

CHESS

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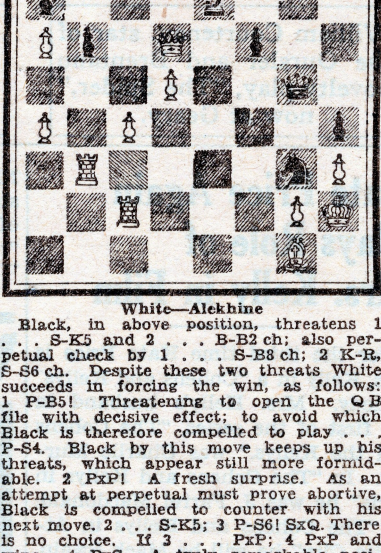
E. D. Bogoljubow of Ukrania has placed another international tournament to his credit by winning at Bad Kissingen, Bavaria. Capablanca's loss to Spielmann proved costly, and the ex-champion had to be content with second. Marshall, after holding his own in the earlier rounds, weakened and did not finish in the prize money. Final standing:

Players	Won	Lost
Bogoljubow	8	3
Capablanca	7	4
Euwe	6½	4½
Rubinstein	6½	4½
Nimzowitsch	6	5
Reti	5½	5½
Marshall	5	6
Tartakower	5	6
Yates	5	6
Spielmann	4½	6½
Tarrasch	4	7
Mieses	3	8

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C. L. Bagby of the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club calls attention to the following remarkable position from Alekhine's "My Best Games." Unfortunately we can give only main line of play; those interested may work out variations for themselves. Full analysis may be found on pp. 120-121 of above book. The position is from an odds game played at Petrograd in 1917:

Black—Gofmeister



White—Alekhine

Black, in above position, threatens 1 . . . S-K5 and 2 . . . B-B2 ch; also perpetual check by 1 . . . S-B8 ch; 2 K-R, S-S6 ch. Despite these two threats White succeeds in forcing the win, as follows: 1 P-B5! Threatening to open the QB file with decisive effect; to avoid which Black is therefore compelled to play . . . P-S4. Black by this move keeps up his threats, which appear still more formidable. 2 Pxp! A fresh surprise. As an attempt at perpetual must prove abortive, Black is compelled to counter with his next move. 2 . . . S-K5; 3 P-S6! SxQ. There is no choice. If 3 . . . Pxp; 4 Pxp and wins. 4 Pxs. A truly remarkable position. Black, with a whole queen to the good, cannot save the game. 4 . . . R(K2)-QB2. Black here has four continuations, all of which irretrievably result in his defeat: 4 . . . Rxr, answered by 5 P-S7 ch, etc. 4 . . . R-S, also answered by 5 P-S7 ch, mating in three. 4 . . . Pxp; 5 Rxr ch, K-R2; 6 Pxr, etc., and 4 . . . B-B2! 5 P-S7 ch, K-S; 6 PxB ch, R (K2) xp; 7 Rxr!, Q-B5 ch (White's rook cannot be captured by the rook, on account of Bxp ch, nor by the king because of R-B3 ch.); 8 K-R, QxR; 9 B-R2, QxB ch; 10 KxQ and White easily wins the end game. 5 P-S7 ch, K-S; 6 P-Q7! The coup de grace! 6 . . . Q-S6 ch; 7 K-R, resigns.

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Marshall's variation in the center counter: 1 P-K4, P-Q4; 2 Pxp, P-K3, is found in some of Franklin K. Young's books. The reply, 3 B-S5 ch, and if 3 . . . B-Q2; 4 Q-K2 seems to leave White with preferable position plus a pawn.

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GAME NO. 121

The following game was played recently at the Mechanics', and was one of a series of four by G. Patterson of Los Angeles and A. J. Fink. Result: Patterson one, Fink one; two drawn.

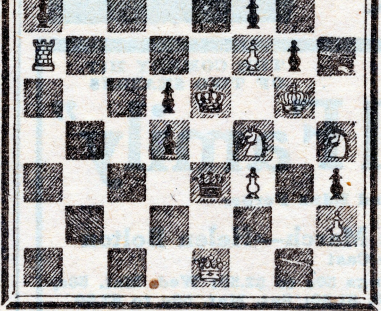
TWO KNIGHTS DEFENSE			
Patterson White	Fink Black	Patterson White	Fink Black
1 P-K4	P-K4	19 P-KR3	BxSch
2 S-KB3	S-QB3	20 Pxs	S-K4
3 B-B4	S-B3	21 Bxp	S-B6ch(a)
4 S-S5	P-Q4	22 K-B	R-K
5 Pxp	S-QR4	23 R-QS	P-S3
6 P-Q3	P-KR3	24 B-K3	K-S2(b)
7 S-KB3	P-K5	25 B-Q4ch	P-KB3
8 Q-K2	SxB	26 Q-K3	R-R
9 Pxs	B-K2	27 K-K2	P-B4(c)
10 KS-Q2	B-KS5	28 PxPe.p	Q-KS(!)
11 Q-K3	Castles	29 Rxp	QxPch
12 S-QB3	B-KB4	30 K-Q	Rxp(!)
13 S-S3	S-S5	31 R-K	QxRP(?) (d)
14 Q-K2	B-R5	32 P-B7	R-QB
15 B-K3	P-QR4	33 Bxpch	K-B2
16 S-Q4	P-KS3	34 Qxs!!!	Q-Q4ch(e)
17 SxB	Pxs	35 K-B	PxQ
18 P-KS3	B-B3	36 R-K7ch	Resigns

(Notes by the loser.)
 (a) At last the black knight is securely stationed but at the expense of two pawns.
 (b) Trying for a king side attack, with R-R, etc.
 (c) Now for a queen side attack which would have been successful had black continued correctly on his thirty-first move.
 (d) R-QB was better but R-R at once would have been interesting, for instance, 31 R-R; 32 P-B7, R-R8; 33 Bxp ch, K-B2; 34 Bxr, Rxr ch.
 (e) Q-R8 ch followed by QxR ch before capturing the queen would have left the game doubtful.
 (f) White turned the tables very cleverly with his thirty-fourth move of Qxs.

PROBLEMS

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W8-B9—Mate in Two