

THE CHESS PLAYER

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TASK No. 31—By. O. Wurzburg



WHITE MATES IN TWO MOVES
(Value 4 points)

Answer to Task No. 29: R-B3.

Answer to Task No. 31 should be post-marked not later than September 18. It is required only that White's first move be given.

MR. LLOYD C. WOOLFE, of Stockton, California, wrote to us recently enclosing a game which was played by Mr. Samuel W. Bean, who died early last month.

Mr. Bean, who had lost his sight and hearing in an accident at the age of 13, was a most accomplished chess player. He very nearly won the world championship among blind chess players and only last year he won the championship of the Oakland Chess Club.

Of Mr. Bean's ability, Mr. Woolfe said in his letter that blindness and deafness were of "little handicap to him in the recently concluded Central California Chess League matches. Playing Board No. 1 for Pittsburg, his victims included Russell of Sacramento, Jackson of Modesto, C. J. Smith of Oakland and myself."

We are most happy to publish the following game:

VIENNA GAMBIT DECLINED

| White—L. C. Woolfe | Black—Sam Bean |
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| 1. P-K4 | P-K4 |
| 2. Kt-QB3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 3. P-B4 | P-Q3 |
| 4. Kt-B3 | Kt-B3 |
| 5. B-B4 | P-KR3 |
| 6. P-Q4 | PxQP |
| 7. KtxP | KtxKt |
| 8. QxKt | B-K2 |
| 9. B-K3 | O-O |
| 10. O-O-O | P-QR3 |
| 11. P-KR3 | P-QKt4 |
| 12. B-Q5 | P-B4 |
| 13. Q-Q2 | R-Kt1 |
| 14. P-K5 | KtxB |
| 15. KtxKt | PxP |
| 16. PxP | B-K3 |
| 17. KtxBeh | QxKt |
| 18. Q-Q6 | QxQ |
| 19. RxQ | P-QR4 |
| 20. BxBP | KR-B1 |
| 21. B-K3 | BxQRP |
| 22. KR-Q1 | B-Kt6 |
| 23. R(Q1)-Q2 | P-R5 |
| 24. K-Q1 | B-K3 |
| 25. B-Kt6 | K-R2 |
| 26. B-R5 | R-QR1 |
| | 27. B-Kt4 |
| | 28. P-B3 |
| | 29. R-K2 |
| | 30. KxR |
| | 31. K-B3 |
| | 32. K-B4 |
| | 33. K-K4 |
| | 34. R-Q2 |
| | 35. R-KB2 |
| | 36. K-Q5 |
| | 37. K-Q6 |
| | 38. K-B7 |
| | 39. B-Q6 |
| | 40. B-B5 |
| | 41. B-Q6 |
| | 42. B-B5 |
| | 43. RxR |
| | 44. P-KKt3 |
| | 45. B-Q4 |
| | 46. B-B2 |
| | 47. K-Kt6 |
| | 48. K-B6 |
| | 49. K-B5 |
| | 50. B-Q4 |
| | 51. BxP |
| | Resigns |
| | R-B5 |
| | R-K5 |
| | RxR |
| | R-K1! |
| | B-B5 |
| | P-Kt4ch |
| | B-B8 |
| | K-Kt3 |
| | P-B4ch! |
| | B-B5ch |
| | R-K3ch |
| | RxP |
| | R-K5 |
| | P-R4 |
| | P-B5 |
| | R-K7 |
| | BxR |
| | P-B6 |
| | K-B4 |
| | K-K5 |
| | B-B5 |
| | K-Q6 |
| | K-K7 |
| | P-B7 |
| | KxB |

We wonder what Mr. Bean would have done in chess if he had not been blind and deaf!