

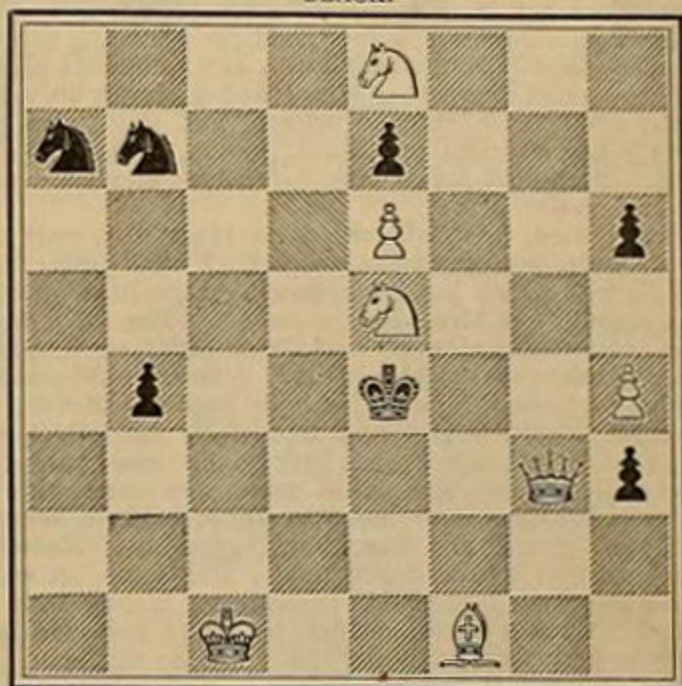
THE CHESS-PLAYER.

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Problem No. XXXIX.—By E. Pradignat.



Problem No. XL.—By Dr. Albert Kauders.
BLACK.



White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution of Problem No. XXXIII.

1—Q KKt8 1—K x Kt
2—Q x P mates. Other variations are obvious.

Solution of Problem No. XXXIV.

1—Q KKt sq 1—K QB4, (a)
2—Kt x B ch 2—King moves
3—P K8 (knights) or Q mates.

(a) 1— 1—K B2
2—Kt x P ch 2—Any move
3—P Q6 mates.

Correct solutions received as follows: Problems XXXV and XXXVI—From U. Hartnell, Salinas.

Game.

Played July 8th, 1884, between Dr. J. H. Zukertort (blindfold) and Mr. J. F. Welsh, being one of twelve played simultaneously. The notes are by Dr. Zukertort:

SICILIAN GAME.

Black.	White.	Black.	White.
Dr. Zukertort.	Mr. Welsh.	18—Q K2	18—KR Q sq
1—P K4	1—P QB4	19—Castles (b)	19—K Kt sq
2—Kt QB3	2—P QR3	20—R B5	20—B Q5
3—Kt B3	3—P Q3	21—QR KB sq	21—R KB sq
4—P Q4	4—P x P	22—K R2	22—Q B4
5—Kt x P	5—P K4	23—Kt R4	23—Q B2
6—Kt B3 (a)	6—B K2	24—P B3 (c)	24—P QKt4
7—B QB4	7—Q B2	25—P x B	25—P x P dis ch
8—B Kt3	8—Kt KB3	26—P K5	26—P x Kt
9—P KR3	9—QKt Q2	27—Kt Kt6 (d)	27—Q x Kt
10—B K3	10—Kt B4	28—P x Kt	28—P x P
11—Kt Q2	11—Kt x B	29—Q x P ch	29—K R sq
12—RP x Kt	12—B K3	30—R x R	30—P x R
13—P B4	13—P Q4	31—Q Q3	31—Q QKt4
14—P B5	14—P Q5	32—Q K4	32—Q K4 ch
15—P x B	15—P x B	33—Q x Q	33—P x Q
16—P x P ch	16—K x P	34—K Kt3	34—P K7
17—Kt B4	17—B B4	And White resigns.	

- (a) It would be better to play Kt to Kt3, and then direct the attack against the weak QP.
 (b) White should have at once captured the Pawn.
 (c) An irretrievable blunder; again he should play Kt x P.
 (d) No matter what White plays, Black's passed Pawns must carry the day.

Answers to Correspondents.

B. M. P., Eureka, Cal.—The variation to No. XXX is as follows: 1 B B5, RxP; 2 B Q7, RxKt; 3 KtxKP, dis. ch., mates. If 2—K B5, 3 Q Q3, mates.

The interest in Chess which has been aroused of late has given rise to considerable discussion as to the merits and strength of the different local players, and it has been suggested that, after Dr. Zukertort's departure, arrangements be made for a chess tournament to be participated in by the strongest players by which the test of superiority can be definitely settled. Such a plan will doubtless meet with the approval of all concerned, and it is hoped that the necessary steps may be taken toward the carrying out of so desirable an object.

The chess champion, Doctor Zukertort, has been busily engaged during the week with our local players, having been at the Mechanics' Institute every day during the week. The only player with whom the doctor has played a series of games was with Mr. J. W. Jefferson, with the odds of a knight, Mr. Jefferson winning the majority of the games played. On Monday the Doctor played twelve simultaneous games against some of the weaker players at the Institute, his opponents being Messrs. Mitchell, Kellogg, Gale, Jacoby, Baily, Lawton, Daniels, Sherbourne, Grant, Curtis, Perley, and Gibson, in which Mr. Gale was the only victor. Other simultaneous games were announced for Wednesday evening, the 16th instant, Friday afternoon, the 18th, and Saturday, the 19th, which date closes the doctor's engagement with the committee. It is his intention to leave for China on the steamer which sails some time during the coming week.