

THE CHESS-PLAYER.

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

Problem No. 124.—By W. Atkinson, Montreal.

First Prize in Ottawa Citizen Two-move Tourney.

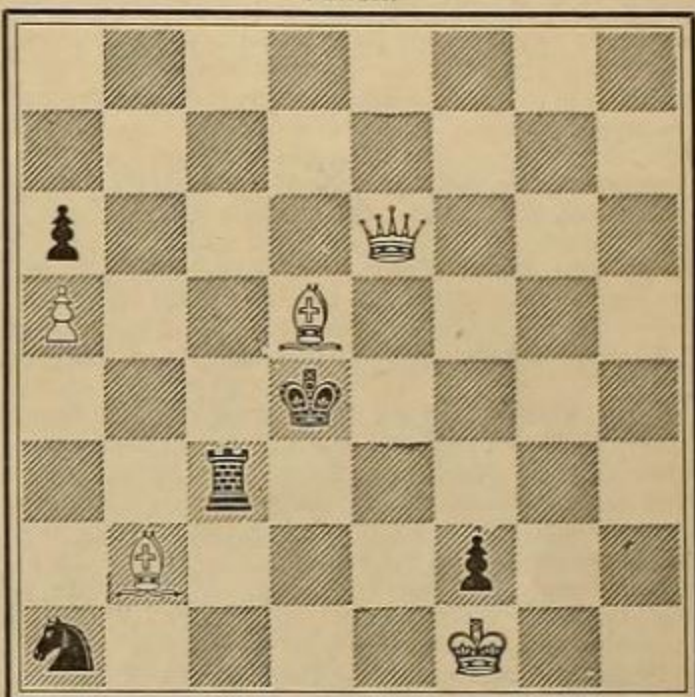
WHITE—King at QR6; Queen at K2; Rooks at KKt6, QB sq; Bishops at QR2, KB8; Knights at KKt3, QB8; Pawns at KB4, QR5.

BLACK—King at Q4; Rooks at KB4, QKt2; Bishops at KR8, QKt sq; Knights at Q sq, QR2; Pawns at Q5, QKt3, 4, and 6, QR5.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Problem No. 125.—By H. and E. Bettmann, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Composed for the Argonaut.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solutions of Problems.

No. CXI— 1—Q R sq 1—Kt x Q
(Corrected). 2—R Q6 2—Any move
3—Kt or R mates.

With variations. There is no second solution.

No. CXII— 1—B K4. Second solution: 1—Q R3.

No. CXIII—1—P K8 (knight) 1—P moves
2—Kt Kt7 2—B moves
3—R R sq mates.

Correct solutions received: Problems Nos. 120, 121, 122, and 123 from U. Hartnell, Salinas City. Problems Nos. 116, 120, 121, and 122 from W.

To Correspondents.

W.—In 123, if 1 Q QB3, B QB5; 2 B K3 dis ch, B interposes. See correction to No. CXI. Thanks for your attention.

J. O. Flagg.—Postal acknowledged. No. 119 is unsound, having three solutions. Shall await your pleasure in the other matter.

Game No. 64.

Played between Dr. Hunt and another member of the North London Chess Club. Game and notes from *Land and Water*.

<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>	<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>
Dr. Hunt.	Mr. —.	14—Kt Q5	14—P Kt5
1—P K4	1—P K4	15—B Kt2	15—Kt x Kt
2—Kt KB3	2—Kt QB3	16—B x P ch	16—K R sq
3—B B4	3—B B4	17—R x Kt	17—B Kt3
4—P QKt4	4—B x P	18—Q Q3	18—Kt K2
5—P B3	5—B R4	19—Kt Kt5	19—Q Kt5
6—P Q4	6—P x P	20—B K18	20—P Kt3
7—Castles	7—P x P	21—B x P	21—Kt x R
8—Q Kt3	8—Q B3	22—Q x P	22—B x P ch
9—P K5	9—Q Kt3	23—K R sq	23—Q x P ch
10—Kt x P	10—KKt K2	24—K x Q	24—Kt B5 ch
11—R Q sq (a)	11—Castles (b)	25—K x B	25—Kt x Q
12—B R3	12—P Kt4	26—P K6 dis ch	
13—B Q3	13—Q K3		

(a) Recommended by us in our article on the compromised defense, and adopted by Dr. H. in consequence. He sends it as an illustration of what may happen unless Black minds what he is about.

(b) Zukertort proposed P QKt4 as Black's best defense. Dr. Hunt advocates the claims of B x Kt. We let the remainder of the game go as a sparkling piece of chess which our readers will be able to enjoy without our disturbing them.

(c) A very brilliant and beautiful game.

Chess matters have been somewhat active of late in this city. A chess tournament was recently concluded at the Mechanics' Institute, in which there were originally thirteen entries, but three withdrew, leaving ten to participate in the tourney. The terms of the match were two games to be played with each contestant, draws to count as half-games. There were four prizes, as follows: First, set of chess men, valued at twenty dollars; second, traveling chess board, ten dollars; third, one year's subscription to *Chess Monthly*, two dollars and one-half; fourth, Cook's Synopsis, American edition, two dollars; and were won, in order, by Messrs. J. Waldstein, Mansor, Fritz Peipers, and Seligsohn. Some of the games were very closely contested, and through the courtesy of one of the players we are enabled to promise the publication of a few of them shortly.

A complimentary dinner was given on the evening of the 18th instant to Mr. Jacoby, a prominent chess player of this city, who is on the eve of a trip to Germany. Some fifteen or twenty gentlemen participated, nearly all of whom are identified with chess on this coast. At the conclusion of the dinner it was suggested that, as a chess organization was greatly needed in this city, the occasion was a good one for inaugurating such an enterprise, and thereupon the following temporary organization was effected; President, Dr. Benjamin Marshall; Vice-President, Mr. Mansor; Secretary, Mr. Fritz Peipers; Treasurer, Mr. J. Waldstein. For the purpose of permanent organization, the President appointed Messrs. Mansor, Dorr, and Peiper a committee to frame a Constitution and By-Laws, and submit the same to the club at its next meeting, which would be held at the call of the President. It was also decided to call the new organization the Golden Gate Chess Club of California. We congratulate the chess players of the city and coast upon the formation of a club under such favorable auspices, and we are certain that the movers in the matter will receive the hearty and cordial support of every lover of chess in California.