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In response to many inquiries from readers of this column as to its future existence after the consolidation of The Call with the Chronicle on September 1, an announcement, no definite statement can be made at present. No doubt, if sufficient interest is manifested by chess players of the coast in maintaining this column, the management of the Chronicle will take it over along with the Chess column, etc. Therefore, I suggest that every lover of our splendid pastime and all those who have derived more or less pleasure from the column should write to the managing editor of the Chronicle, promising their support and active interest in the Chronicle's chess department. Our Chess Corner as a regular Sunday feature.

DO IT NOW!

Marshall invited to St. Petersburg. Russian chess authorities have laid a surprising invitation before the American champion, Frank J. Marshall, to be a participant in the forthcoming St. Petersburg tournament. Others who have been invited are Lasker, Tarrasch, Schlechter, Capablanca, Rubinstein, Teichmann, Maroczy, Janowski, Dura, Bernstein and Winawer.

The tournament is scheduled to begin December 15. The Russians are said to be hoping to see Marshall, this time more particularly than ever, as they think his style has grown very like that of their own lamented Tchigorin. He was at one time so popular among his fellow countrymen.

A. Alekhine, the Russian master, has added to his laurels by winning first prize in the international masters tournament at Scheveningen in the Netherlands, in which 14 experts took part. Alekhine made a score of 14, Janowski was second with 11 wins. The other prize winners were Dr. A. G. Olland of Utrecht, 9 to 4; F. D. Yates, Leeds, 5 1/2 to 4 1/2; Edward Lasker, London, 5 to 5; G. J. Breyer, Budapest, and J. W. de Koiste, Cravenage, each 7 1/2 to 5 1/2, tied.

The following is the latest score in prize winners' tournament at the Mechanics' Institute:

Branch	Won	Lost
Clarke	2 1/2	1 1/2
Fink	3 1/2	1 1/2
Greer	2	2
Hallweg	2 1/2	1 1/2
Fisher	2	2
Smith	0	2

The "California vs. Nebraska" correspondence chess match between Miss Alice Sullivan of San Francisco and Master Herbert Howe of Taberock, is progressing nicely. The 7 year old Nebraska prodigy has won second prize in the recently concluded minor problem solving tourney of the State Journal of Lincoln. But the California girl who is also something of a solver seems to be the steadier player.

No doubt our readers will be interested in seeing what kind of chess these youthful devotees of Calissa are producing. Here are the two games as far as played:

Game I (Hay Lopez) - Miss Sullivan, white: 1 P-K4, P-K4, 2 Kt-K3, Kt-K3, Q-B3, B-K4, Q-B3, 4 P-Q3, 5 Kt-K3, 6 Kt-K3, 7 Q-Q2, P-Q3, 8 Castles (Q), B-K3, 9 P-Q3, B-K3, 10 QxR, Castles (Q); 11 BxR, Kt, PxB; 12 QxP, Kt-K3, 13 Kt-K3, Kt-P-Q4, 14 PxB, Q-B3, 15 Kt-K3. Game II (Evans Declined) - Master Howe, white: 1 P-K4, P-K4, 2 Kt-K3, Kt-K3, Q-B3, 3 B-B4, B-B4, 4 P-Q4, Kt-K3, 5 P-Q4, P-Q4, 6 P-Q4, Kt-K3, 7 Kt-K3, Kt-K3, 8 Kt-K3, P-K4, 9 P-K4, Kt-K3, 10 P-Q4, Kt-K3, 11 P-K4, BxP, 12 Q-B3, P-K4, 13 BxKtch, QxR, 14 Q-K3, R-K4.

The games have that spontaneity and quality of "unexpectedness" which demonstrates that the players are living up to their agreement to "go it alone."

GAME DEPARTMENT

Under the caption "What's New in the Evans" the New Orleans Times-Democrat introduces the following interesting game (No. 87) between Judge L. L. Labatt and C. A. Maurian. Paul Morphy's lifelong friend. The comments are by Judge Labatt. The game will be found the more interesting to California players because of the fact that it was recalled to the memory of the judge by the "lively little Evans Gambit" between S. Mlotkowski and Doctor Lovegrove, played in the San Francisco-Los Angeles telegraphic match, last Decoration day. Other games also from the pending prize-winning tournament at the Mechanics' Institute. No. 86 is one of the snappiest games from this tourney. Branch caught a tartar in Hallweg. With what looked like a winning attack, the former sacrificed a knight on his tenth move. But in spite of the fact that Hallweg was unable to play P-Q4 until his twenty-fourth move, so busy was he in sidestepping threatened disaster, he finally emerged with four minor pieces for his queen.

