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SIR ORACLE PEEPS INTO THE FUTURE

What Will Be the Fate of Chess?--Some Reflections Occasioned
by Recent Prophecies of the Turn of War

It is unlikely that Chess will survive the Age of Unrest, quite untouched. For Chess in its 400-year-old form does not represent fin-de-siecle War. (1) Its activities are on one plane. (2) Nothing of the destructiveness of modern implements is adumbrated.

Directly one Nation destroyed another by a sudden sky attack, mimicry of the elder feudal warfare would become meaningless, wouldn't it? Our Game might then be relegated to the primitive remote corners where bombs and gassing, airplanes and tanks did not enter.

In such an era an adequate War Game would have an uneven terrain with plenty of hazards; key posts instead of squares disputed for possession; pieces of swifter mobility and larger powers; above all, a ceiling that would control to a large extent the proceedings below.

It is not suggested that the private person would take such a New Chess field into his home. But Master teams could vie in panoramas and auditoriums before vast crowds looking spellbound at the mimic representation of the ways of War...Games are like lore and often sturdily stand 500 years behind the Times. When, however, those days get too old and knights no longer sway and bishops are outmoded and kings and queens are figurines and castles meaningless, what will the answer be? Won't Invention get busy over the new instrumentalities?

Forgive us, Standpatters, if we have spoken out of turn. We love our present Chess, Morphyism, Steinitzism, hyper-modernism and all. The latter has taught us how to "dig in" and how to practice "remote control." Nevertheless we cannot but feel that it is a state of transition from the old feudal Attacks of the classical game to some new revolutionary concept.

We venture to predict that Chess will not "stay in the trenches" throughout the next fifty years. Straws in the wind to that effect are that the Russians have renamed their Pieces after the new martial instruments and the Peruvians already conduct their War Chess game in three elevations--- below, the submarine; above, the tank; in the ceiling, the airplane.

RESHEVSKY, NEW CHAMPION, ON TOUR OF AMERICA

Under the management of Hermann Helms, 150 Nassau St., New York, U. S. Champion Samuel Reshevsky is making his first transcontinental tour since he won the title. He hopes to visit all the places in which he exhibited as a Child Prodigy 15 years ago, and a good many more....He was last seen on the West Coast in 1932 when he shared third at Pasadena with Herman Steiner and Arthur Dake. In the intervening four years he has become an international figure and a logical contender for World honors....The set price of \$50 each for his Exhibitions is not high when the costs of being a Grand Master are considered. In addition to the fee, Reshevsky asks his transportation expense from the preceding "date."

CURRENT AND COMING TOURNEYS

Our 1937 NORTH AMERICAN Championship is under way, the 1st Section having been assigned ere Nov. 1, and the books are now open for another Sect. Interesting opponents and prompt play are promised to the further Entrants, together with the opportunity of vying for the League's top honors if playing through to the Final Round of the Sectional winners...The 1937 MINOR AMERICANS will be assigned around Nov. 20 and the first of the year respectively. The Event is limited to Class C players, with double round and Prize awards equal to those of the more general Tourney...Those wishing to enter the November-December NEW PRIZE QUARTERLIES, are invited to make known their wishes pronto, as the season of making up the battalions is at hand.

We are announcing on January 1st the full details of our GRAND SWEEPSTAKES OF 1937-38, a big Event for which there is already considerable demand. It suffices now to say that there will be six graded Sections of 7 players each, two-games-to-the-opponent, therefore plenty of equal play based on careful selections---eighteen months' Time Limit---necessary adjudications thereafter by our experts---1st, 2d, 3d and 4th-place substantial awards in cash or cash credits. Fee, \$2.50 per Sect. Not too early to arrange NOW to have it in next season's portfolio!

