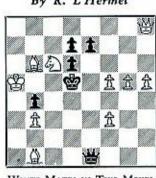
THE CHESS PLAYER

By Dr. H. J. Ralston

TASK No. 5 By R. L'Hermet



WHITE MATES IN Two Moves (Value 3 points)

Answer to Task No. 3: Kt-Q4. Answer to Task No. 5 should be postmarked not later than March 20. It is required only that White's first move be given. Solvers' names will be published in a "ladder" rating.

HENRY GROSS,

► Francisco attorney, has been leading California player for 25

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years. He first came into prominence in the chess world by winning the University of California championship in 1927. In the same year he finished first in the Open Tournament at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club in San Francisco. The following year he was again the University champion, and tied for first place with Mr. A. J. Fink of San Francisco in the California State Championship Tournament. Since that time he has been among the leaders in all tourna-

At the present time, Mr. Gross is the main spirit in the new Golden Gate Chess Club, located at 251 Post Street, San Francisco. He also is a member of the Castle Chess Club in Berkeley, the present California State Club Champions.

The game below was played last year

ments in which he has participated.

The game below was played last year in a club match, and is chosen to illustrate Mr. Gross' aggressive and combinational style. His opponent in this game, Mr. Robert Konkel of San Francisco, is also a leading player, and winner of the Northern California Championship several years

ago.

FRENCH DEFENSE	
White	Black
H. Gross	R. Konkel
1. P-K4	P-K3
2. P-Q4	P-Q4
3. P-K5	P-QB4
4. Q-Kt4	Kt-QB3
5. Kt-KB3	PxP
6. B-Q3	B-Q2
Q-B2 is better here.	
7. 0.0	Q-B2
8. R-K1	0.0.0
9. P-B3	10 march 20 m
Exposing the Black King to	
direct attack is wo	rth the pawn.
10. KtxP	
	P-B4
11. O.Kt3	P-KR3
12. Kt-QKt5	Q-Kt1
13. B-Q2	P-Kt4
14. QR-B1	P-R3
15. P-QR4	B-K1
16. KKt-Q4	K-Q2
17. KtxKt	PxKKt
18. Kt-Q4	P-B4
19. BxRP!	PxKt
20. B-R5	K-K2
21. BxRch	QxB
	Total Control of the

22. R-B8 Q-R4 K-B2 23. KR-QB1! If 23 . . . QxB; 24. KR-B7ch, B-Q2; 25. Q-R3ch and wins. 24. B-K2 BxP K-Kt2 25. B-R5ch 26. R(B8)-B7ch Kt-K2 27. Q-QR3 R-Kt1 28. RxKtch K-R1 If 28 . . . BxR; 29, QxBch, K-R1; 30. QxP, K-R2; 31. Q-B7ch, K-R1; 32. B-Kt6 wins. 29. Q-Q6 Q-Q7 30. R-KB1 R-Kt2? BxR 31. R-K8! K-R2 32. QxBch 33. QxB P-Kt5 Q-Kt4 34. QxP 35. B-B7 P-Q6 36. QxQP 37. P-K6 P-Q7 P-R4 38. R-Q1 Q-K2 39. QxPch K-R1 40. RxP R-Kt4 Resigns 41. Q-Q3 The Salinas Chess Club, by defeating Santa Cruz 4½-3½, has elinched the championship of the Monterey Bay Area Chess League for the third consecutive year, thus coming into permanent posses-sion of the League Trophy. The standings to date: Salinas, 3-0; Santa Cruz, 1-2; Carmel, 0-2. . . Mr. Earl Pruner of San Francisco won the weekly "rapid' tournament at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club for the third successive time, thereby coming into pos-session of the first trophy of the current season. Ten-second tournaments are played each Friday evening. We learn that Mr. Pruner was to be inducted into the Army late in February. We predict a sudden late in February. We predict a sudden sharp increase in chess activity in the armed forces. S. G. Johnson and Ray L. Richards are leading the 1952 Sacramento City Championship Tournament with scores of 2-0. Closely following with scores of 1½-½ are former titleholders M. O. Meyer and J. B. Gce. The lead in the Reserve Section was shared by J. H. Hastings, Earl Waters, and Gene Gray, all with scores of 2-0. Mr. Bernhard Silberberg, San Fran-cisco: In answer to your remarks concerning chess symbolism, it would not seem desirable to change the system until a

large number of chess players are agreed on the matter. The so-called "binomial system" is even simpler and more precise than the one you advocate.