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Without the slightest hitch, the scheduled 10 board telegraphic match between the Mechanics' Institute Chess club and the Chess Club of Southern California was played on Decoration day. When the last tick of the operators' instrument had sounded a count of victory perching on the banner of the southerners by a score of 6 to 4. It was a hard fought contest, but the best of feeling prevailed.

President Jaunet of the local club opened the match with the following message: "Extend congratulations over success attending arrangements. May best team win." To which the southern club's president replied: "Thanks for kind message. All ready at this end of wire." And when the Institute's colors were waved the victors sent this chivalrous message to the vanquished. "It is a pleasure to play with square Californians."

And with a smile o'erspreading his features, Operator Munster (who did the Western Union credit by his able work no less than by his courteous conduct during the match), after listening to the final tick-ticks, announced: "They're dancing on the tables and breaking the furniture!"

The following table shows pairing and results:

M. I. C. C.		C. C. of S. C.	
Ed. 1—F. Sternberg	0	G. E. Waterman	1
Ed. 2—A. J. Flax	1	O. E. Frazier	0
Ed. 3—A. B. Stamer	1/2	M. A. Woodward	1/2
Ed. 4—J. Ford	0	Strove	1
Ed. 5—B. Smith	0	C. H. Whipple	1
Ed. 6—L. Rosenblatt	0	Perry	1
Ed. 7—W. Smith	1	L. Borough	0
Ed. 8—G. Hallwegen	1	Petersen	0
Ed. 9—E. J. Clarke	1/2	W. S. Waterman	1/2
Ed. 10—Dr. Lovegrove	0	S. Mlotkowski	1
Total	4		6

After playing magnificent chess in a game with State Champion C. W. Phillips in the pending championship tourney of the Chicago Chess club, E. W. Gruer of this city experienced a brainstorm on his sixty-seventh move and threw away a won game. Gruer forwarded the score, and it is the opinion of all who have played it over that the precision, strategy and judgment displayed by the former U. of C. youth was worthy of a Lasker. It was a horrible thing to lose such a game, and reading between the lines of his letter this is how Gruer felt. (Bear in mind that by defeating Phillips, Gruer would undoubtedly have won the high honors of first place). The words are Othello's, but the sentiment is mutual:

"... O now, forever, farewell the tranquil mind! farewell content! farewell the planned troop, and the big wars that make ambition virtue! O, farewell! farewell the neighing steed and the shrill trump. The spirit-stirring drum, the ear-piercing fife, the royal banner, and all quality, pride, pomp and circumstance of glorious war!

Alas! poor Gruer. But beyond the rude dashing of his hopes in what should have been his hour of triumph, there was a deeper note of woe and misery—a note "from the depths of some divine despair," as 'twere. Gruer closed his letter thus: "Goodby—and goodby eats." (If a diagram is necessary to elucidate, it will be recalled that Gruer had been promised a swell feed on his return to San Francisco if he won the Chicago championship.)

C. H. Whipple, U. S. A. (retired) of Los Angeles was a recent visitor at the Mechanics' Institute Chess club. While in Germany, some years ago, Whipple learned to appreciate the great German Handbuch on the openings. He is a subscriber to the new edition, now running through the press, under the capable editorship of the Austrian master, Carl Schlechter. Whipple (who is paired with George Hallwegen in the North vs. South correspondence match) remarked that in discussing the postal card contest with Stasch Mlotkowski the latter had expressed the opinion that a correspondence player possessing the encyclopedic Handbuch should give his opponent odds. (But trust "Uncle George" to steer those games out of the Handbuch about the third move!)

Here are directions for securing "Der Handbuch des Schachspiels": Address Curt Ronninger, Hans Hedewiga Nachfolger, Leipzig, Germany. It consists of 10 parts at 2.55 marks each, or 25.50 marks for the complete work, which includes postage. Send a draft for \$6.12, and the first two numbers will be sent at once, and the succeeding parts as printed. As a draft is but 10 cents, this brings the total cost up to \$6.22. No home is complete without a Handbuch. (By the way, the text and notation are in German.)

Discussing Lasker, Rubinstein and the possible clash of dates between Havana and St. Petersburg, the New York Sun remarks:

General regret is expressed by all chess players over the announcement by Champion Lasker that he is likely to retire from active play. He is almost sure, so he writes to the manager of the proposed Havana international tourney, that he will never again engage in tournament play, but that he might be induced to play in a few matches when called upon to defend his championship title. Although Lasker does not say what kind of work he is engaged in, he volunteers the information that his activity has turned into other channels. In view of his remarkable tournament record, it is rather disappointing to see the champion retire at the age of 45. Other masters have been in harness when much older and less successful. It is hoped that sooner or later the champion will change his mind as others have done before him.