IT'S CALIFORNIA 147 - ILLINOIS 65
AS INTERSTATE MATCH NEARS END

As the Old Year goes out on December 31st, the last moves of the celebrated California vs. Illinois Match will have been played. At that time contestants are asked to turn over the scores of any unfinished games to the Calif. captain, Henry MacMahon, 9441 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif., or Illinois captain, Montgomery Major, 215 Ninth St., Wilmette, Ills., respectively. (NOTE:-Don't leave to the Opponent the task of doing this. We want both sides' scores. Decisions can be more quickly reached thus.) By March 1, then, the Match should be fully wound up.

With the Point score standing as of October 26 CALIFORNIA 147 - ILLINOIS 65, the probable outcome disappoints Illinois officials who had expected a mid-western victory. They are game, sportsmanlike losers, and it is only fair to state that California's overwhelming superiority is largely due to the many defaults on the part of Chicago 'board-players' who lack Correspondence stick-to-it-iveness. Nevertheless, very many excellent games have been played, and acquaintances and friendships cemented that will far outlast the 18 months' term of the Match. Let's have good active play the last two months!

In addition to the perfect scores of Fred Cook and E. C. Green mentioned in the last issue, some other notable completed scores are: For Illinois, #2 Carl R. Wood 4-2 and #3 Wm. Youngquist 5-1. For California, #1 Chern 4 1/2 - 1 1/2. #2 Tudor 5-1 and MacMahon 4 1/2 - 1 1/2. #4, Judge Wood 4-2. All the above were well earned scores, as defaults were rare in those Sects.

INDIVIDUAL GAME REPORTS TO OCTOBER 27, 1936

MAJOR PLAYOFFS. East-West Finals: Spellman 1/2 - Hummel 1/2; Johnson 1 - Hummel 0; Spellman 1/2 - Trull 1/2. 1935 North American Finals: Chern 1 - Cook 0; MacMahon 1 - Cook 0; Chern 1/2 - MacMahon 1/2.

CALIF. VS. ILLS. INTERSTATE MATCH. (Calif. names first.) Sect. #1. Chern 1--Klimek-Smoron 0; Carlson-Seligmann 1--Klimek-Smoron 0; Roth-Reeves-Seligmann 1--Markus 0; Farley 0 - Markus 1.
 #2. Gayer 0 - Don Moore 1; G. L. Wood 0 - Don Moore 2.
 #3. Frigon 1 - Reinhardt 0; Frigon 2 - DeLay 0 (Fft.); Perkins 0 - Holt 1; Pedrick 0 - Holt 1; Pedrick 1 - Reinhardt 1; Perkins 0 - Reinhardt 2.
 #4. Brown 1 - Bodenstad 1; Carmany 2 - Herda 0; Carmany 1 - Donat 0; Applegate 1/2 - Coldeway 1 1/2; Van De Grift 0 - Bodenstad 1; Van De Grift 0 - G. Moore 2.
 #5. Chase 2 - Leech 0. #6. Pearsall 1 - Cohen 1.
 #7. Dr. Waters 2 - E. G. Hinson 0 (Fft.); Guzman 2 - Dr. Stephan 0 (Fft.); Waters 2 - Stephan 0 (Fft.)
 #8. Borochow 1 - Factor 1; Travers 2 - Grijorieff 0 (Fft.); Spero 2 - Engholm 0 (Fft.)
 #9. Jordan 1 - Atkinson 0; Jordan 1 - Bostwick 1; Hart 0 - Atkinson 1; Wildt 2 - Wheaton 0.
 #10. Nuttmann 1/2 - Jures 1 1/2; Nuttmann 1 - Major 1; Nuttmann 1 1/2 - MacKenzie 1/2; Newcombe 1 - MacKenzie 0; Newcombe 1 - Jures 1; Grant 1 - Krebill 0; Aldwell 0 - Keller 2; Gayer 1 - Keller 1; Grant 2 - Keller 0.
 NOTE: On account of the death of Oscar Keller on Sept. 27, the unfinished Keller game vs. Gayer and the unfinished one vs. Grant were decided by adjudication.

