



CHESS



By E. J. CLARKE

In addition to the circle of chess enthusiasts in San Francisco and Northern California cities and towns who follow this column, we have readers in Hawaii and the Philippines. Last week we received the following, which shows that The Chronicle Chess Column is a welcome visitor in the Antipodes:

Dear Sir—For some time I have been reading your interesting notes and going through the games published in the chess column of The San Francisco Chronicle. * * * Speaking generally of the world's chess championship, I think the time has arrived when the event should be under the control of some chess association and held every two years under conditions similar to those of the Davis Cup tennis matches. The openings should not be left to the players, but should consist of, say, eight distinct varieties, which would require sixteen games. The openings to be repeated until the match was won. The P to Q4 is now in general use, but I found going through thirty-three games of the Capablanca vs. Alekhine match very monotonous for the first fifteen moves. A chess player should be compelled (under a controlling association) to prove his right to the title of world's champion by his all-round capabilities by winning under the conditions above suggested. I inclose a few short games, not high-class so far as the loser is concerned but neat on the part of the winner. Wishing you the compliments of the season. Yours sincerely, MARK LONG.

Burwood, N. S. W., January 1, 1929.

Concerning Mr. Long's ideas as to control of world's championship, it is known that International Chess Federation is feeling its way to such control. Evidently the time has come for some such restriction as suggested by Mr. Long and others who likewise found the eternal P to Q4 opening rather tiresome. En passant, it may be mentioned that Maurice S. Kuhns, founder and president of the National Chess Federation, was elected first vice-president of the International at its recent meeting at The Hague.

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What the game of chess means to myriads of Caissa's devotees throughout the civilized world is well known. The following extracts from two letters received by the Chess Editor recently show what chess means to shut-ins and invalids:

Every Sunday, as soon as I get The Chronicle, the first thing I look for is your chess column. To such as myself, who are confined in sanatoriums and hospitals, and are interested in chess, your weekly feature offers a great deal of entertainment. Let me thank you for hours of enjoyment derived from it. * * * Sincerely yours, H. J. R., San Francisco Health Farm, Redwood City.

I am a "shut-in," having been house bound, at times bedfast, for the past twenty months, due to disabilities incurred in service as an infantry officer in the last war. I play a lot of correspondence chess, and without a chess board life would be dreary indeed. I enjoy the chess column greatly (problems and all) and it is the first thing I turn to when my Sunday paper arrives. Yours very truly, HENRY F. MARSHALL, Mill Valley, Calif.

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The following games, concluding with brilliant or unusual mates, were sent by Mr. Long from far away (until communication is established via the air) Australia:

GAME NO. 158

DANISH GAMBIT

(Played at Kassa, 1893)

Charousek	Wollner	Charousek	Wollner
White	Black	White	Black
1 P-K4	P-K4	11 P-K6	Q-R5
2 P-Q4	PxP	12 PxRch	K-B
3 P-QB3	PxP	13 B-B4	SxBP
4 B-QB4	S-KB3	14 Q-K2	S-S5ch
5 S-B3	B-B4(?) (a)	15 K-R	B-Q2
6 SxP	P-Q3	16 QR-K	S-QB3
7 Castles	Castles	17 Q-K8ch	RxQ
8 S-KS5	P-KR3	18 PxR(Q)ch	BxQ
9 SxP	RxS	19 BxP mate	
10 P-K5	S-S5		

(a) The right course is 5... SxP, and if 6 castles, P-QB3; 7 R-K, P-Q4; 8 SxP, P-KB4; 9 SxS, BxS; 10 RxPch, B-K2, with better game. White in the present game brings off the trick of transposing

moves in the opening to confuse his opponent. Thus he escapes the variation 5 SxP, S-B3; 6 S-B3, B-S5, which yields Black an excellent game.—P. Sergeant, in Charousek's Games of Chess.

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GAME NO. 159

FOUR KNIGHTS

White	Black	White	Black
Leussen	O'Duras	Leussen	O'Duras
White	Black	White	Black
1 P-K4	P-K4	11 B-S5	S-K2
2 S-KB3	S-QB3	12 BxS	BxB
3 S-B3	S-B3	13 S-R5	Q-Q2
4 B-S5	B-S5	14 SxSP	P-KR2
5 P-Q3	P-Q3	15 S-S5	S-S3
6 Castles	Castles	16 Q-R5	KR-S
7 S-K2	B-S5	17 QxP	K-B
8 P-B3	B-QR4	18 QS-K6ch	K-K
9 S-S3	B-S3	19 Q-B8ch	SxQ
10 P-KR3	B-Q2	20 S-S7 mate	

GAME NO. 160

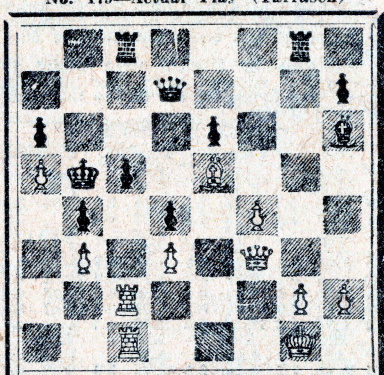
THREE KNIGHTS

White	Black	White	Black
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1 P-K4	P-K4	10 P-KR3	B-Q2
2 S-KB3	S-QB3	11 S-R4	S-S3
3 S-B3	P-Q3	12 B-Q3	SxS
4 P-Q4	B-S5	13 Q-R5ch	S-S3
5 B-K3	P-B4	14 BxSch	K-K2
6 P-Q5	PxP	15 QxKPch	and
7 QSxP	QS-K2	mates	with B
8 P-B4	S-KB3	or Q!	
9 SxSch	PxS		

PROBLEMS

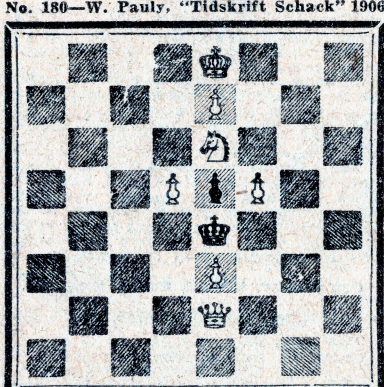
A. J. F.

No. 179—Actual Play (Tarrasch)



W(11) B(11). White to Play and Win

No. 180—W. Pauly, "Tidskrift Schack" 1906



W(7) B(2)—Mate in Three

Solutions: No. 177, K-Q3.
Solvers' list: Q. M. Spencer, Vallejo; A. R. W., Chico; W. R. Shaw, city; J. E. E., Los Gatos (No. 173-5 is correct); R. W. King, Willits; R. Dunipace, Palo Alto; L. B. Hart, Newman; Harry Bradley, city; J. Malone, Benicia; Rev. Blake Hadlow, Auburn.

Dr. Aitken to Speak On System of Stars

Explaining his discourse with pictures, Dr. R. G. Aitken, astronomer and associate director of Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton, will deliver a lecture this afternoon on "Systems of the Stars" at the California Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park. The lecture is open to the public, Director B. W. Evermann announces.