

THE CHESS-PLAYER.

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Problem 156.—By F. B. Phelps, Sandwich, Ill.

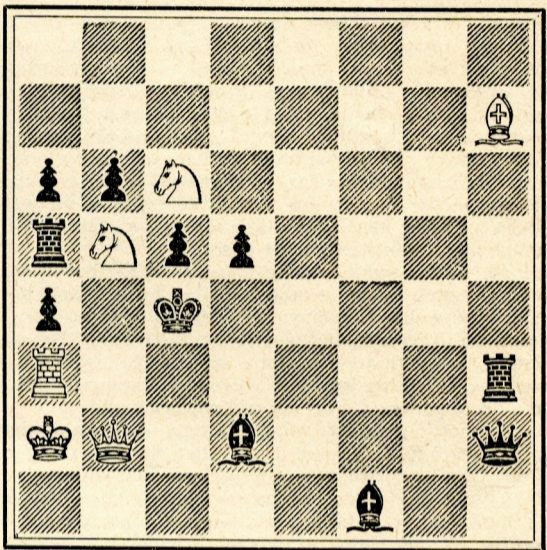
WHITE—King at QB3; Queen at Q8; Rook at KKt sq; Bishops at KR sq, KR8; Knights at Q4, KB6; Pawn at QB5.

BLACK—King at K4; Rooks at K3, KR4; Bishop at Q3; Pawns at K5, KB5, QB3.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Problem 157.—By C. H. Wheeler, South Lynne, Ill.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solutions of Problems.

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| No. 144— | 1—Q B4 | |
| No. 145— | 1—P Q7 | 1—Kt Kt4 (a) |
| | 2—R K4 ch | 2—B x R |
| | 3—Kt Kt3, mates. | |
| (a) 1— | | 1—Kt B4 |
| | 2—R B4 ch | 2—B x R |
| | 3—Kt B3, mates. | |

Solutions received: Problem No. 153, from H. H.

Game No. 79.

Played in this city, August 4, 1885, at the Mechanics' Institute, between Messrs. L. Van Vliet and Fritz Peipers:

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<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>	<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>
Van Vliet.	Peipers.	10—Castles	10—Kt K2
1—P K4	1—P K4	11—P KB4	11—K Kt sq (c)
2—Kt KB3	2—Kt QB3	12—QKt B3	12—P x Kt
3—B B4	3—B B4	13—Kt Q5 (!)	13—B x P ch (d)
4—P QKt4	4—B Kt3	14—K R sq	14—Kt x Kt
5—P QKt5 (a)	5—Kt QR4	15—P x P	15—B x R
6—B x P ch (b)	6—K x B	16—P x Q	16—B K3 (e)
7—Kt x KP ch	7—K B sq	17—P x Kt	17—R Q sq
8—B R3 ch	8—P Q3	18—P x B (f)	Resigns.
9—P Q4	9—Q KB3		

(a) The usual continuation is 5 P QR4, P QR3; 6 P B3, Kt B3; 7 Q Kt3, Castles, etc.

(b) A sacrifice not to be commended. White offered the Bishop by way of experiment, being compensated in a measure by gaining two pawns and a strong attacking position, and with the adverse Queen's Kt entirely out of play.

(c) If 11—P x Kt, 12 BP x P, winning the Queen.

(d) If 13—Kt x Kt, 14 BP x P, threatening mate at B8.

(e) The best move he has, but Black's game is hopeless. If 16—B x P, 17 Q x Kt, and mates next move. If 16—Kt x P, 17 Q to Q5 ch, and mates next move. If 16—P x P, 17 Q x B and wins.

(f) A very pretty finish. White has played the game admirably throughout.

The chess columns of the Croydon (England) *Guardian* and *La Vie Moderne* (Paris) have been discontinued.—The organization of the proposed Chess Editors' Association has not yet been perfected, owing to the tardy response of a few of those interested in its formation.—Mr. G. Reichhelm, chess editor of the *Philadelphia Times*, won the first prize in the Solvers' Tourney of the *Mirror of American Sports*, with a score of 134, the total number of possible points. A splendid record!—A chess column is published in the *New York Sunday Graphic*.—The match between Messrs. Wayte and Thorold ended in favor of Rev. Wayte. Score, 7 to 5, with 4 draws.—The annual congress of the Scottish Chess Association, at Edinburgh, and the Counties Chess Association, at Hereford, England, were held in the week beginning the 3d instant.—The *Elmira* (New York) *Telegram* began its second correspondence tourney on the 8th instant.—It is announced that, shortly after the conclusion of the Hamburg Chess Congress, Mr. J. H. Blackburne will visit the United States.

The score in the Fourth Congress of the German Chess Association, at Hamburg, stood, on July 24th, after the fourteenth round, as follows: Gunsberg, 11; Tarrasch, 10½; Englisch and Weiss, 10; Blackburne and Mason, 9½; Minckwitz, Schallopp, and Mackenzie, 8½; Berger, 7½; Riemann, 7; Gottschall, 6½; Bird, 6; Taubenhaus, 5½; Noa, 4; Bier, W. Paulsen, and Schottländer, 3½; Mason *vs.* Minkwitz and Riemann *vs.* Schottländer unfinished. Two more rounds to play.

The local tournament has come to an abrupt conclusion. Mr. H. Heynemann, having scored eight games without losing one, wins the trophy, an oil painting, "Tampa Bay, Florida." As it is the only prize, and as Mr. Heynemann's score can not be beaten, the other participants decline to play the remaining rounds, thus ending the tournament. The prize for the most brilliant game of the tourney still remains in abeyance, but two games having been handed in for examination.

A new musical work entitled "Partita a Scacchi" (Game of Chess), by Aba Comaglia, is said to have been recently given with great success at Alexandria.

NOTE.—Will our editorial friends, contributors, and other correspondents take notice of the change of address at the head of the column, and govern themselves accordingly?