

THE CHESS-PLAYER.

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Problem 206.—By Bk., San Luis Obispo, Cal.

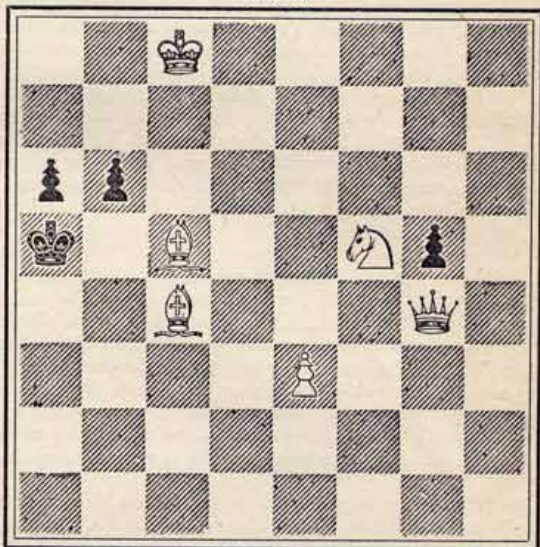
WHITE—King at Q2; Rook at KB4; Bishop at Q7; Pawns at Q3, QB7, QKt3.

BLACK—King at QB4; Queen at QR4; Knight at QR7; Pawns at Q4, QKt5.

White to play and mate in two moves.

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Problem 207.—By Fritz Peipers, San Francisco.
BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

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Solutions of Problems.

No. 196— 1—R KKt6

No. 197— 1—B Kt5
2—R KB7
3—B B4 mates.

1—K Q4 (a)
2—K K3

(a) 1—
2—R B7 ch
3—Kt K5 mates.

1—K B4
2—K Kt3 (if K Kt5, R mates)

No. 196 was solved by U. Hartnell, Salinas City; Robert Syer, San José; H'y Dobinson, Oakland; W., Tombstone, A. T.; and James Harvey, Nanaimo, B. C.

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Game No. 104.

Played in the Masters' Tourney, Counties' Chess Association, England, between Messrs. W. H. K. Pollock and James Mason. Game from Book of the Counties' Chess Association, with notes by Mr. W. N. Potter:

K. B. P. OPENING.

<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>	<i>White.</i>	<i>Black.</i>
Pollock.	Mason.	16—P x Kt	16—Kt Q2
1—P KB4	1—P Q4	17—B R3 (j)	17—Kt x P (k)
2—P K3	2—Kt KB3	18—R x P	18—Q B3
3—Kt KB3	3—P QR3 (a)	19—P K4	19—P B3 (l)
4—P QKt3	4—P K3	20—B x B	20—K x B
5—B Kt2	5—B K2	21—Q R7	21—Kt Q2
6—Kt B3	6—P B4	22—R x B	22—Q Q3
7—B Q3 (b)	7—Kt B3	23—B x P (m)	23—R Q sq
8—Castles	8—P QKt4 (c)	24—P Q4	24—Q B5
9—Kt K5	9—B Kt2	25—P Q5	25—Q QB8 ch
10—P QR4	10—P B5	26—B B sq	26—P K4
11—P x KtP (d)	11—RP x P	27—Q Kt6	27—K K sq
12—B K2	12—R x R (e)	28—Q K6 ch	28—K B sq
13—Q x R	13—Q Kt3 (f)	29—P Q6	29—Q K6 ch
14—P x P	14—QP x P (g)	30—K R sq	30—Q B7
15—R Kt sq (h)	15—Kt x Kt (i)	31—Q K7 ch	and Black resigns.

(a) In my opinion, not good.

(b) Formidable in some respects, and hence frequently adopted, but nothing will make it sound.

(c) In a bad style, and evidently ventured as against a supposed inferior.

(d) Capital. Met anyhow it yields White a clear advantage in position.

(e) Materially increasing White's advantage. I should go on with the QKtP, as being the lesser of the two evils.

(f) P to Kt5 is still his best resource.

(g) Having narrowly scanned KtP x P, I came to the conclusion that its worst dangers can be just about warded off. It would, therefore, be my choice, as keeping the pawns safe.

(h) Mr. Pollock was not likely to miss this strong and, indeed, winning move.

(i) There is nothing but what is bad. I should Castle.

(j) This highly embarrassing move speaks for itself to some extent; but there are points that White had to digest.

(k) It is possible that this is about his best, but it is a very bad best.

(l) Losing a clear piece. Kt Q2 is the only way of going on.

(m) Well and fearlessly played.

Play in the Steinitz-Zukertort match was resumed on Wednesday, the 3d inst., at St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Steinitz opened with the Ruy Lopez, and Dr. Zukertort resigned on the sixtieth move. Score, Zukertort 4, Steinitz 2.

The Sheffield and Rotherham (England) *Independent Budget* announces its third two-move solution tourney, to commence February 6th, with six regular prizes of money and chess works, and three special prizes for best scores.

The newly organized British Chess Club, of London, has been challenged by the St. Petersburg Chess Club to a correspondence match for one hundred guineas a side.

Mr. J. Ward, a member of the New York Chess Club, is on a visit to this city, and has met with a cordial reception at the hands of our local chess-players.