

THE CHESS PLAYER

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TASK No. 4

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WHITE MATES IN TWO MOVES
(Value 4 Points)

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Answer to Task No. 2: Q-R5. Answer to Task No. 4 should be post-marked not later than March 13. It is required only that White's first move be given.

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MANY of the "immortal" games of chess history were made possible by poor play on the part of the losers. Nevertheless, such games teach us how to take advantage of the mistakes made by our opponents.

The present game was won by the great master M. Najdorf of Argentina, formerly of Poland. There is little doubt that it will take its place with the brilliant efforts of Morphy, Anderssen, Alekhine and other of the great masters of the past. The score of the game, and abbreviated notes, are taken from the book *Master Chess* by the well-known Dutch player Lodewijk Prins. We heartily recommend this work, now available in English translation, to our readers.

DUTCH DEFENSE

White	Black
<i>Glucksberg</i>	<i>Najdorf</i>
1. P-Q4	P-KB4
2. P-QB4	Kt-KB3
3. Kt-QB3	P-K3
4. Kt-B3	P-Q4

Black now has the "stone-wall" formation.

5. P-K3	P-B3
6. B-Q3	B-Q3

B-K2 is to be preferred.

7. O-O	O-O
8. Kt-K2	QKt-Q2
9. Kt-Kt5?	—

A blunder, losing at least a pawn.

—	BxPch
10. K-R1	—

If 10. KxB, Kt-Kt5ch; 11. K-Kt1, QxKt and White will be threatened with mate.

—	Kt-Kt5
11. P-B4	—

Not 11. KtxKP? because of Q-R5. But 11. Kt-R3 was better.

—	Q-K1
12. P-KKt3?	—

Making it easier for Black.

—	Q-R4
13. K-Kt2	B-Kt8!
14. KtxB	Q-R7ch
15. K-B3	P-K4!!
16. QPxP	QKtxPch!
17. PxKt	KtxPch
18. K-B4	Kt-Kt3ch
19. K-B3	P-B5
20. KPxP	B-Kt5ch!
21. KxB	Kt-K4ch!
22. PxKt	P-R4 mate

Truly, an immortal game!

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The match for the championship of the United States, between Larry Evans of

New York, present champion, and Herman Steiner of Los Angeles, former champion, is due to begin in Los Angeles April 10. The match will consist of 16 games, the player scoring $8\frac{1}{2}$ points being the victor. The cost of a season ticket is \$15. Any person contributing \$250 will have the privilege of acting as host to the players at one of the games. The treasurer for the West Coast is Mrs. Gregor Piatigorsky, c/o Hollywood Chess Group, 108 No. Formosa Ave., Los Angeles 36, Calif. Checks should be made payable to the United States Championship Match Fund.

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Ten-second "rapid" tournaments are now being played at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, 57 Post St., San Francisco, each Friday evening. Mr. Earl Pruner of San Francisco has won two in a row. The first player scoring three victories will receive a cup. The club is also featuring weekly simultaneous exhibitions by prominent local players. Thus far, Mr. Guthrie McClain, Mr. James Schmitt, and Mr. Earl Pruner have given exhibitions. The new director of the club, Mr. Arthur B. Stamer, is in charge of activities.

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The Los Angeles County Chess Championship Tournament has ended in a tie for first and second places between Morris Gordon of Los Angeles and Lionel Joyner of Long Beach. There will be a four-game play-off to decide the winner.

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MRS. F. L. ROBINSON, Palo Alto: In answer to your question, we recommend James Mason's *The Principles of Chess*. This book has been a leading work for half a century.

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