

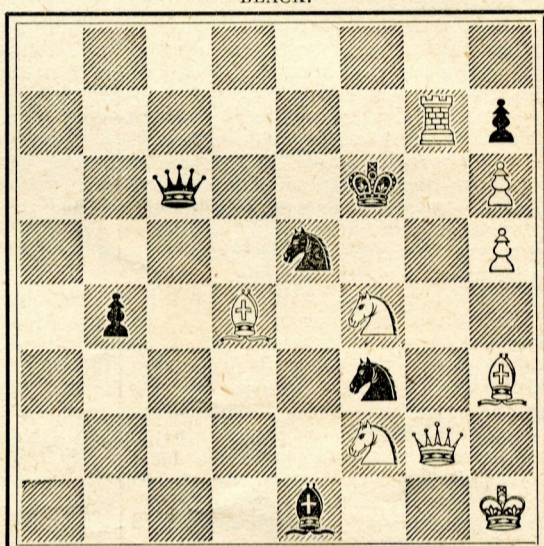
# THE CHESS-PLAYER.

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Problem No. XXXI.—By N. Sardotsch, of Trieste.



Problem No. XXXII.—By J. Kohtz and C. Kockelhorn.  
BLACK.



WHITE.  
White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution of Problem No. XXV.

1—B Kt6                      2—Any move  
2—P Q8 queens, PxR knights, BxQ, or Kt mates.

Solution of Problem No. XXVI.

1—Kt QB4                      1—K x R (a)                      (a) 1—                      1—Kt x Q  
2—Q QB6 ch                      2—K x Q                      2—RxB ch                      2—K KB5  
3—Kt K7 mate.                      3—P Q3 mate.

Correct solutions received as follows: Problems XXII, XXIV, and XXV—From B. M. Parker, Eureka, Cal. Problems XXVII and XXVIII—From U. Hartnell, Salinas.

Answers to Correspondents.

B. M. P., Eureka, Cal.—If 1 Q KR7, then 1 Kt KB4 interposing.  
U. H., Salinas—Solutions received last week too late for acknowledgment.

Game.

Played in the Championship Tournament of the Manhattan Chess Club. Game and notes from the Brooklyn *Chess Chronicle*:

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White.	Black.	White.	Black.
Hanham.	Richardson.	16—R QB sq	16—Q KR4
1—P K4	1—P K4	17—R QB3	17—Kt K2
2—Kt KB3	2—Kt QB3	18—Kt R2	18—Q Q4
3—B QB4	3—B QB4	19—Q QKt3	19—Q K5
4—P QB3	4—Kt KB3	20—Q QB2	20—Q KR5
5—P Q3	5—P Q3	21—Kt KB3	21—R x Kt (c)
6—P KR3	6—P KR3	22—P x R	22—Q x RP
7—Castles	7—Castles	23—Q K4	23—R KB3
8—P Q4	8—P x P	24—B KB4	24—R Kt3 ch(d)
9—P x P	9—B QKt3	25—B Kt3	25—Kt KB4
10—Kt QB3	10—Kt x KP (a)	26—P KB4 (e)	26—B x QP
11—BxBP ch(b)	11—R x B	27—Q KKt2	27—Q x Q ch
12—Kt x Kt	12—B KB4	28—K x Q	28—B x R
13—Kt KKt3	13—Q Q2	29—P x B	29—R x B ch (f)
14—B K3	14—QR KB sq	30—P x R	30—Kt K6 ch
15—Kt x B	15—Q x Kt	31—K B2	31—Kt x R

And Black wins.

(a) Well played, as it breaks up White's centre.

(b) Kt x Kt is certainly better than this capture, which opens the Black Rook on the White King's entrenchments.

(c) A sound sacrifice, forcing the game in a few moves.

(d) Kt to KB4, as Mr. Steinitz remarked when game was ended, would be more expeditious.

(e) There seems to be nothing better left, for White is in danger of losing a piece by 27 Kt x B, etc.

(f) Conclusive.

Dr. Zukertort's early arrival will undoubtedly create a warmer interest in chess than has existed for some time. The principal reason for regret at his coming at present is the lack of a regularly organized chess club, at whose rooms the chess champion may be made at home. There is no city of any size elsewhere in the United States that does not boast of at least one such club, and it is certainly to the discredit of San Francisco that no such institution exists here. We are happy to state, however, that a movement is on foot, headed by some of the strongest and best known players of the city, to form such an association, and, if possible, to organize at once. Chess players desiring to join a chess club are requested to communicate immediately with the chess editor, who will give them the necessary information concerning the matter in hand.

There will be a meeting at the chess rooms of the Mechanics' Institute, Post Street, between Montgomery and Kearny, this Saturday, June 21st, at 12:30 P. M., for the purpose of arranging for a proper reception of the world's chess champion, Doctor Zukertort, who will arrive in this city shortly. Every one interested in chess is invited to be present. The Mercantile and Mechanics' libraries have posted notices of the contemplated meeting. Doctor Zukertort stands to-day where Paul Morphy did twenty-five years ago—the champion of the world. All of our Eastern cities where the doctor has visited have entertained him handsomely, and have witnessed his marvelous blindfold play. Let San Francisco do likewise, and not take second place in courtesies to the most distinguished representative of the greatest of games.

Among our new exchanges, we welcome the Nashville *American*, which has an ably conducted weekly chess column, full of current news, and with the usual problems and games.

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