

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

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

All communications intended for this department to be addressed Chess Editor, Office of CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS, Montreal.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.—Letters received. Many thanks for their contents, which we have made use of, as you will perceive. We have also, to acknowledge the receipt of solutions to Problems Nos. 145 and 147.

Saxon, Montreal.—Solutions of Problems for Young Players Nos. 138 and 143 received. Correct.

E. A. R., Montreal.—The rule is as follows:—If known, the moves made subsequent to the check must be retraced; if, however, they cannot be ascertained, White must retract his last move, and free his King. Your solutions are not quite right. Try again.

H.A.C.F., Montreal.—Correct solutions of Problems Nos. 146 and 147 received.

"Anonymous" desires us to state that it took him more than an hour to solve Problem No. 146.

THE INTERNATIONAL CHESS MATCH.

From the "Glasgow News of the Week."

October 20th, 1877.

From the Chess Column of the Canadian Illustrated News we learn that much interest is taken in this match, and one or two remarks are made to which we may briefly advert. The Editor refers to the two youthful players, Master H. Jackson of England, and Master Frank Norton, of the United States, and pays a general compliment to the lady Chess players of both countries as well, concluding with the query:—Would it not have been possible to have included some of each of these in the present International Postal Tourney, which arrangement would certainly have added greatly to the novelty of the contest, if a stronger reason could not be presented?

The suggestion comes a little too late. There is, however, such a thing as an appendix to a work. Why not to this Chess Match?

We cannot speak for the ladies, but if the proposal be known to the boys, we have no doubt each of them would gladly embrace the opportunity to test their skill.

We know Master Frank has played by correspondence with one of the best players in the United States at the game of Knight and Pawn. We shall be glad to know what our friend the Chess Editor of the Hartford Times has to say on the subject.

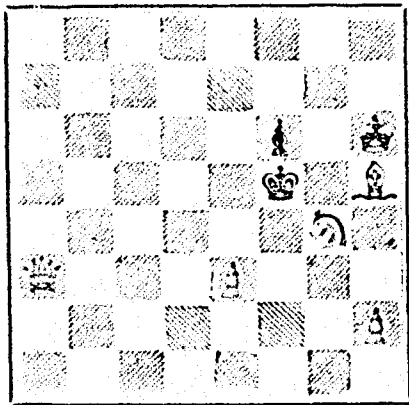
We hear that the Chess players of the old country have proposed to form a Chess Problem Association, to consist of Problem composers and solvers. Full particulars have not reached us, but we presume that the object of the Association is, to advance the cause of the game by inducing its votaries to take an interest in all that relates to the composition of difficult positions, to form a society consisting chiefly of those who have already acquired renown in the art, and also, we trust, to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion as to the rules or principles which should regulate those who give their time and talents to problem construction.

We believe the association is to be open to all English composers, and a small subscription is to be required of each member. The funds accumulating from the subscriptions are to be devoted to the purpose of forming prizes which may be made available for occasional Problem Tourneys.

The bye laws are under consideration, and very soon the whole matter will be brought before the public when we hope to publish fuller particulars in our Column.

PROBLEM No. 147.

By W. COATES. BLACK.



White to play and mate in three moves.

CHESS IN ENGLAND. GAME 219TH.

Played last year in Cheltenham (Counties' Chess Association) between Mr. Coates and Miss Rudge.

WHITE.—(Mr. Coates.) BLACK.—(Miss Rudge.)

- 1. P to K 4 P to K 4
2. Kt to K B 3 Kt to Q B 3
3. P to Q 4 P takes P
4. Kt takes P Q to K R 5
5. Kt to Q Kt 5 Q takes P (ch)
6. B to K 2 K to Q sq
7. Castles P to Q 2 B to Q B 4
8. Q Kt to Q 2 B to Q B 4
9. K Kt to K 4 B to Q B 3
10. Q Kt to K 4 B to Q B 3
11. B to K sq P to K B 2
12. B to K R 4 Q to K B 2
13. Kt to Q 5 B to Q B 4
14. P to Q B 3 P to Q 4
15. Kt to K B 4 K takes B
16. B takes B Kt to K R 3
17. Kt to Q B 5 P to K Kt 4
18. Kt to K 6 from B 4 P to Q B 3
19. P to Q B 4 R to Q Kt sq
20. Q to Q Kt 3 K Kt to K B 4
21. B to Q 2 P to Kt 3
22. K R to K 2 P to K R 3
23. Q R to K sq P to K R 3
24. Q R to Q B 2 Kt to Q 3
25. P to Q B 4 B to Q B 2
26. Kt to Q Kt 5 B to Q sq
27. Kt to K B 5 K to Q B 2
28. Kt takes Kt K takes Kt
29. B to K 6 (ch) K to B 2
30. P to Q B 4 P takes P
31. Q takes P Kt to K 4
32. Q R takes Kt Q to K R 2 (a)
33. R to K sq R to K B sq
34. Kt takes Q R P (ch) (b) Resigns.

NOTES.

- (a) The young player will see the result of Black's taking the R with P.
(b) And Black's game is hopeless.

GAME 220TH.

Played between Mr. Bird and Mr. Boden. From the Chess Masterpieces. (King Bishop's Opening.)

- WHITE.—(Mr. Boden.) BLACK.—(Mr. Bird.)
1. P to K 4 P to K 4
2. B to Q B 4 Kt to K B 3
3. P to Q 4 P takes P
4. Q takes P Kt to Q B 3
5. Q to K 3 P to Q Kt 3
6. Q Kt to B 3 B to Q B 4
7. Q to K Kt 3 Castles
8. Q B to K Kt 5 R to K sq
9. Castles (Q R) Q Kt to R 4
10. K B to K 2 K B to K 2 (a)
11. P to K B 4 Q B to Kt 2
12. K B to B 3 K to R sq
13. P to K R 4 P to Q B 4
14. K Kt to K 2 Q R to Q B sq
15. P to K 5 Kt to K Kt sq
16. B takes Q B Q Kt takes B
17. P to K B 5 P to K B 3
18. P to K 6 (b) P to Q 3
19. Kt to K B 4 P takes B
20. Kt to Kt 6 (ch) P takes Kt
21. B P takes P (ch) (ch) Kt to R 3
22. P takes Kt B to Kt 4 (ch)
23. K to Kt sq B takes R P (e)
24. Q takes Kt P K R to K 2
25. P to K B 6 Q to K sq
26. P to K B 7 P to K B sq
27. R takes B (ch) P takes R
28. B to K R sq K R takes K P
29. Q takes R K to R 2
30. Kt to K 4 R to B 2 (d)
31. Kt to Kt 5 (ch) R to B 2 (d)

And mate in two moves.

NOTES.

- (a) To prevent White's threatening move of P to K 5.
(b) Offering to win the Q by Q R takes P.
(c) If P takes R P, Black plays R takes P (ch), and then Q R to K R with a won game.
(d) Full of fine points and interest.

SOLUTIONS.

Solution of Problem No. 146.

- WHITE. BLACK.
1. Q to Kt 5. 1. Anything
2. Q or Kt mates.

Solution of Problem for Young Players No. 144.

- WHITE. BLACK.
1. B takes P (ch) 1. K to K 5
2. Kt mates.

PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS NO. 145.

- WHITE. BLACK.
K at Q R 2 K at Q B 3
B at K 2 B at K R 2
Kt at Q 3 Pawns at K R 7
Pawns at K 4 and Q 4 Q B 2 and Q 3

White to play and mate in three moves.



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