

CHESS

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ALEKHINE WINS HASTINGS TOURNAY

Alexander Alekhine has added still another tournament victory to his remarkable record by taking first place in the double round tourney at Hastings, England. Alekhine led Rubinstein by half a point. An odd feature of the play was that Yates, after finishing last, 2½ to 7½, made his best score against Alekhine, winning and drawing. It was the only game Alekhine lost and the only game Yates won. Prizes were: First, £100; second, £75; third, £50; fourth, £25. The following table shows results of individual games in both rounds:

	Alekhine.	Rubinstein	Bogoljubov	Thomas...	Farrash...	Yates...	Won.....
Alekhine ..	1½	1	1	1	1½	0½	7½
Rubinstein ..	0½	1	1	1½	1½	½	7
Bogoljubov ..	0	0	0	½	½	1	4½
Thomas ...	0	0	½	½	½	1	4½
Farrash ...	0½	0½	½	½	½	1	4
Yates	1½	½	0	0	0	1½	2½
Lost ...	2½	3	5½	5½	6	7½	

CORRESPONDENCE MATCH

Additional entries for the proposed Northern vs. Southern California correspondence chess match have been received from R. Dunipace, Palo Alto; E. Beach, San Francisco; N. D. Baker, Oakland; R. A. Monroe, Berkeley; C. Fisher, Berkeley; C. W. Collins, Floriston (who writes that the chess players of that town burrow into the Sunday Chronicle till they come to the chess column). N. D. Greenway, Oakland, well known for his activity for the welfare of the game, and an experienced correspondence chess player, asks to be placed on the reserve list. The next step will be to organize the correspondence players of Southern California, which task is being done by Cliff Sherwood of the Los Angeles Express. Donald Muiridge of the Los Angeles Chess Club will probably act as captain of the Southern team. As soon as the latter is organized, contestants of Northern California will be notified.

TRIANGULAR TOURNAY AT BERKELEY

Results for the second round being played at the Faculty Club were: Gruer vs. Ryder, won by Gruer; Ryder vs. Branch, drawn; Branch vs. Gruer.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE VS. TRANSBAY EXPERTS

A team match on five boards will be played at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, 57 Post street, next Saturday evening. The quintet from across the bay, E. W. Gruer, Professor A. W. Ryder, Professor G. E. K. Branch, M. Ward and K. O. Haldeman. The M. I. team will be State Champion A. J. Fink, Bruno Forsberg, A. B. Stamer, S. Simon and E. J. Clarke.

CAPABLANCA'S CLEVER COMBINATION

It remained for the world's champion to point out the depths and beauty of his combination against Vidmar in the game between these two players in the London tourney (game No. 114, published in The Chronicle, September 17). With Capablanca to make his fifteenth

move the position stood: Capablanca (White)—K at KS, rooks at KB and QB, Q at QB7, B at Q3, knight at KB3; pawns at KR2, KS2, KB2, K3, Q4, QS2, QR2. Black—K at KS, Q at QS5, rooks at KB and QR, B at QB, knight at Q2, pawns at KR3, KS2, KB2, K3, Q4, QS3, QR2. Capablanca continued 15, P-QR3. Vidmar declined the pawn (QS), and moved the queen. After the game he asked Capablanca what would happen if he had taken the pawn. Capablanca then showed the following:

White	Black	White	Black
16—R-S	QxSP	19—S-K5	Q-Q
17—B-S5	QxRP	20—QxRP	SxS
18—B-B6	Q-K2(a)	21—PxS*	

* And the Black bishop is lost. A strange position.
(a) RR was threatened, as well as the black knight.

The following is from the Hastings tourney. Black pays the penalty for a disorganized queen side. The advanced pawns drop one by one into Alekhine's basket. Game No. 121 was played in the recent Western Association meet at Louisville, Ky.

GAME NO. 120

QUEEN'S GAMBIT

(Hastings tourney, second round)

Alekhine	Tarrasch	Alekhine	Tarrasch
White	Black	White	Black
1—P-Q4	P-Q4	47—KS-Q2	BxB
2—P-QB4	P-QB3	18—SxB	P-B2
3—KS-B3	S-B3	19—Q-B3	P-B4
4—S-B3	PxP	20—B-B4	Q-S2
5—P-K3	P-QS4	21—P-Q5	PxP
6—P-QR4	P-S5	22—PxP	Q-R3
7—S-R2	P-K3	23—QR-B	B-B5
8—BxP	B-K2	24—S(S3)x	K-P
9—Castles	Castles		RP
10—Q-K2	B-S2	25—S-B6	P-S4
11—R-Q	QS-Q2	26—B-K5	SxB
12—P-K4	P-QR4	27—S(B6)xS	P-B3
13—B-KS5	R-K	28—QxS	PxS
14—S-B	Q-S3	29—P-Q6	B-S2
15—S-S3	P-R3	30—Q-Qsch	K-R
16—B-K3	B-R3	31—QxBP	Resigns

