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While the chess play of American Champion Marshall was a delight to behold, it is doubtful whether his charming, magnetic personality was not the more interesting to those who came in contact with him. Marshall made the same impression in the northwest. A writer in the Portland Journal declared that his quiet, unassuming manner and entire lack of the "swelled head," along with other characteristics, "betokened the great soul." Indeed, America is fortunate in her chess champion. His visit here will be a cherished memory for some time.

The summary of Marshall's four day stay at the Mechanics' institute, printed in this column last week, about covered the ground, except that on Thursday afternoon the visitor contested three games with Dr. W. R. Lovegrove, of which the champion won the first two, while the third was drawn.

Friday afternoon Marshall broke a friendly lance with the veteran, George Hallwegen. The latter, during his long career, has met some of the greatest exponents of the game, including Lasker, Pillsbury, Zukertort, and many of their chessic scraps dangle from his belt. So, when he sat down opposite the hero of Cambridge Springs, Hallwegen suffered from stage fright not at all.

With the black pieces the veteran resorted to his darling "Grass Valley" (Pianchetto) defense. But Marshall, by immediately advancing his king's rook pawn, cut up the king's wing and mated on his twenty-seventh move. Nothing daunted, Hallwegen took the white pieces, and Marshall adopted the Sicilian defense. With his precise knowledge of the openings, the champion secured such a good development that he was able to offer the sacrifice of a bishop on his fifteenth move by capturing white's KRP, and at the same time ferociously illustrated the wisdom of Steinitz's dictum that frequently the advanced KRP at B3 becomes the target of attack. However, the veteran declined the Grechan gift and so well did he defend (aided by a risky combination by Marshall that proved faulty) that the visitor waved his hand as a courteous token of surrender on his fortieth move. Both parties are printed below in game department.

Dr. R. B. Griffiths, now of Los Angeles, but formerly a student at the University of Pennsylvania and member of the famous Franklin Chess club of Philadelphia, and one of the best combination players in the United States, was a visitor at the institute Friday afternoon. Griffiths is out of active chess, but has not forgotten the 32 points of the game by any means. Friday evening an impromptu rapid transit tournament was arranged. Marshall made a clean sweep, but in at least three of the games his opponents had a winning advantage. The champion defeated Griffiths, Gruer, Clarke, Hallwegen and Marsing in the order named, thus capturing both first and second prizes!

Marshall is naturally particular about press reports of his simultaneous performances, especially as regards the time consumed in finishing the games. Therefore it will be doing a justice to Marshall to correct an error in the newspaper accounts of his second simultaneous exhibition Thursday evening, July 2, which was given as seven hours! The visitor's actual time for both sittings was: Tuesday evening, 21 boards, 3 hours, 25 minutes; Thursday evening, 38 boards, 3 hours, 40 minutes. Very good time for both.

At Portland the champion met 43 opponents simultaneously, winning 41 games, with two drawn. Marshall also played blindfold against the club in consultation.

The masters' tournament of the Rice Chess club of New York City began on July 1 with an entry list comprising Capablanca, Duras, Chajes, Grommer, Phillips, Kupchik, Tenenwursel, Black, Heifetz, Stapper, Adair, Marder and Bernstein.

Capablanca scored his first game against the Rice club champion, Grommer, in 44 moves. Duras, the Bohemian master of Prague, was scheduled to meet Roy T. Black, ex-champion of the Brooklyn Chess club, but was not on hand. He is supposed to be en route and in the meantime his games will be postponed.

Harrwitz, the great Prussian player, had a sharp tongue as well as sharp chess ability. In his match with Staunton he made a move which caused lengthy consideration on the part of the English master. Staunton leaned back in his chair and stroked his forehead, giving the spectators the impression that he was undergoing great mental agonies. The more he looked at the position, the less he liked it. At length he savagely exclaimed, "Well, I've lost a move," and plunked down a piece.

Harrwitz, coolly rising in his place, jingled the bell to call a waiter. Upon one coming: "Waiter, look about for a move!" Mr. Staunton has lost one.—Staten Islander.

The American Chess Bulletin for July contains, along with other interesting matter, an account of the San Francisco-Los Angeles Decoration day telegraphic match with a table showing results. A half page is devoted to a summary of the recent Mechanics' institute championship tourney. The final standing is also given in tabular form. San Francisco is thus on the chess map again.

