CHESS —— by E.S. Clarke

OCTOBER 8, 1922
(Correspondence Chess Match)

For the benefit of those interested in correspondence chess who failed to see last Sunday's announcement regarding a correspondence match between Northern and Southern California players, it may be stated that those desiring to take part in such a match (no fees of any kind) may send their names to The Chronicle Chess Editor. Rules of play, pairings, prizes, etc., will be announced as soon as sufficient entries have been received to insure its success. Clif Sherwood, chess editor of the Los Angeles Express, and the young expert, Donald Mugridge, are acquainting the southern correspondence players with the plan. Entries for the Northern California team have been received from E. L. C. Hinckley, Lawrence; S. E. Silvius, San Francisco; S. Ballou, San Francisco; E. S. Van Camp, San Francisco; A. R. Craven, Alta; H. D. Austin, Vallejo; F. D. Haldeman, Berkeley; M. Odhner, San Francisco; F. Pelouze, San Mateo; R. L. Folger, South San Francisco; C. L. Bagby, San Francisco; W. A. Beebe, San Francisco; S. G. Haight, Berkeley; "Ruy Lopez," San Francisco; G. Pause, San Francisco.

TRIANGULAR TOURNEY

A three-cornered match between Professor A. W. Ryder, Professor G. E. K. Branch and E. W. Gruer of Oakland is being played at the Faculty Club, Berkeley. Ten games are to be played with each contestant at fifteen moves per hour. Games are scheduled as follows: Gruer vs. Branch, Wednesday evenings; Rider vs. Gruer, Friday evenings; Branch vs. Ryder, Sunday evenings. Opening games of the tourney resulted: Gruer, defending with the Sicilian, won from Ryder, 38 moves, while Ryder won from Branch. Transbay chess players will no doubt be welcome to witness the games.

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According to William Metzke of Firebaugh, Cal., who keeps in touch with chess matters on the Continent, the Berlin Chess Society is to play a cable match with the Argentine Chess Club of South America. The match will take place some Sunday this month.

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Alexander Aljechin, second to Capablanca in the recent London tourney, is leading in the pending Hastings, Eng., tournament. Two rounds are being played. Contestants are: Aljechin, Rubinstein, Tarrasch, Sir George Thomas, Yates and Bogoljubow.

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GAME NO. 118

Here is a game which should furnish entertainment for followers of the pastime. Aljechin, winner of the Budapest tourney of 1921, introduces a new move for Black and the result is a game out of the beaten tracks. It is safe to say that the possibility of Aljechin's move has never been seriously considered; but Aljechin won three games with it in this tourney. For Alpechin at least the "adventure" has not departed from chess:

IRREGULAR
(Played in Budapest tourney.)

A. Steiner White	Aljechin Black	A. Steiner White	Aljechin Black
1—P-K4	S-KB3(a)	33—K-K4	K-Q2
2—P-K5(b)	S-Q4	34—B-Q4	R-Q7!
3—P-Q4(c)	P-Q3	35—B-K3	R-K7
4—B-KS5		36—K-Q3	R-K8
(d)	PxP	37—B-Q4	R-QB8(g)
5—PxP	S-B3	38—K-B3	R-Q8ch
6—B-S5	B-B4(e)	39—K-K4	R-K8
7—S-KB3	S-S5(f)	40—K-Q4	P-K4(r)
8—S-R3	QxQch	41—B-B2	R-KB8
9—BxQ(g)	SxPch	42—B-K3	K-K3
10—SxS	BxS	43—K-K4	R-KR8
11—R-B	BxS	44—B-B2	R-R7
12—S-Q4(h)	BxP	45—K-B3	R-R5ch
13—R-KS	O-O-O!(l)	46—K-Q3	B-S5(s)
14—SxS	BxS	47—B-R7	P-B4
15—BxB	PxB	48—P-R3	P-B5ch
16—RxP	R-Q4(i)	49—K-Q2	B-Q3
17—B-B4	P-K3	50—R-R8(t)	R-R7ch
18—K-K2(k)	B-B4!	51—K-Q	K-Q4
19—P-S4!(l)	B-B4	52—K-QB2	P-B6ch(u)
20—KRxP	R-Q2	53—K-Q3	B-S5
21—B-K3(m)	P-QR4	54—K-K2(v)	K-K5!
22—R-B4	R-K2	55—RxB	RxBch
23—R-K4	R-B6!	56—K-Q	RxP
24—R-S5	R-Q4	57—R-QB6	R-Q7ch
25—P-B4	P-B3!(n)	58—K-K	R-Q6
26—KRxP	RxR	59—R-Q6ch	K-B7
27—RxR	PxP	60—R-K6	R-Q4
28—RxP	BxP	61—R-K8	R-Q4
29—R-R7(o)	R-S4	62—R-QB6	
30—K-B3	R-S7	(w)	P-B7
31—R-S3	BxP	Resigns	
32—RxP	B-Q3(p)		

