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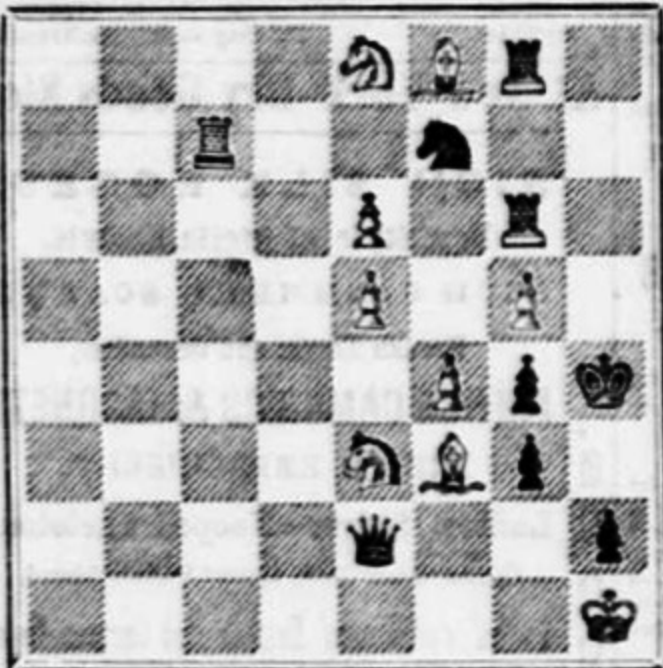
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## Problem No. 29.

(SELF-MATE.)

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BLACK.



WHITE.

White to move, and compel Black to Mate in four moves.

**SELF-MATE.**—We present to our Chess playing readers the first Problem in Self-Mate which has appeared in our columns. A change of this kind in Problem exercises will doubtless be attractive to all, affording, as it does, a new field of Chess study.

**To Correspondents.**

*L. R. C., of Sacramento.*—Your inquiries in regard to the Problem of "The Knight's Tour," to receive a full and detailed reply would require the entire space devoted to our use for Chess purposes. You must therefore be content simply with being told what the Problem is. It consists "in moving the Knight so as to cover, successively, every square of the Chess board, starting from a given point, and never resting upon the same square twice." There are many Solutions to this Problem, either one of which will afford L. R. C. a sufficient amount of difficulty to thoroughly test his mathematical powers, as well as his patience. At the same time we commend it to his attention.

*Quizo, Stockton.*—Your inquiries in regard to the progress of the Cosmopolitan Tournament will be found fully answered in our Chess column of this week.

*A. R. N., Contra Costa.*—We are always glad to receive original Problems, more especially when, as in the case with yours—which is marked for insertion—they rise above an ordinary degree of excellence.

*O. L.*—The Staunton men cannot be purchased in San Francisco, so far as our knowledge extends. They are decidedly the best in use, and the cheapest in the long run. The cast iron humbugs dubbed "Morphy Chess Men," are a disgrace to the inventor and a libel upon the fame of Paul.

*A. A. Mix, San Francisco.*—Your Solution of Problem No. 27 is correct.

### Solution of Problem No. 27.

#### WHITE.

- 1...Q to Q B 5
- 2...P x P *en passant*
- 3...P x Q R P—dis ch
- 4...Q to Q 6—ch
- 5...R to Q Kt 8—mate

#### BLACK.

- P to Q Kt 4
- K to Q Kt 2
- K to Q B 2
- K to Q B sq

### QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.

Between Messrs. Morphy and Mongredien.

White (Mr. Mon.)

Black (Mr. Mor.)

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|--------------------|-------------|
| 1...P to Q 4       | P to K 3    |
| 2...P to Q B 4     | P to K B 4  |
| 3...P to K B 4     | Kt to K B 3 |
| 4...Kt to K B 3    | P to Q Kt 2 |
| 5...P to Q R 3     | P to Q R 4  |
| 6...Kt to Q B 3    | Q B to Kt 2 |
| 7...P to K 3       | B to K 2    |
| 8...B to K 2       | Castles     |
| 9...Castles        | P to K R 3  |
| 10...P to Q Kt 3   | P to Q 3    |
| 11...Q B to Kt 2   | Q Kt to Q 2 |
| 12...Q R to Q B sq | K to R 2    |
| 13...B to Q 3      | P to K Kt 3 |
| 14...P to K R 3    | Q to K sq   |
| 15...Q to K sq     | Kt to K 5   |

(The game has been opened up to this point with great care by both parties, and as is generally the case in close openings, without exciting any great amount of interest. Now, however, we are presented with positions of both a pleasing and difficult character.)

