

CHESS

By E. J. CLARKE

Members of the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club extend congratulations to Ralph R. Hultgren, gold medal honor man of the 1928 graduating class of the University of California. Hultgren was manager of the U. of C. Chess Club and is one of the leading chess players of the Pacific Coast.

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Alexander Alekhine announces completion of the manuscript of the Book of the 1927 New York Tournament. It will form a fitting companion to the 1924 New York tournament book, so ably annotated by the champion. Of the six players in the 1927 contest, three participated in the 1924 tourney, while Nimzowitsch, Vidmar and Spielmann were newcomers. Alekhine also has about completed his annotations of the recent world's championship match, the book of which will appear in English and German editions.

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The Vallejo Chess Club will contest a ten-board match with the Mechanics' Institute, Saturday evening, June 9, at the latter's rooms, 57 Post street—seven boards at chess and three at checkers.

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Miss Vera Menchik, world's woman chess champion, has won the major open tournament at the Cheltenham, England, chess festival, without loss of a game. The Brooklyn Eagle says "this performance marks an epoch in chess history." We hope soon to print some of her games.

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Hugo Legler of Neo-Chess fame celebrated his 70th birthday at a gathering at West Point Inn, Mt. Tamalpais, May 23.

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GAME No. 104

The following game was played in the 1927 open tournament at the Mechanics' Institute, and is a good specimen of Hultgren's style.

RETI'S OPENING

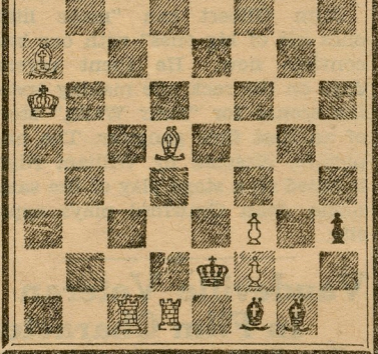
R. R.	L. W.	R. R.	L. W.
Hultgren	Gardner	Hultgren	Gardner
White	Black	White	Black
1 S-KB3	S-KB3	22 P-KR4	P-KS3
2 P-B4	P-K3	23 B-K4	Q-B2
3 P-Q4	P-B4	24 K-S	S-R4
4 P-Q5	P-Q3	25 R-R3	K-S2
5 S-B3	B-K2	26 R-KB	Q-Q2
6 P-K4	P-K4	27 R-R2	P-S4
7 B-Q3	B-S5	28 P-B4	S-S6
8 P-KR3	B-R4	29 R-B3	SxB
9 B-K3	QS-Q2	30 QxS	Q-S5
10 Q-R4	Castles	31 PxSP	QR-S
11 P-KS4	B-S3	32 R-R	RxP
12 S-R4	BxP	33 R-B2	R-S5
13 SxB	SxS	34 Q-B3	Q-B4ch
14 S-B5	S-B3	35 K-R	P-K5
15 Q-B2	R-K	36 Q-Q	S-Q2
16 P-S5	S-R4	37 P-R5	R-KR
17 SxBch	QxS	38 B-Q2	R-Q5
18 BxPch	K-R	39 B-B3	QxQP
19 B-K4	P-B4	40 PxP	KxP
20 BxP	S-B5	41 P-B5ch	QxP
21 Castles	S-B	42 BxR	Q-S5
(Q)		43 BxR	Resigns

PROBLEMS

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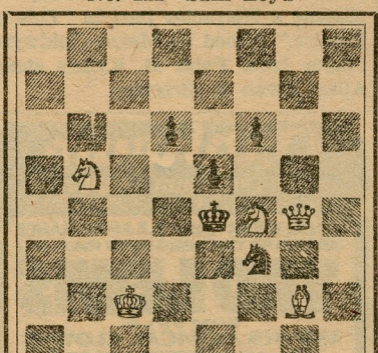
No. 110—J. Vasta

Casopis Ces. Sachistu—1919



W7-B4—Mate in three

No. 111—Sam Loyd



W5-B5—Mate in two

Solutions—No. 108, B-Bsq (preventing RxKB, so the threat Q-S5 can operate). No. 109, PxP (the variations are pretty, especially the dis. checks on the file, rank and diagonal).

Several solvers seem to prefer the light-weight three-mover as compared to the heavier ones we have been quoting, so with No. 110 of today, lighter settings will be published. Sam Loyd's two'er is a neat affair, all mates prepared, except when Black moves P-Q4.

Solvers' List—No. 106, A. B., Palo Alto; N. Rosoner, Petaluma; L. Penn, Lower Lake; M. Hyman, Los Gatos; J. Malone, Benicia; G. C. Fish, Oakland.

No. 107, P. Bowater, Pasadena; J. E. E., Los Gatos; R. W. King, Willits; A. B., Palo Alto; V. M. Golovnin, Idria; M. Sawyer, Los Gatos; J. M., Benicia; N. R., Petaluma; H. F. Marshall, Mill Valley; M. H., Los Gatos.