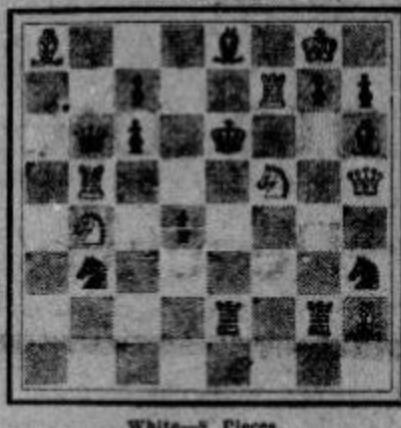


PROBLEMS

PROBLEM NO. 41. BY E. E. WESTBURY.
(First prize, Pittsburgh Gazette-Times, 1912.)
Black—13 Pieces.



White—8 Pieces.

White to play and mate in two moves.

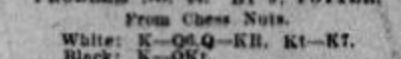
PROBLEM NO. 42. BY F. A. L. KUSKOP.
(First prize, Sydney Morning Herald, 1912.)
Black—9 Pieces.



White—11 Pieces.

White to play and mate in two moves.

PROBLEM NO. 43. BY C. H. WHEELER.
From Weston and Dahlia.
White: K—KKt4, Q—QB3, Kt—KKt5, P—QKt2
Black: K—K4, P—Q4, K2, K3 and KKt3.



White to play and mate in two moves.

PROBLEM NO. 44. BY J. POTTER:
From Chess Notes.

White: K—Q8—QR, Kt—K7.

Black: K—K7.

White to play and mate in two moves.

SOLUTIONS to PROBLEMS OF MAY 18

No. 33: K—Kt2 No. 35: Kt—K6

No. 34: Kt—QB No. 36: R—B2

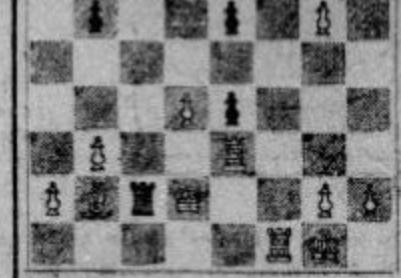
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End Game No. 12

Here is a rather historic position from a tournament game between Zukertort and Blackburne. In fact, as high an authority as Steinitz pronounced it "one of the most brilliant combinations on record." The diagram shows the game, with Zukertort (white) to move. Blackburne (black) has just played R (from B2) to B7, which loses. Instead, B—Q4 would have given black a fair game.

Black—10 Pieces.



White—11 Pieces.

The game was continued (notes by Blackburne).

1 PxPch K—R 4 R—BSch! KxP
2 P—Q5ch P—K4 5 QxPch R—K12
3 Q—Kt4(a) R(B)—B4(b) 6 RxPch(c) Resigns

(a) This move created considerable excitement among the spectators. However, the move was anticipated by myself. If the Q be taken, white mates in seven moves.

(b) I thought this quite sufficient, overlooking the sacrifice of the rook.

(c) A worthy finish.

WOULD REDEEM DEFEAT

(Special Dispatch to The Call)

SAN MATEO, May 21.—San Mateo and Burlingame will meet in the second game of the championship series on the local diamond tomorrow afternoon. In the first game, two weeks ago, Burlingame defeated San Mateo by a score of 7 to 1. Manager Jack Howard of the San Mateo club believes his boys will come back tomorrow with the long end of the score.

MER
CHAMPIO

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Without the slightest hitch, the scheduled 10 board telegraphic match between the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club and the Chess Club of Southern California was played on Decoration day. When the last tick of the operators' instrument had sounded a count of the various boards showed the eagle of victory perching on the banner of the southerners by a score of 6 to 4. It was a hard fought contest, but the best of feeling prevailed.

President Jaunet of the local club opened the match with the following message: "Extend congratulations over success attending arrangements. May best team win." To which the southern club's president replied: "Thanks for kind message. All ready at this end of wire."

And when the institute's colors were lowered the victors sent this chivalrous message to the vanquished, "It is a pleasure to play with square Californians."

And with a smile o'er-spreading his features, Operator Munster (who did the Western Union credit by his able work no less than by his courteous conduct during the match), after listening to the final tick-ticks, announced: "They're dancing on the tables and breaking the furniture!"

