

THE CHESS-PLAYER.

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Problem 162.—By F. B. Phelps, Sandwich, Ill.

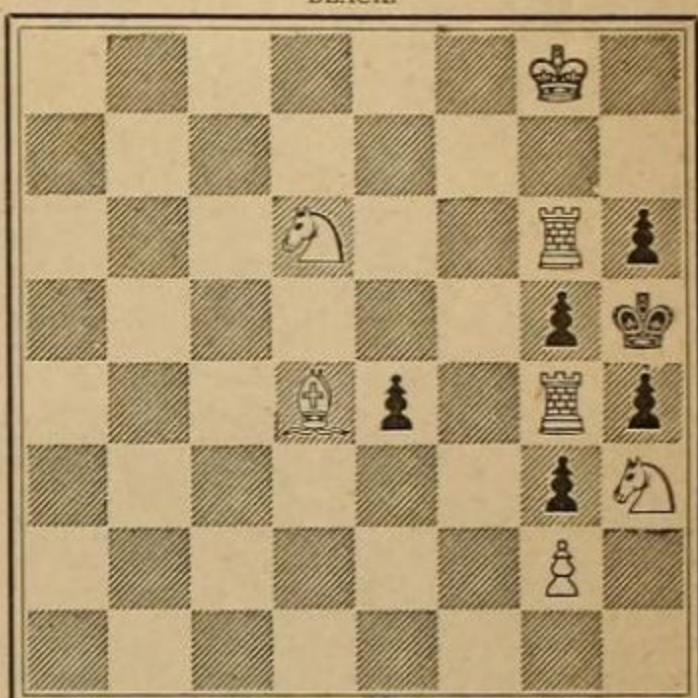
WHITE—King at Q3; Queen at KKt5; Knights at K5, QB5.

BLACK—King at Q4; Pawns at Q3, Q5.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Problem 163.—By John O. Flagg, West Boylston, Mass.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solutions of Problems.

No. 150— 1—Kt KB5

No. 151— 1—B K7

2—Q R7 ch

3—Q Kt sq, mates.

(a) 1—

2—Q R7 ch

3—Q x P, mates.

1—B x B (a)

2—K B8

1—P Kt8

2—K B8

Game No. 82.

Game played August 10, between Captain G. H. Mackenzie and Mr. I. Gunsberg, at the Counties Chess Association Meeting. Game and notes (condensed) from *The Field*.

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| White. Mackenzie. | Black. Gunsberg. | White. | Black. |
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| 1—P K4 | 1—P K4 | 23—Q KR4 | 23—P Q3 |
| 2—Kt KB3 | 2—Kt QB3 | 24—R R3 | 24—Q Kt sq |
| 3—B Kt5 | 3—P QR3 | 25—B B3 | 25—QR B sq |
| 4—B R4 | 4—Kt B3 | 26—R Kt3 | 26—P QR4 |
| 5—P Q4 | 5—P x P | 27—P Kt4 (d) | 27—P x P |
| 6—Castles | 6—B K2 | 28—Q x P | 28—B Q2 |
| 7—P K5 | 7—Kt K5 | 29—Q Q4 | 29—B B4 |
| 8—Kt x P | 8—Kt x Kt | 30—R K2 | 30—B Kt3 |
| 9—Q x Kt | 9—Kt B4 | 31—P Kt3 | 31—R B5 |
| 10—B Kt3 | 10—Kt x B | 32—Q Q2 | 32—P Q4 (e) |
| 11—RP x Kt | 11—Castles | 33—B K5 | 33—KR B2 |
| 12—B B4 (a) | 12—P QKt4 (b) | 34—P R4 (f) | 34—R K2 |
| 13—Kt B3 | 13—B Kt2 | 35—R Kt5 | 35—B K5 |
| 14—QR Q sq | 14—B QB3 | 36—B Q4 | 36—R Q2 |
| 15—Kt Q5 | 15—K R sq (c) | 37—P KB3 | 37—B B4 |
| 16—R Q3 | 16—R B sq | 38—P R5 | 38—P B4 |
| 17—KR Q sq | 17—P B3 | 39—B x P | 39—R B sq |
| 18—P x P | 18—B x P | 40—B Q4 | 40—R x P |
| 19—Kt x B | 19—Q x Kt | 41—P R6 (g) | 41—R x Q (h) |
| 20—B K5 | 20—Q K2 | 42—P x P ch | 42—R x P |
| 21—R Kt3 | 21—R B2 | 43—B x R ch | 43—Q x B |
| 22—R K sq | 22—Q B sq | 44—R K8 ch and mates next move. | |

(a) Captain Mackenzie claims this as his own continuation. The object is to prevent 12—P KB3; in that case White would win a pawn with 13 Q B4 ch, K R sq; 14 P x P followed by 15 B x P.

(b) It was suggested that Black play here 12—P QB3, followed by 13—P B3; but White would maintain the superior position—*e. g.*, 12—P QB3; 13 P B4, P B3; 14 R Q sq, P x P; 15 B x P, B B3; 16 P B5, B x B; 17 Q x B, Q B3; 18 Q x Q, R x Q; 19 Kt B3 and White has Knight against Bishop and a better developed game.

(c) If 15—B x Kt, then 16 Q x B, P Q3; 17 P x P, B x P; 18 B x B, P x B. It might be preferred to the continuation in the text, which brought Black into hopeless difficulty.

(d) If 27 B x RP, then 27—R B5; 28 R Kt4, Q Q4, with a fair counter-attack.

(e) Black has practically no move at his disposal, and it is impossible to move the advance Bishop from the diagonal.

(f) The following pretty variation was pointed out by Mr. Bird: 34 R x B, P x R; 35 R K3, R B4; 36 R R3 ch, R R3; 37 R x R ch, P x R; 38 Q R6 ch, Q R2; 39 B x P ch, K Kt sq; 40 Q x Q ch, K x Q; 41 B x R and wins.

(g) A worthy conclusion to a splendidly played game.

(h) If 41—Q QB sq, White wins with 42 B x P ch, K Kt sq; 43 B B3 dis. ch, K B sq; 44 R x B ch, etc.

Some of our exchanges are agitating the question of holding an American chess congress. Such a project must certainly commend itself to every lover of the game; and in view of the interest at present manifested throughout the country, evidenced by the number of chess clubs and the constantly increasing chess columns, it would seem that the time is ripe for making preparations at once, that the contemplated meeting may be held at an early date.

In the Hamburg Tournament, the first prize of £50 was won, with a score of 12 games out of 17, by I. Gunsberg, the winner of the British Chess Association Tourney. The second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth prizes, amounting to £95, were divided between Messrs. Blackburne, English, Mason, Tarrasch, and Weiss, each having scored 11½ games. The seventh prize of £7 was won by Captain George H. Mackenzie.

At the meeting of the Counties Chess Association, at Hereford, England, J. H. Blackburne won the first prize, of eighty pounds; Messrs. H. E. Bird and E. Schallopp, tie, and division of second and third prizes, of twenty-five and fifteen pounds, respectively, and Captain George H. Mackenzie, the fourth prize, of ten pounds.

In the Major Tournament of the Scottish Chess Association, Mr. D. Y. Mills won the twenty-five-pound champion cup, which carries with it the championship of Scotland, and Mr. J. Fraizer won second prize. These prizes were won against twelve contestants.

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