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In addition to the above a shortage of \$111.50 occurred in a contractual obligation of the Committee to pay Dr. Alekhine for his L. A. A. C. exhibition.

This was met and Dr. Alekhine paid in full by the following contributions: Jos. Lippman, \$25; H. M. Gorham, \$10; Dr. Scholtz and Chess & Checker Club, \$20; Santa Barbara Chess Club, \$5; Auto Club C. C., \$5; Pasadena Chess Club, \$15; Henry MacMahon, \$31.50.

The Committee wishes to thank the supporters who made the Congress a practical success and enabled us to send away both Masters and visitors well pleased by their treatment at our hands.

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KASHDAN TIES ALEKHINE FOR MEXICO HONORS

In Post-Pasadena Tourney Over the Border They Beat All Locals

CHAMP'S BLINDFOLD ART

At Mexico City for the first time in many semesters Alexander Alekhine didn't capture, outright, Major Tournament honors, as Kashdan tied him for first place. Each score was $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$. So 1st and 2nd prizes were lumped, Alekhine and Kashdan shared and shared alike.

Score speaks for itself. Both visiting masters beat all locals, drew with each other. Could a whole tome explicate further?

Tourney began October 6 and ended October 18. 'Twas held at the Press social centre. Kashdan, besides tying the event with Alekhine, wired the daily news of it to a waiting world . . . Frogs, decorations, shoulderstraps were much in evidence, for several of the military played and Chapultepec cadets had a chance to see masters and near-masters in the game that is a part of their Academy curriculum.

Captain Araiza, compiling a score of 6 to 3, again showed himself the best of the Mexican Chess matadors. Other very decent scores— $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$, and $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ respectively—were made by Dr. Asiain and Captain Vazquez. Five remaining contestants—there was a field of ten—had less than .500 percentages.

Undoubtedly a "remote control" benefit of the Pasadena Chess Congress was the opportunity it afforded our neighbors to have the World Champion visit them.

We are glad that events turned out so, and we figure that his sev-

BOX SCORE Mexican Congress

Players	Won	Lost
Alekhine	$8\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
Kashdan	$8\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
Araiza	6	3
Asiain	$5\frac{1}{2}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Vazquez	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Gonzales	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Medina	$3\frac{1}{2}$	$5\frac{1}{2}$
Acevedo	2	7
Soto-Larrea	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$
Brunner	$1\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$

eral fine visual and blindfold exhibitions at Nogales, Guadalajara, Puebla, etc., as well as his Tourney play will make for increased Chess activity down there and the improvement of the game throughout the Republic.

New L. A. Clubs Forming

A sign of activity among the Los Angeles chessists is the forming of several new Clubs, notably the Wilshire Chess Club meeting weekly at Third and Oxford, and the Jewish Chess Club quartered at 420 North Soto street. Up there in Boyle Heights Champion Borochoff gave a 25-board simultaneous on October 14, winning all his games save one draw with Mrs. Bain. A Hollywood Club is also on the cards, based on the interest of Chess meetings at the hotels. On behalf of Southern California Chess League THE REPORTER cordially invites the new Clubs to enter teams of eight in Section B of the annual inter-Club tournament.

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BIG EVENT BEGINS

Southern California championship tourney started Columbus Day at 9441 Wilshire Boulevard with Austrian, Everett, Freeman, Gibbs, Griffith, Light, Lyon, MacBride, Patterson, Scholtz, Seliger and Travers contesting.

Excellent field includes Richard Lyon, present title-holder; Dr. Scholtz, Los Angeles champion; G. S. G. Patterson, president, and Dr. R. B. Griffith, referee of the Pasadena Congress.

With a round of hard clock play every Wednesday eve the tourney promises plenty of interest and excitement till after the turn of the year when the metropolitan Chess League inter-Club matches begin. Visitors are welcome at the tourney which is held under the auspices of the Beverly Hills Chess Club.

