

C H E S S

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SAN FRANCISCO 6½, CHICAGO 5½
 As a result of adjudication of the unfinished games in the Washington's birthday telegraphic match, the Mechanics' institute chess players definitely placed San Francisco on the chess map of the United States. The following table gives final results, as adjudicated by Edward Lasker of Chicago and Stasch Mlotkowski of Los Angeles, who adjudicated the Branch-Denis game (board 6), a forced win for Branch, San Francisco representative:

SAN FRANCISCO		CHICAGO	
Gruer	1	Isaacs	1
Ohlton	0	Phillips	1
Fink	0	Gessner	0
Lyon	1	Gelman	0
Ryder	1	Swarz	0
Branch	1	Denis	0
B. Smith	1	Rogers	0
Hallweggen	1/2	Klaase	1/2
Smth	1/2	Ringer	1/2
Stamer	1	Bull	0
Woskoff	0	Gordon	1
W. Smith	0	Goldwater	1
	6½		5½

(Chicago played white on odd-numbered boards.)

In a letter to Bernardo Smith, captain of San Francisco's victorious team, dated March 11, Edward Lasker, who acted as captain of the Chicago team, but did not take a board, concedes a win for Bernardo at board 7. Lasker writes: "In going over game 7 I find that you either win a pawn or obtain a winning position within a few moves. I have therefore decided to call your game a win." In the meantime Mlotkowski had sent a telegram to Bernardo Smith announcing a win for Branch at board 6. By mail Mlotkowski sent his analysis. As a matter of fact, once having shown that black could not win by attacking the white queen side pawns, and queening one of his own pawns (which analysis is simple), the original adjudicator, Lasker, should unhesitatingly and unquestionably have given San Francisco a win at this board. In proof of this an international master, to whom the position was shown, declared: "I do not understand why there should be a question about it, as there are so many wins for white."

Unfortunately, in spite of the above, and after agreeing to have Mlotkowski adjudicate the Branch-Denis game, Lasker, in his letter of March 11, says: "I have decided to call board 6 a draw after carefully analyzing again the position."

But, of course, the Mechanics' Institute Chess club cannot for one moment tolerate such a proceeding, and considers the match squarely and fairly won for San Francisco, and the above table, duly enlarged and framed, will soon ornament the walls of the Mechanics' Institute Chess club. In taking leave of the telegraphic match we heartily congratulate the winning M. I. C. C. team, and especially its energetic captain, Bernardo Smith, under whose leadership the local team has defeated, successively, Los Angeles, Portland and Chicago.

 In answer to the invitation to readers of The Chronicle chess column to comment on the status of the unfinished Rogers vs. B. Smith game, from the Chicago-San Francisco telegraphic match last month, we received several interesting letters, some containing considerable analyses. In every instance, except one, they all favor Black's chances to win. The exception is "G. H." of Berkeley, who thinks White can hold his game together by 26 R-QS. Then if P-Q4, 27K-K3, boldly marching his majesty to the first-line trenches! At the Mechanics' Institute the game has received considerable attention, and it is the opinion of the best players that Black should win.

Those sending analyses on this position were: E. H. Ricker, Taft; R. M. Folger, South San Francisco; S. E. Silvius, city; E. L. Hinckley, Wil-

lets; E. Bergstrom, San Jose; "G. H.", Berkeley, and S. Maynard, city.

 Frank J. Marshall, America's champion chess player, expects to be in Denver toward the last of April, and in all probability will visit the chief coast cities, giving exhibitions at simultaneous chess, etc.

 The following game was played at Karlsbad in 1911 in a rapid transit tournament. Niemzowitsch, although favoring the "close" style of play, is said to be especially skillful at ten-second chess:

GAME NO. 71

White—Niemzowitsch.		Black—Tartakower.	
White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1 P-K4	P-K4	10 R-K.ch	K-B (C)
2 S-KB3	S-QB3	11 B-QB4	P-Q3
3 S-B3	S-B3	12 Q-R5(D)	P-KS3
4 B-S5	B-S5	13 B-R6.ch	B-S2
5 O-O	S-Q5(A)	14 Q-B3	Q-Q2
6 SxS(B)	PxS	15 Q-B6(E)	R-KS
7 P-K5	PxS	16 BxB.ch	RxB
8 QPxP	B-K2	17 BxP (F)	Resigns
9 PxS	BxP		

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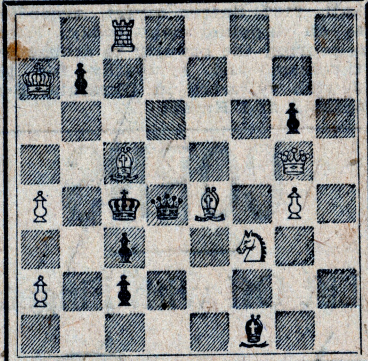
(By E. W. Gruer)

- (A) Rubinstein's defense; approved by Tarrasch.
- (B) A simplifying line, which, according to Dr. Tarrasch, should lead only to a draw.
- (C) Bad. B-K2 was correct.
- (D) Now the fun starts.
- (E) This is very amusing. Poor black bishop.
- (F) A very pretty finish to a well-played game.

Problems

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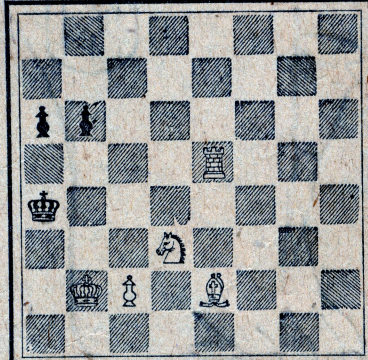
PROBLEM No. 76
 By T. M. Stott



Mate in two.

PROBLEM No. 77

By John Queiser, city
 (Composed especially for The Chronicle).



Mate in three moves.

Solution—No. 74, R-K5. No. 75, Q-K2.

Solvers' list, including 72 and 73. "C. W. U." Dinuba; C. R. Bubb, Mountain View (B-K3 defeated by RxS). F. Santallier, Oakland (Q-B6 defeated by Q-R3 ch.). J. E. Ellis, Los Gatos, key move sufficient. S. L. Jackson, Dyerville, K-R2 defeated by S-K3. You have