

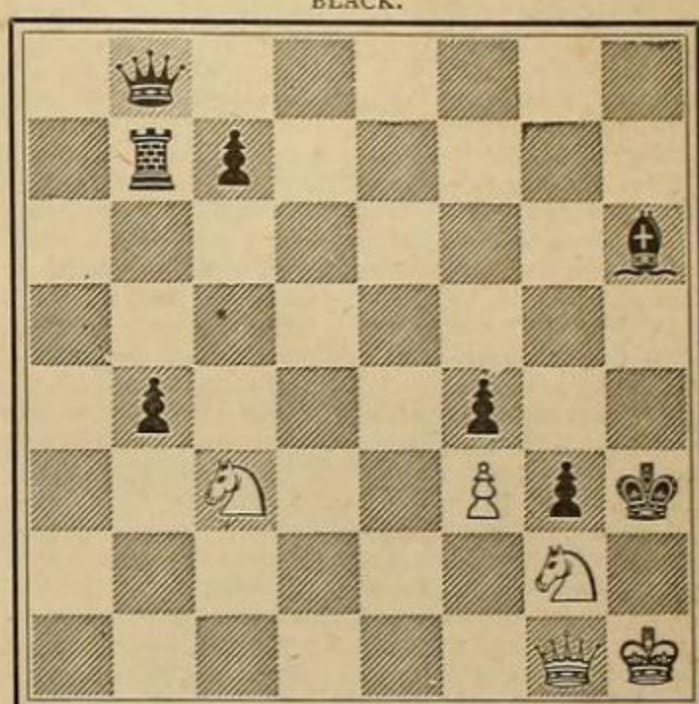
# THE CHESS-PLAYER.

All communications for this department should be addressed to "Chess Editor Argonaut, 213 Dupont Street, San Francisco, Cal." Original problems, games, solutions, and correspondence on Chess matters solicited.

Problem No. 118.—By F. B. Phelps, Sandwich, Ill.  
*Composed for the Argonaut.*

**WHITE**—King at KKt2; Queen at KKt6; Rook at QB3; Bishop at Kkt sq; Knight at QB2, QB8; Pawns at KB3, QKt5, QR2.  
**BLACK**—King at Q4; Rook at QKt2; Bishop at KB sq; Knights at KB8, QR4; Pawns at QR6, K4, Kkt2, Kkt6.  
White to play and mate in two moves.

Problem No. 119.—By C. H. Wheeler, South Lynne, Ill.  
*Composed for the Argonaut.*  
**BLACK.**



**WHITE.**  
White to play and mate in three moves.

### Solutions of Problems.

No. CVI—1—Q Kkt6

No. CVII—1—Kt K5  
2—P QB4 ch  
3—B or Q mates.

(a) 1— 2—QKkt6 ch 3—P mates.	1—K K5 2—Any move 3—Q or P mates.
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Correct solutions received: Problems Nos. 114 and 116, from U. Hartnell, Salinas City; Nos. 101, 103, and 107, from C. H. Wheeler, South Lynne, Ill.; No. 117, from E. A. Kusel, Oroville.

### To Correspondents.

H. & E. B., Cincinnati—Accept my thanks for your interest in my behalf. Will write you by mail.  
U. H.—Favors received, and thanks returned for prompt attention. How about No. 117?  
E. A. K.—Try Nos. 114 and 115 again. They will repay you for the trouble. In 115, if Black play 1—K B3, 2 Q x P ch, R interposes and no mate.  
F. B. P.—Am under many obligations for favors. Will you send copy of No. 235?

### Game No. 62.

Played December 8, 1884, at the Exhibition Rooms of the Baltimore Chess Association, between Messrs. Wm. Steinitz and A. G. Sellmann, both players conducting the partie without sight of board or men. We are indebted for the score of the game to Mr. W. E. Arnold, of Baltimore, Maryland:

#### TWO KNIGHTS' OPENING.

White. Sellmann.	Black. Steinitz.	White.	Black.
1—P K4	1—P K4	15—B Kt4	15—P KB4
2—Kt KB3	2—Kt QB3	16—P x P	16—P x P
3—Kt QB3	3—P Kkt3	17—QR K sq	17—Q B3
4—P Q4	4—P x P	18—B R5	18—Kt B4
5—Kt x P	5—B Kt2	19—R K3	19—R QKt sq
6—B K3	6—Kt B3	20—P QKt3	20—Kt K3
7—B K2	7—Castles	21—Kt K2	21—B Q2
8—Q Q2	8—P Q3	22—R K sq	22—K R sq
9—Castles, KR	9—Kkt Kt5	23—P QB4	23—P B4
10—Kt x Kt	10—P x Kt	24—R R3	24—B B3
11—B Q4	11—Kt K4	25—Q K3	25—Kt Kt2
12—P B4	12—Kt Q2	26—B B3	26—QR K sq
13—B x B	13—K x B	27—Q Q2	27—B x B
14—QR Q sq	14—Q K2	28—R x B	28—R K2
		29—R K3	29—R x R

At this point the game was by mutual agreement indefinitely adjourned. Our correspondent adds: "I am inclined to the humble opinion that our local pride was well content with the manner of termination, and the result appeared to have been only a matter of time."

The admirable chess column of the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, under the editorial charge of Mr. Ben. R. Foster, in a recent issue gives the result of the election for officers in the St. Louis Chess, Checker, and Whist Club, and in commenting upon the management of the club adds the following, which has the ring of the true metal: "When we are ready, which will be announced in due time, we propose to start the Morphy Chess Club, in honor of him who has made American chess to occupy so prominent a place in the world, and to exclude cards, liquor, and gambling from its rooms."

The initial number of the *Academy Review*, published by the pupils of Foster Academy, St. Louis, Missouri, has been issued. In addition to a variety of excellent matter, the *Review* contains a chess department, under the charge of the principal, who gives as his first installment a two-mover by S. Loyd, the celebrated game between Anderssen and Kieseritzky, and current news. The editors are to be congratulated upon this attractive feature of the *Review*, and we extend to them our hearty good wishes for their success.

The entrance fee to the New Orleans Chess, Checkers, and Whist Club has been reduced from twenty-five dollars to ten dollars, with the proviso that when the membership reaches twelve hundred the fee will again be raised to twenty-five dollars.

Mr. William Steinitz, during his recent visit to Boston, played twenty-three simultaneous games, winning them all. Out of four games, played *sans voir*, he won three and lost one.