GAME NO. 121

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

H. Hahl-bohm	E. W. Gruer	H. Hahl-bohm	E. W. Gruer
White	Black	White	Black
1—P-Q4	P-Q4	34—K-K3	K-S2
2—S-KB3	S-KB3	35—QR-Q3	QR-K
3—P-QB4	P-B3	36—R-Q7	K-B2
4—S-QB3	S-K5	37—P-KS4	K-B
5—P-S3	P-K3	38—S-R4	K-B2(e)
6—Q-S3	P-KB4	39—S-B3	K-B
7—B-Q3	Q-S2	40—S-R4	K-B2
8—Castles	QxQ	41—P-K6ch	KxP
9—BxS	BPxB	42—RxRch	RxR
10—PxQ	SxB3	43—SxP	R-B3
11—S-KS5	KPxP	44—K-K2	B-S3
12—P-B3	B-Q3	45—R-R3	RxR
13—SxBP	R-S2	46—KxR	B-Q5
14—P-S3	P-K4!(6)	47—P-S3	P-QR4
15—R-K(a)	S-Q2	48—S-R4	P-QS4
16—PxP	P-Q5!	49—S-B5	B-B3(f)
17—P-K4	SxSP	50—SxP	P-R5
18—SxP	SxB	51—PxP	PxP
19—S-B3	Castles	52—S-B5	P-R6
20—R-R3	B-Q	53—S-K3(g)	P-R7
21—RxR	S-B3	54—K-B2	P-R3(Q)
22—S-Q5	B-S3	55—SxS	BxS
23—K-R	L-K3	56—P-R4	B-K4
24—K-R	BxS	57—P-S5(h)	P-B4
25—S-B4	KR-K	58—P-R5	B-S7
26—RxR	QR-Q(c)	59—P-R6	K-B2
27—R-S3	P-KR3	60—P-K5	BxP
28—P-KR3	R-S3	61—K-K4	P-B5
29—K-R3	B-B2	62—KxB	P-B7
30—K-S3	P-B2	63—K-B5	P-B7
31—K-B4	P-KS3	64—P-S6ch	K-B
32—R-Q4	R-K2	65—P-S2ch	K-B2
33—R-Q6(d)	R-KBch	66—Resigns	

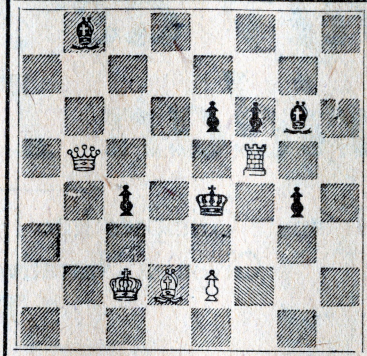
NOTES

- (a) White has now to all appearances the preferable game. He threatens P-K4.
- (b) Black temporarily gives up two pawns but gets them back with the better game.
- (c) Loss of time R-S was better.
- (d) A very good move. If the rook is captured the two united passed pawns become very strong.
- (e) Both players very short of time.
- (f) B-S3 was much better.
- (g) See note f.
- (h) Better not to move these pawns.

The Foreign Legion, attached to the Spanish army, lost twenty-seven officers and 292 men in the Moroccan service. The wounded totaled seventy officers and 1175 men.

Problems

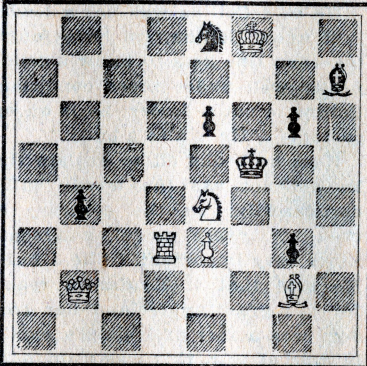
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PROBLEM NO. 132
By E. Palkoska (Prague).



White mates in three moves.

PROBLEM NO. 133

By E. H. Shaw.



White mates in three moves.

Solutions and solvers' list held over.

Dominican Players To Present Comedy

"Captain Rackett," a three-act comedy, will be presented tomorrow night by the Dominican Players as their first offering of the winter season. The play will be given in St. Dominic's Hall on Pine street. "Captain Rackett" deals with married life before the days of prohibition. Those in the cast are W. C. Nolte, Ernestine Manning, James Schubal, Dorothy Knowlton, John L. Chamberlain, Lucile Donahoe, Stinson O'Brien and W. T. Colloom. Dancing will follow the presentation of the play.

Oh, Watson, What Do You Make of This?

NILES, Mich., Oct. 15.—Arthur Gregg, youthful fisherman, accounted for four deeply lacerated toes by explaining that a three-foot pike seized them as they dangled in the water from a boat in which he was fishing.

He was pulling a bluegill in past his bare foot when the pike lunged at the smaller fish, seized Gregg's toes and clung to them until they were jerked out of the water, he said.