strong-headed, without being mulish. He is of quick perception; has a good deal of fun in him, and lets it out sometimes for the refreshing of all who are within its sunshine.—Ee

Bayard Taylor will have "An Impossible Story" in the May number of *Scribner*.

Mr. Beecher intends visiting Salt Lake this summer. Happy thought.

Charles Reade has written a new play called "A Brave Wife," which will shortly be produced in London.