The Russian champion, A. Rubinstein, sent word from Meran that he would gladly play at Havana. At the same time he announced that the directors of the St. Petersburg club also intend to arrange a grand masters' tournament at the Russian metropolis about the same time, and if that should happen he would be unable to come to Havana, just as Capablanca would not think of going to St. Petersburg if Havana should want him. To prevent a clash,

which would be very deplorable in many ways, the manager of the Havana tournament at once wrote to St. Petersburg requesting the managers to either hold their tournament early in the fall or in the spring, so as to allow the masters to play in both contests. It is expected that an agreement will be reached shortly.

Now that the games in the North vs. South correspondence match are well under way it is likely that the services of a referee may be needed. Dr. Henry Epstein of San Rafael has kindly consented to fill this sometimes thankless position. Epstein is well known in northern and southern chess circles and any decision he may be called upon to render will be made with a complete knowledge of the rules of the game and also with strict impartiality.

GAME DEPARTMENT

The following game is from the pending championship tournament of the Chicago Chess and Checkers club. The winner is the youngest player in the tourney:

Game No. 48
GIUOCO PIANO
R. S. Hoff (white) vs. F. H. Chase (black)

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-K4	11 P-KB4	B-K3(c)
2 Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	12 B-Q3	Kt-Kt3
3 B-B4	B-B4	13 Kt-Kt5	E-B3(d)
4 P-QB3(a)	Kt-KB3	14 BxP	P-KR3
5 P-Q4	PxP	15 Q-Q3	PxK(f)
6 PxP	B-K3ch	16 PxP	R-K
7 K-R(b)	P-Q4	17 Q-Ktch	K-B
8 PxP	KKtP	18 B-N3ch	Q-Q3
9 Kt-QB3	RxKt	19 BxQch	and wins.
10 PxB	Castles		

- NOTES BY E. W. G.
- (a) The most attacking continuation.
 - (b) A very strong attacking move and probably sound. Kt-QB3 is also very good.
 - (c) Threatening KtP.
 - (d) Black falls into a trap.
 - (e) If P-Kt3, QxPch and mate in one.

In the quadrangular tournament held at St. Petersburg in 1896, where Lasker, Steinitz, Pillsbury and Tschigorin competed, Lasker won a spectacular game from Pillsbury. Immediately after playing his seventh move Pillsbury saw where he had missed an opportunity to gain an advantage by a new move, BxKt. He wanted revenge. With this club up his sleeve he waited with feline patience for an opportunity to spring it on Lasker, which he finally succeeded in doing at Cambridge Springs eight years later, in a remarkably brilliant game.

The games are here recorded.

Game No. 49

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED
Pillsbury (white) vs. Lasker (black)

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P-Q4	P-Q4	15 PxKt	B-K3
2 P-QB4	P-K3	16 P-B4(d)	QR-R
3 Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3	17 P-B5	BxKt
4 Kt-B3(a)	P-R4(b)	18 PxP	B-QB3(e)
5 B-K3	RfxPch	19 PxB	RXP
6 QxP	Kt-B3	20 PxR	Q-K3ch
7 Q-R4	B-K2	21 B-Kt3(f)	QxRch
8 Castles	Q-R4	22 K-R	R-B2
9 P-K3	B-Q2	23 B-Q2(g)	R-B5
10 Kt-Kt	P-KR3	24 KR-Q	R-B6
11 PxB(e)	PxP	25 Q-B5	Q-R5
12 Kt-Q4	Castles	26 K-Kt2(b)	RxP
13 BxKt	BxB	27 Q-K3ch	K-R2
14 Q-R5	KtRxKt	28 KxR	(1)

- NOTES
- (a) E-B4 or Kt3 is usually played at this stage of the opening.
 - (b) By this move black's position is superior on account of white being confined with his queen bishop, if he dare play P-K3.
 - (c) R-B may be considered here.
 - (d) Note how this pawn moves four times, while black does damage with his queen rook.
 - (e) Terminating the game with some mastery strokes.
 - (f) K-R would be followed by 21½ BxP ch; 22 RxB, QxR ch; 23 K-Kt, Q-K3 ch, winning easily.
 - (g) Compulsory to avoid the double threat of R-B7 and R-B8 ch.
 - (h) Q-Kt may have prolonged the otherwise hopeless position.
 - (i) Black announces mate in five: 28½ Q-Q6 ch; 29 K-R4, P-Kt3 ch; 30 KxP, Q-R5 ch; 31 K-R5, B-Q ch; 32 Q-Kt3, PxQ mate.