GAME NO. 97
EVANS GAMBIT
L. L. Labatt (white) vs. C. A. Maurian (black).

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-K4	14 Castles	Q-K2
2 Kt-K3	Kt-K3	15 Kt-K3	P-Q4(d)
3 B-B4	B-B4	16 Kt-K3	B-K2
4 P-Q4	P-Q4	17 Kt-K3	PxR
5 P-Q4	B-B4	18 PxBds, ch	K-R
6 P-Q4	P-Q4(d)	19 Q-K4	P-K2
7 Kt-K3	Kt-K3	20 Q-K3ch	K-K2
8 Kt-K3	P-K4	21 P-Q4	PxR
9 QxP	Q-R3	22 B-B3	P-R3
10 P-K5	Q-Q3(b)	23 B-K7ch	Kt-R
11 Q-Q3	Q-K2	24 QxKtch	N-R3
12 Kt-R3	Q-K3	25 QxRP	Resigns
13 B-Q2	QxRP		

(a) "There is nothing new under the sun." This saying is particularly true and applicable to chess. In four of the five games of this friendly little contest, played nearly a quarter of a century ago, 87, KtQP was chosen by Mr. Maurian. However, we are inclined to think that the text move of the present party, 5 P-Q4, followed by 7 KtQP, is an improvement. These reminiscent comments are excerpts of an Evans Gambit published in this issue of July 6 last, in which the move of 7 KtQP was spoken of as something new in that opening. (The party in question was played by telegraph between S. Mlotkowski and Doctor Lovegrove.) It is highly interesting to note that the game was made above was played at the Chess, Checkers and Whist club of this city about 24 years ago, and if memory serves aright, Mr. Maurian said then that he had adopted 87 KtQP in Paul Morphy's time.

(b) Black is anxious to exchange queens, trusting to his better pawn position for the end game.

(c) Doubtless subtle, anticipating advent of the advance of the pawns on the bishop.

(d) If 12 1/2 P-Q4, white would play 10 P-K4, with an irresistible attack.

GAME NO. 98
RUY LOPEZ
Branch (white) vs. Hallweg (black).

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-K4	24 Kt-Q2	RxP
2 Kt-K3	Kt-K3	25 Kt-K1ch	K-R3
3 B-K3	B-K3	26 P-K4	P-K3
4 Castles	B-K2	27 Q-B3	Q-Q3ch
5 P-Q4	PxP	28 Q-K3	B-B5
6 P-K3	P-Q4	29 Q-K3	K-K3
7 KtP	P-K4	30 P-B3	K-K2
8 Kt-K3	Kt-K3	31 Kt-K3	Rtch
9 Kt-K3	Kt-K3	32 Q-R1ch	Q-Q3
10 P-K3	P-K3	33 Q-R1	B-K2
11 B-K3	B-K3	34 Q-R1	B-K2
12 B-K3	B-K3	35 Q-R1	B-K2
13 B-K3	B-K3	36 Kt-R3	Kt-R3
14 B-K3	B-K3	37 Q-R1	B-K2
15 B-K3	B-K3	38 Q-R1	B-K2
16 B-K3	B-K3	39 Q-R1	B-K2
17 B-K3	B-K3	40 P-B3	Kt-Q3
18 B-K3	B-K3	41 P-B3	Kt(R)B
19 B-K3	B-K3	42 P-B3	Kt-Q3
20 Q-B3ch	N-R3	43 P-B3	RxQ
		44 Q-B3	RxQ

GAME NO. 99
SCISSOR
Hallweg (white) vs. Greer (black).

