THE CHESS-PLAYER.

All communications for this department should be addressed to "Chest Editor Argonaut, 213 Dupont Street, San Francisco, Cal."

Original problems, games, solutions, and correspondence on Chess matters solicited.

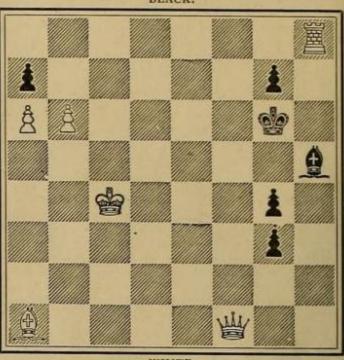
Problem No. 120.-By Dr. E. W. Keeney, Newport, Ky. Composed for the Argonaut.

WHITE-King at Q3; Queen at KKt7; Rooks at QKt5, KKt5; Knight at Q8, Q7; Pawns at K6, QKt4.

BLACK-King at QR sq; Bishop at QKt sq; Pawns at KB2, QKt3, Q5.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Problem No. 121,-By H. and E. Bettmann, Cincinnati, O. Composed for the Argonaut. BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solutions of Problems.

No, CVII— 1—B QR8

1-R Kt4 2-B B6 No. CIX-1-K K5 (a) 2-K x Kt 3-P B6, dis ch, mate.

> 1-K Q5 2-K QB4 2-B B6 ch

3-Kt mates. Correct solutions received: Problems No. 117, from U. Hart-

nell, Salinas City.

Game No. 63.

Played at Hull, England, between Messrs. Freeborough and Philip. Game and notes (condensed) from Land and Water.

ALLGAIER . THOROLD. White. Black. White.

Freeborough.	Philip.	14-B B4 ch 14-K Kt2	
1-P K4	1-P K4	15-Kt x P 15-O B4	
2-P KB4	2-PxP	16-B x Kt ch 16-B x B	
3-Kt KB3	3-P KKt4		
4-PKR4	4-P Kt5	17-Q x BP ch 17-Kt K2 (g) 18-P x P 18-Q x P	
5-Kt Kt5	5-P KR3	19-B Q3 (h) 19-Q K6	
6-Kt x P	6-KxKt	20-K Kt sq 20-K KB sq (i)	
7—P Q4	7—P B6 (a)	21-QR KB sq 21-R B2	
8-P KB4 (b)	8-P Q4 (c)	22-Kt x B 22-R x Kt	
9-Q Q2	9-PxKP(d)	23-R K sq 23-O x P	
10-B K5	10-Kt KB3	24-R x Kt ch 24-K B sq	
11-Q B4	11-B K2 (e)	25-R R7 25-B K3 (i)	
12-Kt B3	12-Kt B3	White mates in two moves.	
13—Castles	13-Q Q2 (f)		
(a) This once	5-Kt x P 5-P Q4 7-P B6 (a) 3-P KB4 (b) 3-P KB4 (b) 3-P Q2 9-P x KP (d) 5-B K5 10-Kt KB3 1-Q B4 11-B K2 (e) 2-Kt B3 12-Kt B3 120-K Kt sq 20-R KB sq (i) 21-QR KB sq 21-R B2 22-Kt x B 22-R x Kt 22-Kt x B 22-R x Kt 23-R K sq 23-Q x P 24-R x Kt ch 24-K B sq 25-R R7 25-B K3 (j) White mates in two moves,		
DO.		an personal by	

P Q4.

(b) Mr. F.'s own special line.

(c) 8 P B7 ch yields White the KB file without exacting toll.

8 B K2 is met by 9 B Kt3.

(d) If 9 B K3, Mr. F. follows up with 10 B K5, Kt KB3; 11 Q B4.

The text move is an interesting divergence.

(e) B Kt2 would be met by 12 Kt B3, White obtaing a very fine

(e) B Kt2 would be met by 12 Kt B3, white obtains a kell game.

(f) The text move is apparently as good a move as any.

(g) He ought now to cover with Q or KB.

(h) White has two other good courses, viz., 19 Kt x B or 19 KR B sq, Q x Kt; 20 QR K sq, Q x QP; 21 R x Kt ch, K Kt3 (mate in two otherwise); 22 B B7 ch, K R2 best; 23 B Kt8 dbl ch, K Kt3; 24 R Kt7 ch, K R4; 25 B B7 ch, and mate next move. Instead of 20 Q x QP, Black might have played the Queen to B3 or elsewhere, but with effects equally disastrous. His best course, therefore, after 19 KR B sq, was Q K6 ch; but then 20 K Kt sq followed if B x P by 21 Q K5 ch, with a speedy mate. Altogether, 19 Kt x B or 19 KR B sq would be, in our opinion, more decisive than the text move.

than the text move.

(i) 20 B B4 is his best resource. 20 Q x P is clearly without virtue if answered by Kt x B.

(j) Resistance has come suddenly to an end, unless, indeed, he were to make such a move as B Q2.

From the Chess Magazine for March we clip the following, which will be read with much interest, and the result looked forward to with much expectancy. We add no comments, as the challenge explains itself: "Since the conclusion of the London Tournament Mr. Steinitz has considered it his duty to pose as a martyr before the chess world, persecuted and injured by myself and my friends. the chess world, persecuted and injured by myself and my friends. He generously reminds me, on every possible and impossible occasion, that I lost a match to him thirteen years ago, and asserts that I now carefully avoid another encounter. It is beyond the limits of decorum and parliamentary language to enter into a discussion with an opponent who prides himself on the scurrility of his speech and his writings. Past experience has taught me that any direct negotiations with Mr. Steinitz would exhaust human patience and finally prove barren. I am, however, ready to play Mr. Steinitz on either side of the Atlantic, and call upon him to appoint a second, with whom my second may settle all necessary preliminaries. These two gentlemen might elect a referee, and form then a committee, which would hardly find it difficult to arrange matters satisfactorily. If there is a mortal whom Mr. Steinitz considers worthy of his confidence, let him appoint him.

"J. H. ZUKERTORT."