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Problems and Other Topics of Interest in the King of Games

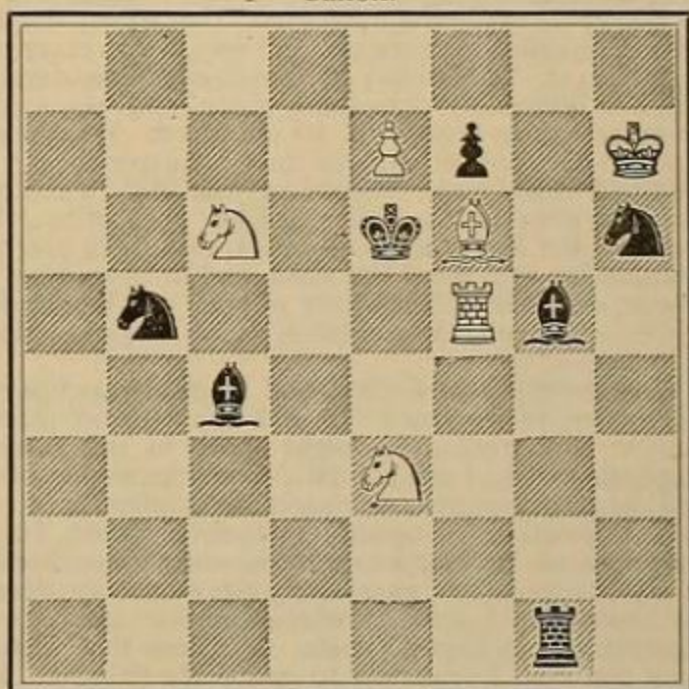
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Problem No. XXI.—By "Toz," Manchester.



Problem No. XXII.—By T. H. Hopwood.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution of Problem No. XV.

1—Q Kt8            1—Any move  
2—Q mates.

Solution of Problem No. XVI.

1—Q x RP	1—K x Kt (a)	(a) 1—	1—K B6
2—Q B6 ch	2—K x Q	2—Q R sq ch	2—Any move
3—B Kt2 mate.		3—Q R3 mate.	

Correct solutions received as follows:

Problem XIX—From G. A. Gutman, Willows; G. W. Gale, Sacramento.

Problem XX—From G. A. Gutman, Willows.

J. F. C. suggests that a not very difficult "four-mover" can be made of Problem XX by taking off Kt at R3 and placing White Pawn at White QKt3.

The solution to Problem XIV is correct. Variation (a), however, should be read as follows:

(a) 1—	1—R K4
2—R B2	2—B x R
3—Q Q6, mate.	

Answers to Correspondents.

J. C. L., San Rafael.—See correction. If Black, 1, Kt B4, 2, R x Kt, ch. If 2, R K4, interposing, 3, Q Q6, mate.

J. F. C.—Shall always be pleased to hear from you. Why not give us a specimen of your skill?

G. W. G., Sacramento.—Problem received. Shall comply with your request to the letter, and advise you of result. Many thanks for the interest you have taken.

G. A. G.—Sent problem by mail.

U. H., Salinas.—Have not heard from you lately. Hope to receive solutions as usual.

Game Played in the London Tournament of 1883.

This game, which was judged the most brilliant of the second tournament, received the Howard Taylor special prize of five guineas.

RUY LOPEZ.

<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>	<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>
Steinitz.	Rosenthal.	19—B K3	19—R K3
1—P K4	1—P K4	20—Kt QB3	20—Kt KB3
2—Kt KB3	2—K QB3	21—Kt QKt4	21—KR K sq
3—B QKt5	3—Kt KB3	22—Q Q2	22—B QB5
4—P Q3	4—B QB4	23—P QKt3	23—B QR4
5—P QB3	5—Q K2	24—Kt QB2	24—B QR3
6—Castles	6—Castles	25—P QKt4	25—B QB2
7—P Q4	7—B QKt3	26—P QKt5	26—B QKt2
8—B x Kt	8—Kt P x B	27—Kt QR4	27—Kt KR4
9—Kt x P	9—P Q3	28—Kt QB5	28—Kt x P
10—Kt x P	10—Q x P	29—Kt x R	29—R x Kt
11—Kt QKt4	11—P QB4	30—B KB4	30—Kt K5
12—Kt QB2	12—B QR3	31—R x Kt	31—P x R
13—R K sq	13—Q KR5	32—B x B	32—P x P
14—P KB3	14—P Q4	33—R K sq	33—R KKt3 ch
15—R K5	15—P x P	34—B KKt3	34—R x B ch
16—P x P	16—Kt Q2	35—P x R	35—P B7 ch
17—P KKt3	17—Q KR6	36—K x P	36—Q Kt7 ch
18—R K sq	18—QR K sq	37—K K3	37—Q B6 mate

"Chess is the only game, perhaps, which is played at for nothing, and yet warms the blood and brain as if the gamblers were contending for the deepest stakes. No person easily forgives himself who loses, though to a superior player. No one is ever known to flatter at this game by underplaying himself. It is certain this play is an exercise of the understanding; it is a contention who has the most solid brain, who can lay the deepest and wisest designs. It is, therefore, rarely known that a person of great vivacity and quickness, or one of very slow parts, is a master of this game."