There is an elaborate review of Doctor Tarrasch's latest work, "The Modern Chess Game: Critical Studies of More Than 200 Selected Master Games of the Last Ten Years, with Especial Reference to the Openings, Particularly the Ray Lopez and Queen's Gambit." Concluding his review of the book, the reviewer remarks:

"Our author's conclusions, respecting the more popular openings, are. The Ray Lopez has lost much of its terror for the defense within the last year or two. The P—QR3 defense is best, followed by 4 B—R4, Kt—B3; 5 Castles, KtxP. The modern defense to the Queen's Gambit Declined, 2½ P—QB4, is the strongest at black's command and enables him to equalize: the 'orthodox' defense, 3 Kt—QB3, Kt—KB3, is inferior, as is the confining 3½ P—QB3. The King's Gambit accepted, either on move two or later, as in the Vienna game, is not good. The French defense is unsafe in all variations. The Sicilian can at most result in a draw against correct play. The Caro-Kann gives black about an even game.

"Viewed from any standpoint, Doctor Tarrasch's book must be considered a most important and valuable contribution to the literature of chess."

Through an oversight in the press report Prof. B. A. Bernstein of Berkeley was "choused" out of a well earned draw with Marshall at Tuesday evening's simultaneous performance.

GAME DEPARTMENT

The following installment of Marshall games will be of interest, including, as it does, a blindfold game, a consultation game, and three others. The Marshall-Hallwegen simultaneous game will be found most extraordinary, 21

Game No. 70
FIANCHETTO

Marshall (white) vs. Hallwegen (black). (Simultaneous Exhibition, July 2, 1913.)

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P—K4	P—KK13	12 K1—B4	P—B4
2 P—Q4	P—K3	13 KK1—B3	P—QB3
3 P—KB4	B—K12	14 K1—K15	P—B3
4 K1—KB3	P—Q2	15 K1—B3	B—K
5 B—Q3	K1—K2	16 P—B3	P—B2
6 Castles	Castles	17 K—R	P—QB6
7 P—QB3	P—QK13	18 P—K13	Q—Q2
8 Q—B2	B—Q2	19 P—KK14	B—K1
9 B—K3	QK1—B3	20 B—KK1	K1—QB4
10 K1—Q2	K—R	21 B—K12	P—B4
11 QR—K	P—QB4		Drawn

Game No. 71
DANISH GAMBIT

Marshall (white) vs. Ryder and Gruer (black). (Played July 2, 1913.)

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P—K4	P—K4	22 K1—Q4	K—R
2 P—Q4	PxP	23 K1(Q2)—B1	P—K13
3 P—QB3	PxP	24 K—R	Q—B2
4 P—QB4	PxP	25 K1—B4	K—B2
5 BxP	P—Q3	26 R—B3	P—B4
6 K1—KE3	K1—QB3	27 PxB.p.	K1(K15)xP
7 Castles	B—K3	28 R—B3	P—B6
8 BxB	PxB	29 KtxK1	KtxK1
9 Q—K12	Q—Q2	30 BxP	KtxP
10 K1—K15	K1—Q3	31 PxB1	BxB
11 P—B4	P—KB3	32 BxB	BxB
12 K1—B3	N1—KB3	33 K—K12	P—K14
13 QR—Q2	B—B2	34 K1—B3	Q—B4
14 QR—Q3	Castles	35 QxQ	RxQ
15 P—B3	P—Q1	36 R—QR	P—R
16 P—K13	K1—QB4	37 R—R1ch	K—K13
17 P—QB4	P—QK14	38 P—B3	B—K12
18 PxB	P—B5	39 B—K1	BxP
19 Q—Q3	K1—K15	40 BxPch	B—B3
20 Q—R15	Q—K	41 R—Q5	Drawn
21 Q—K14	P—Q4		

Game No. 72
"GRASS VALLEY"

Marshall (white) vs. Hallwegen (black). (Played July 4, 1913.)

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P—K4	P—KK12	15 B—B4	BxB
2 P—KB4	B—K12	16 PxB	P—KK14
3 P—B5	P—K1	17 QxB	KK1—K13
4 P—Q1	K1—K2	18 K1—B3	K1—B2
5 K1—QB3	P—Q4	19 Q—B6	KtxP
6 P—K5	P—QB3	20 Q—K17	Q—K2
7 B—Q5	R1—Q2	21 B—K1	PxB
8 PxB	RxB	22 K1—K1ch	K—Q3
9 BxBch	BxB	23 QxB	Q—Q1
10 Q—K14	B—K12	24 P—K15!	K1—K
11 Q—B4	K1—R	25 R—R	Q—K12
12 B—K15	K—Q2	26 R—B1	QxQ
13 Castles	Q—K	27 RxBmate	
14 P—KK14	P—K13		

Game No. 73
SICILIAN

Hallwegen (white) vs. Marshall (black).

