

CHESS

By E. J. CLARKE

Regarding the challenge of H. Borochow to play the present California State champion, E. W. Gruer, as mentioned in our recent column, the California State Chess Association reports that a previous challenge of A. J. Fink must be considered. It appears very likely, therefore, in case Gruer relinquishes the title, some sort of a match will take place after all.

GAME NO. 115

THREE KNIGHTS' GAME

Yates	Marshall	Yates	Marshall
White	Black	White	Black
1 P-K4	P-K4	14 R-B(h)	CastlesQR
2 Kt-KtB3	Kt-KB3	15 P-Kt4	B-Kt3
3 Kt-B3	B-Kt5(b)	16 P-KR3	KtxP(i)
(a)		17 RxKt	R-Q8ch
4 B-B4(c)	P-Q3(d)	18 Kt-B	KR-Q(j)
5 P-Q3	B-K3	19 P-Kt5	Kt-R4
6 B-Kt3	Kt-B3	(k)	
7 Castles	P-KR3	20 RxKt(l)	RxB
8 Kt-K2	BxB	21 R-R4	KR-Q3
9 RPxB	P-Q4(e)	22 Kt-Q4	PxKt
10 Kt-Kt3	PxP	(m)	
11 PxP	QxQ	23 PxP	RxP
12 RxQ	B-B4(f)	Resigns(n)	
13 P-B3(g)	Kt-KKt5		

(a) A position which may be led up to from the Vienna Opening, Petroff defense or even Alekhine's defense.

(b) A favorite move with Marshall.

(c) Or White might continue with 4 KtxP, Castles; 5 B-K2, R-K; 6 Kt-Q3, BxKt; 7 QPxB, KtxP; 8 Castles, etc.

(d) Or 4 ... Castles; 5 P-Q3, P-B3; 6 Castles, P-Q4; 7 B-Kt3, B-Kt5; 8 P-KR3, B-R4, or PxP.

(e) Black now takes the initiative into his own hands.

(f) Giving way before the impending advance of the queen's side pawns and at the same time preparing an attack upon the white king.

(g) P-R3 instead would have been advisable at this juncture.

(h) Surrendering control of the open file and making possible Black's combination. While not attractive, Kt-R would have been in order.

(i) A sound sacrifice, as will be seen, which wins the game by force.

(j) Black is in full control of the board, while White's pieces are hopelessly tied up.

(k) He has only two alternatives, namely, P-KKt3 or P-QKt3, to each of which Black would reply with KR-Q6. If 19 P-KKt3, KR-Q6; 20 K-Kt2 (the KKt cannot move on account of RxPch, etc.) BxR; 21 KxB, QRxKtch; 22 KxR, RxKtch, winning.

(l) Forced, on account of the threat of Kt-Kt6.

(m) For if Kt-R2, then R-Q7, winning a clear rook.

(n) There is no use in resisting, for if 24 RxR, BxR, to be followed by R-B7, etc.

Notes and score of game No. 115 selected from the Brooklyn Eagle. For winning this game Marshall received the brilliancy prize. Played at Marienbad, 1925.

GAME NO. 116

The following brilliant game, arising from an irregular opening, occurred in a team match at Prague. White, J. Polak; Black, O. Pawelka:

Polak	Pawelka	Polak	Pawelka
White	Black	White	Black
1 Kt-KB3	P-Q4	12 P-KR4!	P tks P
2 P-Q3	Kt-QB3	13 B tks BP	B tks P
3 P-Q4	Kt-B3	14 Kt tksB	Kt tks Kt
4 P-QR3	P-K3	15 P-KKt3	Kt-Kt3
5 B-Kt5	B-K2	16 CastlesQ	P-K4
6 B tks Kt	BxB	17 R tks P	P-K5
7 P-K3	Castles	18 R(Q1)-R1	R-K1
8 P-B4	Kt-K2	19 P-B4	B-K3
9 Q-B2	Kt-Kt3	20 Q tks P	B tks B
10 Kt-B3	P-B3	21 R-R8ch	Resigns
11 B-Q3	Q-K2		

THE "CLEANLY GAME"

The following story is told of Zukertort, the great rival of Steinitz. On one occasion he was asked: "Do you follow any special regime during a chess tour? Do you do anything special to keep the brain clear and keen?"

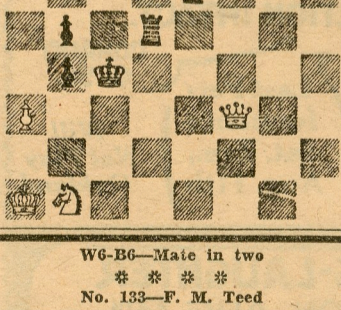
"No," replied the chess champion, "I don't diet myself. But, as a rule, I take a bath a few days before I start."

This may or may not be true, but Zukertort is reported to have had a sardonic humor, and was no doubt locutor.—The Australasian.

PROBLEMS

A. J. F.

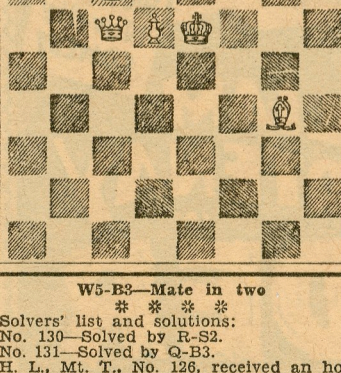
No. 132—S. Mlotkowski, Washington, D. C., formerly of Los Angeles



W6-B6—Mate in two

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No. 133—F. M. Teed



W5-B3—Mate in two

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Solvers' list and solutions:

No. 130—Solved by R-S2.

No. 131—Solved by Q-B3.

H. L., Mt. T., No. 126, received an honorable mention. Good example of star-pattern theme.

A. Harper, Cardiff — Memorandum received.

F. H. Mehlhorn, Santa Clara—128, 129.

H. F. Marshall, Mill Valley—No rule barring a check or even a capture as the first move in a chess problem.

P. Bowater, Pasadena—126, 127.

R. W. King, Willits—128.

H. F. M.—R-Q7 in No. 123 is defeated by B-R3, etc.

J. E. E., Los Gatos—127.

P. B.—128, 129.