Pasadena Chess Club

A practical way of game explanation is the wall-board talk. Messrs. Taylor, Borochoy, Scholtz, Sullinger et al are giving a series of these talks Monday nights at the Pasadena Chess Club. On the same large boards used to record the Chess Congress, the star games of that Master tourney, particularly Alekhine's, are analyzed so that the student readily grasps the meaning and the logical sequence and enjoys the brilliancies.

The Ladies' Tournament!

What is believed to be the first women's tourney in connection with a Chess Congress in America took place at Pasadena the first fortnight of August with the following score:

	Won	Lost
Miss Hines	7	0
Mrs. Wolff	6	3
Miss Fox	4	3
Mrs. Bain	5½	4½
Mrs. Hillman	2½	6½
Mrs. Hinchman	1	7

A Brochure You Should Have

"Twenty-five Best Games from the International Tournament at Pasadena" has been issued by THE CHESS REPORTER. It's a sightly mimeograph book, the text of which includes no less than nine of Dr. Alekhine's games and the cream of the winning parties of Kashdan, Dake, Steiner, Reshevsky, Borochoy, Factor, Fine, Reinfield and the other contestants. 'Twill be sent postpaid to any address for one dollar, write THE REPORTER at 9441 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills.

Correction of a Really Sparkling Game

We regret very much the September reader's pleasure was spoiled by a misprint of Move 12 in the really sparkling Kashdan vs. Dake "Sky Chess Ride" game on Page 12. Here it is again, and this time we know you'll get the fun out of it:

WHITE	BLACK
1. P-K4	1. P-K3
2. P-Q4	2. P-Q4
3. Kt-QB3	3. Kt-KB3
4. B-KKt5	4. PxP !
5. KtxP	5. B-K2
6. BxKt	6. BxP
7. Kt-KB3	7. Kt-Q2
8. B-Q3	8. P-QB4
9. PxP	9. KtxP
10. B-Kt5 ch	10. K-K2
11. QxQ ch	11. RxQ
12. KtxKt	12. R-Q4
13. Kt-R6	13. BxP
14. R-QKt	14. RxP
15. Kt-B7	15. B-B6 ch
16. K-K2	16. RxR
17. RxR	17. R-Kt sq
18. Kt-R6	18. R-R
19. Kt-B7	19. R-Kt sq
20. Draw.	

The Library

The mystery of Paul Morphy that has intrigued Chess historians since the sixties and seventies is by way of being solved. Philip W. Sergeant's "Morphy Gleanings" (David McKay Company) lights up a number of corners still dim and recondite at the time of his "Morphy's Games of Chess." Instead of summarizing the researcher's material which the reader should indeed study for himself, let us try our hand at a pen-and-ink sketch:

Paul Charles Morphy, who was born in New Orleans in 1837 and died in 1884, had a most delicate rearing and was "Creole gentry" to his fingertips. The fact that he was a Chess prodigy, neither made nor marred his career.

But the soul of the genius (remember Pope's "Great wits to madness near allied") was so sensitively organized that it could not withstand frustration.

It's a Hamlet-like story in essentials.

He went forth from New Orleans gaily to be the conqueror of the world! Winning by a wide margin at twenty the first American Chess Congress which was held in New York, and challenging Staunton for the world's championship overseas, he was a Bayard figure of romance, innocent of wile, generous to adversary, gifted with the highest vision on the caissie field of battle.

What happened to him? Meanings incredible were they not fully documented and attested. Staunton shilly-shallied for many months. He quibbled like a pettifogger. He demanded sight of Morphy's "backers" and "seconds." He slurred him in "Illustrated London News," and in private letters was most suave and evasive, slipping eel-like out of engagements and at the end (when cornered) declared that his duties as editor and author forbade him time for the match. Morphy appealed to the British Chess As-



Paul Morphy

sociation. That did no good. The foremost figure of the overseas Chess world whom he had come to meet, offered to play him light Chess in privacy,—presumably so no man might ever say that Morphy beat Staunton!