1936 NORTH AMERICAN. Sect. #1. Pearsall 1 - Guzman 0.

Sect. #2. Hummel 1 - Meeker 0; Pearsall 1/2 - Dr. Ellis 1/2; Saberhagen resigned remaining games to Hummel and Gardner.

1936 MINOR AMERICAN. Sect. #1. Ramsey 1 - G. L. Wood 0; H. Gardner 1 - G.P. Moore 0; H. Gardner 1/2 - Blaney 1/2; Ramsey 1 - Saarela 0; Saarela 1/2 - Moore 1/2; H. Gardner 1/2 - Ramsey 1/2. Sect. #2. Mills 1 - Hart 0.

1936 CLASS A ANNUALS. Chern 1/2 - Cook 1/2. Class B. Dr. Ellis 1 - Woods 0; Dr. Ellis 1 - Judge Wood 0. Class C. Prewett 1 - Fielding 0.

1937 B ANNUALS. (First Blood.) Dr. Goffin 1 - Lewis 0.

QUEEN'S KNIGHT HANDICAPS. (Odds Givers' names first.) Sect. #1. Gayer 1 - Brodt 0; Gayer 1 - Fielding 0; Chern 1 - Brodt 0; MacMahon 1 - Brodt 0; Van De Grift 0 - H. Gardner 1. Having defeated Fielding, Christopher, Miller, Gardner, Brodt, Mr. Gayer attains perfect score of 5-0 in this Section.

Sect. #3. Pearsall 1 - G. L. Wood 0; Brown 1 - G. L. Wood 0; Brown 1 - Miller 0; Brown 0 - Moore 1; Gayer 1 - Butler 0.

VAN'S QUEEN'S GAMBIT. #2. Asman 1 - Beattie 0; Asman 1/2 - R.J. Gardner 1/2.
 #7. Saarela 1 - Seaton 0. #8. Murray 1 - Angel 0; Murray 1 - Seaton 0.

NEW PRIZE QUARTERLIES. Sect. #2. Dr. Waters 2 - Murray 0; Murray 2 - Sheppard 0.
 Sect. #4. Spellman 1 - Gayer 0; Spellman 1/2 - Van De Grift 1/2.
 " #6. Asman 1 - Brodt 0.
 " #9. Gayer 1 - Nolan 0; Fielding 1 - Gayer 0.
 " #10. Thomas 1 1/2 - Robins 1/2. #12. Chern 1 - Fielding 0.
 " #16. Hujber obliged to withdraw from this and his other Events.
 " #17. Asman 1 - Sheldon 0. #18. Chern 1 - Winslow 0.
 " #20. Prewett 1 - Rev. Lake 0. #21. Saarela 1 - H. Gardner 0.
 " #21. Saarela 1 - H. Gardner 0.
 " #24. Ramsey 1 - Prewett 0; Ramsey 1 - G. L. Wood 0; Prewett 1/2 - G. L. Wood 1/2.
 " #25. Hart 1 - Prewett 1; Hart 1 - Sheldon 0; Werner 1 - Hart 0; Prewett 1 - Werner 0.

- NEW PRIZE QUARTERLIES (Cont'd). #26. Asman 1 - Prewett 0.
 #27. Smoron 1 - Schoettler 0.
 #29. Asman 1 - G.L. Wood 0. #30. Dr. Ellis 1/2 - Dr. Seligmann 1/2.
 #31. C.R.Wood 1 - Werner 0; C.R.Wood 1 - Dr. Waters 0; Werner 2 - Fallert 0 (Fft.). #32. Christopher 1 - Howard Gardner 0.
 #33. Chern 1 - Steputat 0; Chern 2 - Fallert 0 (Fft.); Harris 2 - Fallert 0 (Fft.). Harris resigned remaining games; opponents' credits.
 #34. Nolan withdrew in this and Qtlies #36 & #37; credits.
 #35. Winslow 1 - Steputat 0. #36. Asman 2 - McCombie 0; McCombie 2 - Voltz 0 (Fft.).

