

# CHESS

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Preliminary arrangements for the San Francisco-Chicago telegraphic chess match for Washington's birthday, Wednesday, February 22, are going forward. Definite plans, however, await the return to Chicago of Western Champion Edward Lasker, the leading player of the latter city, who, while in New York last week, sent a telegram to Bernardo Smith, acting secretary of the Mechanics' Institute Chess club, to the effect that Chicago would gladly accept the generous offer of McDonnell & Co., brokers, for the use of their leased wire and offices for the match. If no unforeseen obstacles interfere, the Washington's birthday affair will be the most ambitious overland match by telegraph ever held in the United States; possibly it may establish an "overland" record for distance. Certainly such a novel match should fire the imagination—two groups of chess players seated in rooms 2000 miles apart matching wits by means of chessmen, and each move flashed instantaneously to the opponent. The San Francisco

team will be located in the Palace hotel office of McDonnell & Co. Admission will be by ticket only. Tickets may be had upon application to Bernardo Smith, 57 Post street, chessroom.

Bruno Forsberg, a former member of the Mechanics' Institute Chess club, failed by the narrow margin of one-half point to retain the championship of Marshall's Chess club of New York city. His successor as champion, A. Santasiere, won the tournament, 7½ to ½, while Forsberg was second, 7 to 1.

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The Metropolitan Chess league of Greater New York began its annual championship tournament recently. The league is composed of the following chess clubs: Brooklyn C. C., Marshall C. C., Rice Progressive C. C., Staten Island C. C., Manhattan C. C., Newark (N. J.) Rice C. C., Central Y. M. C. A., Ocean Hill C., Columbia University C. C., New York University C. C., Swedish C. C. (Brooklyn) and City College (N. Y.) C. C. Each club is represented by a team of eight players. Forsberg, who last year held the championship of the Swedish, Staten Island and Marshall clubs, represents Marshall's C. C. in the league matches.

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The following game was played in the recent California state championship tourney. Stasch Mlotkowski, who, by the way, is now conducting a chess department in the Mercury (organ of the Los Angeles Athletic club), has very kindly announced the game.

## GAME No. 60

### QUEEN'S PAWN

Clarke white	Mlotkowski black	Clarke white	Mlotkowski black
1—P-Q4	P-Q4	37—SxQ	BxS
2—S-KB3	P-K3	38—PxB	PxP
3—P-QB4	S-KB3	39—R-S	P-R5
4—B-S5	P-KR3	40—S-S2	R-Q(g)
5—BxS(a)	QxB(x)	41—S-K3	R-QB
6—P-K3	P-B3(b)	42—R-S4	B-Q4(h)
7—S-B3	B-Q3	43—K-B	S-B
8—B-K2(c)	Castles	44—B-R4(i)	P-S4
9—Castles	S-Q2	45—P-R5	B-B6
10—Q-B2	S-Q2	46—RxP(j)	RxB
11—P-K4	PvBP(d)	47—SxR	BxP
12—P-K5	B-B2	48—B-K8	K-S2
13—BxP	S-S3	49—S-Q6	B-S3
14—B-S3	R-Q	50—K-K2	P-B3
15—QR-Q	S-Q2	51—PxPch	KxP
16—Q-K4	S-B	52—B-S5	K-K4
17—Q-S4	P-S3	53—S-B3	P-B7
18—S-K4	S-R2	54—K-K3	P-QR4
19—B-B2	B-S2	55—S-K7	P-R5
20—S-S3	K-R	56—S-B6ch	K-Q3
21—S-R5	R-KS	57—S-Q4	P-S6
22—Q-K4	S-B	58—K-O3	P-R4
23—P-KB4	B-Q	59—S-KB3	S-R2
24—Q-KB4	S-R2	60—Q2	S-B3(k)
25—P-KS3	R-QB	61—S-K4ch	SxS
26—S-R2	Q-B	62—KxS	B-Q4ch
27—Q-K4	P-S3	63—K-K3	B-B3
28—S-B4	R-B2	64—B-K2	B-K
29—Q-Q3	R-Q2	65—P-B4!	P-S5
30—Q-K3(e)	B-K2	66—K-O4	B-B3
31—P-R3	P-QB4	67—B-B	K-K2
32—PxP	BxP	68—K-K5	B-B7
33—Q-QB3	Q-QB	69—B-B4?!	P-R5
34—RxR	QxR	70—PxP	P-S6
35—P-QS4	(?) (f)	71—B-B	P-S7
36—Q-B3	QxQ	72—BxP	BxB
		73—P-B5(m)	Drawn

### NOTES

By Stasch Mlotkowski

(a) Black's previous move is sug-

gested in the American Chess Bulletin for July-August, 1921, by Janowski, who gives 5B-R4, B-Kt5 ch; 6Kt-B3, PxP; 7P-K3, P-QKt4, holding the gambit pawn. Interesting would be 6QKt-Q2, P-KKt4, 7B-Kt3, P-Kt5; 8P-QR3, B-R4; 9P-QKt4, PxKt; 10PxB, PxKtP; 11BxKtP. It is difficult to say whether White's superior development is or is not sufficient compensation for his bad Pawn position. There are many ways of varying this. For instance, Black may play 6PxP or BxKt ch. Also after 6Kt-B3, PxP; 7Q-R4 ch can follow, which Black can avoid by playing first BxKt ch. The next move avoids all these complications and seems perfectly safe.