Morphy's triumphs over Lowenthal, Anderssen, Warrwitz, Riviere et al did nothing to palliate that wound. He might have returned strongly to European Chess, however, but for his family's attitude. His mother hated the "vulgarization" of her gentleman son as a Game champion. On his homecoming she made the lad promise (he was still but twenty-two) that he would never publicly play Chess again.

Attitude of the home public was the final blow. "The chessplayer" became the byword by which nearly everybody referred to Morphy. The word—and the inflection—had the peculiar connotation that "The actor" more recently held,—meaning that he couldn't be a he-man to have taken up such a pursuit! Morphy had succeeded only too well, for in

(Concluded on page 9)

MINOR TOURNEY HAD SOME GOOD BATTLES

You Will Enjoy These Games Amongst
the Leaders in the Pasadena
Daytime Contests

Some good Chess was played in the Pasadena Congress minor tourney. Men like Ohman, Sheets, Sobral, Spero are qualified to meet any kind of company in Western States competition. The fact they came from such widely separated centres as Omaha, Seattle, El Paso and Los Angeles lent a fillip to their contentions. Woodward and Pearsall also acquitted themselves well.

The above are the six who made better than even scores, and no doubt they all would like to come together again. It might be a good idea for San Francisco, in handling the California State tourney next year, to arrange also a Western States championship and invite the strongest trans-Mississippi matadors.

Champion J. L. Sheets of Seattle gave Irving Spero "what for" in the Alekhine, out-maneuvering the ex-Ohio champion in Queen play and beating him finally by clever handling of minor forces, Bishop vs. Knight. The game:

White—Sheets	Black—Spero
1. P-K4	1. Kt-KB3
2. Kt-QB3	2. P-Q4
3. PxP	3. KtxP
4. KtxKt	4. QxKt
5. Q-KB3	5. Q-QB4
6. P-QB3	6. P-K4
7. Q-K4	7. B-K2
8. Kt-KB3	8. Kt-Q2
9. P-Q4	9. PxP
10. QxQP	10. O-O
11. B-K3	11. Q-KR4
12. B-K2	12. Q-KKt3
13. B-Q3	13. Q-Q3
14. O-O-O	14. QxQ (a)
15. KtxQ	15. Kt-QB4
16. B-KB5	16. P-KKt3 (b)
17. BxB	17. QRxB
18. Kt-KB3	18. KR-Q
19. Kt-K5	19. Kt-K5
20. RxB ch	20. RxB
21. R-Q	21. RxB ch
22. KxR	22. P-KB3
23. Kt-QB4	23. P-QKt3
24. B-KB4	24. P-KB3 (c)
25. P-KB3	25. Kt-QB4

Box Score Minor Tourney Pasadena Chess Congress

Player	Won	Lost
Ohman	8½	1½
Sheets	8	2
Sobral	7	3
Spero	7	3
Woodward	6	4
Pearsall	5½	4½
Bateman	4½	5½
Crain	3½	6½
Broughton	2½	7½
Jaffray	2½	7½
Sullinger	0	10

26. B-QKt8	26. Kt-Q2 (d)
27. BxRP	27. B-Q
28. P-QR4	28. K-B2
29. K-Q2	29. K-K3
30. P-QKt4	30. B-B2
31. P-KKt3	31. Kt-K4
32. KtxKt	32. KxKt
33. K-Q3	33. P-KR4
34. P-QB4	34. K-K3
35. P-B5	35. P-QKt4
36. P-QR5	36. P-KR5
37. B-QKt6	37. PxP!
38. PxP	38. BxP
39. P-R6	39. B-Kt
40. P-R7	40. BxP
41. BxB	41. K-Q4
42. B-Kt8	42. P-KKt4
43. B-B7 (e)	43. P-B4
44. B-Kt8	44. K-K3
45. K-Q4	45. K-B3
46. B-B7	46. K-K3
47. B-Q8	47. P-Kt5
48. PxP	48. PxP
49. B-KR4	49. K-B4
50. B-Kt3	Resigns.

Notes by Mr. Sheets

(a) In his anxiety to avoid a draw Black has moved his Q 6 times. The trade would have been better on move 5.