PAUL MORPHY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

- RUY LOPEZ #2. MacMahon 1 - Dr. Ellis 0. #3. Judge Wood 1 - Seaton 0; Ramsden 1 - Seaton 0. NOTE: Ramsden continues to play the Judge and Mr. Seaton in this Sect.
 #4. Harris & Chase withdrew here and in #4 Two Knights; credits to opponents.
TWO KNIGHTS #2. Spellman 1 - Ramsden 0. #3. McCombie 1 - Seaton 0; Lewis 1 - Seaton 0; Lewis 1 - McCombie 1.
EVANS GAMBIT #1. Pearsall 1 - Dr. Ellis 0; Dr. Ellis 2 - Ramsden 0.
 #2. R. J. Gardner 1 - Seaton 0. #3. Pedrick 1 - G.L.Wood 1; Lewis 2 - Padrick 0. #4. MacMahon 2 - C. R. Wood 0; Spellman 1 - MacMahon 0.
 #6. MacMahon 1 - Saarela 0. Hujber out of this Event and King's Gambit.
KING'S GAMBIT #1. C.R.Wood 1 - Spellman 0; C.R.Wood 1 - MacMahon 1.
 #2. Eichelberger 1 - Seaton 0; G. L. Wood 1 - Seaton 0.
 #3. Pedrick 1 - H.Gardner 0. #4. Dr. Ellis 2 - Fallert 0 (Fft.)

SOME RECENTLY COMPLETED EVENTS

- The first of the Morphy Events to finish: TWO KNIGHTS #3. Lewis, MacMahon 4-2; McCombie 3 1/2 - 2 1/2; Seaton 1/2 - 5 1/2.
NPQ #2: Dr. Waters 8-0; Murray 6-2; Sheppard 4-4; Thompson, Hartley out.
NPQ #4: Van De Grift, Sharp 6 1/2 - 1 1/2; Spellman 4 1/2 - 3 1/2; Gayer 3-5; Thompson out.
NPQ #6: Judge Wood 7-1; Asman 5-3; Brodt, Lake 4-4; Miss Sloane out.
NPQ #7: Prewett, McCombie 5 1/2 - 2 1/2; Brodt, G.L. Wood 4 1/2 - 3 1/2; Mills failed to finish.
NPQ #18: Chern 7-1; Hujber 5 1/2 - 2 1/2; Winslow 4-4; Mitchell 2-6; C.R. Wood 1 1/2 - 6 1/2.
NPQ #22: G. P. Moore 6 1/2 - 1 1/2; Judge Wood 6-2; Hart 4-4; Pedrick 3 1/2 - 4 1/2; Waldron out.

"A NEST OF CHESS GANGSTERS"

That is the way that a man not very courteously described a Sectional group of ours after he played ten or twelve moves and then hurriedly withdrew. He was not very like the other man who wrote us that he learned by his losses and begged us to bring on "the biggest and best" so that he could learn more.

Goodness knows we're not "ganging" anybody! Officers and clientele are noted for giving everyone "a break." The first man happened to come in at the tail-end of an important Tournament booking when one or two on the "left-over" list were tough. If he had entered early, he would have met none of the "Eat-em-Alive" kind whatever.... The other chap would gladly play Euwe or Reshevsky if asked to, and we have no doubt that he will!

SINCERE EXPRESSION OF THANKS

We are asked to convey to all his "friendly enemies" the warm thanks of Judge Geo. L. Wood of Carmel for their letters and inquiries and especially to the opponents who patiently awaited his recovery and resumption of games on returning from Hospital the last week of October.

DEAD LINES ON JANUARY 1 REPORTER-BULLETIN

Send text scores to reach us by December 15. Game reports must be here by December 24 in order to ensure publication.

