

THE CHESS-PLAYER.

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Problem 180.—By H. and E. Bettman, Cincinnati, Ohio.

WHITE—King at QR sq; Queen at KKt5; Rooks at Q2, QR4; Bishops at Q4, QKt3; Knight at QB sq, KB3; Pawn at KKt3.

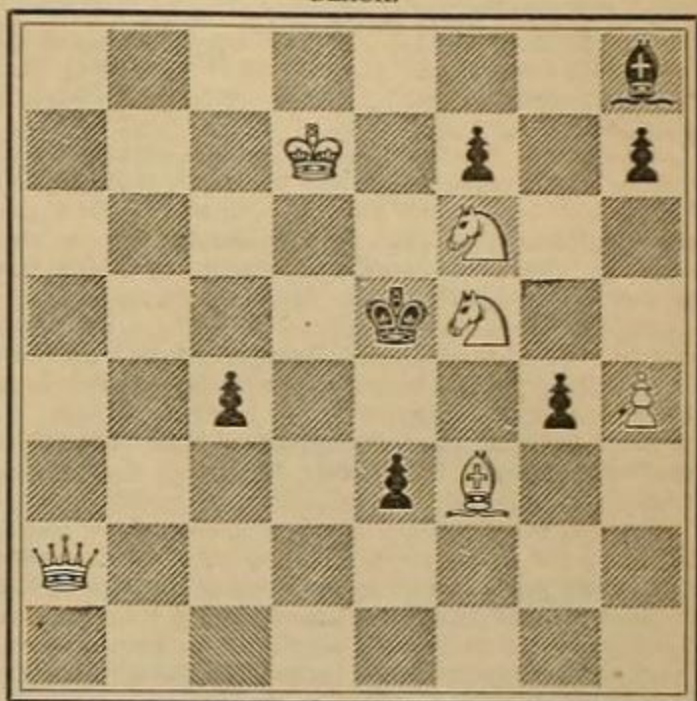
BLACK—King at K5; Rooks at Q3, KB sq; Bishops at K2, KKt sq; Knight at KKt8; Pawns at K4, KR4, QB6.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Problem 181.—By C. Planck.

First Prize in the Weekly Echo (England) Tourney.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solutions of Problems.

No. 170— 1—Kt KB4

No. 167— 1—R R8 1—P B5 (a, b)

2—Q Kt4 ch 2—P B4

3—P x P en pas. mates.

(a) 1— 1—P Q5

2—Q B4 ch 2—K moves

3—Q x KBP mates.

(b) 1— 1—P x B

2—R K8 ch 2—K moves

3—Q x P mates.

Solutions received: Problems Nos. 174 and 175, from James Harvey, Nanaimo, B. C.; Nos. 176 and 177, from W., Tombstone, A. T.; No. 176, from U. Hartnell, Salinas City.

To Correspondents.

J. B. Halkett.—Your courtesy is acknowledged, it being the more appreciated because unexpected.

J. H., Nanaimo.—Money order received and subscription forwarded at once.

G. O., Modesto.—Any information you may desire in the matter will be given so far as is practicable.

Game No. 89.

Played at the City and County Chess Club, Dublin, Ireland. Game and notes from *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*.

TWO KNIGHTS DEFENSE.

<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>	<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>
Mr. M.	Mr. Pim.	15—R K sq	15—P B4
1—P K4	1—P K4	16—P x P	16—B x P
2—Kt KB3	2—Kt QB3	17—P R3	17—Kt B3
3—B B4	3—Kt B3	18—P K4	18—B K3
4—P Q3 (a)	4—B B4	19—P B4 (g)	19—Kt R4
5—B KKt5	5—P Q3	20—Kt B sq	20—Kt B5
6—Castles	6—B K3	21—K R2	21—Q Q2
7—QKt Q2 (b)	7—Q Q2	22—Kt Kt sq	22—R B3 (h)
8—P QR3 (c)	8—P KR3	23—R K3	23—QR KB sq
9—B K3	9—B Kt3	24—Kt Kt3	24—Kt x KtP
10—P QR4 (d)	10—Castles KR	25—K x Kt	25—R B7 ch
11—B QKt5	11—P R3	26—K R sq	26—B x RP
12—B x Kt	12—Q x B	27—Q R5 and Black mated in two moves (i).	
13—P R5 (e)	13—B x B		
14—P x B	14—Kt Kt5 (f)		

- (a) Kt Kt5 or P Q4 is better.
 (b) This Kt on QB3 would have commanded a wider sphere of action.
 (c) A good move. He is now prepared to advance his Queen's pawns should Black castle QR.
 (d) Weak. Kt K2 or QB x B would have given better form to his game.
 (e) Another random move. White evidently needs to be told that real chess consists of a series of moves all connected together and forming a harmonious whole, like beads or gems in a necklace. Here Kt K2 was perhaps best.
 (f) A futile attempt to frighten the enemy. Kt R2 or QR Q sq would have accorded with the principles of the game.
 (g) Weakening his QP. Kt R4 was as good as anything in his power.
 (h) Mr. Pim having now accumulated the material for an attack, arranges his forces admirably, and conducts the ending with his wonted skill and judgment.
 (i) A curious and pretty mate.

The Philadelphia *Times* says: "An item is going the rounds to the effect that Paul Morphy received five thousand dollars for his chess column in *Bonner's Ledger*. Our recollection is that the sum was one thousand dollars." To which we reply, with a positive knowledge of the facts, that Mr. Bonner paid three thousand dollars for Mr. Morphy's chess column in the *New York Ledger*, but that Mr. Morphy never contributed a line to the paper, nor ever received a cent from Mr. Bonner. Throughout Paul Morphy's entire chess career he never received any remuneration for his services nor accepted a stake after he had won it.—*New York Evening Telegram*.

The *New Jersey Central Herald* discontinues the publication of the chess column in consequence of the retirement of the chess editor, Mr. Ralph W. Pope, who from press of business matters was obliged to relinquish editorial charge. We hope Mr. Pope's retirement is but temporary, as the chess fraternity can not afford to lose so able an exponent of the game.

Messrs. T. P. Bull and S. Lloyd, who jointly conduct the chess column in *Tid-Bits*, New York, have announced for some time past that their paper was the official organ of the Chess Editors' Association; and now comes Mr. B. R. Foster, of the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*, who makes a similar claim for his paper. "Under which king, Bazonian? Speak, or die!"

In the pending tournament of the New York Chess Club, Messrs. Eugene Delmar and S. Lloyd lead at present, with a score of 8½ games each.