(b) White threatened 17. BxB and 18. Kt-B5.

(c) 24. . . . KtxBP ch, 25. K-K2, Kt-K5; 26. BxP, P-QKt4; 27. Kt-QR5, and Black's game is difficult.

(d) 26. . . . P-QKt4; 27. Kt-R5, Kt-Q6; 28. KtxP, KtxKtP ch; 29. K-B2, B-R6; 30. KtxRP, Kt-B5; 31. KtxKtP.

(e) 43. P-KB4, P-Kt5; 44. P-KB5, P-Kt6; 45. BxP7, stalemate.

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Sobral vs. Ohman

A very stoutly fought partie was the Sobral vs. Ohman game, a Queen's Gambit Declined in which the El Paso man's aggressive tactics were fully countered by the Nebraska pastor, the latter winding up victoriously with a pretty Pawn capture and the iron use of the "zugzwang." The score:

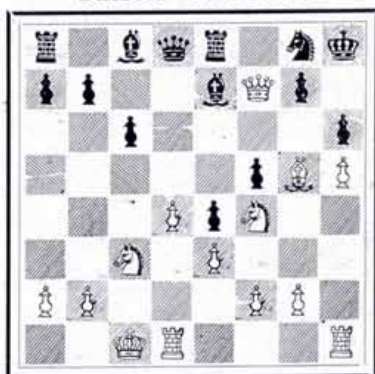
White—Sobral	Black—Ohman
1. P-Q4	1. P-Q4
2. P-QB4	2. P-K3
3. S-KB3	3. S-KB3
4. B-S5	4. B-K2
5. S-B3	5. QS-Q2
6. R-B1	6. P-B3
7. P-K3	7. Castles
8. B-Q3	8. PxP
9. BxP	9. S-Q4
10. BxB	10. QxB
11. Castles	11. SxS
12. RxS	12. R-Q1
13. B-Q3	13. P-KS3
14. B-S1	14. P-K4
15. Q-B2	15. PxP
16. SxP	16. S-B3
17. P-QR3	17. B-K3
18. SxB	18. QxS
19. P-K4	19. R-Q5
20. R-K3	20. R-K1
21. Q-B5	21. R-Q7
22. Q-S4	22. Q-Q2
23. P-K5	23. R-Q5
24. Q-K1	24. S-S5
25. R-K2	25. Q-Q4
26. P-R3	26. S-R3
27. P-QS4	27. K-S2
28. B-R2	28. Q-Q1
29. Q-B3	29. R-Q6
30. Q-S2	30. Q-Q5
31. Q-S1	31. S-B4
32. KR-K1	32. S-S6
33. R-K3	33. RxR
34. RxR	34. S-B4
35. R-K4	35. Q-B6
36. P-S4	36. S-R5
37. R-K3	37. Q-Q5
38. Q-S3	38. R-K2
39. Q-B4	39. QxQ
40. BxQ	40. RxP
41. R-Q3	41. R-K2
42. P-B4	42. R-K5
43. B-S3	43. R-Q5
44. RxR	44. S-R6 ch
45. K-B2	45. S-S4
46. B-Q1	46. S-S4
47. P-QR4	47. S-B6
48. B-S3	48. S-Q4
49. BxS	49. PxP
50. K-K3	50. K-B3
51. K-Q4	51. K-K3
52. P-R5	52. K-Q3
53. P-R4	53. P-R4
54. PxP	54. PxP
55. P-S5	55. P-S3
56. PxP	56. PxP
57. P-B5	57. P-B3
58. Resigns.	

Seattle Soundings

J. L. Sheets wins the recent Washington State championship tournament by top score of three wins and two draws . . . Arthur Dake plays simultaneous at the Washington Athletic Club, winning 21, drawing six and losing three.

HOW WORLD MASTER WON

BLACK—KASHDAN



WHITE—ALEKHINE

In this pretty position from the Alekhine-Kashdan game at the Pasadena Chess Congress, White to play wins the exchange. The sequence is: 17. Kt-Kt6 ch; K-R2. 18. KtxB; RxKt. 19. BxR; QxB. 20. QxQ; KtxQ, leaving the Doctor the exchange up and even forces otherwise, the World Champion winning in 60 moves.