Game No. 50

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED
Pillsbury (white) vs. Lasker (black)

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P-Q4	P-Q4	15 Kt-K4	B-K2
2 P-QB4	P-R3	17 Kt-Q3ch	K-Bsq
3 QKt-B3	KKt-B5	18 Kt-B4	Q-Kt4
4 Kt-B3	P-QB4	19 P-B4(e)	PxP
5 B-K3	PxP	20 Q-Q4 (f)	P-B3
6 QxP	Kt-B3	21 QxP at B4	Q-QB4
7 BxKt(a)	PxR	22 Kt-K5	B-Ksq
8 Q-R4	PxP	23 Kt-Kt4	P-B4
9 R-Q3	B-Q2	24 Q-R5ch	K-R2
10 P-Kt	Kt-K4	25 B-B4(g)	R-R3
11 NtxKt	PxKt	26 RxPch	QxR
12 QxQB	Q-Kt3	27 B-KBsq	QxRch
13 B-K2(b)	QxKtP	28 KxQ	R-Q2
14 Castles	R-Bsq	29 Q-R5ch	K-Ktsq
15 Q-Q3(c)	R-QB2(d)	30 Kt-K5 ins	

- NOTES
- (a) Pillsbury herewith remedies the error made at St. Petersburg.
 - (b) Fine move! Loses a pawn, but gains valuable time.
 - (c) Black can not take Kt on account of mate threat.
 - (d) The rook is badly placed here.
 - (e) Decisive.
 - (f) Brilliant! Threatens QxR mate, also QxP attacking QR.
 - (g) What more could a game enthusiast ask for?

Correspondence

K. B. C. San Jose—Glad you like new design at head of column. No, the squirrels are not holding watermelons; they are hickory nuts—they grow very large in California.

"IGNORAMUS"—Yes. Always glad to hear from you.

H. E. C. City—Will you drop us a line if you received A. C. W. prize?

W. D. M. Alameda—Thanks for your encouraging letter. Experience has shown that many problem solvers do not take the solutions, but do not take the trouble to send them except during a contest. That probably accounts for slump.

PROBLEMS

PROBLEM NO. 41. BY E. E. WESTBURY. (First prize, Pittsburg Gazette-Times, 1912.) Black—13 Pieces.



White—3 Pieces. White to play and mate in two moves.

PROBLEM NO. 42. BY F. A. L. KURKOP. (First prize, Sydney Morning Herald, 1912.) Black—9 Pieces.



White—11 Pieces. White to play and mate in two moves.

PROBLEM NO. 43. BY C. H. WHEELER. From Westen und Dabehn. White: K-KKt4, Q-QB5, Kt-KKt5, P-QKt3. Black: K-K4, P-Q4, K2, K3 and KKt3. White to play and mate in two moves.

PROBLEM NO. 44. BY J. POTTER. From Chess Nuts. White: K-Q4, Q-KR, Kt-K7. Black: K-QKt. White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF MAY 15
No. 33: K-Kt2 No. 35: Kt-K6
No. 34: Kt-QB No. 36: R-B2

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End Game No. 13

Here is a rather historic position from a tournament game between Zukertort and Blackburne. In fact, as high an authority as Steinitz pronounced it "one of the most brilliant combinations on record." The diagram shows the game, with Zukertort (white) 16 move, Blackburne (black) has just played K (from B2) to B7, which loses, instead, B-Q4 would have given black a fair game.

Black—10 Pieces.



White—11 Pieces. The game was continued (notes by Blackburne).

1 PxPch	K-R	4 R-Bsch! KxP
2 P-Q5ch	P-K4	5 QxPch K-Kt2
3 Q-Kt4(a)	R(B)-B4(b)	6 BxPch!(c) Resigns

- (a) This move created considerable excitement among the spectators. However, the move was anticipated by myself. If the Q be taken, white mates in seven moves.
(b) I thought this quite sufficient, overlooking the sacrifice of the rook.
(c) A worthy sacrifice.

WOULD REDEEM DEFEAT

(Special Dispatch to The Call)
SAN MATEO, May 21.—San Mateo and Burlingame will meet in the second game of the championship series on the local diamond tomorrow afternoon. In the first game, two weeks ago, Burlingame defeated San Mateo by a score of 7 to 1. Manager Jack Howard of the San Mateo club believes his team will come back tomorrow with the long end of the score.

