

# THE CHESS-PLAYER.

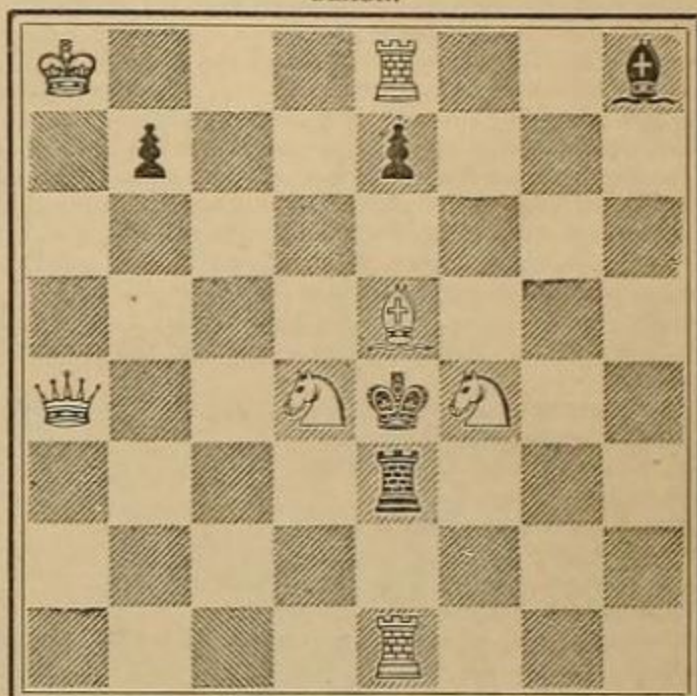
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**Problem 176.—From Irish Sportsman's Problem Tourney.**  
Motto—"Paddy's Dream."

**WHITE**—King at QB3; Queen at KR2; Rook at K2; Knight at Q4; Bishop at QB6; Pawn at K4.  
**BLACK**—King at K4; Knight at KKt2; Pawns at KB3, KB5, Q3.  
White to play and mate in two moves.

**Problem 177.—From Irish Sportsman's Problem Tourney.**  
Motto—"Shamrock."

**BLACK.**



**WHITE.**

White to play and mate in three moves.

### Solutions of Problems.

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| No. 164—    | 1—Kt K4              |                  |
| No. 165—    | 1—K x P at Kt3       | 1—R x Q (a, b)   |
|             | 2—Kt Kt5 ch          | 2—K moves        |
|             | 3—Kt K7 or B4 mates. |                  |
| (a) 1—      | 1—P x Kt             | (b) 1—           |
| 2—Q KR8 ch  | 2—K moves            | 2—Kt B4          |
| 3—Kt mates. |                      | 2—Any move       |
|             |                      | 3—Q or Kt mates. |

Solutions received: Problems Nos. 172, 174, and 175, from U. Hartnell, Salinas City.

### To Correspondents.

K. D. Peterson.—Your courtesy and continued kindnesses place us under renewed obligations. Glad to know that your problem and solving tourneys are meeting with so great success.

James Harvey.—Your favor received and reply sent by mail.

### Game No. 87.

Played in Melbourne Club Tourney between Messrs. Burns and G. H. D. Gossip. Game and notes from the *British Chess Magazine*.

#### IRREGULAR OPENING.

<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>	<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>
Burns.	Gossip.	16—P KB4 (e)	16—Q Q3 (f)
1—P QB4	1—P K3	17—Kt x Kt	17—B x Kt
2—Kt QB3	2—Kt KB3	18—QR K sq	18—R Q2 (g)
3—P K3	3—P Q4	19—B x Kt	19—P x B
4—P Q4	4—P QB4	20—P B5	20—K Kt2
5—Kt B3	5—Kt B3	21—P x P	21—P x P
6—B Q3	6—QP x P	22—R x BP (h)	22—K x R
7—B x P	7—P x P	23—Q x P ch	23—K K2
8—P x P	8—B Kt5 (a)	24—Q Kt5 ch	24—K B sq (i)
9—Castles	9—Castles	25—R B sq ch	25—R B2
10—B KKt5	10—B x Kt (b)	26—R x R ch	26—K x R
11—P x B	11—P QKt3	27—B Kt6 ch	27—K Kt sq
12—B Q3	12—P KR3 (c)	28—B R5 dis ch	28—K R sq
13—B R4	13—B Kt2	And White announced mate in five moves.	
14—Q Q2 (d)	14—Q K2		
15—Kt K5	15—KR Q sq		

(a) It is considered unadvisable to exchange pawns so early in this debut, but having done so, Black should play this Bishop to K2 or Q3.

(b) By thus strengthening the adverse centre, and leaving his own Knight pinned, Mr. Gossip compromises his game; he ought either to return the B to K2 or to play QKt K2, suffering the doubling of his pawns.

(c) This fatally weakened the King's wing; it would be better to bring QKt K2 and then to Kt3.

(d) A strong move, which leaves his opponent almost without resource.

(e) Mr. Burns justly points out that Kt Kt4 here must win speedily.

(f) Threatening if 17 B x Kt, P x B, 18 Kt Kt4, to take QP with Kt.

(g) About as good as anything else, for he evidently has no way out of his difficulties.

(h) Beautifully played, and the merit of the sacrifice is greatly enhanced by its having been foreseen and purposed by Mr. Burns when he made his eighteenth move.

(i) K K sq; 25 B Kt6 ch, R B2; 26 B x R ch, K Q2 would prolong the game, but White would, of course, win easily.

With the issue of October 3d the *Mirror of American Sports* gave the first installment of problems in its Third Problem and Solution Tourney for the championship of the world. Already upward of forty solvers have reported on the initial batch of problems, and additions to this number are reported every day. At the present rate of increase the tourney bids fair to produce not only the champion solvers, but also the champion list of solvers. The indefatigable Peterson deserves success, and from present indications his efforts will not go unrewarded, as the present tourney bids fair to rank as one of the most famous in chess history.

Bless our October International. Personalities are gone and—Zukey—what do you think of a man who wants to win a match with \$2,000 stakes and then claim \$500 for winning it; or, if he loses it, only wants \$750? We swear hereafter by Zukey.—*Buffalo Times*.

Paul Morphy was paid an annual salary of five thousand dollars as chess editor of the *New York Ledger*. There are very few of us who receive that now.—*Milwaukee Sunday Telegraph*.

The Philadelphia chess players are organizing a club upon the same plan as the New York and Manhattan clubs, with convenient restaurant accommodations.—*New York Telegram*.

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