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DECORATION DAY TELEGRAPHIC MATCH

With the date of the annual telegraphic match between Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco and the Los Angeles Chess club but three weeks away, considerable speculation is being indulged in as to the outcome. It is known that the southern club is making every effort to put an exceptionally strong team in the field. On the other hand, Bernardo Smith, team captain for San Francisco, expects to line up the regular team that has been so successful in recent telegraphic matches. In addition he hopes to have on the team a strong Russian expert, A. Tschigowitz, who may make San Francisco his permanent home. Unfortunately, the strong eastern player, R. F. Lyon, champion of Boston, who played for Mechanics' Institute against Chicago on Washington's birthday, winning his game, is now residing in Los Angeles and will play for that city. The twelve players on each side will be chosen from the following: For San Francisco—E. W. Gruer, E. J. Clarke, A. J. Fink, W. Metzke, A. Tschigowitz, W. H. Smith, Professor A. W. Ryder, Professor G. E. K. Branch, Bernardo Smith, J. F. Smyth, S. Simon, Dr. H. Epstein and C. Woskoff. For Los Angeles—E. R. Perry, S. Mlotkowski, H. Borochoy, O. Bergman, R. F. Lyon, F. Schradler, M. Woodward Jr., J. Drouillard, D. Mugridge, C. Sherwood, C. Pauly, S. Graffill, J. H. Smith, W. Watson, G. Burnett and S. Peterson.

THE COMPOSITE GAME

While the opening moves in the composite game being played by readers of this column are more or less of a routine nature, it should not be long before it becomes more complex, and instead of practical unanimity, the ballots are expected to show considerable diversity. This week the readers' selections are:

- R. M. Folger 5 P-QR3
- F. L. De Long 5 P-QR3
- F. Alf 5 P-K3
- B. Smith 5 P-QR3
- "Incoq" 5 P-QR3
- S. Maynard 5 P-K4
- S. E. Silvius 5 B-S5
- Lee H. Kerfoot, Modesto 5 P-KS3
- F. Santallier, Oakland 5 P-K4
- E. L. Berry, Vallejo 5 P-QR3
- E. R. Wiffen, Stockton 4 1/2 P-QB4
- E. R. Wiffen, Stockton 5 P-K3
- Dr. H. Epstein 5 P-KS3
- A. R. Morse 5 P-QR3
- E. L. Hinedey 5 P-QR3

Apparently 5 P-QR3 is White's best move. At least a majority think so. How can Black best reply? The game, with Black to play, stands; 1, P-Q4, P-Q4; 2, P-QB4, P-K4; 3, P x P, P-Q5; 4, S-KB3, S-QB3; 5, P-QR3; 5 1/2—?

State Champion E. W. Gruer, defending a queen's gambit declined, won the fifth game of the match with Professor A. W. Ryder at the Faculty club, Berkeley, last Tuesday evening in twenty moves. However, owing to a mistake over the telephone, Professor Ryder should have been credited with the winning of the fourth game, instead of Gruer, as stated last week. The score now stands: Gruer 3, Ryder 2.

PAN-AMERICAN CABLE MATCH

The cable match between the Manhattan Chess club of New York and the Argentine Chess club of Buenos Aires, the first of the kind on record, was duly started at 10:30 o'clock last Sunday morning and was continued till 2 o'clock Monday morning. At that time but two of the six games played were finished. According to the two-column story of the match by Hermann Helms in the Brooklyn Eagle of April 24, from which this account of the match is taken, the players constituting the American team, "though somewhat fagged by the unheard-of vigil, were by that time thoroughly imbued with the Marathon spirit of the occasion and were quite ready, if need be, to go on until dawn," but a halt was called. Details of the match follow:

The adjourned positions, when sent to Jose R. Capablanca, the official adjudicator agreed upon in advance of the match, will give the world's champion plenty to do in order to arrive at a conclusion. Upon the awards thus made by Capablanca will depend the final outcome of the unique encounter, which, as forecasted by the experts who crowded about the players' tables as soon as the moves ceased to be exchanged, will surely end in a satisfactory victory for New York by a score of not less than 4-2, and possibly better. On not a single one of the six boards did a New Yorker have any disadvantage when play was abandoned. Capablanca is at present in Paris, so that some time must elapse before the result is actually established and the match can go permanently on record.

So great was the interest in this match that out-of-town players were present from Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore and such far-off points as Davenport, Iowa. Permission was given to Lima, Peru, to tap the cables in order to intercept the moves and messages for the benefit of Peruvian chess players.

Appended is the summary of the match, including pairings, results, openings and number of moves:

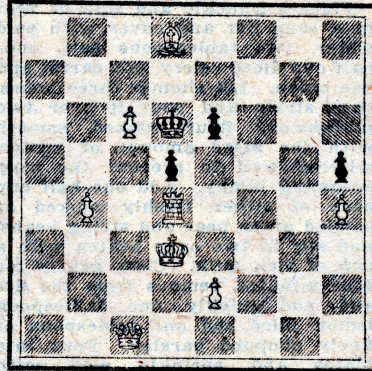
cannot play 24 1/2, P x P, for 25, Q-S5ch forces mate.
 (i) 25, Q-B3 to hold the king's diagonal would give White much better chances of holding the position.
 (j) He is forced to give up the piece this way, to close the king's diagonal from the attack of the hostile queen.
 (k) With only 3 minutes left in which to make 12 moves, White cannot be expected to make the most of a bad position.
 (l) The game is lost anyway, for if 30, S-Q2, R x Rh; 31, Q x R, S x P, winning.