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-Q4	21 P-B3	Kt-K4
2 Kt-K3	Kt-K3	22 Kt-K3	Kt-R4
3 P-Q4	P-K3	23 Kt-K3	B-K4
4 P-Q4	P-K3	24 Kt-K3	B-K4
5 P-Q4	P-K3	25 Kt-K3	B-K4
6 P-Q4	P-K3	26 Kt-K3	B-K4
7 P-Q4	P-K3	27 Kt-K3	B-K4
8 P-Q4	P-K3	28 Kt-K3	B-K4
9 P-Q4	P-K3	29 Kt-K3	B-K4
10 P-Q4	P-K3	30 Kt-K3	B-K4
11 P-Q4	P-K3	31 Kt-K3	B-K4
12 P-Q4	P-K3	32 Kt-K3	B-K4
13 P-Q4	P-K3	33 Kt-K3	B-K4
14 P-Q4	P-K3	34 Kt-K3	B-K4
15 P-Q4	P-K3	35 Kt-K3	B-K4
16 P-Q4	P-K3	36 Kt-K3	B-K4
17 P-Q4	P-K3	37 Kt-K3	B-K4
18 P-Q4	P-K3	38 Kt-K3	B-K4
19 P-Q4	P-K3	39 Kt-K3	B-K4
20 P-Q4	P-K3	40 Kt-K3	B-K4

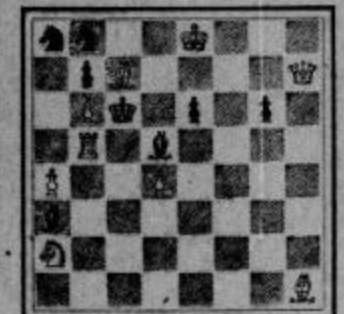
tion in the Max Lange, defeated Doctor Tarrasch at Hamburg, 1910, the latter complained that he had lost the game without making a move after the opening, that could be set down as bad. In the following game it would seem that Marshall's variation in the Petroff is refuted. Just where black went wrong it would be interesting to discover. During the game I thought of Tarrasch's lament, and still am at a loss to account for the result, except on the theory that Branch has put a crimp in Marshall's line of play in the Petroff.

GAME NO. 100
PETROFF
Branch (white) vs. Clarke (black).

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P-K4	P-K4	12 Kt-Q3	P-B3
2 Kt-K3	Kt-K3	13 PxB	PxB
3 KtP	P-Q3	14 RxB	PxB
4 Kt-K3	KtP	15 KtP	Castles
5 P-Q4	P-Q4	16 Q-B3	K-R
6 B-Q3	P-Q3	17 B-K3	Q-Q2
7 Castles	B-KK3	18 KtR	OxKt
8 P-K3	B-R4	19 Kt-K3	Q-Q4
9 Q-K2	Q-K2	20 QxQ	P-Q4
10 B-K	P-K14	21 B-Kt	2nd win
11 P-KK4	B-K13		

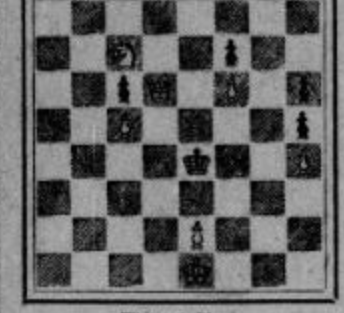
PROBLEMS

PROBLEM NO. 99—BY E. R. L. WINDLE
(Composed for the San Francisco Call)
Black—6 Pieces



White—6 Pieces
White to play and mate in two moves.

PROBLEM NO. 100—BY L. HALLE
(Composed for the San Francisco Call)
Black—5 Pieces



White—7 Pieces
White to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM PARAGRAPHS
Competing problem from the Sam Loyd memorial tourney. Motto: "Tarteen."

The first prize winner (two move section) in the original award of "Die Schachwelt" tourney was disqualified and the following takes its place. By L. Samsonchela:
8. S. 2ptQ18, 123pt2, 1ptk3, 4pt18, 2K5, 4R18—Two mover.

During the recent twenty-third anniversary festivities of the States Island Chess club a solving contest took place wherein the following, by Gustav A. Barth, disposed of all but one solver, M. L. Leckwood being the successful solver:
8. 2K4, 123pt2, 7P, 4K3, 2ptk1P, 2pt12P, 8, 4K3—Three mover.

Chess literature has received another valuable addition, by the recent publication of a book entitled "An Artist in Chess," by Valentin Marin.