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P—K4	P—QB4	16 K1(Q2)Q4?	B—K13
2 K1—KB3	P—K3	17 K1—B2	B—K7(?)
3 K1—B3	P—Q4	18 KxB	KtxBP
4 PxB	PxP	19 KxB	RxBch
5 B—K15ch	K1—B3	20 K1—K15	QxK1
6 P—KB3	K1—B3	21 K1—B3	Q—B5ch
7 Castles	B—K2	22 R—R	B—K1ch
8 P—Q4	Castles	23 K1—B	P—KB4
9 RxB1	PxB	24 R—B3	Q—K5
10 K1—K5	Q—B2	25 R—B3	P—B4
11 B—K	B—Q3	26 R—B3	Q—K2
12 K1—K3	QR—K1	27 R—B3	P—Q5
13 P—QK13	B—B4	28 P—B4ch	K—R
14 PxB	BxB	29 P—K14	P—B5
15 B—K12	RxBP	30 R—B3	Q—K5ch
16 K1—K2	B—K5	31 R—B3	Q—B5ch
17 Q—Q2	QR—K	32 K1xQ	Resigns

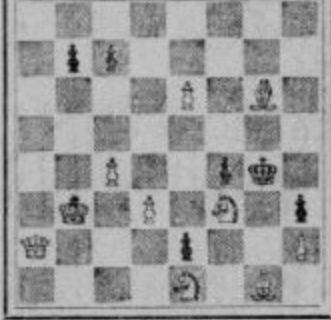
Game No. 74
QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Marshall, blindfolded (white), vs. Portland C. C. (black). (Played at Portland, June 28, 1913.)

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P—Q4	P—Q4	17 BxBch	K1(K4)xB
2 P—QB4	P—K3	18 B—K1	Q—R4
3 K1—QB3	K1—KB3	19 RxBP	B—QB
4 B—K15	B—K2	20 Q—K12	K1—B4
5 P—K3	K1—Q2	21 BxBch	KxB
6 K1—K5	P—QK13	22 QxB	NR—Q
7 B—R	P—B4	23 Q—K5ch	K—B
8 PxBP	K1xBP	24 K1—K13	Q—B2
9 PxB	Q—B4	25 Q—R	KtxK1
10 P—QB3	QxP	26 BxB1	PxB
11 B—Q3	Q—K13	27 QxB	Q—B6
12 Castles	QxP	28 Q—K1ch	B—K1
13 K1—B4	QxP	29 K1—B3	K—R
14 K1—Q4	K1—K4	30 RxBch	K—K1
15 B—K1	Q—K13	31 K1xR	Resigns
16 B—B5	B—Q2		

PROBLEMS

PROBLEM NO. 57. BY A. OBERHANSLL.
Black—6 Pieces.



White—10 Pieces.
White to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM NO. 58. BY A. CORRIAR.
(First prize "Tribuna Sport." 1898.)
Black—8 Pieces.



White—7 Pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTIONS

PROBLEM NO. 52. BY M. FEIGL.
Key: P—B7.
Variations very good.—"Ignoramus."

PROBLEM NO. 53. BY O. WURZBURG.
Key: R—B4.
Not easy. A very subtle move.—"Ignoramus."

PROBLEM NO. 54. BY S. LOYD.
Key: Q—R.
Loyd is always good, sometimes better, and quite frequently best.—"Ignoramus."

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C. O. T., City—Construction fair, key move un satisfactory for this column.
L. Halle, City—Your problem will appear next week.

W. K. Vandegrift—Will you kindly send us your address? An old acquaintance requests the information.

The Staten Islander notices our new head device as follows:
"Nut-crackers" is a name playfully given to the solvers of chess problems, and the greatest book devoted to chess problems ever published in America was named by K. B. Cook "American Chess-nuts." The San Francisco Call has a new design for the heading of its chess column in which two nut-crackers are pictured—two squirrels, each cracking a nut."

Cricket Championship Games Today

The Barbarians and the Golden Gates will continue the cricket championship schedule at Golden Gate park stadium wicket this afternoon.

The Golden Gates at present lead the race for the championship pennant, and should they defeat the Barbarians today it will clinch the title for the club.

The teams for the game have been announced as follows:

Barbarians—Fos, Lafferty, Stewart, Kellett, Abney, Pomeroy, Thomas, Newman, A. Pepper, J. Pepper, Pickering, Hodson, Bushy, Tyler.
Golden Gates—Stevens, Lewis, E. Spencer, A. Spencer, A. Paine, C. Paine, J. Priest, E. Kager, W. Jackson, B. Major, A. Sergeant.