The following table shows pairing and results:

M. I. C. C.	C. C. of S. C.
Ind. 1—F. Sternberg	2. C. E. Waterman
Ind. 2—A. J. Flak	3. D. E. Frazer
Ind. 3—A. B. Stanner	4. M. A. Woodward
Ind. 4—J. Ford	5. G. Sirove
Ind. 5—B. Smith	6. C. H. Whipple
Ind. 6—L. Rosenblatt	7. Perry
Ind. 7—W. Smith	8. L. Borrough
Ind. 8—G. Hallwegen	9. Petersen
Ind. 9—H. Clarke	10. W. S. Waterman
Ind. 10—Dr. Lovegote	11. S. Mlotkowsky

Total: 4 6

After playing magnificent chess in a game with State Champion C. W. Phillips in the pending championship tourney of the Chicago Chess club, E. W. Gruer of this city experienced a brainstorm on his sixty-seventh move and threw away a won game. Gruer forwarded the score, and it is the opinion of all who have played it over that the precision, strategy and judgment displayed by the former U. of C. youth was worthy of a Lasker. It was a horrible thing to lose such a game, and reading between the lines of his letter this is how Gruer felt. (Bear in mind that by defeating Phillips, Gruer would undoubtedly have won the high honors of first place). The words are Othello's, but the sentiment is mutual:

"... now, forever, farewell the tranquil mind! farewell content! farewell the plumed troup, and the big wars That make ambition virtue! O, farewell! Farewell the neighing steed and the shrill tramp, The spirit-stirring drum, the ear-piercing fife, The royal banner, and all quality, Pride, pomp and circumstance of glorious war!

Alas! poor Gruer. But beyond the rude dashings of his hopes in what should have been his hour of triumph, there was a deeper note of woe and misery—a note "from the depths of some divine despair," as 'twere. Gruer closed his letter thus:

"Goodby—and goodby eats."

(If a diagram is necessary to elucidate, it will be recalled that Gruer had been promised a swell feed on his return to San Francisco if he won the Chicago championship.)

C. H. Whipple, U. S. A. (retired) of Los Angeles was a recent visitor at the Mechanics' Institute Chess club. While in Germany, some years ago, Whipple learned to appreciate the great German Handbuch on the openings. He is a subscriber to the new edition, now running through the press, under the capable editorship of the Austrian master, Carl Schlechter. Whipple (who is paired with George Hallwegen in the North vs. South correspondence match) remarked that in discussing the postal card contest with Stasch Mlotkowsky the latter had expressed the opinion that a correspondence player possessing the encyclopedic Handbuch should give his opponent odds. (But trust "Uncle George" to sizer those games out of the Handbuch about the third move!)

Here are directions for securing "Der Handbuch des Schachspiels." Address Curt Ronniger, Hans Hedwig's Nachfolger, Leipzig, Germany. It consists of 10 parts at 2.55 marks each, or 25.50 marks for the complete work, which includes postage. Send a draft for \$6.12, and the first two numbers will be sent at once, and the succeeding parts as printed. As a draft is but 10 cents, this brings the total cost up to \$6.22. No home is complete without a Handbuch. (By the way, the text and notation are in German.)

Discussing Lasker, Rubinstein and the possible clash of dates between Havana and St. Petersburg, the New York Sun remarks:

General regret is expressed by all chess players over the announcement by Champion Lasker that he is likely to retire from active chess playing. He is almost sure, so he writes to the manager of the proposed Havana international tourney, that he will never again engage in tournament play, but that he might be induced to play in a few matches when called upon to defend his championship title. Although Lasker does not say what kind of work he is engaged in, he volunteers the information that his activity has turned into other channels. In view of his remarkable tournament record, it is rather disappointing to see the champion retire at the age of 45. Other masters have been known to do worse when much older and less successful. It is hoped that sooner or later the champion will change his mind as others have done before him.

The Russian champion, A. Rubinstein, sent word from Merano that he would gladly play at Havana. At the same time it is announced that the directors of the St. Petersburg club also intend to arrange a grand masters' tournament at the Russian metropolis about the same time, and if that should happen he would be unable to come to Havana, just as Capablanca would not think of going to St. Petersburg if Havana should want him. To prevent a clash,

Pillsbury herewith remedies the error made at St. Petersburg.

(b) Fine move! Loss a pawn, but gains valuable time.

(c) Black can not take Kt on account of mate threat.

(d) The rook is badly placed here.

(e) Brilliant! Threatens QxR mate, also QxP attacking QR.

(f) What more could a game enthusiast ask for?

Correspondence

K. B. C., San Jose—Glad you like new design at head of column. No, the squirrels are not holding watermelons; they are hickory nuts—they grow very large in California.

"IGNORAMUS"—Yes. Always glad to hear from you.

H. E. C., City—Will you drop us a line if you received A. C. W. prizes?

W. D. M., Alameda—Thanks for your encouraging letter. Experience has shown that many problem solvers doze out the solutions, but do not take the trouble to send them except during a contest. That probably accounts for slippage.

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