CALIFORNIA & ILLINOIS CHAMPIONS
BROKE EVEN IN THE INTERSTATE

In the eighth Sect. of the Interstate Match sponsored by ISCA and NACCL Champion Harry Borochof of California and Champion Samuel Factor of Illinois had truly Homeric combats that lasted nearly a year and wound up only late last summer. At the end the score stood Borochof 1 - Factor 1. Each had a marked advantage in his partie conducting the White pieces. Therefore by agreement both parties were drawn, as it would have taken months additional to complete the slow endings....Here is Mr. Borochof's A Game in which he successfully managed the Vienna Opening vs. the Illinoisan's classical defence.

<u>White---BOROCHOW</u>	<u>Black---FACTOR</u>
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-QB3	N-QB3
3. B-B4	B-B4
4. Q-N4	P-KN3 (a)
5. Q-B3	N-B3
6. KN-K2	P-Q3
7. P-KR3	N-Q5
8. NxN	PxN (b)
9. N-R4	B-K3
10. NxB	PxN (c)
11. P-Q3	N-Q2
12. BxB	PxB
13. Q-N4	Q-K2
14. B-N5	Q-B2
15. P-KB4	P-KR3
16. B-R4	N-B3
17. BxN	QxB
18. O-O	O-O-O
19. P-B5	NPxP
20. PxP	QR-K
21. QR-K	PxP (d)
22. RxR Ch	RxR
23. RxP	Q-K3
24. P-QN3! (e)	P-N3
25. R-B6!	QxQ
26. PxQ	R-K7 (f)
27. RxRP	RxBP
28. P-N5	Drawn (g)

- a. The early maneuvering of the White Q is already justified, since it produces weakening of the sable Pawn structure.
- b. The doubling of the Ps proves to be not so good for Black.
- c. Note that now White has King-side Pawn superiority, and his four on the other side will hold back Black's five.
- d. The alternative of 21....P-K4 would increase White's drag, with 3 Ps to 1 to push forward on the King's wing.

(Cont.next column)

e. This rather peculiar-looking Move essential in order to maintain all of White's threats and stop Black's counter threat of P-B5.

f. R-R would have been bad, relegating Black's major piece to defensive role. R-N would result in a passed NP for White, a winning advantage.

g. A probable continuation would be 28..K-Q2; 29.R-B6, K-K2; 30.R-B3, R-K7; 31.P-N6, R-K3; 32.R-B7 Ch, K-K; 33.RxP,RxP; 34.RxP, with advantage to White.

WES BRODT'S THOROUGH MATE

Member H. Wesley Brodt of Wilkes-Barre is the lad who knows how to pile on the complete Mate. Pray what are Pawn nuances when you can have stuff like the sub-joined? After getting his QB crowded off the board, Wes dove into the ensuing sable weaknesses and at the end he had Q, R, B, two Kts & P annihilating the unfortunate pursued Monarch! From our 1936 Class C Annuals.

<u>White---BRODT</u>	<u>Black---MR.X</u>
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-QB4	P-K3
3. N-QB3	P-QB4
4. N-B3	N-QB3
5. B-N5	P-B3
6. B-R4	P-KR4
7. P-K3	P-KN4
8. B-Q3	PxB
9. B-N6 Ch	K-K2
10. PxQP	PxP (Q4)
11. PxBP	B-K3
12. NxRP	N-K4
13. Q-B2	R-R3
14. O-O-O	P-R3
15. N-B5 Ch	K-Q2
16. NxQP	Q-R4
17. N-QN6 Ch	K-B3
18. KN-Q4 Ch	K-B2
19. N(Q4)xB Ch	K-B3
20. B-K4 Ch	K-N4
21. N-Q4 Ch	K-N5
22. N-Q5 mate	

WHO'S WHO IN MASTER CIRCLES

I. A. Horowitz won the recent Philadelphia Congress of the A.C.F. and "Ike" Kashdan re-won the New York State title whilst Reshevsky and Fine in the international field were attaining high-up positions in the Nottingham, England, tourney which we described in last issue. At Nottingham after Botwinnik and Capablanca the tied winners, the World Champion Dr. Euwe and Messrs. Reshevsky and Fine shared third, fourth and fifth prizes.

