

# THE CHESS-PLAYER.

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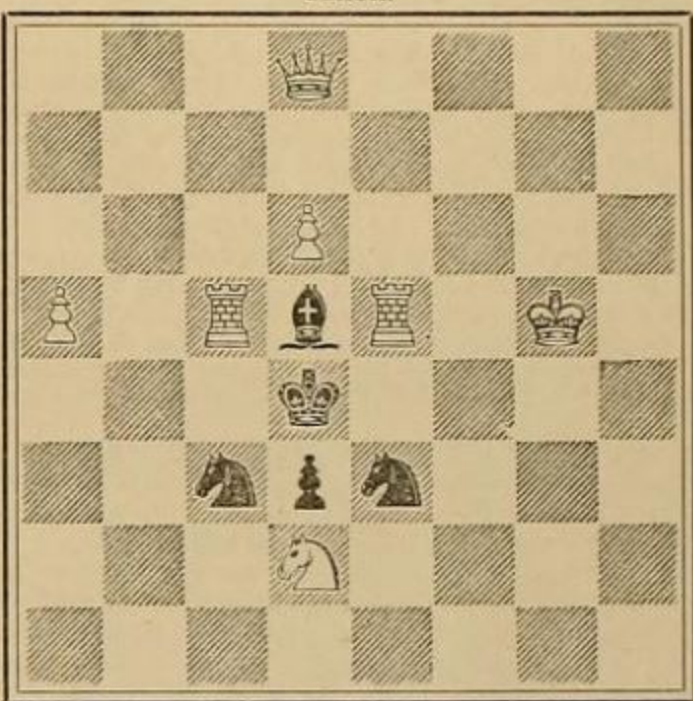
**Problem No. 143.—From Chess-Players' Chronicle Tourney.**  
Motto—"Novum."

WHITE—King at QKt7; Queen at KB sq; Rook at K7; Bishops at QB2, QKt8; Pawns at KB6, QB3.

BLACK—King at Q4; Rook at KKt5; Bishops at K5, KKt6; Pawns at QB4, QB5.

White to play and mate in two moves.

**Problem 144.—(Problem 137, corrected by the author, C. H. Wheeler.)**  
BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

### Solutions of Problems.

No. 132— 1—Q QKt8

No. 133— 1—B x P  
2—Q B8 ch  
3—R x P, mates.

1—P x B (a, b)  
2—K Kt4

(a) 1— 1—P B5  
2—Q Kt2 2—Any move  
3—R or Q mates.

(b) 1— 1—K Kt4  
2—R R7 2—P x B  
3—Q B6, mates.

### To Correspondents.

J. G., Utica, N. Y.—Have you forgotten us entirely?

W.—Every solution is acknowledged, although the problem to which solution is sent may be unsound.

W. Z.—Your favor received. The problem will receive early attention.

### Game No. 73.

Played on May 22d, 1885, between Mr. H. E. Bird and Rev. A. B. Skipworth, in their late match. Game and notes (condensed) from the *Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News*:

#### IRREGULAR OPENING.

White. Skipworth.	Black. Bird.	White.	Black.
1—Kt KB3	1—P KB4	22—P Q4	22—R B3
2—P K3	2—Kt KB3	23—R x R	23—P x R
3—P QKt3	3—P QKt3	24—Kt QB4	24—B Q sq
4—B Kt2	4—P K3	25—Kt fr B4 K3	25—B K5
5—P Q4	5—B Kt2	26—Kt Q sq (g)	26—P B4 (h)
6—B Q3	6—Kt B3 (a)	27—P x P	27—P x P
7—Castles	7—Kt QKt5	28—Kt Q sq K3	28—B K2
8—P QR3 (b)	8—Kt x B	29—B B3	29—R QR sq
9—P x Kt (c)	9—B Q3	30—Q QKt5 (i)	30—Q B2
10—QKt Q2	10—Castles (d)	31—B x P	31—P KKt4 (k)
11—Q K2	11—P QR4	32—R KB sq (l)	32—P x P
12—KRQBsq(e)	12—QR QB sq	33—P x P	33—K R sq
13—P K4	13—Kt KR4	34—P QKt4	34—Q Kt3 (m)
14—P KKt3	14—Q K sq	35—R B2	35—B R5
15—Kt KR4	15—B K2 (f)	36—R KB sq	36—R KKt sq
16—Kt KKt2	16—Q Kt3	37—Q K2	37—P QB5
17—P KB4	17—B Q3	38—K R sq	38—Q R3
18—P K5	18—B K2	39—Q x P	39—Kt x BP
19—R B2	19—B Q4	40—R x Kt	40—Q x R
20—QR QB sq	20—P B4	41—Q K2	41—R x Kt
21—P x P	21—R x P		White resigns.

(a) Better to play P QB4 before playing Kt QB3.

(b) B K2 would have been a fit reply.

(c) Not good. The strength added to his central Pawns is not compensation for weakness on the left side.

(d) Here P KKt4 is correct; then if Kt x P, QB x RP ch.

(e) Formerly QR would have been played to QB sq, but White, preferring the Steinitzian style, proceeds to mass his forces on the Queen's side.

(f) Here, again, P KKt 4 would have been perfectly sound.

(g) White skillfully manœuvres his Knights to get rid of QB by exchange.

(h) Black retains his well-posted Bishop even at the cost of weakening his pawns.

(i) In this game, the superiority of the old classical school to that of the modern is finely illustrated, White nibbling away at the Pawns while Black pounds away at the King.

(k) The first of a series of powerful strokes by which White's defenses are rapidly demolished.

(l) He has no resource; taking the Pawn would have but accelerated his destruction. Kt KB sq would have enabled him to make a stouter resistance.

(m) The terminating moves by Mr. Bird present a fine specimen of his mode of consummating a victory.

Doctor Zukertort has been heard from as follows:

WEIMAR, May 30, 1885.—Sir: The copy of the *International Chess Magazine* for April reached me a few hours previous to my departure from England. My engagements in France and Germany occasioned an undesirable delay. I inform you herewith that my second, Mr. J. I. Minchin, 47 Albemarle Street, Picadilly, W. London, is ready to enter into any negotiations with anybody appointed by Mr. Steinitz to act on his behalf. I expect Mr. Steinitz, as original challenger, to send in his conditions, which will be answered with all possible dispatch. As Mr. Steinitz objects to the election of a referee by the seconds in terms peculiar to himself, I drop that proposition. The only point I insist on is that the conditions shall be negotiated and drawn up by Mr. Minchin and Mr. Steinitz's second. Yours, obediently, J. H. ZUKERTORT.

As Mr. Steinitz declines the honor of being the challenger, this will doubtless be the cause of another hitch in the proceedings.