Why was Kashdan forced to give up the exchange? Examine it closely. After the Kt check and the capture of Black's KB, (1) Black can't retake with the Kt and (2) he can't take the unsupported White QB at KKt5.

Should he retake with the Kt, B-B6 threatens mate under penalty of Black's losing a piece. Should he take the unsupported QB with his RP, White's P-R6 threatens instant death.

The above came about because of Kashdan's losing move, 12 . . . P-KB4 (?) which let Alekhine into his works and permitted the exchange-winning combination.

Now and again the Doctor takes 25 minutes to study out first move of winning sequence made possible by opponent's flaw. Once at Pasadena, it is said, he took 40 minutes on a move! He certainly works on his job. But of course work alone wouldn't avail,—save for the analytical gift.

It is this power of analysis, moreover, that makes him the world's best blindfold player.

Correspondence Department

R. C. VAN DE GRIFT, Tournament Director

North American Correspondence Chess League will start its North American championship and its minor tournament on November 10.

"First blood" was scored in this young League the other day when H. P. Wilkinson of Coronado beat Dr. Richter of Cal-Tech in one of the "annuals." Who says that Correspondence games last five years or so? This one began September 10, the inception of the League, and wound up in a month!

Intrastate mail tournaments have the advantage of brevity of communication. The N. A. C. C. L. is aiding the pleasuring of its California members by opening its first State tournament on December 15 next. The fee per section is \$1, and section winners qualify for the opening rounds. Application with fee should be made by letter, and must also include a \$1.50 Chess Reporter subscription if the player is not already a member. Offices of the League are at 9441 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills.

Two of our valued members, Warren M. Cox and Dr. C. W. Winchester, contested an interesting Queen's Gambit Declined in the recent New Mexico over-the-board championship. Here it is:

WHITE	BLACK
Warren M. Cox	Dr. C. W. Winchester
1. P-Q4	1. P-Q4
2. P-QB4	2. P-K3
3. N-QB3	3. N-KB3
4. B-N5	4. B-K2
5. P-K3	5. QN-Q2
6. N-B3	6. O-O
7. R-B	7. P-QB3
8. B-Q3	8. PxBP
9. BxP	9. N-Q4
10. N-K4	10. Q-R4 ch
11. N(K4)-Q2	11. BxB
12. NxB	12. NxKP
13. PxN	13. QxN
14. Q-K2	14. P-QN4
15. N-B3	15. Q-K2!
16. B-Q3	16. B-N2
17. O-O	17. QR-QB
18. N-Q2	18. P-QR3
19. BxP ch	19. KxB
20. Q-R5 ch	20. K-N
21. N-B3	21. P-KN3
22. Q-R6	22. P-KB3
23. QxNP ch	23. Q-N2
24. Q-K4	24. QR-K
25. N-R4	25. P-KB4

26. Q-B4	26. N-B3!
27. R-KB3	27. N-K5
28. R-R3	28. P-QB4
29. N-B3	29. PxP!
30. PxP	30. R-QB
31. R-K5	31. Q-N5!
32. Resigns	

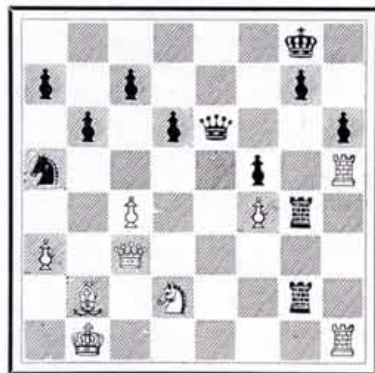
A bright game by one of our subscriber-members, Dr. H. E. Leede of New York, played vs. J. B. Sneathlge in the Old League "North American:"

