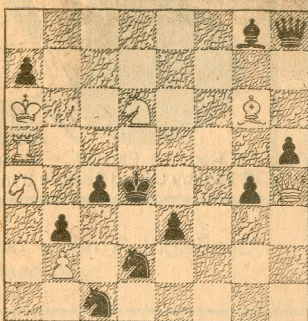


# Chess

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## PROBLEM

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White to play and mate in two moves.

## TAKING ACERS ON

San Francisco expert Joe Tracy submits two games played against USCF Master Jude Acers recently for a small stake. Tracy wins the first game neatly after Acers captures a poisoned rook. In the second game, however, the master takes a spectacular revenge.

White: Joseph Tracy. Black: Jude Acers.

1. N-KB3	P-QB4	24. N×Q	K-B2
2. P-KN3	P-Q4	25. N×NP	RP×N
3. B-N2	N-QB3	26. RxBch	K-N3
4. O-O	B-N5	27. K-N2	P-R4
5. P-B4	P-K3	28. K-B3	P-R5
6. P-N3	N-B3	29. K-N4	P×P
7. P-K3	P-Q5	30. P×P	P-B3
8. P-Q3	P-K4	31. R-KN7	P-N4
9. R-K1	B-K2	32. K-B5	R-KR1
10. P×P	B×N	33. K×P	R×P
11. B×B	Q×P	34. P-B4	P×P
12. Q-B2	Q×R	35. P×P	R-R6
13. B×Nch	P×B	36. P-B5	K-R4
14. N-B3	P-K5	37. K-B7	R-K6
15. P×P	O-O-O	38. R-N8	K-N5
16. B-Q2	RxB(a)	39. R-N8ch	K-B6
17. Q×R	N×P	40. P-B6	K-Q5
18. N×N	Q-Q5(b)	41. K-B8	K-B6
19. Q-B4	R-B1	42. P-B7	R-K8
20. Q-B5ch	K-N1	43. K-N7	R-N8ch
21. N-N5	P-N3	44. K-R6	R-R8ch
22. N-B3	Q-Q3	45. K-N5	R-N8ch
23. Q-K5	Q×Q	46. K-R4	resigns

(a) 16 . . . QxRch may be better.

(b) Black has saved his Queen, but at the cost of weak pawns and a dangerously exposed King.

(Concluded tomorrow)

**SOLUTION to Problem: 1. Q-K7.**