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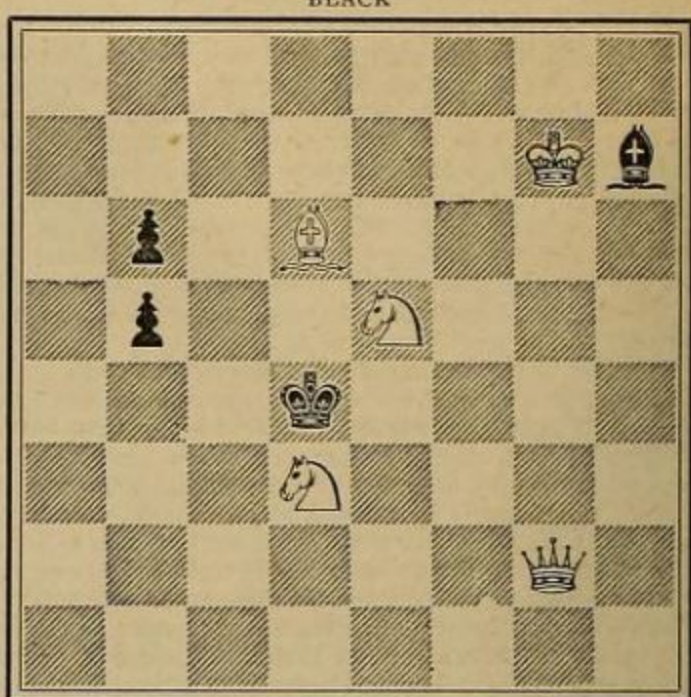
Problem No. LXXV.—By W. A. Shinkman.—Prize Problem.

WHITE—King at Kk2; Queen at Kk13; Rooks at KR5, Qk1 sq; Knights at KB3, Qb2; Bishops at K8, QR7; Pawns at Q3, QR3.

BLACK—King at Qk4; Queen at Kk14; Rook at Qk17; Knight at KR8; Bishops at QB3, QB8; Pawns at QR3, QR4, QR5, Q3, KR3.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Problem No. LXXVI.—By Gian Donato Fonda.  
BLACK



WHITE

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution of Problem No. LXVII.

1—Q R3  
2—B, Kt, or Q mates.

1—Any move

Solution of Problem No. LXVIII.

1—B K4  
2—Kt Qk3 ch  
3—Q mates.

1—Kt x B, or Kt KB4 (a)  
2—Any move

(a) 1—  
2—Q K5 ch  
3—Q or B mates.

1—Kt x P, or Kt QB6  
2—Any move

Our correspondent, Mr. F. H. Curtiss, Petaluma, has cooked Problem No. LIV by 1—Q B6; 2 B Kt5 ch, K Kt3, dis. ch, and mate can not be given. The problem is therefore unsound as printed. If White King be placed at Qk1 sq we think the solution as printed will be correct.

Game No. 49.

Played in the Vienna Tournament, 1882. Game and notes from *Chess Monthly*.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
W. Steinitz.	A. Schwarz.	17—P x P	17—P x P
1—P K4	1—P K3	18—Q Kt4 ch	18—K R sq
2—P K5 (a)	2—P QB4	19—Q R5	19—Q K sq (h)
3—P KB4	3—Kt QB3	20—P Q4 (i)	20—B R3 (?)
4—Kt KB3	4—Kt R3	21—R K sq	21—B P x P
5—P KKt3	5—B K2	22—P x P	22—P K5
6—B Kt2	6—Castles	23—B B4	23—R Q sq (j)
7—P Q3	7—P B3	24—QR B sq	24—K Kt sq
8—P x P	8—B x P	25—R B7	25—Kt R sq
9—Castles	9—Kt B2	26—Q Kt5 ch	26—Kt fr R sq
10—P B3	10—R Kt sq (b)		Kt3
11—Kt R3	11—P Qk13	27—R x RP	27—B Q6
12—Kt B2	12—B Kt2	28—R QB sq	28—Kt B3
13—Kt K3	13—P Q4	29—R x P (k)	29—R x B
14—Kt Kt4 (c)	14—P K4 (d)	30—R R6	30—R Q3
15—Kt x B ch	15—P x Kt (e)	31—Kt x Kt and Black resigns.	
16—Kt R4 (f)	16—Kt K2 (g)		

(a) An innovation introduced by Mr. Steinitz for the first time. So far we consider it of questionable value. Weiss played against it 2—P QB4; 3 P KB4, P Q4; 4 P x P *e. p.*, B x P; 5 P KKt3, B Q2; 6 Kt KB3, B B3; 7 B Kt2, Kt B3, with an excellent game.

(b) Perhaps a little too cautious; it gives White too much time to develop his game. We should have preferred 10—P Q4 followed by P K4 as soon as possible.

(c) Mr. Steinitz has very cleverly taken advantage of Black's "masterly inactivity," and brought his Kt almost from the antipodes into play. This Kt made four moves to exchange the B, while Black has not sensibly developed his position in the meantime.

(d) Premature, as shown by White's next move.

(e) Forced. The Queen cannot take without loss—*e. g.*, 15—Q x Kt; 16 P x P, Qk1 x P; 17 Kt x Kt, Q x Kt; 18 B B4 winning the exchange.

(f) Mr. Steinitz utilizes his opponent's weak play to the utmost extent, and the remainder of the game is a model of exactitude on White's part.

(g) A very roundabout way of defense. We should have preferred 16—Q Q2 guarding the check on Kt4 first; and if 17 P x P, then P x P. A probable continuation would have been: 18 Kt B5, K R sq; 19 Q Kt4, Kt Q3. If 10 Q R5, then Kt Q3 just the same, and we do not think that Black has any the worst of it.

(h) We do not like the Queen's move; but it is difficult to see anything better.

(i) A very subtle move; it prevents the advance of the QP, and secures a good square for the QB on B4.

(j) Why not to B sq instead?

(k) A very elegant finish. This is one of the finest games which Mr. Steinitz played in the Tournament.

The Rev. W. Wayte, winner of the first prize at the late meeting of the Counties Chess Association, has just received and accepted a challenge from Mr. E. Thorold for a match of seven games up, not counting draws. The match is likely to come off during the Christmas holidays.—*Irish Sportsman*.

Philadelphia now boasts of two chess clubs—the Philadelphia, recently organized, and the Quaker City. An exchange remarks concerning the latter club that the great games in its luxurious quarters are *poker and billiards*.