White—Leede	Black—Sneathlge
1. P-K4	1. P-K3
2. P-Q4	2. P-Q4
3. Kt-QB3	3. Kt-KB3
4. B-KKt5	4. PxB
5. BxKt	5. PxB
6. KtxP	6. P-KB4 (a)
7. Kt-Kt3 (b)	7. P-QKt3
8. Kt-B3	8. B-QKt2
9. B-Kt5 ch	9. P-B3
10. B-B4	10. P-KR4 (c)
11. Kt-K5	11. B-Kt2
12. Q-K2	12. Q-K2
13. Kt(K5)xKBP	13. KxKt (d)
14. KtxBP	14. Resigns (e)

a. Premature — B-Kt2 must first be played. b. A variant to take him out of the books. c. He should develop, Kt-Q2 or B-Kt2, rather than weaken himself by pawn advance. d. Risky to play QxKt instead, yet it could hardly be worse than what follows. e. Because of 14 . . . Q-Q2. 15. KtxB, KxKt; 16. Q-K5 ch, K-R2; 17. QxRP ch, K-Kt2; 18. Q-K5 ch, followed by castling on the Queen side, and black K in his exposed position cannot long survive.

Fireworks in a game ending of Montgomery Major and L. P. Spellman, White to play in the following position:

BLACK



WHITE

Now comes the incandescence:

WHITE	BLACK
Major	L. P. Spellman
34. RxRP (!)	34. Q-K7 (?)
35. R-R8 ch	35. K-B2

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36. Q-KR3	36. Q-K3
37. R-Q8	37. N-B3
38. R-QR8	38. RxN (?)
39. B-B3	39. R(Q7)-KN7
40. R-K sq	40. R-N8
41. Q-R5 sq	41. R-N3 (1)
42. RxR	42. Q-K5 ch
43. K-N2	43. N-K2
44. RxR	44. NxR
45. RxQRP	45. Q-N7 ch
46. K-N3	46. Q-N5
47. QxQ	47. PxQ
48. RxP ch	48. N-K2
49. RxN ch	49. KxR
50. BxNP	50. P-Q4
51. PxQp	51. K-Q3
52. B-Q4	52. P-N4
53. P-B5	53. KxP
54. P-B6	54. Resigns.

And another brilliancy in a Petroff defended by Wendell W. Moyer vs. Alan L. Brown:

White—Brown	Black—Moyer
1. P-K4	1. P-K4
2. N-KB3	2. N-KB3
3. P-Q4 (a)	3. P-Q4 (b)
4. PxQP	4. PxP
5. B-N5 ch	5. P-B3
6. PxP (c)	6. Q-R4 ch !
7. N-B3 (d)	7. PxP (e)
8. NxP	8. PxB
9. Q-K2 ch	9. B-K2
10. O-O	10. P-QR3 ! !
11. R-K1	11. R-R2
12. B-B4 !	12. Q-N3
13. Q-K5 (f) ?	13. N-B3
14. NxN	14. QxN
15. N-K4 (g)	15. O-O
16. B-K3	16. R-Q2
17. N-N5	17. B-Q3 !
18. Resigns.	

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the eyes of his fellows he was negligible in all other spheres.

Maugre the fact that his late Dad was a judge and he himself a graduated attorney, no one would give him a brief. It is said the girls wouldn't look at him. (Likely, he was shy and they were awed by his large cranium!) He became a recluse, and slowly at the end of three lustrums the symptoms of persecution-mania appeared. It was accompanied by an aversion to Chess as striking as the former love of it. Wilhelm Steinitz went lion-hunting one day while in New Orleans, and shook hands with him, the stipulation before hand being that Chess was a taboo subject. "That is Steinitz, eh?" Morphy had queried when a mutual friend had paved the way. "Well," muttered the ex-Champion, "I don't think much of his gambit!"

Morphy died at 47 of brain congestion, the same malady that had struck down his father. There is no evidence that he was ever overworked by Chess. We have a private theory of our own that timely poverty or in some manner the incidence of active life might have cured his troubles. Hidebound in a narrow family and class environment, the great Chess brain lethargized and no proper outlet nor scope for his all-around mental and physical faculties, the ghosts of frustrations past and present gradually occupied that bright attic and turned it into a place of brooding.

