

Irmingham, Aurelius Buckingham, John Crabbe, Edward Everett Bruner, Ollie French, P. H. Flood, W. B. Hamilton, Bryant Necker, Olive Wright and W. J. Williams. Mrs. Flora E. Bowley is chairman of the program committee.

Lawrence Strauss To Sing Tonight

Lawrence Strauss, the Californian tenor, will make his first appearance tonight in recital in the east bay section since his return from New York in one of Alice Seckels' "Sunday Evening Musicales," which are being held in the home of Mrs. Frank Stringham in Berkeley. These concerts are completely subscribed, and no single event tickets are sold. Terese Bauer will be the accompanist in the following program:

- Old English songs: "The Three Ravens," "O Mistress Mine," "John Grumble," "Lord Rendall," Psalm 137, Bloch "Claire de Lune," Szuic "Mandoline," Szuic "L'Angelus," Bourgault-Ducoudray "Le Temps de Lilas," Chanson "Le Moulin," Pierre "The Goat," Murrorski "Little Boy Blue," Nevin "Child's Play," De Grassi "Serenade," Scott "Mother o' Mine," Tours

Quartet Plans Novel Program

Under the direction of Ferdinand Stark, the Hungarian Quartet of the Hotel St. Francis will play the following program this evening in the Fable room from 7 to 9 o'clock:

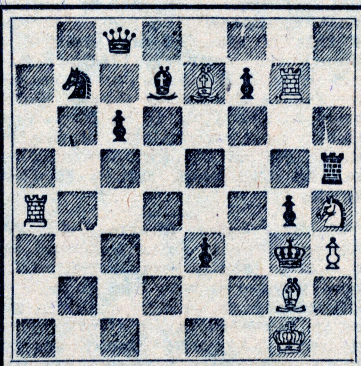
- March, "Albrecht".....Komzak Overture, "Titus".....Mozart Waltz, "The Star Gazer".....Lehar Song and valse from "Frasquita".....Lehar Violin solo, "Paradise".....Kreialer Ferdinand Stark "Awakening of Spring".....Bach Swakens from "Robin Hood".....De Koven "Tomorrow Morning".....Squires

Problems

A. J. F.

PROBLEM NO. 145

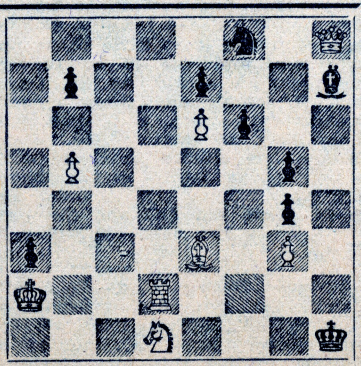
By P. Morn, St. Louis



Mate in two

PROBLEM NO. 149

By C. Nagy, Budapest



Mate in three

Solutions: No. 146, King-Queen four. Position shifted, Rook-Bishop five. No. 147 solved by Queen to Bishop seven. Solution to Kent End game: 1, S-K3 h, K-K7; 2, BxP, KxS; 3, P-S3, Q1, BxQ; 4, B-S! and draws.

CHESS

By E. J. CLARKE

Address Communications to Chess Editor, Chronicle

December 10, 1922

Bruno Forsberg is leading in the major tourney at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club. Forsberg completed the first round with five wins, drawing against A. B. Stamer.

In the minor tourney, W. E. Baker is leading.

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U. S. CHAMPION PLACED FIRST

Frank J. Marshall, who is on a month's tour which will take him as far West as Davenport, has won first prize in the Danish Gambit tournament at the Marshall Chess Club, making the fine score of 7½-½.

This means that the United States champion succeeded in winning practically all the games with both White and Black in the variation of the gambit to which the contest was restricted. A. Santasiere, the only one to draw with Marshall deservedly tied with M. Duchamp for the second and third prizes.

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Long Beach has been selected by the California State Chess Association as the place for holding the third annual State chess championship, according to a letter received by Bernardo Smith of this city, from Secretary Rich of the Long Beach Chess Club.

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The American Chess Bulletin for November, just issued, announces the receipt of a supply of the official souvenir of the recent London tournament, "Chess Pie." It is easily the finest thing of its kind ever issued. Address the American Chess Company, 150 Nassau street, New York, N. Y.

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It was a matter of comment that many of Rzeschewski's games in his first tournament held at the Chess Club International, New York city, recently, were adjourned several times before completion. In the Rzeschewski-Bigelow game, annotated for the current American Chess Bulletin by Bigelow, the latter has this somewhat ironic note: (d) Excellent! Sammy has a genius for finding the best move on the board in an uphill position. It was the first move made after adjournment."