Problems

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PROBLEM NO. 89

By O. Nagy, Budapest

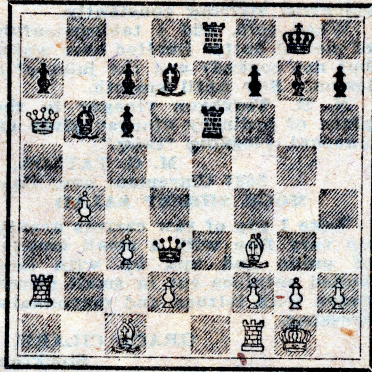


Mate in two moves.

An idea very neatly presented. How many can solve it from the diagram?

GAME ENDING NO. 90

The Surprise Move
Black—Morphy.



White—L. Paulsen.
Black to play.

The two young Americans (Morphy, aged 20; Paulsen, 24) were making their debut at the first American congress. Both were destined for greatness, Morphy to be world champion a year later, and Paulsen to become a master only less famous than his rival. In this game, played November 8, 1857, Paulsen's last move, Q-R6, was an attempt to get rid of the obnoxious Black Q, that hindered his development so seriously. The attempt succeeded, but in a manner undreamed of in his philosophy!

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| White. | Black |
| 1. P x Q | Q x B! |
| 2. K-R1 | R-Kt3 ch |
| 3. K-R1 | B-R6 |
| 4. R-Q1 | ... |

If instead of 4 R-Kt1, then mate in 3 by B-Kt7 ch, etc. Or if 4 Q-Q3, then P-KB4!

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| 4. K-Kt1 | B-Kt7 ch |
| 5. K-B1 | B x P (B6) ch |
| 6. K-B1 | B-Kt7 ch |
| 7. K-Kt1 | B-R6 ch |
| 8. K-R1 | B x P |
| 9. Q-B1 | B x O |
| 10. R x B | R-K7 |
| 11. R-R1 | R-R3 |
| 12. P-Q4 | B-K6! |
| 13. Resigns | |

White's twelfth move led to disaster, but the alternative K-Kt2 lost a third P. Years later, that patient analyst, Steinitz, found that 6 . . . R-Kt7 would have won more speedily. Also 7 . . . B-K5 ch, 8 K-B1, B-KB4! was quicker than Morphy's line.

Solution to No. 87: K-Kt2. K-Kt3 defeated by Q-K3. K-B2 defeated by K-Kt3 ch. Credit for correct solution held over until May 14.

Language Courses Extension Offer

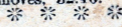
Several language courses will be started in May by the extension division of the University of California. Classes in Russian, Spanish and French are now being organized and will be the last language courses offered before next fall.

The Russian class will start Tuesday, May 9, 7 p. m. For those interested in the economic conditions there will be a course offered in commercial Spanish beginning May 26.

Instruction in intermediate French will start Wednesday, May 24, 7 p. m. All of the classes will meet in the lecture rooms in the Pacific building. Enrollment may be made at the extension division offices at 140 Kearny street, or 264 Pacific building.

Opening		Buenos Aires	
Bds.	New York		
1—O.	Chajes..... ½	J. A. Lynch.....	½
2—R.	T. Black... ..	B. H. Villegas.....	..
3—A.	Marder..... ½	R. Illa.....	½
4—J.	Rosenthal... ..	A. Ellerman.....	..
5—A.	Schroeder... ..	A. Quiroga.....	..
6—H.	M. Phillips. ..	L. B. Rawson.....	..

Total 1 Total 1
 Buenos Aires played white on the odd-numbered boards and black on the remainder. The openings: 1. Irregular defense, 38 moves. 2. Ruy Lopez, 32 moves. 3. Queen's gambit declined, 26 moves. 4. Irregular defense, 32 moves. 6. Caro-Kann defense, 34 moves. Average number of moves, 32.16.



GAME NO. 81

The following game decided the annual championship of the Los Angeles Chess club. A draw would have won the tournament for "Mlot." But he got into time difficulties, after taking 26 minutes on a single move. So Borochoew won the 1922 title.

THREE KNIGHTS

S.		H.		S.		H.	
Mlotkowski		Borochoew		Mlotkowski		Borochoew	
White		Black		White		Black	
1—P-K4	P-K4	16—S-Q2	R-R4				
2—S-KB3	S-QB3	17—Q-B3	R-KS4(d)				
3—S-B3	B-S5	18—K-R	P-Q4				
4—S-Q5	P-Q3	19—P-KS3(e)	B-R6				
5—B-S5(a)	B-QB4	20—R-K	R(S4)-K4				
6—P-Q4	PxP	21—PxP(f)	PxP				
7—SxQP	B-Q2	22—P-KS4(g)	P-Q5				
8—S-S3	B-S3	23—S(Q2)-B4	BxP(h)				
9—Castles	KS-K2	24—QxB	R-KS4				
10—B-S5	P-B3	25—Q-Q(i)	Q-Rch				
11—Q-R5ch		26—P-B3	S-R5				
(b)	S-S3	27—S-S2(j)	RxS				
12—B-K3	Castles	28—S-Q2(k)	K-B2				
13—BxB	RPxB	29—S-K4	P-KB4				
14—BxS(c)	PxB	30—QxP(l)	RxRPch				
15—S-K3	R-K	31—Resigns					

NOTES

By H. Borochoew

- (a) SxB, leading to a simplified position, is better here, considering that all White needed was a draw to win the tournament.
- (b) Premature and also not in line with "playing for a draw."
- (c) These trades cannot be good, as they develop Black's position.
- (d) Rooks should be kept on open files as a rule, but in this case the QR comes into quick, forceful play on the king side. Threat is 18½, S-R5; 19, Q-K2, SxP, etc.
- (e) White was badly pressed for time and completed his moves in just one hour.
- (f) White took 26 minutes for this move, and from now on is in bad with the clock.
- (g) Here 22, P-B3 is the only move. The text gives him a bad game.
- (h) Not 23½, PxS; 24, SxR, and Black