The gift of Morphy to the world is imperishable. We of posterity equally with his contemporaries have the benefit of his flowering years of genius. To understand the tragic mystery of his later years is not to render him less reverence, but more.

Borochow Opens Beverly Season

Beverly Hills Chess Club opened its Fall season October 5 with a wallboard-illustrated talk by State Champion Borochow and a clever "Swiss plan" rapid transit tourney directed by Herman Steiner. Among those present, besides the Club regulars were Commander R. J. Straeten, J. E. Woodbury, Norman A. Pabst, Drs. Luban and Long, Messrs. Raynor, Freeman and Wolff of the Auto Club Chess group, Joseph Kleebert, J. H. Smith. The evening was rare good fun for everybody from start to finish.

Mr. Borochow expounded the Sicilian as defended by Irving Kashdan against him in the recent Chess Congress. It was "book" for the first 11 moves, as follows:

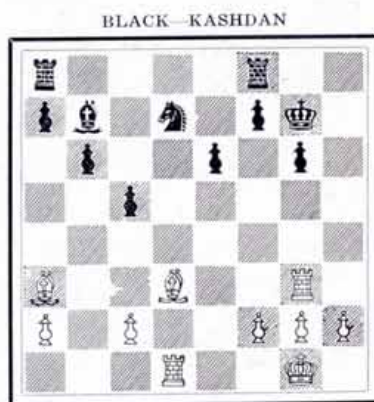
White—Borochow	Black—Kashdan
1. P-K4	1. P-QB4
2. Kt-KB3	2. P-K3
3. P-Q4	3. PxP
4. KtxP	4. Kt-KB3
5. Kt-QB3	5. B-Kt5
6. B-Q3	6. Kt-QB3
7. KtxKt	7. QPxKt
8. P-K5	8. Kt-Q2
9. Q-Kt4	9. Q-R4
10. O-O	10. BxKt
11. PxP	11. QxKt

Here the Los Angeles matador, by sticking the spearhead of B-KB4 vs. the ribs of the Black Queen, virtually invited the New Yorker to "eat" another pawn. He did so.

12. B-KB4	12. QxP
13. B-Q6	13. P-KR4
14. Q-Kt3	14. Q-Q5
15. B-R3	15. Q-K4
16. Q-R4	16. P-QB4
17. QR-Q	17. O-O
18. KR-K	18. Q-B3
19. QxP	19. P-KKt3
20. Q-R6	20. P-Kt3
21. R-K3	21. B-Kt2
22. R-Kt3	22. Q-Kt2
23. QxQ ch	23. KxQ

Look at the position with White about to play his 24th move! Both Bishops pointing, both Rooks developed, the objective Kkt6 twice attacked, and the black Knight "loose," i. e., unsupported. A cinch, really, for White.

"Unluckily for me," explained the speaker at this stage of the wallboard drama, "I made what might be called a 'rapid transit' move that only drew. That move was KBxP. Of course it won the piece right



back through Rook's capture of Knight; but as regards the subsequent checks or exchanges I had overlooked that K had a safe flight-squares to B and K2, and I couldn't do him other harm than get my material back.

"Winning move in all variations was B-Kt2 Ch. Whether Black retreats his King or attempts to cover the check with pawns or Knight, White overwhelms him quickly.

"Next you will see how the actual game ended—wherein Kashdan was forced to move his King back and forth on white squares, in reply to my repeated checks."

24. KBxP	24. PxP
25. RxKt ch	25. R-B2
26. B-Kt2 ch	26. K-B
27. R-Q6	27. K-K2
28. B-K5	28. B-K5
29. R-QR3	29. BxQBP
30. RxKtP	30. PxR
31. RxR	31. K-Q2
32. R-R7 ch	32. K-K
33. R-R8 ch	33. K-Q2
34. R-R7 ch	34. K-K

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Following the talk which lasted till 9:15, a rapid transit of fourteen contestants was played which wound up at 11.

