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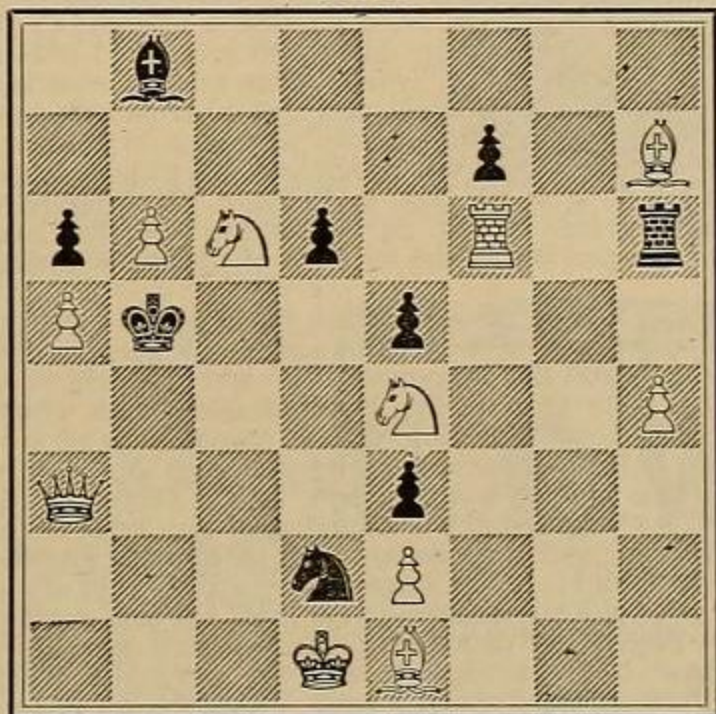
The attention of chess players is called to the following letter from Doctor Zukertort, with the request that those interested will at once communicate with the chess editor, in order that arrangements may be made by which an exhibition may be held after the chess champion's arrival:

"TO THE CHESS EDITOR OF THE ARGONAUT—Dear Sir: Approaching the last stage of my American tour, I take the liberty of troubling you in matters connected with chess. Where do the San Francisco players meet? Is there a wish that I should give a chess exhibition, or not? You would oblige me by kindly informing me on those points. I leave here to-morrow for Leadville; from there I intend to go to Salt Lake City, and then to San Francisco. My address is care of E. Hoelke, 414 Harrison Avenue, Leadville, Colorado. Yours, very faithfully, J. H. ZUKERTORT."

Problem No. XXIX.—By A. Cyril Pearson, England.

WHITE—King at Q7; Queen at QB8; Rook at QR4, KR5; Bishop at QKt2; Knight at KKt8; Pawn at KB5.  
 BLACK—King at Q4; Bishop at Qsq; Knight at QR4; Pawn at QKt5, QKt6, KB6.  
 White to play and mate in two moves.

Problem No. XXX.—By W. Atkinson, Montreal.  
 BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution of Problem No. XXIII.

1—Kt B5	1—K moves (a)	(a) 1—	1—P moves
2—B or Kt mates acc.		2—Kt K4 mate.	

Solution of Problem No. XXIV.

1—P Q3	1—R R5 (a)	(a) 1—	1—R x Kt
2—Q x R ch	2—K x Q	2—Q Kt3 ch	2—Any move
3—Kt B3 mate.		3—Q or R mates acc.	

Correct solutions received as follows: Problems XXV and XXVI—From U. Hartnell, Salinas.

## Game.

Played in the Vienna International Tournament of 1882. Game and notes from *La Vie Moderne*:

## SICILIAN DEFENSE.

<i>White.</i>		<i>Black.</i>	
M. Tschigorine.	Louis Paulsen.	<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>
1—P K4	1—P QB4	20—B Q5	20—B Kkt2
2—Kt QB3	2—Kt QB3	21—Q KR5	21—B Kkt3
3—P Kkt3 (a)	3—P K3	22—Q KR3	22—Q Q2
4—B Kkt2	4—Kkt K2	23—Q Kkt3	23—R KB sq
5—P Q3 (b)	5—Kt Q5	24—P KB4	24—Kt at K4 Q B3
6—Kkt K2	6—Kkt QB3	25—QR KB sq	25—Kt K2
7—B K3	7—B K2	26—B K4	26—P Q4
8—Kt KB4 (c)	8—Castles	27—B x B	27—Kt x B
9—Castles (d)	9—R QKt sq	28—R Kkt2	28—Q KB4 (k)
10—Kt KR5 (e)	10—P KB4 (f)	29—Kt Q sq	29—Q KR4
11—P Kkt4 (g)	11—P Kkt3	30—Q K3	30—B KR3
12—Kt KB4	12—P Kkt4	31—P QB3	31—B x P
13—KP x P (h)	13—P x Kt	32—Q K sq	32—Kt KB4
14—B x P	14—P Q3 (i)	33—R x B	33—Kt Kt6ch(o)
15—B KR6	15—P x P (j)	34—R x Kt (p)	34—Kt x R
16—B x R	16—B x B	35—Kt KB2	35—R K sq
17—K R sq	17—Kt K4	36—Q KB sq	36—Q K7
18—P x P	18—B x P	37—K Kt sq	37—Q Q7 (q)
19—R Kkt sq	19—K R sq	38—R KB3	38—R K8

White resigns.

(a) M. Tschigorine adopts the attack played by M. Paulsen in the Vienna Tournament of 1873. We believe the usual continuation, 3 Kt KB3—P K3, 4 P Q4—P x P, 5 Kt x P—Kt KB3, 6 B K2, followed by Kt x Kt and P K5, is the better attack.

(b) We should have preferred 5 Kkt K2—P Q4, 6 P x P—P x P, 7 P Q4.

(c) It was better to play 8 Castles, followed by P KB4.

(d) If 9 Q Q2, to Castle on Q side, Black continues as in the text, and after placing his Q at QR4, he would have had a very strong attack.

(e) Premature. The correct move was 10 QKt K2, followed by 11 P QB3 to force Kt x Kt, to which White would reply 12 Kt x Kt, followed by P KB4. If Black, instead of exchanging Kt, played Kt QKt4, then 12 Kt KR3, followed by P KB4, and White's game would be best.

(f) Very well played. By making this move, Black's position is much superior.

(g) It is evident that White can not play 11 P KB4, because of P Kkt3, which would cost him a piece. The text move is an error which loses the game. It was necessary to play 11 Kt KB4, and if —P Kkt4, 12 Kt KR3.

(h) White has already a poor game. If he should desire to save the piece, the only move is 13 Kt KR3 (if 13 Kkt K2—P KB5, winning a piece), 14 B x Kt—P x B, 15 Kt QKt sq, forced —P K4, followed by P Q3, White would not be able to free his pieces, while Black would have placed his K at Kt2, R at KR sq, QB at KB2, and would have at once advanced his P to KR4, P KB5, with an irresistible attack.

(i) If 14—P x P, 15 P x P, and White would have a dangerous attack with his two Bishops and Queen on Black King.

(j) Black uselessly sacrifices the exchange. He could have played without danger 15 R KB2.

(k) If 28—Kt KB4, White would have replied 29 Q KR3.

(l) If 33—Kt x R, 34 Q K5 ch.

(m) White made an error with his Rook. The game would have been a draw by 34 Q x Kt—R x R, 35 Kt KB2.

(n) The game is very bad. If 37 Q x Q—R x Q and wins.