

Our Chess Corner

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Capablanca has again demonstrated his ability, by winning the American National Masters' Tournament at New York City. Marshall fought gallantly, after getting away to a bad start, and was pressing the Cuban hard for premier honors at the finish. Jaffe, who has had international practice, was third. He has the honor of being the only player to down the redoubtable victor of San Sebastian. The French champion, Janowski, could do no better than fourth.

The tourney was fairly representative, though Napier and Hodges were conspicuous by their absence. Jackson W. Showalter, former United States champion and hero of many a hard-fought match, was also missing.

The games, taken as a whole, were hardly up to the standard; but it must be taken into consideration that chess "quarrels" are like the other kind—it takes two to make them. The sparks usually fly when master meets master. But, aside from Capablanca, Marshall, Janowski, Jaffe and Chajes, the participants could hardly be said to measure up to master rank.

The final standing was:

Players	Won.	Lost.
Capablanca	11	2
Marshall	10 1/2	2 1/2
Jaffe	9 1/2	3 1/2
Janowski	9	4
Chajes	8	5
Stapfer	8	5
Kupchik	6 1/2	6 1/2
Tanewerzel	5 1/2	7 1/2
Whitaker	5 1/2	7 1/2
Rubinstein	4 1/2	8 1/2
Kline	4 1/2	8 1/2
Morrison	4	9
Libraletta	2 1/2	10 1/2
Zapoleon	2	11

Lasker, commenting on the failure of the original plans, but before the American tourney had been substituted, expressed the hope that "the big American chess association, which hitherto has existed only on paper, may be formed. Let the Manhattan, Franklin and Brooklyn chess clubs combine for the purpose."

Expressing regret that Dr. W. R. Lovegrove of this city could not accept the committee's invitation to represent the Pacific coast in the recent tournament. Hermann Helms, director of play, and well known as an authority on chess matters, in a letter, added: "It may be a long time before the opportunity to enter a contest of its pretensions may offer again."

Is it possible that our eastern chess friends have never seen the symbolic figures—1915? Haven't they heard of the greatest world's fair in history—the Panama-Pacific exposition? That grizzled old chess warrior, George Hallwegan, informs me that \$700 was easily raised to pay Zukertort for an engagement in San Francisco some years ago. So, unless there has been a sudden tightening of purse strings, no difficulty should be experienced in raising ten times that sum and more for an international chess tournament during the exposition in keeping with the magnificence of that great event. With all the Pacific coast working in harmony for the success of the fair, we chess players of the coast should have not the slightest difficulty in getting together. Neither do I think it too early to begin discussion of ways and means. Let us transplant Lasker's suggestions for an American chess association to the Pacific coast and form a Panama-Pacific exposition chess committee, composed of one representative from every chess organization on the coast. At any rate, I put the suggestion forward for what it is worth and would be glad to hear from others as to the feasibility of the plan.

One of the strongest chess players in the west is A. W. Ryder, Sanskrit professor at the University of California. And he is as genial a soul as he is clever as a chess player, which is saying a good deal, take it either way. When Jacques Mieses was visiting the United States in 1904, at the time of the successful Cambridge Springs, Pa. tournament, Ryder defeated the German master in a straight over the board game. Unfortunately, Ryder failed to commit the game to writing, but carried it in his head without mishap for a few years. Gradually, however, the moves became blended with some of the Upanishads, and the professor found it exceedingly difficult to separate them. One day while translating the Zend-Avesta, a certain knight's move in the Mieses game (Kt at QKt2 to QB4 ch) became hopelessly confused with a Sanskrit word from the Atharva-Veda, containing 14 accented letters—and the Mieses-Ryder game was lost to chess history!

However, the following gem—a 13 move mate—played between Ryder and G. H. Walcott of Boston, Mass., who represented America in one of the cable matches against Great Britain a few years ago, was committed to "waste blanks" and thus saved from sharing a like tragic fate. It is now printed for the first time:

Greco Counter Gambit

White—Ryder.	Black—Walcott.
1. P—K4	P—K4
2. Kt—KB3	P—KB4
3. Kt—B3	Kt—QB3
4. P—Q4	RP x P
5. KKt x P	Kt—B3
6. B—QB4	P—Q4
7. Kt x QP	Kt x Kt
8. Q—R5(ch)	P—Kt5
9. Kt x KtP	Kt—B3
10. B—B7(ch)!	K x B
11. Kt—K5(ch)	K—K3
12. Q—B7(ch)	K—Kt4
13. P—Kt4 mate	

Following is a selection of games played in the national masters' tourney at New York:

GAME NO. 3

Queen's Gambit Declined

White—Marshall.	Black—Kline.
1. P—Q4	P—Q4
2. P—QB4	P—K3
3. Kt—QB3	Kt—KB3
4. Kt—B3	B—K2
5. B—Kt5	QKt—Q2
6. P—K3	Castles
7. B—B	P—QKt3
8. P x P	P x P
9. Q—R4	B—Kt2
10. B—QR6	B x B
11. Q x B	P—B3
12. Castles	Kt—K5
13. B x B	Q x B
14. Q—Kt7	KR—B
15. Kt x P	Q—Q3
16. R x P	Resigns(a)

(a) Marshall must have experienced all the emotions of a person found stealing candy from an infant after black's fourteenth move.

