CHESS
By E. J. CLARKE

The annual major tournament is under way at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, with the following participants: Gross, Bujan, Mordowsky, W. Smith, Gochler, Rosenblatt, Bergman, Vedensky.

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The second team of the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club defeated the Greater Oakland Chess Club in a match played at the latter organization. Score 5 to 2. Table gives individual results:

MECHANICS' INST.		GREATER OAKLAND	
Goehler	1	Thompson	0
Van Hoven	1	Illerick	0
Schaller	1	Dr. Thomas	0
Silvius	1	Kennedy	0
Sheldon	1	Cox	0
Adams	0	Taylor	1
Plumly	0	Brown	1
Total	5	Total	2

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The November "Gambit" of St. Louis contained a fine photo of the great Russian novelist, Leo Tolstoy, playing chess, surrounded by members of his family and friends. On January 10, this year, Count Ilya Tolstoy, second son of the writer, visited St. Louis, and after a lecture contested the following game with the city champion, J. A. Anderson. Tolstoy fell into one of the many pitfalls of the redoubtable Ruy Lopez and lost a piece after eleven moves. The count, adds the "Gambit," from which we take the score, "has played chess the world over and knows personally such masters as Alekhine, Capablanca, Emanuel Lasker and Bogoljubow":

GAME NO. 162
RUY LOPEZ

	Anderson White	Tolstoy Black		Anderson White	Tolstoy Black
1	P-K4	P-K4	19	P-KR3	B-R4
2	S-KB3	S-QB3	20	QxQ	BxQ
3	B-S5	S-B3	21	BxRP	P-B5
4	Castles	SxP	22	B-Q4	R-B4
5	P-Q4	PxP(?)(a)	23	P-QS4	R-KS4
6	R-K	P-Q4	24	K-R2	R-KB
7	SxP	Q-B3	25	S-Q2	P-K6
8	P-KB3	B-QB4	26	S-B3	R(S4)-KB4
9	P-B3	Castles	27	S-R4	R-KS4
10	BxS	PxB	28	SxB	RxS
11	PxS	Q-S3	29	R-KB	R-S4
12	B-K3	B-KS5	30	P-QR4	R(S4)-KB4
13	Q-B2	QR-K	31	P-R5	P-K7
14	S-Q2	B-KR6	32	P-B2	P-B6
15	S-B	PxP	33	RxP	RxR
16	Q-KB2	BxS	34	PxR	RxP
17	BxB	P-KB4	35	R-K	Resigns
18	Q-S3	B-S5			

(a) The Count here remarked: "That's dangerous." The event proved the remark sounder than the move!

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GAME NO. 163

The following game, played in one of the Correspondence Chess League of America tournaments, illustrates another snare in the slippery Ruy Lopez:

	J. Orr White	E. Schrier Black		J. Orr White	E. Schrier Black
1	P-K4	P-K4	6	P-Q4	P-QS4
2	S-KB3	S-QB3	7	B-S3	SxQP(a)
3	B-S5	P-QR3	8	SxS	PxS
4	B-R4	S-B3	9	P-K5	Resigns
5	Castles	B-K2			

Rather 7 . . . . P-Q3, as after the exchange of knights and 9 P-K5, Black must lose a piece.

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GAME NO. 164

One of the finest games of the 1928 Bad Kissingen tournament, characterized by masterly maneuvering:

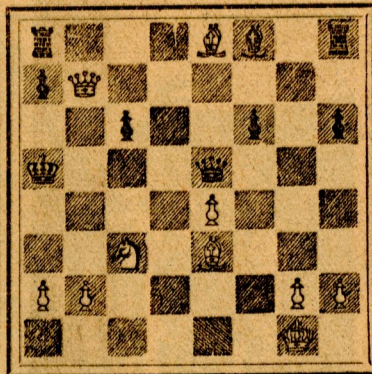#### SICILIAN

	Capablanca White	Yates Black		Capablanca White	Yates Black
1	P-K4	P-QB4	20	QxS	R-B2
2	S-K2	P-Q3	21	P-QB5!	Q-S
3	P-Q4	PxP	22	KPxP	PxP
4	SxP	P-KS3	23	RxP	R-K
5	P-QB4!	B-S2	24	Q-Q2	P-QS4
6	S-QB3	S-KB3	25	S-S6	B-KB
7	B-K2	Castles	26	S-Q5	RxP(?)(a)
8	Castles	QS-Q2	27	S-B6ch	K-R
9	B-K3	S-B4	28	SxR	RxRch
10	P-B3	B-Q2	29	QxR	QxS
11	Q-Q2	R-B	30	RxP	Q-K2
12	KR-Q	P-QR3	31	Q-B3ch	K-S
13	QR-B	S-K3	32	Q-K5	P-S5
14	P-QS3	S-R4	33	B-K4	Q-Q
15	SxS	BxS	34	P-KR3	BxP
16	S-R4!	R-B3	35	B-Q5	Q-R5
17	P-B4	S-B3	36	Q-B6	B-B4ch
18	B-B3	S-S5	37	K-R2	Resigns
19	P-K5!	SxB			

(a) BxR seems to be perfectly good. If 27 S-B6 ch, K-B; 28 QxB ch (not SxR, RxP! etc.), R (K)-K2.
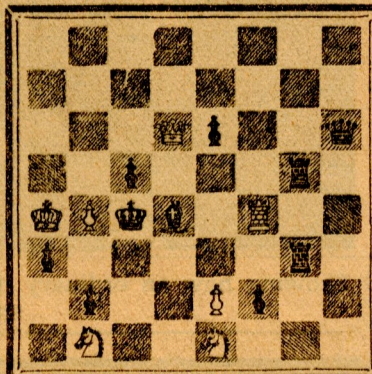
PROBLEMS
A. J. F.

No. 183—Actual Play (Blackburne)

W(10) B (9)—White Mates in Three

No. 184—S. Krjutschkoff

W(7) B(10)—Mate in Two

Solutions and solvers' list held over one week.

J. Powell, city—With black pawn on QB4, problem is solved in four moves by P-R8(B).

L. H. Kerfoot, Modesto—Thanks for your appreciative letter.

R. Dunipace, Palo Alto—Continue (No. 171) RxQ KxR; RxP ch KxR and black cannot win.