THE CHESS-PLAYER.

Problem No. LXI.—By A. F. Mackenzie.

WHITE—King at QB sq; Queen at Q8; Rooks at QB8, KR4; Bishops at QR4, KKt7; Knights at Q5, KB7; Pawn at QR3.

BLACK—King at QB5; Rook at K3; Bishop at QB4; Pawns at Q5, K2, K5.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Problem No. LXII.—By V. Freitag, Prague.

BLACK.

WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution of Problem No. LIII.

1—Q Kt sq	1—Any move
2—Q, R, or Kt mates acc.	

Solution of Problem No. LIV.

1—B x P		1—Q Kt7
2—Q Q5 ch	2—K x Q (if K x	2—Any move
3—R x P mates. R, Q x P mates.		3—R or Kt mates.
(b) 1—		1—Q B6
2—B Kt5 ch		2—Any move
3—Q mates.		

In Problem No. LVIII, Pawn at Q Kt2 should be *White*.

Correct solution received as follows: Problem LVIII, from U. Hartwell, Salinas City.

Game No. 42.

Played in the match between Clifton and the St. George's Club, on May 7, 1884, the players being the leaders of their respective teams. Game and notes (condensed) from the *British Chess Magazine*.

VIENNA OPENING.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
Dr. Ballard.	Mr. Thorold.		
1—P K4	1—P K4	13—Kt Kt5	13—Q K sq
2—Kt QB3	2—B B4 (a)	14—B Kt4 (g)	14—R B3
3—B B4 (b)	3—P Q3	15—B Q2	15—P KR3
4—Kt B3	4—Kt QB3	16—Kt B3	16—R Q3
5—P KR3 (c)	5—Kt R4 (d)	17—Kt K2 (h)	17—P QKt4 (i)
6—B K2	6—Kt K2	18—Q x P	18—B QR3 (!)
7—P QR3	7—QKt B3	19—Q x P	19—B x P ch
8—Kt QR4 (e)	8—P KB4	20—K K sq	20—B x P (j)
9—Kt x B	9—P x Kt	21—Kt Kt sq (k)	21—QR Q sq
10—P Q3	10—Castles	22—B B sq	22—R Q4
11—P QB3 (f)	11—P KB5	23—Q B4	23—B Q6
12—Q Kt3 ch	12—K R sq	24—Q R2 (l)	24—B QB7
		25—P QKt4	25—Q Kt3

And Black wins.

(a) Either this move, Kt KB3 or Kt QB3 may equally be played, but the two former have the advantage of preventing the Hamppe-Allgaier attack.

(b) The usual combination is P B4; the game is now resolved into a form of the Giuoco Piano.

(c) P Q3 is the correct play.

(d) Rarely of much service until the B is prevented from retreating by P Q3, for now the Kt has to go back again immediately.

(e) By this move his KB is shut in; he should have brought the B to B4, and if Black then ventured on P B4, he could reply with Kt KKt5.

(f) This leaves his QP weak, and enables the opponent still further to shut up his pieces. He should have exchanged pawns.

(g) The correct play seems Kt K6 forcing B to take, leaving two Bishops against two Knights.

(h) The weakness of QP now begins to make itself felt.

(i) A fine move, followed by a still prettier one, which White did not see. His best course, perhaps, was 18 B x B, Q x B; 19 Q x P, R Kt sq; 20 Q R4, R x P; 21 KR QKt sq, Q Kt2; 22 Q B2, R x R; 23 R x R, Q R3; 24 B B sq, etc.

(j) P KR4 would win a piece, but Black, in view of Kt x KP, perhaps thought he would purchase it too dearly.

(k) Kt x P would be ruinous now on account of Kt Kt3; and if he played P KR4, then 21 P KR4; 22 B R3, RQ4; 23 Q B4, B Q6; 24 Q R4, P K5; 25 Kt Kt5, P K6, etc.

(l) Q R4 is better, perhaps, as it would prevent Black's next move.

"San Francisco has hardly figured yet in the history of chess, but it contains a very large number of fair players. The strongest of them is, in my opinion, Mr. J. D. Redding, a young lawyer, with whom I played a little match on even terms, the conditions being Mr. Redding to have the first move, and play five times the Evans Gambit, I betting twenty-five to five. I won five games, but (especially in the first and second) it was a hard tussel. . . . Next to Mr. Redding I must mention Mr. Heynemann, who played a number of games about twenty-five years ago with Mr. Staunton; Mr. Jefferson, late champion of Tennessee; Mr. Selim Franklin, well known at Simpson's Divan, and Mr. Critcher, a rising player of great promise."—*From letter of Doctor Zukertort to London Field.*

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