16...B x Kt

(Better, we believe, than P to Q 5, as in reply to that move Black would have played Q Kt to Q B 4, forcing the K B to retreat, and then, after the exchange of Knights, have won a Pawn.)

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P x B

17...Kt to Q 2

(We should have preferred here Kt to K R 2. If, in answer to this move, Black played P to K R 4, White could have advanced his Q P, followed eventually by Kt to Q Kt 5; if, however, any other move, White, we believe, could have safely played P to K Kt 4.)

Kt to K B 3

18...K to R 2

Q to Q 2

19...R to K Kt sq

P to Q 4

20...Q R to Q B 2

(We do not see the object of this move. White, it seems, gains nothing, and only loses time by it. The result of this remarkable game shows how often both victory and defeat depend, not only on the intrinsic correctness of a move, but more on that move being made at the right moment. If it was White's intention to establish his Queen's Rook at K Kt 2, after having removed the Knight, and advanced the King's Knight's Pawn, why not commence the operation with P to K Kt 4?)

P to K Kt 4

21...Kt to K B sq;

P x P

22...P x B P

B to Q 3

23...P to K Kt 3

P to Q B 3

24...Kt to K 3

R to K Kt sq

25...Q B to K Kt 2

Q R to K B sq

26...Kt to K 2

Q B to B sq

27...P to K Kt 4

Q to Q B 2

28...R to K B 2

Kt to K sq

29...Q to K B sq

R to K B 2

30...K to R sq

K R to B sq

31...Kt to Kt 2

B to Q R 3

(Observe the versatility of Mr. Morphy's play. Having obtained a passed Pawn in the middle of the board, and very cleverly compelled his adversary to concentrate his forces on the King's side, he now opens his fire on the other flank.)

32...Q to Q B sq

Q to K 2

33...Kt to Kt 3

Kt to Kt 2

34...R to K sq

P to Q B 4

35...Kt to K 2

Q B to Kt 2

36...P x Q P

K P x P

37...P to K B 5

Kt to K 3

38...K Kt to B 4

Kt x Kt

39...Kt x Kt

R to Q B sq

40...Q to K 3

P x P

41...B x P

B x Q R P

42...B x Q Kt P

(Mr. Mongredien observes that he here lost a fine opportunity of gaining an advantage, and there can be small question that if Kt to K 6 had been selected in place of the move really adopted, Mr. Morphy's defence would have been rendered one of excessive difficulty.)

B to Q Kt 5

43...R to Q sq

R to Q B 6

44...Q to Q 4	Q to K R 5
45...R to K Kt sq	R to K Kt 2
46...Q to K 5	R to K 2
47...Q to Q 4	B to Q 3

(Quite in Morphy's style. Having once got an advantage, he drives it home with the utmost skill and perseverance.)

48...Q x R	P to Q 5
49...Q x Q P	B x Kt
50...K to Kt 2	P to K 6 (dis ch)

And White surrendered.

(The notes to this game, the third in the match, are from the *Era* and *Sunday Times*.)

## TWO KNIGHTS' DEFENCE.

Between the same players.

White (Mr. Mor.)	Black (Mr. Mon.)
1...P to K 4	P to K 4
2...Kt to K B 3	Kt to Q B 3
3...B to Q B 4	Kt to K B 3
4...Kt to K Kt 5	P to Q 4
5...P x P	Kt to Q R 4
6...P to Q 3	

(This move, though given by Von der Lasa, we consider to be inferior to that of B to Q Kt 5.)

7...Kt to K B 3	P to K R 3
8...P to K R 3	B to K Kt 5
9...Q x B	B x Kt
	B to Q 3

(Bad; P to K 5 should have been played instead.)

10...B to Kt 5—ch	P to Q B 3
11...P x P	P x P
12...B x P—ch	Kt x B
13...Q x Kt—ch	K to K 2
14...Kt to Q B 3	Q R to Q B sq
15...Q to K B 3	K R to K sq
16...Castles	K to K B sq
17...Q B to Q 2	P to K Kt 4

(Exposing the King, at once, to a most formidable attack.)