EICHEL'S RABBIT-HAT TRICK

The gallant L. S. Eichelberger of Chicago is an amusing and instructive player with whom it isn't safe to take liberties. As a specimen of his style we print here his Petroff Defence vs. a cunning Old Leaguer. Their mutual offers of sacrifice were mutually rejected, then Eichelberger copped a Pawn and -- Like a rabbit out of a hat-- produced a surprise move B-K6 Ch at sight of which the devotee of the Elder School threw up his hands.

<u>White----</u> MR. ZED	<u>Black-</u> EICHELBERGER
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-KB3
3. NxP	P-Q3
4. N-KB3	NxP
5. P-Q4	P-Q4
6. B-Q3	B-Q3
7. O-O	O-O
8. P-B4	B-K3
9. Q-B2	P-KB4
10. Q-N3	P-QN3
11. R-K	P-QB3
12. BxN	BPxB
13. N-N5	Q-B3
14. Q-B2	B-KB4
15. B-K3	N-Q2
16. P-QN3	P-KR3
17. Q-Q2	N-K4
18. P-KB4	N-N5
19. N-KR3	NxB
20. RxN	BxN
21. RxB	BxP
22. Q-Q	B-K6 Ch
23. Resigns (a)	

a. No recourse! Grabbing the B here would result in Q-B7 Ch, Q-B8Ch & RxQ checkmate. If on the other hand 23.K-R, then Q-B8 Ch, mating next move.

JUDGE WOOD'S ATTACK

Here's a pretty Morphy #2 Bishop's Gambit game won by Judge Wood of Carmel from a fellow Californian.

<u>White--</u> MR. REDWOOD	<u>Black----</u> G.L. WOOD
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. P-KB4	PxP
3. B-B4	P-Q4
4. BxP	Q-R5 Ch
5. K-B	P-KN4
6. N-QB3	B-N2
7. N-KB3	Q-R4
8. P-Q4	N-K2
9. B-B4	N-QB3
10. P-Q5	N-K4
11. B-K2	P-N5
12. NxN	BxN
13. P-KR3	P-KB6

14. PxBP	P-N6
15. K-N2	N-KN3
16. P-KB4	N-R5 Ch
17. K-N	Q-N3
18. PxB	Q-QN3 Ch
19. K-B	Q-B7 mate

YE ED REVIVES THE BLACKMAR

And now comes another old-fashioned attacking game--the Blackmar Gambit-- wherein White, in return for his KP & KBP, seeks swift compensation in open lines and development. It specially lends itself to Knight-odds giving (unless the recipient knows the answers). The game selected is taken from one of our Knight Handicap Sects.

<u>White--</u> MACMAHON	<u>Black----</u> MR. Y
(Remove White QN)	
1. P-Q4	P-Q4
2. P-K4	PxP
3. P-KB3	PxP (a)
4. NxP	P-K3
5. B-Q3	P-KB3
6. O-O	P-QB4
7. K-R	PxP
8. NxP	N-QB3 (b)
9. Q-R5 Ch	K-K2
10. N-B3	Q-N3
11. P-QN3	Q-R4
12. B-QN5	Q-B6 (c)
13. B-R3 Ch	K-Q
14. QR-Q Ch	B-Q2
15. BxB	P-KN3
16. Q-R3	P-B4
17. R-Q3	Q-KB3 (d)
18. B-R3	N-K2
19. R(KB)-Q	K-B
20. RxB	Q-B6 (e)
21. Q-N3	N-K4
22. QxN	QxQ
23. NxQ	N-Q4 (f)
24. N-B7	P-QR3

White Mates in Two

a. The proper answer to the Blackmar is 3...P-K4!

b. His seven P plays already create many "holes". Now he cannot take the White Knight because the ensuing Bishop check would cause the loss of his Q.

c. Somehow Black is fighting the game "Queen-minded" only, and both his Bishops will fall.

d. Intent on saving KR and removing the disturbing Prelate.

e. Reoccupying this pet post, he yields control of a King-pointing diagonal, and only the giving up of the QN stops the Mate.

f. Little to be done, but N-QB3 would have delayed things.