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GAME NO. 132

No doubt a good game of chess is sufficient unto itself. But if certain dramatic circumstances attach to the playing thereof, such a contest has double attraction for the enthusiast. Quite casually we learned of the little drama which was enacted concurrently with the appended game. Believing that a recital of the events surrounding the encounter would interest our readers, one of the players concerned has obligingly written the story of the game for The Chronicle chess column. It may be mentioned that S. Katz, his opponent, is one of the leading amateurs of the big city. Within the last fortnight Katz defeated Capablanca in his simultaneous at the Manhattan Chess Club. Furthermore, it was the winning of this game and match that virtually gave the Marshall Chess Club its league victory last year.

A DRAMATIC CONTEST

By Bruno Forsberg

The following game was played in the second round of the Metropolitan League matches of 1922 in New York city at the rooms of the Manhattan Chess Club. Because of the incidents connected with the game it may be of interest. Before play started a question arose, and acting as captain for the Marshall team, I was drawn into a heated argument with the officials of the Manhattan Chess Club. The question was finally settled in our favor and the pairings for the match made. I drew for opponent young

S. Katz, and happened to overhear the following remark that was made to him by one of the participants: "You've got him. You know what to do to him!" I am sure it was intended for my ears as much as for my opponent's, but it only helped further to sharpen my fighting spirit, and I made up my mind I was not going to be "done up."

After what has been said it is easy to understand how I felt when as early as at my twelfth turn I saw defeat staring me in the face. I doubt if the physical blows a fighter in the ring receives are a more severe punishment than the mental blows a chess player experiences during an important game of chess. This game meant much to me, and when I discovered my opponent's sixteenth move, which I had overlooked, all the blood rushed to my head. When I could not find a satisfactory way out of the trouble I became nervous, excited and worried.

The time limit was forty moves for the first two hours, then twenty moves an hour. In trying to find a way out of the tangle I spent an hour and a half on three moves at an early stage of the game. Ordinarily this should be enough to lose any serious game, but in this case I think it won the game for me. I had gone to such an extremity that my opponent figured I had given up all hope. Who could make twenty-four moves in ten minutes? He began to watch my clock closer than the game, expecting to win on the time limit. The fact that I had to make seventeen moves in five minutes, and that Capablanca, who was present, declared that I now had possibilities of winning, made it very interesting for the spectators.

Now my opponent also began to realize that his position was getting worse. While he was forced to deliberate on his moves the game was set up in an adjoining room. There Capablanca demonstrated how Black could win. Messengers carried in the moves as they were made in the actual game. Everybody seemed interested to see if I could hit the right trail when so pressed for time. Here is the game:

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

S. Katz (Manhattan)	B. Forsberg (Marshall's)	S. Katz (Manhattan)	B. Forsberg (Marshall's)
White	Black	White	Black
1—P-Q4	P-Q4	25—B-Q3(4)	P-R5!
2—S-KB3	P-QB4	26—B-KB	R-B7
3—P-QB4	P-K3	27—B-R3	R-Q7
4—B-B3	S-KB3	28—B-K8ch	K-S2
5—P-Q3	S-P-Q3	29—B-K8ch	K-B2
6—B-Q3	P-QR3	30—B-S4	RxQP
7—Castles	B-Q3(1)	31—B-B3	R-Q3
8—P-Q33	Castles	32—R-K7	BxP
9—B-S2	P-QS3	33—BxB	R-Q8ch
10—R-B	R-B	34—R-K	RxRoh
11—B-S1	R-S2	35—B-R	P-R6
12—R-P	K-RxQP	36—K-R	QxB2
13—Q-Q3	PxP(2)	37—QxQ	PxQch
14—SxP(Q5)	BxPch	38—K-S	K-S3
15—SxB	QxS	39—B-Q2	K-B4
16—S-S4	Q-KR4	40—BxS	KxB
17—SxSch	PxS	41—KxP	P-S4
18—P-P	S-K2	42—K-B	K-B6
19—QR-K	S-B3	43—K-R	QxB2
20—Q-S3	KR-K	44—K-B	P-S5
21—R-K3	Q-S4	45—K-K	P-B5
22—KR-K	RxR	46—K-B	P-B4
23—RxR	S-B5	47—K-K	K-R7
24—Q-R2(3)	P-KR4!	Resigns(5)	

NOTES

- (1) Here 7½, PxP, B, BxP, P-QB4 and P-QB5 would have been better.
- (2) I had overlooked White's sixteenth move, S-S4, which gives him a powerful attack, and spent an hour and a half on three moves trying to find a way out.
- (3) Looks like a very good move, as it attacks Black's pawn on R2, and at the same time making room for the R on S3. At this stage I had only about five minutes in which to complete my forty moves.
- (4) Threatening R-S3, which could not be done before an account of the knight check on K7.
- (5) I am sure I was the happiest man in the room when my opponent got up and offering me his hand, resigned the game. After it was all over, Capablanca remarked: "Kitty caught too big a rat that time!"

Matheson to Speak On Criminals Here

Captain Duncan Matheson, representing the Police Department, will speak on "The Present Criminal Situation" at the Park-Presidio hall, 649 Eighth avenue, on Tuesday evening, December 12. The public is invited.