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Problem No. 150.—By Wm. Zeckendorf, Tucson, A. T.

(His first problem.)

Composed for the Argonaut.

WHITE—King at Q3; Rook at K4; Bishops at KKt2, KB2; Knights at KB8, Q4; Pawns at QB2, QB6, KB4.

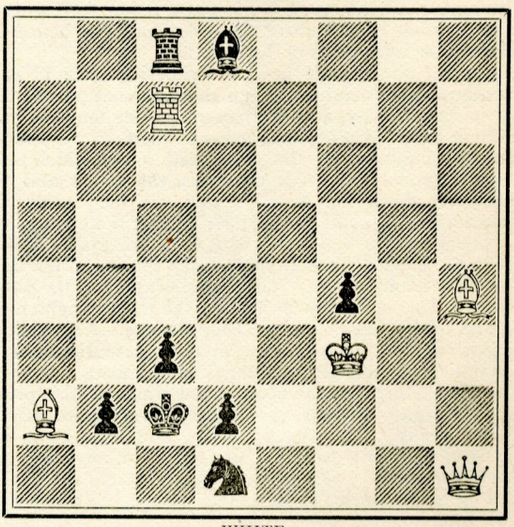
BLACK—King at Q4; Rook at K2; Bishop at QR3; Knights at QKt3, KR3; Pawns at QKt4.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Problem 151.—By John O. Flagg, West Boylston, Mass.

Composed for the Argonaut.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solutions of Problems.

No. 138— 1—R QKt5

No. 139— 1—B KB2 1—K x R
2—R Q8 2—K moves
3—R mates.

There is a second solution, beginning 1 B K2.

Solutions received: Problems Nos. 146 and 147, from F. W.; No. 139, from James Harvey, Nanaimo, B. C.; Nos. 146 and 147, from W., Tombstone, A. T.

To Correspondents.

T. B. R., Dublin, Ireland.—Letter and slips received. The exchange is made with pleasure. Will reply shortly by mail,

W. Z., Tucson, A. T.—Letter of 19th just received, and will have attention.

F. B. P., Sandwich, Ill.—Let us hear from you when convenient.

Game No. 76.

The following game was played on July 1st between Mr. J. Gunsberg and R. Loman, in the recent B. C. A. Tournament. Game and notes from *The Field*.

RUY LOPEZ.

White. Gunsberg.	*Black.* Loman.	*White.*	*Black.*
1—P K4	1—P K4	17—Q B3	17—Kt Kt sq
2—Kt KB3	2—Kt QB3	18—Kt Kt3	18—QKt Q2
3—B Kt5	3—P QR3	19—Castles Q R	19—R KR sq
4—B R4	4—Kt B3	20—Kt R5 ch	20—K Kt3 (e)
5—P Q3	5—B B4 (a)	21—B R4	21—P x P
6—P B3	6—P QKt4	22—P Q4	22—P x P ch
7—B B2	7—P Q4	23—K Kt sq	23—B x P
8—Q K2	8—Castles	24—R x B	24—Q B4
9—B Kt5	9—B K3	25—R Q5	25—Q K2
10—QKt Q2	10—Q K2	26—R x Kt (f)	26—R x R
11—P KR3	11—P R3	27—B x Kt	27—Q B4
12—B R4	12—QR Q sq (b)	28—B x R	28—B x P ch
13—P KKt4	13—P KKt4	29—K x B	29—P Kt8 (queens) ch
14—Kt x KtP (c)	14—P x Kt	30—K x Q	30—Q Kt5 ch
15—B x P	15—P Q5 (d)	31—B Kt3	Resigns.
16—Kt B sq	16—K Kt2		

(a) 5—P Q3, followed by P KKt3 and B Kt2 is a safe defense; but the more attacking text move is frequently played by Rosenthal.

(b) The Queen's square being occupied by the Rook proved later on a great embarassment to the defense. On principle, we should not move another piece in the diagonal of the adverse Bishop.

(c) The sacrifice seems to be perfectly sound.

(d) A plausible defense, as the advance of the adverse QP would be very dangerous. Besides, it shuts out the Bishop. We have tried 15—QR K sq or Q2, followed by Q Q sq and B K2, but it proves unsatisfactory.

(e) Whatever might happen afterward, Black should have taken this Kt.

(f) Quite sufficient to win; else 26 Q K3 might be tried. After this Black's game is hopeless. Mr. Gunberg played the game with consummate skill, and it is a good specimen of his elegant style.

Play in the local tournament progresses slowly. The score on the 22d instant stood:

	Won.	*Lost.*		*Won.*	*Lost.*
Halwegan	1	4	Perry	2	2
Heyneman	4	0	Redding	2½	2
Lynch	½	2	Reis	5½	1
Manson	3½	1	Van Vliet	3	2
Ott	3	3	Peck	0	4

The first meeting of the British Chess Association closed on the 3d instant. According to latest advices, the prizes will be awarded as follows: Tournament, J. Gunsberg, first prize, fourteen games; H. E. Bird (probably), second prize. Solution tourney—Four-mover, first prize, J. Gunsberg; second prize, H. E. Bird. Three-mover—prize winner, Herbert Jacobs. Consultation matches—First prize, Mason and Donisthorpe; second prize, Bird and Hewett; third prize, Gunsberg and Hunter. Lord Tennepon's prize—W. H. K. Pollock, score six and a half games out of a possible seven. Professor Ruskin's prize—J. Mortimer, score five games out of a possible six.

The International Chess Congress at Hamburg commenced on the 12th instant. The entries include the names of Messrs. J. H. Blackburn, H. E. Bird, Jas. Mason, and J. Gunsberg, of London; Captain G. H. Mackenzie, of New York; Messrs. Schalloph, Minckwitz, Weiss, Noa, Berger, of Germany, and F. Taubenhaus, Paris.