18...P to K R 4	Kt to K R 4
19...Q to Q B 5	K to Kt 2
20...P x P	P x P
21...P to K Kt 3	P to K B 3
22...K to Kt 2	K R to R sq
23...K R to R sq	R to Q B 2
24...R to R 2	Q to Q B sq
25...Q x Q	K R x Q
26...Q R to K R sq	Kt to K B sq
27...Kt to Q Kt 5	R to Q 2
28...Kt x B	R x Kt
29...B to Q Kt 4, and Black resigns.	

(The fourth game in the match. From the *Era*.)

## The Value of the Rook.

The *Chess Monthly* for April contains a very interesting article on the Rooks, from which we extract the following entertaining story :

"Many of our readers have probably seen the story of the two Persians, one of whom, having staked and lost at Chess all his wealth, finally, in despair, risks his last and greatest treasure—his wife. He is about to lose when an exclamation from his spouse, who is overlooking the contest from a balcony, teaches him the way to win. The supposed position of the forces at this point was as follows :

*White*—K at K R 4, R at Q R 2, B at K 4, Pawns at Q B 6, and Q Kt 6.

*Black*—K at Q Kt sq, Q at K Kt 2, Rooks at K Kt sq, and Q Kt 7. (White mates in two moves.)

The story has been very prettily told, in verse, by the *Monthly Magazine* :

Where the stream of Solofrena,  
Winds along the silent vale;  
Where the palm trees softly murmur,  
Waving to the gentle gale;

By the myrtle woven windows  
Of an old romantic seat,  
Sat at Chess two noble Persians,  
Sheltered from the scorching heat.

Here, with beating breast, Alcanzor,  
Viewed the deep, eventful play,  
There, with black o'erarching eyebrows,  
Sat the Caliph, Mehmed-Bey.

But, with wary eye, the Persian  
Marks each passion of the heart;  
And the gallant, brave Alcanzor,  
Yields—a victim to his art.

Soon his ancient store of treasures,  
Soon his wealth and wide domain,  
Soon the glories of his fathers  
Fall—the crafty Caliph's gain.

Now he maddens, as the lion  
Raging through the desert grove;  
Now, with desperate oath, he pledges  
Zaida's beauties, Zaida's love.

Mehmed Bey the offer seizes,  
Triumph glistens in his eyes:  
Ah! rash youth, that thou hadst never  
Dared to risk so fair a prize!

For impending ruin threatens  
To devote thy hapless love;  
But what piercing accents issue  
From the latticed height above?

'Tis the beautiful Zaida crying,  
Half distracted: "Oh! my life,  
To the foe concede thy castle,  
And from death preserve thy wife."

## The Chess Tournament.

In the Chess Tournament of the Cosmopolitan Club of this city, the score stand as follows, as far as the games have been played :

### FIRST DIVISION.

#### FIRST CLASS.

*Winner's name placed first in the list.*

Schleiden vs. Siering	Shaw vs. Schleiden
Justh vs. Schleiden	Schleiden vs. Sutro
Roberts vs. Justh	Roberts vs. Siering
Sutro vs. Roberts	Shaw vs. Sutro