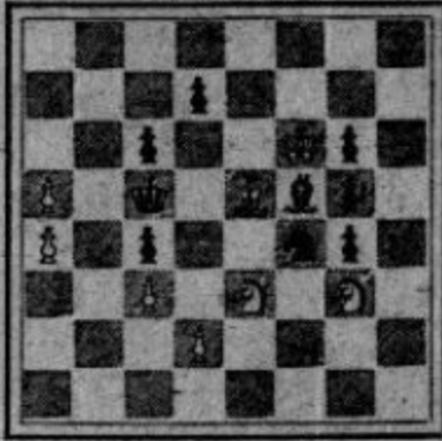
GAME NO. 4

Queen's Pawn Opening

Jaffe.	Chajes.	White.	Chajes.
1 P—Q4	Kt—KB3	23 B—K3	B—Q4
2 Kt—KB3	P—Q4	24 B—B5	B—K3
3 P—QB4	P—K3	25 B—Q3	Kt—Kt5
4 Kt—QB3	QKt—Q2	26 B—K4	BxKt
5 P—K3	P—QR3	27 P x B	Q—Kt
6 P x P	P x P	28 Q—K2	P—B4
7 B—Q3	B—Q3	29 R x Kt	P x B
8 Castles	Castles	30 Q—K4	B—B5
9 P—K4	P x P	31 Q—R7 ch	K—B
10 Kt x P	Kt x Kt	32 B x B	P x B
11 B x Kt	Kt—B2	33 B—Kt4 ch	K—B2
12 B—B2	P—KB3	34 B—Q6	Q—B
13 Q—Q2	R—K3	35 Q—K4	K—Kt4
14 B—Q2	B—K3	36 B—QB	Q—Q2
15 KB—K	P—B4	37 B—B3	R—B
16 B—B3	P—B5	38 Q—Q4	Q—Kt3
17 Q—Q2	Q—QKt4	39 P—B3	P x P
18 P—QKt3	Q—B2	40 P x P	Q—Q2
19 Kt—P	B x P	41 K—B2	B—Kt
20 Kt—K3	B—K3	42 R x P	R—Kt5
21 B—B5	Q—Kt2	43 B—B7	Q—Kt4
22 P—QB3	QR—B	44 Q—KB4	Resigns

PROBLEMS

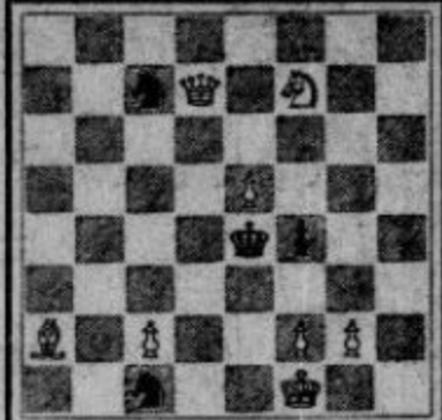
PROBLEM NO. 3. BY S. LOYD.
Black—8 Pieces.



White—8 Pieces.

White to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM NO. 4. BY A. W. GALITZKY.
Black—4 Pieces.



White—8 Pieces.

White to play and mate in two moves.

NOTE—To Solvers: When sending in solutions the key move is sufficient.

END GAME DEPARTMENT

By "E. K."

In the following position white secures a draw. I consider it one of the best end game problems ever composed: White (4 pieces)—K at QB7, R at QB2, B at QR4, P at QR4. Black (5 pieces)—K at QR, Q at Q8, B at KKt7, pawns at QR2, QKt2. White to play and draw.

The adjourned game (Whitaker, white; Capablanca, black) from the pending New York tourney, given in this department last week as an end game problem, black to win, should, with proper play, have resulted in a draw. The youthful University of Pennsylvania champion, after playing the Cuban to a standstill, on resumption of play went to pieces, and Capablanca won easily. The position reached at adjournment was analyzed at the local Mechanics' Institute Chess club, but, with correct play black did not seem able to force a win. So we passed it up to our readers as a problem, having the sole information that black won. Whatever censure is deserved for this faux pas must fall on the shoulders of the editor, as "E. K." begins his task with this number. From the position given last week, Capablanca continued with B—Q4 (the sealed move):

51. B—Q2	B—Q4
52. B—R7	B—R7
53. K—R4	K—Kt
54. B—Kt2	K—K3
55. P—R4	Q—K5 ch
56. K—Kt4	Q—KKt5
57. P—Q5	B x P ch
58. Q—Kt3	B—K3 ch
59. K—B3	Q—B5 ch
60. K—K3	Q x P
61. B—Q4	Q—B5 ch
62. B—Q2	B—B4
63. Q—R4 ch	K—Kt
64. B—K5	B—K3
65. Q—Q4	P—R7
66. Q—Q8 ch	K—R2
Resigns	

Notes

Mischa Elman, the famous Russian violinist, also is an accomplished chess player, being a member of the St. Petersburg Chess club. He has been invited to visit the Mechanics' Institute chess rooms during his engagement here this week. If Elman plays the royal game as skillfully as he handles the bow, the local players will have to go home.

Honolulu, Hawaii, has a large chess circle, which meets at the Y. M. C. A., where A. E. Larimer is secretary. Considerable correspondence passed between Honolulu and San Francisco, looking to a chess match by wireless between the two cities. Though nothing definite was decided upon, such a sensational stunt is still a possibility of the near future.

Chess players, being birds of a feather, delight to flock together. Sometimes, however, a devotee of the royal game, visiting another city, often has to make many inquiries, resort to directories or telephone books before he can discover a Temple of Calissa. It has been suggested that secretaries of regular chess clubs or circles of the Pacific coast send the name and address of their organization to The Call chess editor, and thus form a chess club directory, to be printed in this column now and then. A good idea.

Correspondence

W. D. M., Alameda—Problem No. 1 has a dual solution, your move also being correct. Problem No. 2 is perfect, but should read white ten pieces.

F. J. G., City—Your solution to No. 2 is incorrect. Try again.

D. H. H., Oakland—Your solution is correct. Glad to have your name as a solver.

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