

CHESS

By E. J. CLARKE

The surprise of the Bad Kissingen tournament was the defeat of the once invincible Capablanca by Rudolph Spielmann in the sixth round. Bogoljubow, the Ukrainian master, seems likely to repeat his success at Moscow, 1925, when he took first honors over Capablanca and Dr. E. Lasker.

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The individual Olympic chess championship tournament was won by Dr. Euwe of Holland, 12 to 3; D. Przepiorka, Poland, second, 11 to 4; N. T. Whitaker, Washington, D. C.; Major Golmayo, Spain; H. Mattison, Latvia, and C. Treybal, Czechoslovakia, tied for third, 9½ to 5½.

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Hermann Helms, who will manage the tour of World's Champion Alexander Alekhine in the United States, writes that Alekhine will come to the Coast, provided a sufficient number of clubs engage him for exhibitions. We are certain that he will be royally received here in San Francisco, not only at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club but also by other organizations. Alekhine is a great attraction and the difficulty will be to provide spacious quarters for the players and spectators.

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Now and then we hear from our "silent" following. C. E. Taylor writes: "This is the first time I have sent in solutions of problems; but I want to assure you that I have spent many happy hours digesting The Chronicle chess column. Yours for more chess."

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Henry F. Marshall of Mill Valley sends us a new variation of the Center Counter Gambit, which he has used successfully in correspondence games. The variation: 1 P-K4, P-Q4; 2 PxP, P-K3; 3 PxP, BxP. "It seems to take the initiative from White and give to Black a formidable attack at the cost of a pawn." Further discussion next week.

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GAME NO. 120

There is no doubt that a game of chess gains much of interest when there is a "story" or certain biographical details connected with it. S. Rubinstein, formerly of New York city, now visiting in San Francisco, furnished us with the following brilliancy. It was played at the Rice Chess Club in 1912 against the strong amateur, Harold Phillips. Professor Isaac L. Rice of Rice Gambit fame, who was one of the large "gallery" watching the game, was so enthused that he presented the winner with a purse of \$50.

DANISH GAMBIT

Rubinstein	Phillips	Rubinstein	Phillips
White	Black	White	Black
1 P-K4	P-K4	11 Q-S4!	P-Q4
2 P-Q4	PxP	(b)	
3 P-QB3	PxP	12 BxP	S-Q6ch(c)
4 B-QB4	P-Q3	13 RxS	BxQ(d)
5 Q-S3	Q-B3	14 BxPch	KxB(e)
6 SxP	P-B3	15 S-K5ch	K-K3
7 S-B3	S-Q2	16 SxQ	R-R2(f)
8 B-KS5	Q-S3	17 R-Q8	S-B3
9 P-KR4	P-KR4	18 KR-Q	P-QS4
(a)		19 P-B4	B-S2(g)
10 Castles	S-B4	20 P-B5ch	K-B2
(Q)		21 S-K5ch	K-K2
		22 KR-Q7	mate

NOTES

(a) Threatening, if 9 . . . S-B4; 10 P-R5, SxQ; 11 PxQ, SxR; 12 PxP ch, K-Q2; 13 PxS (Q); RxQ; 14 BxR, etc.

(b) Luring Black on; also threatening QxS!

(c) If 12 . . . PxB, then 13 SxP, S-Q6 ch; 14 RxS, BxQ; 15 S-B7 ch, K-B; 16 R mates.

(d) Black probably figured on 14 BxQBP ch, which is answered by B-Q2 and K-B.

(e) Obviously, if 14 . . . QxB; 15 R-Q8 mate.

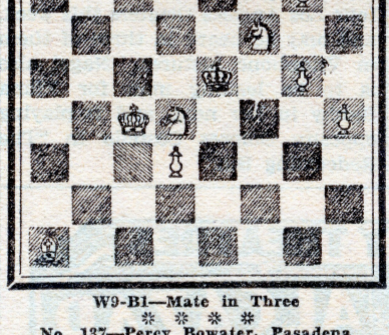
(f) Now Black is forced to put his pieces out of play while White prepares a mating net.

(g) Black cannot avoid the subsequent proceedings by 19 . . . BxS and SxKP, because of 20P-B5 ch and 21 R-B8 mate! A beautiful game by Rubinstein.

PROBLEMS

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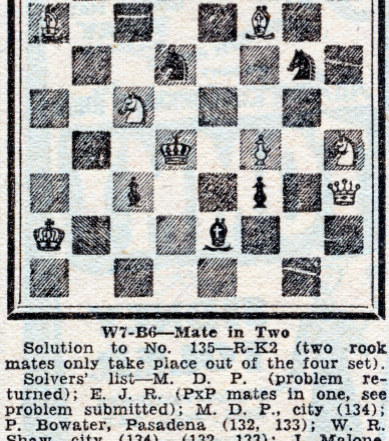
No. 136—R. B. Green, Council Bluffs (Composed especially for The Chronicle)



W9-B1—Mate in Three

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No. 137—Percy Bowater, Pasadena (Composed especially for The Chronicle)



W7-B6—Mate in Two

Solution to No. 135—R-K2 (two rook mates only take place out of the four set).

Solvers' list—M. D. P. (problem returned); E. J. R. (PxP mates in one, see problem submitted); M. D. P., city (134); P. Bowater, Pasadena (132, 133); W. R. Shaw, city (134), (132, 133); J. Malone, Benicia (134); J. W. G., Lodi (the theme and construction counts more than the key-move); J. E. E., Los Gatos (134); M. F. Walters, Sunol (134); Clement E. Taylor, Oakland (134); Dr. Turnbull, Halfmoon Bay.