An amusing selection from the above: 4R3, 7ptP, 8ptk1, 3pt12P, 3pt23, 1Q6, 1s, 2pt18—Two mover.

The Chess Club of Győr, conjointly with the well known Hungarian periodical, the Magyar Sakklub, announces a three move international problem tourney as a memorial to Dr. Ernest Malasa, the lamented president of the club. Each competitor may send in three problems before October 16 next, corrections being permissible for a month thereafter, to the Magyar Sakklub, Győr, Hungary. The prizes will be: 70, 60, 40, 20 and 20 crowns, the judges being V. Oultis and J. G. Dunka.

SOLUTIONS
PROBLEM NO. 99—BY E. R. L. WINDLE
Key: Q-B3
PROBLEM NO. 100—A. J. FINK
Key: Q-Q8

SOLVER LIST

Name and residence	Numbers	95	96
W. McCracken, Vacaville	1	2	
C. O. T. Jr., city	1	2	
"Ignoramus," city	1	2	
"Ray Lopez," city	1	2	
P. Norman, city	1	2	
W. B. C., Niles	1	2	
S. Bergstrom, Niles	1	2	
N. B. Baker, Oakland	1	2	
L. Halle, city	1	2	
N. Greenway, Oakland	1	2	

END GAME DEPARTMENT
The following is rather old and has been attributed to Morphy. This is probably incorrect. It possesses nothing instructive, but is somewhat amusing. It is undoubtedly a masterpiece of its kind. Notice that all the black men

are still on the board. They seemed to have been placed where they could do the least good.



White—7 Pieces
White mate in eight.
SOLUTION

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 Q-B7ch	KxQ	5 Kt-K3ch	K-R3
2 PxB(Ktch)	K-K1	6 Kt-K3ch	K-R4
3 Kt-K7ch	K-Q	7 Kt-K7ch	KxP
4 Kt-K7ch	K-R2	8 Kt-B4	Mate

Correspondence
E. H. B. Oakland—It is so rarely that the McDonnell Double Gambit is played (B-B4 for black's 2d move being regarded as inferior), that we had almost forgotten there was such a debut. However, the black queen is extended from checking at 15 by 5 Kt-K3. In reply to Q-B3 for black, the correct move is P-B3. Better study modern openings, such as the Queen's Pawn, etc. Will make announcement next week as to the future of this column. Glad you are so interested in its continuation.

N. R. D., Oakland—Glad to have you as a solver. Key move is all that is required.

"Roy Lopez," City—Yes, there are several pure mates in No. 66.

C. O. T., President—Your solution to 66er and game correct. Second solution unnecessary. After R-R6 for black, 2 P-K17 at once wins.

HUNTERS FEASTED ON GERMAN'S BODY

Berlin Vowed Vengeance on "Cannibals" of the Argentine Republic

Don Pedro Lopez, an Argentine sportsman, has been the unwitting cause of an international "incident" between the Argentine Republic and Germany, says the Berlin correspondent of the New York Sun.

He imported stags from Hamburg two years ago. One of them was known as the German. One day a stag was released on the Argentine plains, hunted and after three days' chase killed. The news was sent in a telegram to Don Pedro's son in the following terms: "German killed and eaten; we shared his body; it was simply delightful."

Being a naturalized German, the telegrapher at the little post office to which this communication was taken did not agree that there was any cause for delight. Instead he complimented the telegram and informed the German consul at Buenos Ayres of its contents.

The consul made inquiries and reported the matter to the German ambassador; the ambassador made inquiries and reported the matter to the foreign minister at Berlin; the foreign minister made inquiries and reported the matter to such good effect that there was a threat that diplomatic relations between Germany and the Argentine would be broken off if the whole truth were not disclosed at once.

Intense excitement was the result in Germany and the feeling of repulsion and indignation grew. Meanwhile Don Pedro and his party, knowing nothing of the agitation they had caused, continued their sport in the remote forest. It was only after a fortnight had passed that the mighty hunter returned to Buenos Ayres to find himself the victim of much execration and he was promptly arrested. The truth was then brought to light.

PUPILS READ NEWSPAPERS

Pupils in a German school were recently tested as to their reading of newspapers. In the highest elementary class of 46, 23 read a newspaper every day, 15 at least once a week and four less frequently.

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