

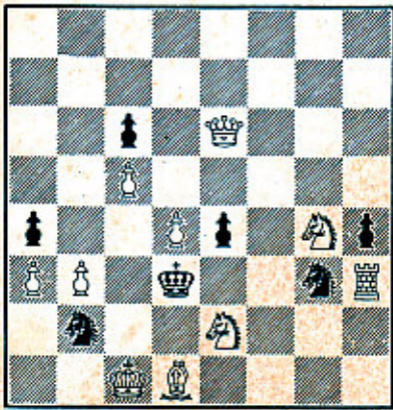
Chess by George Koltanowski

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Can You Solve This?

Problem No. 8

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White to play and mate
in two moves

(Solution should be mailed by June 4 to "Chess," FORTNIGHT, 68 Post St., San Francisco 4, Calif.)

(Solution to Problem No. 7 is: 1.B-N1, P-N7; 2.R-B2, etc. or 1.B-N1, P-N6; 2.R-B3, etc.) Prize-winner with this issue is: S. A. Deslek, Los Angeles, Calif.

Out of Retirement

Recently the Barton Chess Club in San Francisco organized the first Pacific Coast Invitational tournament. The results were as follows:

1. Arthur W. Dake, Portland, Oregon; 5½ points; 2. Charles Bagby, San Francisco, 4½; 3. Walter Fafnutieff, San Francisco, 4; Henry Gross, San Francisco, and Carroll Capps, Oakland, 3½ pts. each; 6. Dr. H. J. Ralston, San Francisco, 3; 7. Ray Martin, Santa Monica, and Wade Hendricks, Castro Valley, 2 pts. each.

Dake was hesitant in his play in the first three rounds, but after that he showed his oldtime skill and really played first-class master chess. He is an employee of the State of Oregon, but his heart and soul are definitely in chess. In spite of his long absence from the international scene, he has full knowledge of all the opening novelties and intends to participate more often in tournaments in the near future.

One can still remember about 18 years ago, the unbeatable U.S.A. team—namely, Kashdan, Fine, Reshevsky and Dake. For the last 20 years, Dake has been considered one of the best on the Pacific coast and today ranks as third strongest master in the country.

He was considered a "whiz" at rapid-transit chess. On one of his visits to the Marshall Chess Club, New York, Alekhine played Arthur a series of quick games one afternoon. Naturally, there was a large gallery of onlookers. Dake won all the games. Alekhine was furious and retired to a corner to fret. Dake tried to pacify him, saying, "Just an accident. You are the better player." "You know that," replied Alekhine. "I know that, but does that bunch of kibitzers know that, too?"

Here is a little-known game in which Dake, as champion of the Marshall Chess Club, gave Reuben Fine, then a young comer, the odds of draw and move. In the best out of a three-game match, Dake won 2-0.

Played in New York, June 1931.

White: Fine		Black: Dake	
1.P-Q4	N-KB3	10.Q-B2	Q-R5
2.P-QB4	P-K3	11.K-B1	N-N5
3.N-QB3	B-N6	12.N-N3	Q-B3ch
4.P-K3	P-QN3	13.K-N1	QxR
5.B-Q3	B-N2	14.N-N5	N-R3
6.N-K2	BxP	15.Q-R4	P-QB3
7.R-KN1	B-K5	16.QxN	PxN
8.BxB	NxB	17.Q-N7	R-Q1
9.RxP	NxP	Resigns.	