

THE CHESS-PLAYER.

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Problem 178.—By C. H. Wheeler, Forest Hill, Ill.

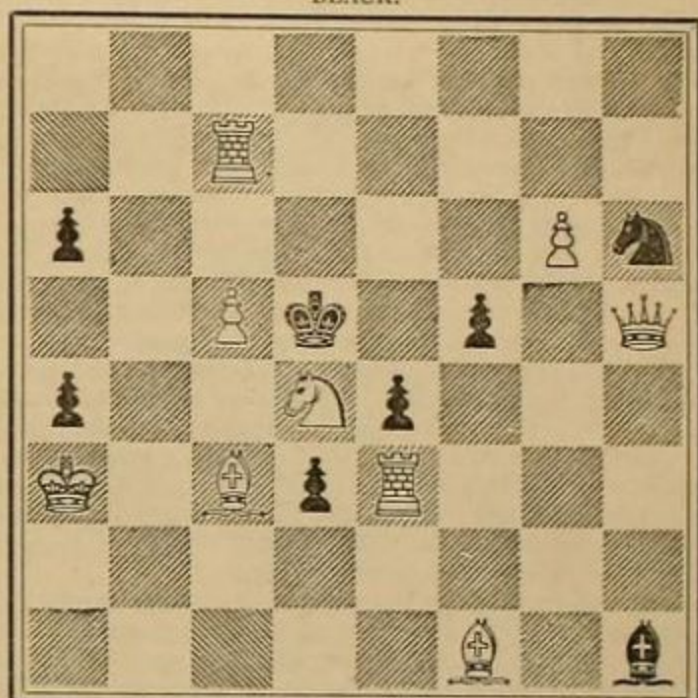
WHITE—King at KB sq; Rooks at KB3, KB7; Bishops at KKt6, QKt4; Knight at K3.

BLACK—King at Q5; Bishop at K4.

White to play and mate in two moves.

Problem 179.—By H. and E. Bettman, Cincinnati, Ohio.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solutions of Problems.

No. 166— 1—Q QB3—

No. 167— 1—Kt K7
2—Q KKt5 ch
3—Q B5 mates.

(a) 1— 1—R KB sq
2—R KB6 2—Any move
3—Q KB4 or K3 mates.

No. 168— 1—Kt KB4

No. 169— 1—Kt K4
2—R Kt5 ch
3—R K5 or Q B5 mates.

(a) 1— 1—B x R
2—Q x P ch 2—Any move
3—Q QB5 mates.

1—R x Kt (a, b)
2—K K3

(b) 1— 1—R KKt sq
2—R KB5 ch 2—Any move
3—Q KB4 mates.

1—P x Q (a, b)
2—K moves

(b) 1— 1—K moves
2—Q KB sq ch 2—Any move
3—Q Q3 mates.

Solvers' comments: Nos. 164 and 165—"Very pretty, both."—F. B. Phelps. —No. 166—"Not difficult." No. 167—"Well worth the prize; White's second move, R KB6, very fine."—W.

Solutions received: Problems Nos. 172 to 175, inclusive, from W., Tombstone, A. T.; No. 177, from U. Hartnell, Salinas City.

Game No. 88.

A brilliant game played lately in Germany between Herr Fritz and Dr. Zukertort. Game and notes from *Brooklyn Chess Chronicle*.

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<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>	<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>
Fritz.	Zukertort.	13—Q Kt2	13—Kt Kt3
1—P K4	1—P K4	14—Kt KB4	14—Kt x Kt
2—Kt KB3	2—Kt QB3	15—B x Kt	15—P QR3 (a)
3—B B4	3—B B4	16—Kt KKt5	16—Q K2
4—P QKt4	4—B x P	17—P K6 (!) (b)	17—QP x P (c)
5—P QB3	5—B R4	18—Q x KKtP	18—Q B sq
6—P Q4	6—P x P	19—Q B6	19—B Kt3 (d)
7—Castles	7—P x P	20—B K4	20—B Q2
8—Q Kt3	8—Q B3	21—KR Q sq (e)	21—B B4
9—P K5	9—Q Kt3	22—QR B sq	22—B K2
10—Kt x P	10—KKt K2	23—R x B (!) (f)	23—K x R
11—Kt K2	11—P QKt4	24—B x Kt ch	24—K B sq
12—B Q3	12—Q K3	25—Q Q4	Resigns.

(a) If instead Castles, it follows 16 B x P ch, etc.

(b) A remarkable move, with which White begins an almost irresistible attack.

(c) BP x P would not be better, because of 18 Kt x RP.

(d) If instead B Q2, it follows 20 Kt x BP, which is not good now on account of B Q5!

(e) Here White might have readily won with 21 B x Kt, B x B; 22 Kt x KP, P x Kt (if Q Kt sq?) 23 Kt x P ch, followed by R K sq ch, etc.; 23 Q x P ch, Q K2; 24 Q x B ch, K B2; 25 QR K sq, Q B3; 26 Q Q5 ch, and wins.

(f) Beautifully played! If 23—B x Q, 24 B x Kt and wins with either move, R x KBP or Q BP dis ch. And if 24—B x Q (?) then 25 R x QBP dis ch, K Q sq, 26 R Q sq ch, and mate in three moves.

The Danites Chess Club, of Brooklyn, N. Y., held their first meeting of the season on the 1st instant. This flourishing organization holds weekly meetings at the residences of its members, when chess play and social intercourse are the rule of the hour. At the meeting of the 8th instant, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected as officers for the ensuing year: Mr. John Reynolds, President; Mr. A. Simis Jr., Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. Thayer to fill a vacancy on the Tourney Committee.

The annual handicap tournament of the New York Chess Club has commenced, with twenty-eight players, divided into six classes. The first, in which only Messrs. Delmar and Lloyd are entered, give pawn and move to second class, pawn and two, knight, rook, and rook and move to the sixth; each player to contest two games against the entire list, either giving odds to or receiving odds from the different classes. Mr. Lloyd having won both of his games with Mr. Delmar, leads by a score of five games won to one lost.—*N. Y. Evening Telegram*.

The best games in the Masters' tournament recently held at Hereford, England, will be published shortly, with notes by Messrs. Blackburne, Mason, Bird, Wayte, Skipworth, Potter, and MacDonnell. The work will be sold in parts at the low rate of 5s. each.—*Brooklyn Chess Chronicle*.

The veteran chess-player, Mr. Jammes McConnell, of New Orleans, has been on a visit to New York, and played a number of games at the Manhattan Chess Club, winning two against Captain Mackenzie.

Captain George H. Mackenzie celebrated his return home by playing, on the 5th instant, ten games simultaneously at the Manhattan Chess Club, winning eight and losing two.