PERILS OF A SCOTCH GAMBIT

Carl R. Wood of Washington, Ills., reports an 18-move NPO#31 win from Dr. A. R. Waters of Chico, Calif. It was one of those stiff Scotch Gambit attacks, not necessarily sound, that require to be met exactly. White made a daring sacrifice, Black didn't quite know how to meet it. Later he got into real hot water as White opened up the K file and the sable Q was involved.

<u>White---C.R.WOOD</u>	<u>Black--DR.WATERS</u>
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. P-Q4	PxP
4. B-QB4	B-B4
5. O-O	P-Q3
6. P-B3	PxP ? (a)
7. NxP	N-R4
8. R-K	P-QB3 (b)
9. Q-Q3	P-QN4
10. BxP Ch ! ?	KxB
11. B-N5	N-K2
12. P-K5 !	P-Q4
13. P-K6 Ch	BxP
14. BxN	QxB ?
15. RxB	Q-Q2 ??
16. N-K5 Ch	KxR
17. NxQ	KxN
18. NxQP !	Resigns (c)

- a. B-KN5 or P-Q6 is better here.
 b. If 8...NxB, then 9.Q-R4 Ch followed by QxN.
 c. If 18.PxN, 19.QxQP Ch, B-Q3; 20.QxP Ch, N-B3; 21.Q-N7 Ch, B-B2; 21.R-Q Ch!

AN 18-MOVER BY FRED COOK

It took but a few moves for Fred Cook of San Francisco to dispose of a North American Tourney opponent who didn't seem to know that Two Knights Defence is loaded. Fred actually forced him to the back ranks and then came on with horse, foot and dra-goons.

<u>White--MR.EASTERNER</u>	<u>Black-FRED COOK</u>
1. P-K4	P-K4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3
3. B-B4	N-B3
4. N-N5	P-Q4
5. PxP	N-QR4
6. B-N5 Ch (a)	P-B3
7. PxP	PxP
8. B-R4 ?	P-KR3
9. N-B3	P-K5
10. N-N (b)	B-QB4
11. N-K2	N-N5
12. P-Q4	PxP e.p.
13. QxP	QxQ

14. PxQ	NxBP
15. R-B	NxP Ch
16. K-Q2	B-R3
17. QN-B3	O-O-O
18. P-QN3	N-N5 Ch
19. Resigns	

- a. The Morphy move P-Q3 is the best here.
 b. A fatal retirement abandoning the lines and allowing quick focussing of Black's forces.

H. HELMS 2D AT POUGHKEEPSIE

Hermann Helms of the American Chess Bulletin has been three-times winner of the New York State championship, twice in youth and once in middle life. Recently at Poughkeepsie Mr. Helms, now nearing the age of seventy, won 2d place in the same Event by the remarkable score of 9 to 2, seven wins and four draws!

BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

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"20TH CENTURY APPROACH TO CHESS"

H. M. Woods, Jr., a Southern professor and Chess savant, is publishing by subscription at \$3.10 an original work entitled "Twentieth Century Approach to Chess." He describes it as "an attractive correspondence chess course in 83 lessons totaling 250 printed pages and containing 158 annotated games...Part I deals with Chess strategy and tactics." The specially up-to-date matters are the selected Nottingham, Philadelphia and Atlanta annotated games.

Mr. Woods is a friend and correspondent of Dean Pearsall of our League. As he is over-the-board champion of Virginia and the Carolinas and a Mail player of great experience, his views, comments, annotations and Chess philosophy should be quite worth while. Advance reservations for the book are to be addressed to H. M. Woods, Jr., Box 131, Whitakers, N. C.