(b) Perhaps B-Kt5 ch, followed by Castles, was better; but Black wished to preserve his two Bishops.

(c) Developing the Bishop here instead of at its usual post, Q3, has its points, as will be seen on White's twelfth move.

(d) PxKP was safer.

(e) Both players were short of time here, especially White. Black's previous move should have been Q-Kt2, and now White might have played P-R5. Then 30P-QB4; 31PxKtP, Kt-Kt4; 32Q-K3 (not PxP, QxP, threatening QxKt. If 33KR-K, there follows QxKt; 34PxQ, Kt-R6 double ch; 35K-B, B-Kt7 ch; 36K-K2, KtxP ch; 37K-K3, KtxQ. Or 33P-B3, RxP; 34Kt-Kt6 ch, K-R2! and White can make nothing of the discovered check), P-B5. (If 32½PxKtP, White replies PxP and QxKt is unplayable, as the answer, PxQ, prevents Kt-R6 ch); 33KR-K1, and White maintains the Pawn. (White's attack having failed, the retreat from Moscow now begins. Fortunately the casualties were but one pawn. From now on White fights for a draw. The suggested 30P-R5 contained too many pitfalls, as the above analysis shows—C.)

(f) Overlooking Black's threat, KR-K should be played.

(g) End of the second hour. A weak move; R-QB should be played at once.

(h) Rather P-B6.

(i) Well played. Black's weakness is the bad position of his Knight, of which White takes full advantage by this restraining move.

(j) Quite a disappointment to Black, who was hoping for KtxP, whereupon P-QR4 wins.

(k) If 60K-B4; 61KtxB, PxKt; 62B-R4, P-Kt7; 63K-B2, P-R5; 64KxP, P-R6; 65B-Q and White stops the Pawn with an easy draw in hand.

(l) Missing an easy draw by P-B5. The text should lose.

(m) Now, after playing seven hours, Black gives up as a draw a game which he might have won by PxP. If KxP, K-Q3 and the Bishop cuts off White from playing K-K4. Black will therefore reach the Queen's side first. Or P-R5, then B-K5 and the Black King is near enough to hold the Pawn.

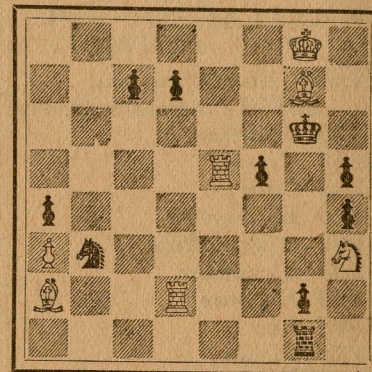
The scientific study of electricity began in the sixteenth century, when certain experiments were shown to Queen Elizabeth.

# Problems

A. J. F.

PROBLEM NO. 66

By T. J. Warton  
Black (10 Pieces)



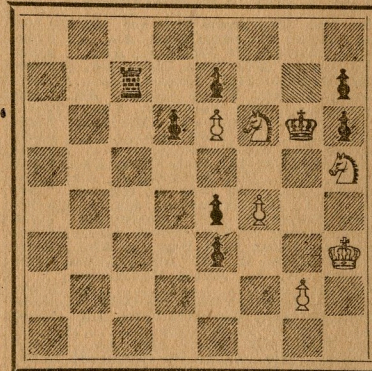
White (7 Pieces)

White mates in two.

PROBLEM NO. 67

By K. Erlin

Black (8 Pieces)



White (6 Pieces)

White mates in three.

Solution given last week to No. 62: Q-QR6 should be Q-QB6.

Solution to No. 64: P-Kt4.

No. 65 solved by P-R3.

Solvers list: "Jack Leer," city; E. S. Van Camp, city; F. Santallier, Oakland; "A. J. H.," Palo Alto; J. I. Bujan, San Jose; S. A. Winnegar, Mountain View; B. Chavalas, Oakland; S. L. Jackson, Dyerville; M. Pereyra, city; J. Ford, city; R. M. Folger, S. San Francisco—problem not up to standard, duals, etc., "A. J. H." sends the following by P. H. Williams: R1S5 b6B 1RS5 rs6 k7 8 1KG 8 2 mover.

J. R. Hancock, San Jose—No. 63 O. K. Rook mates after move you mention. "S. A. D.," city; W. L. Pedrick, Ferndale—No. 63 is O. K., look at it again.

No other word is so often misused in American technical literature as "data." Many of the engineers of this country, though they use this word every day, have not discovered that it is a plural noun.