NOTES BY A. ALJECHIN)
(Translated from Kagan's Schach Zeitung by William Metzke for The Chronicle.)

(a) A new idea. For the first time in this tournament I tried this new opening, and it seems to me the move has stood the "baptism of fire."

(b) If 2S-QB3, then I continue 2½ P-Q4, 3 P-K5, P-Q5, etc.

(c) In the fifth round Saemish played against me 3½ S-QB3, but after the moves 3½ P-K3!, 4 SxS, PxS; 5 P-Q4, P-Q3, 6 S-B3, S-B3, 7 B-K2, B-K2, 8 B-KB4, castles, 9 castles, P-B3, 10 PxQP, BxP, his position was slightly inferior.

(d) S-KB3 is better.

(e) Black is not afraid of getting an isolated double pawn if white should continue 7 BxSch. His two bishops, the open QS file and the better development more than compensate for it.

(f) Aiming to win a pawn. The consequences of this move had to be figured out very accurately. The points will be seen in the thirteenth move.

(g) The correct move. If 9 KxQ, castles (Q), ch, 10 K-B, then P-B3!, would have given black the better game.

(h) If 12 P-K6, then PB3 and castles (Q).

(i) The point. See remarks to seventh move.

(j) Although a pawn ahead, black is way back in development and his pawn position shows some weak points.

(k) Now how shall black continue the business? If the natural-looking P-S3, then 19 KR-QB, R-Q2, 20 B-K3, K-S2, 20 QR-B3, B-S2, 21 R-S3 ch, K-R, 22 B×P!, BxP, 23 R-B4 with the better game for white. Or if 18½ P-S4, 19 RxP!, B-Q3, 20 R-S4, BxB, 21 RxB, RxP ch, 22 K-B, K-S2, R-QB3! and black cannot win.

(l) The only but very powerful move. It forces an exchange favorable for white.

(m) Again black has a difficult problem to solve. How is he to make use of his rather exposed bishop? If he moves to the right (R4), black's queen side will be sufficiently protected, but white continues R-B4 and the entrance of this rook on black's king side will be very awkward. But if the black bishop returns to B square, then the white KR enters by way of S4 black queen side and again white has the better game. As soon as I had figured this out it was clear to me that the bishop had to remain where he was, for the time being, in order to operate on either side as the occasion demanded. The following moves are the logical consequence of this reasoning.

(n) With this move black at last definitely avoids the loss of a pawn. A favorable simple position results.

(o) With P-KR4 white had drawing chances. Now black succeeds in trading off this dangerous pawn.

(p) Now black intends to play P-K4.

(q) 37½ P-K4 (?), B-B3!

(r) At last!

(s) Decisive. Black's king enters at Q4.

(t) Intending to pin the bishop, should black now play K-Q4?

(u) The "coup de grace."

(v) I expected 54 K-Q3, with the following pretty finish in view: 54½, P-B7, 55 R-B8, B-K2!!, 56 RxP, B-S4, 57 R-K2, P-K5, 58 R×P, RxB, 59 RxR, K-Q5 and wins.

(w) This was the hardest game I played in the Budapest tournament.

