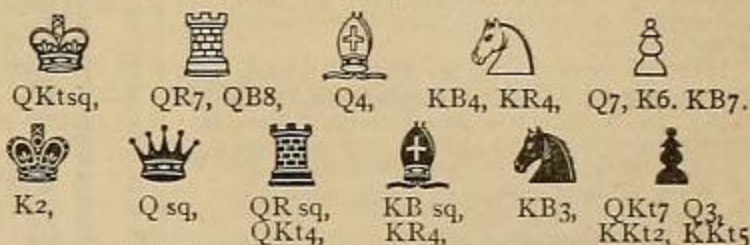


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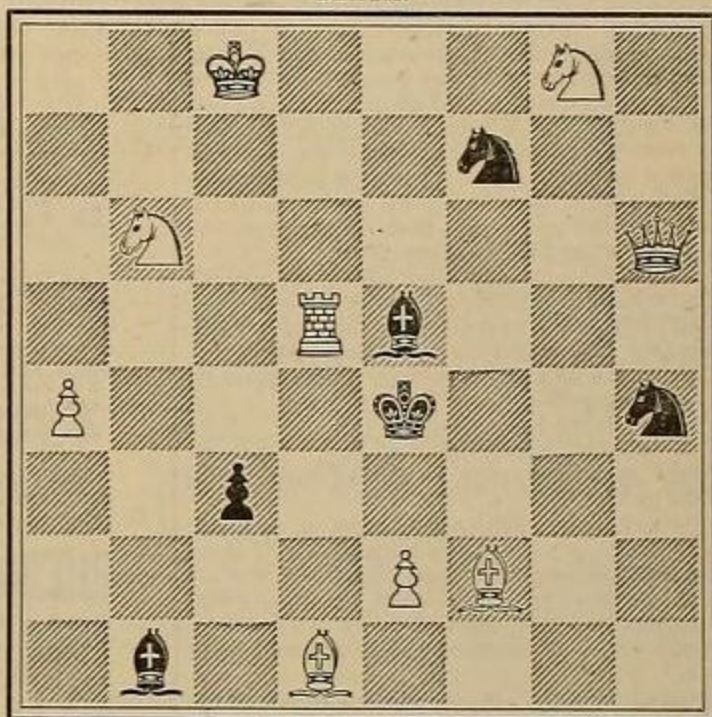
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Problem No. XXV.—By E. J. Catlow.



White to play and mate in two moves.

Problem No. XXVI.—By H. Leprettel, Marseilles.
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White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution of Problem No. XIX.

1—B B5 1—Any move
2—Q mates.

Solution of Problem No. XX.

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| 1—B QR2 | 1—R x Q (a) | (a) 1— | 1—B K3 |
| 2—Kt B4 | 2—Any move | 2—B Q5 ch | 2—K x B (if B |
| 3—Kt Q2 or 6 mate. | | 3—QxR mate. | x B, Q R7 mate. |

Correct solutions received as follows: Problem XXI—From C. A. Arnold. Problem XXII—From J. F. Cowdery. Problems XXXIII and XXIV—From U. Hartnell, Salinas.

Answers to Correspondents.

J. F. C.—If Black 1, P Q4, White's reply is Kt Q3 mate.

H. F. S., Santa Ana, Cal.—Problem received. Your letter answered by mail.

Game played in the London Tournament of 1883. The game and notes are from the *Chess Monthly*:

RUY LOPEZ.

| <i>White.</i> | | <i>Black.</i> | | <i>White.</i> | | <i>Black.</i> | |
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| S. Winawer. | W. Steinitz. | 21—B K3 (c) | 21—P R5 ! | | | | |
| 1—P K4 | 1—P K4 | 22—Kt K4 | 22—Castles KR | | | | |
| 2—Kt KB3 | 2—Kt QB3 | 23—P KKt4 (d) | 23—P x P en pas | | | | |
| 3—B Kt5 | 3—P KKt3 | 24—P x P | 24—Q Kt3 | | | | |
| 4—B x Kt | 4—QP x B | 25—Q Kt2 ? | 25—P KB4 (e) | | | | |
| 5—P Q3 | 5—B Kt2 | 26—Kt x KtP | 26—P B5 | | | | |
| 6—B K3 | 6—Q K2 | 27—P x P | 27—P x P | | | | |
| 7—Kt B3 | 7—B K3 | 28—B B2 | 28—Kt K4 ! | | | | |
| 8—Castles | 8—P KR3 | 29—B R4 | 29—R B4 | | | | |
| 9—Kt Q2 | 9—P KKt4 | 30—K B sq | 30—B B3 | | | | |
| 10—P QR3 | 10—Kt B3 | 31—Q QB2 | 31—R K sq (f) | | | | |
| 11—P B3 | 11—Kt Q2 | 32—Kt K6 | 32—Kt x KBP | | | | |
| 12—Q K sq | 12—P KR4 | 33—B x B ? | 33—Q Kt8 ch | | | | |
| 13—Q B2 | 13—P Kt3 | 34—K K2 | 34—Q K6 ch | | | | |
| 14—KR K sq | 14—P QB4 | 35—K B sq | 35—Kt Q7 ch | | | | |
| 15—QR Kt sq | 15—Kt Kt sq (a) | 36—Q x Kt (g) | 36—Q x Q | | | | |
| 16—Kt Q5 | 16—B x Kt | 37—B B3 | 37—Q Q6 ch | | | | |
| 17—P x B | 17—Kt Q2 | 38—K B2 | 38—Q Kt6 ch | | | | |
| 18—P QB4 (b) | 18—P KB3 | 39—K K2 | 39—R R4 | | | | |
| 19—P Q4 | 19—BP x P | 40—K Q sq | 40—R R7 | | | | |
| 20—B x QP | 20—Q B2 | 41—K B sq | 41—Q B7 | | | | |

White resigns.

(a) Intending to play Kt over B3 to Q5.

(b) After a long series of *mysterious* movements, White commences at the nineteenth move an attack against the hostile centre position, which he might have well prepared by playing 18, P KR4.

(c) Again we would recommend P KR4.

(d) Playing the opponent's game. Owing to the nature of the opening, White has still the easier game, and we think he might have got some superiority by transferring the fight to the Queen's flank with 23, KR Q sq, followed at earliest opportunity by P QKt4 and P B5.

(e) The first move of a beautiful stratagem. From this point to the end Mr. Steinitz's play is of the very highest order.

(f) The right reply: if 31—B x Kt, then 32, R x Kt (!), and if 31—R x Kt, then 32, Q x Q ch, Kt x Q (best); 33, R K6, and White will come out with a very good position, and Rook and Pawn against two minor pieces.

(g) If 36, K Kt2, mate follows in three moves.

Mr. Steinitz has made one more ineffectual attempt to inveigle his rival into a match for the world's championship, having challenged him to play for that alone, without any other stake. Dr. Zukertort has again finally declined to play him anywhere but in London; and as Mr. Steinitz is now unlikely to return to England, we fear that this most interesting match will not take place.—*Brit. Chess Magazine*.

The London *Chess Monthly* replies to correspondents in their respective languages. In recent numbers replies were published in English, German, French, Spanish, and Hungarian.

Mr. J. H. Blackburne, the noted blindfold player, having been in ill health for some time, is to be the recipient of a testimonial at the hands of the chess-players of England.

It is said that it is the intention of Mr. Steinitz to reside permanently in America, and to take charge of a magazine of sports, of which chess is to be the leading feature.