In successive rounds as far as practicable, winners are paired vs. winners and losers vs. losers. Any three-game loser is eliminated. Without the use of the "knockout" the less skillful players are thus weeded out, and the semi-finals and finals have the value of quick climaxes.

Leading scores were: MacMahon, 6-1; Saltz, 5-2; Light and Jos. Lippman tied, 4½-2½.

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THE WHITE KNIGHT'S TOUR A Knight has a maximum of eight squares. In a problem when a white Knight is forced by Black to visit (either on the mating move or some intermediate move) its full quota of squares, it is then said that White has performed a "Knight's Tour." Another name for the stunt is the "Octagon Theme."

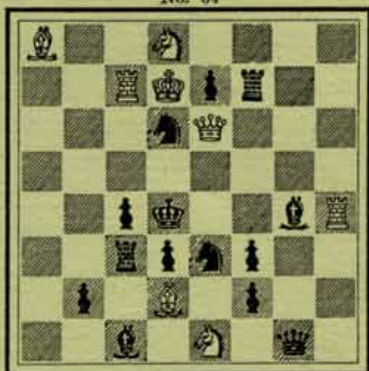
The most economical rendering we have seen, appeared in the St. Louis Globe, 1915 by Frank Janet, as follows:—2b5;R4K2;8;2S2k2;7Q;8;2p5;2r5. With R-R5 as the key, the reader can follow out the different knight moves, so as to acquaint himself with what is to follow in today's three-mover.

33. Continuing with the white knights tour or wheel, it might be of interest to quote the writer's achievement of a four-fold wheel. In 1916, inspiration came, through seeing a two-fold wheel, by S. Herland, to try my hand at a three-fold version. Success apparently crowned my efforts, but in 1927 an able solver, detected a thematic flaw which had gone unnoticed for ten years. Many attempts to correct the flaw proved fruitless, so a new matrix was formed, with the amazing find that a four-fold wheel was possible. Such are the trials of a composer.

34. A two-mover of heavyweight form, by M. Wrobel, Warsaw, selected from "Tidskrift Ned.—Schach."

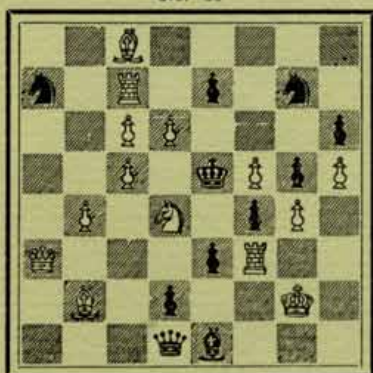
35. Competing problem, from, "Il Problema," by L. A. Jssaeff, Moscow. A tricky affair for a lightweight. The composer probably entered this to see what effect it would have on the solvers, rather than anticipating any tourney honors.

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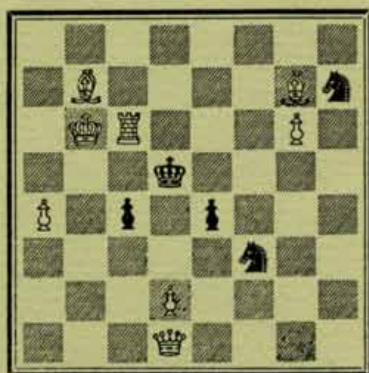
Mate in two.

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Mate in three.

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Mate in two.

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Solutions to Nos. 30, 31 and 32 are respectively R-Kt4, R-QB7, R-K7.

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Tudor, Los Angeles; R. B. Griffith, Beverly Hills; C. Howland, Oakland; Harley's "Mate in two moves" recommended; C. F. Lewis, Davis; E. Hearn, Vancouver; E. A. Ericksen, Seattle; Problem sent, is by Heathcote. F. Vaux Wilson, Jr., Omaha; Would like to review "Idengram." A. C. White, Litchfield; Thanks for comments. P. Bowater, Pasadena; Min. in "Observer," Aug., noted.

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