GAME NO. 119

Aljechin again defeats his rival for a tilt at Capablanca's crown in the following game from the pending Hasting's tourney:

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

Rubinstein White	Aljechin Black	Rubinstein White	Aljechin Black
1—P-Q4	S-KB3	19—B-S3	R-R
2—P-QB4	P-K3	20—B-K4	B-KS4
3—S-KB3	P-Q4	21—P-R4	B-B5
4—B-S5	B-K2	22—SxB	RxS
5—P-K3	QS-Q2	23—SxS	RxR
6—S-B3	Castles	24—RxR	SxS
7—R-B	P-B3	25—R×B	P-KS3
8—Q-B2	P-KR3	26—BxR	QxB
9—B R4	P-QR3	27—P-B5(a)	S-Q4
10—P-R4	P-QR4	28—PxP	SPxP
11—B-Q3	PxP	29—Q-R3	Q-Q7
12—KPxP	PxP	30—Q-Q3	QxQSP
13—BxP	S-S3	31—P-R3	K-R
14—B-R2	QS-Q4	32—K-R2	R-KS
15—B-S	S-QS5	33—B-B2	RxPch
16—Q-K2	Q-Q2	34—K-R	Q-BSch
17—Castles	B-Q3	Resigns	(b)
18—KR-Q	KS-Q4		

NOTES

(a) Overlooking Black's rejoinder? Why not 27, P-KS3 ?

(b) If 35, Q-Q8, then Q-B5, and again the rook cannot be captured.

Junior Foresters to Hold Big Reception

Members of Junior Court Pride of California No. 1, Foresters of America, will hold their annual reception and dance at B'nai B'rith hall Friday evening, October 27. An elaborate program of music and song is being prepared for the occasion by a special committee composed of Jerome Gordon, Irving Levy, Fred Eber, Sid Levin and Sid Caro.
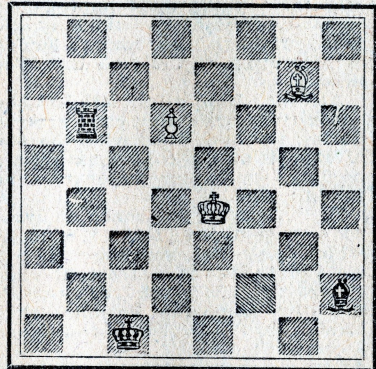
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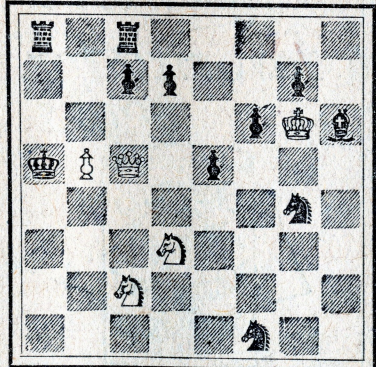### A. J. F.

PROBLEM No. 130
By K. L. Kubbel (Russia).

Dr. Tarrash remarks: "Very pretty, with a really surprising point. Composed along the lines of natural play."

White to play and draw.

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PROBLEM No. 131
By M. Havel (Czecho-Slovakia).

White mates in three moves.

Solution to No. 129 by Rothstein, S-K.

Solution to No. 130 by Wurzburg, Q-K with vars. as follows: B-B5 then Q-K3; B-Q3 then Q-K6; P-S5 then Q-KB; threat Q-R5 ch.

Solver's list: A. J. Grant, Placerville; A. J. H., Palo Alto; C. J. Ferguson, city; I. Schwartz, Stevinson; W. A. Beebe, city; E. S. Van Camp, city; J. E. Ellis, Los Gatos; L. Sheppard, Weed.

A. C. W., Litchfield, Conn.; recent issue of Portland Oregonian publishes famous three-mover by B. M. Neill, under authorship of Drake.

W. M., Firebaugh: Instead of K-B4, in end-game submitted, play K-K4, and White wins.

HER PET AVERSION

Pamela (who has been told to brush her teeth)—Mother, you always ask me to do that, and it's my favorite thing I hate to do.—Life.