### SECOND CLASS.

*Winner's name is placed first in the list.*

Kinzel vs. Farwell	Byrne vs. Ellis
Chater vs. Blumenthal	Chater vs. Mizner
Blumenthal vs. Baker	Kinzel vs. Mizner
Scott vs. Kinzel	Blumenthal vs. Farwell
Kinzel vs. Baker	Byrne vs. Farwell
Kinzel vs. Monroe	Mizner vs. Blumenthal
Chater vs. Baker	Scott vs. Baker
Farwell vs. Chater	Byrne vs. Kinzel
Mizner vs. Monroe	Kinzel vs. Wheaton
Chater vs. Monroe	Scott vs. Berolzheimer
Kinzel vs. Struver	Berolzheimer vs. Struver
Scott vs. Blumenthal	Chater vs. Kinzel
L. Levinson vs. Chater	Farwell vs. Meyer
Byrne vs. Chater	J. Levinson vs. Blumenthal
Byrne vs. Blumenthal	Scott vs. Chater
Kinzel vs. Blumenthal	Farwell vs. Scott
Mizner vs. L. Levinson	L. Levinson vs. Blumenthal
Baker vs. Farwell	Mizner vs. Byrne
Byrne vs. L. Levinson	Wheaton vs. Blumenthal
J. Levinson vs. Byrne	Berolzheimer vs. Kinzel
Berolzheimer vs. Byrne	Meyer vs. Scott
J. Levinson vs. Berolzheimer	L. Levinson vs. Kinzel
Scott vs. Ellis	Chater vs. Berolzheimer
Chater vs. Ellis	L. Levinson vs. Baker
Kinzel vs. Meyer	Byrne vs. Meyer
Chater vs. Meyer	Mizner vs. Farwell
Byrne vs. Monroe	Kinzel vs. J. Levinson
J. Levinson vs. Meyer	Mizner vs. Scott
J. Levinson vs. Scott	Chater vs. Wheaton
J. Levinson vs. Mizner	J. Levinson vs. Chater
Farwell vs. Wheaton	Monroe vs. Wheaton
Scott vs. Struver	Mizner vs. Wheaton
Chater vs. Struver	Byrne vs. Scott
Blumenthal vs. Meyer	Blumenthal vs. Vertimer
L. Levinson vs. Farwell	Mizner vs. Meyer
L. Levinson vs. Berolzheimer	Farwell vs. Struver
Ellis vs. Blumenthal	Berolzheimer vs. Farwell
Kinzel vs. Ellis	Berolzheimer vs. Blumenthal
Struver vs. Byrne	Monroe vs. Blumenthal
Wheaton vs. Struver	Blumenthal vs. Struver

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*Winner's name placed first in the list.*

Dawson vs. Bowman	Bowman vs. Swasey
Tyler vs. Swasey	Tyler vs. Dawson
Johns vs. Tyler	Swasey vs. Dawson
Tyler vs. Bowman	Swasey vs. Dewey
Tyler vs. Dewey	Tyler vs. Nourse
Nourse vs. Bowman	Dow vs. Dewey
Dow vs. Carlton	Nourse vs. Swasey
Dewey vs. Nourse	Bowman vs. Dewey
Dow vs. Tyler	Dow vs. Swasey
Bowman vs. Dow	Swasey vs. Kemp
Bowman vs. Kemp	Nourse vs. Dow
Bowman vs. Johns	Dewey vs. Dawson

#### SECOND DIVISION.

Whitney vs. Barrett	Whitney vs. Hill
Whitney vs. Ladd	Ladd vs. Barrett
Ladd vs. Lupton	Bartlett vs. Carlton
Ladd vs. Labatt	Ladd vs. Bartlett
Whitney vs. Lupton	Bartlett vs. Whitney
Whitney vs. Labatt	Hong vs. Bartlett
Labatt vs. Lupton	Bartlett vs. Labatt
Haog vs. Labatt	

### RECAPITULATION :

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## FIRST DIVISION.

### FIRST CLASS.

Name.	Games Won.	Games Lost.
Schleiden .....	2	2
Roberts.....	2	1
Shaw .....	2	0
Justh.....	1	1
Sutro.....	1	2

## FIRST DIVISION.

### SECOND CLASS.

Byrde.....	10	3
Blumenthal .....	5	11
Baker .....	1	5
Farwell .....	5	7
Kinzel.....	10	5
Ellis.....	1	4
Chater.....	10	5
Mizner .....	8	3
Scott .....	7	6
Monroe .....	2	4
Wheaton .....	2	5
Berolzheimer .....	5	4
Struver .....	1	7
L. Levinson.....	6	2
Meyer.....	1	7
J. Levinson .....	7	1
Vertimer.....	0	1

## SECOND CLASS.

### FIRST DIVISION.

Dawson .....	1	8
Swasey .....	3	4
Tyler .....	6	2
Nourse .....	3	2
Carlton .....	0	1
Bowman .....	5	3
Johns.....	1	1
Dewey .....	2	4
Dow .....	4	2
Kemp.....	0	2

### SECOND DIVISION.

Whitney.....	5	1
Hill .....	0	1
Lupton .....	0	3
Carlton .....	0	1
Hoag .....	2	0
Barrett .....	0	2
Ladd .....	4	1
Bartlett.....	3	0
Labatt.....	1	4