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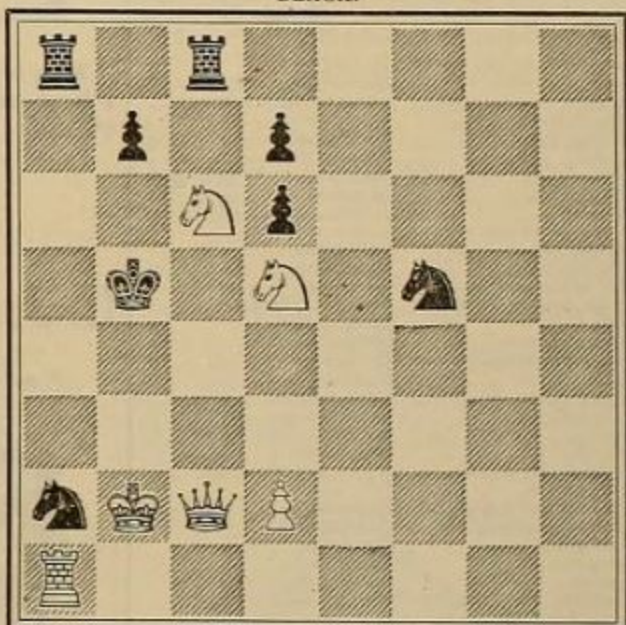
Problems and Other Topics of Interest in the King of Games

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Problem No. XXIII.—By F. J. Kellner.

WHITE—King at KB8; Rook at QR5; Bishops at Q2, Q3; Knights at K6, Q8.  
BLACK—King at K4; Pawn at Q4.  
White to play and mate in two moves.

Problem No. XXIV.—By Dr. S. Gold.  
BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution of Problem No. XVII.

1—K KKt4      1—Any move  
2—R or Kt mates acc.

Solution of Problem No. XVIII.

1—Q B8	1—K Q5 (a)	(a) 1—	1—Kt moves
2—Q B4 ch	2—K B4	2—R x P ch	2—K Q5
3—Kt Q3 mate.		3—R K4 mate.	

\*.\* Problem XIII is faulty. U. H., Salinas, in addition to 1, Kt K4, sends three other solutions—Q Q6 ch, Q K7, and Q x P at KB4.

Correct solutions received as follows: Problems XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, XXII—From U. Hartnell, Salinas City.

### Answers to Correspondents.

R. A. S., Blue Cañon, Cal.—In Problem XIX, if White 1, B K4, Black 1, P KB4. In Problem XX, you overlook Black's reply, P x P, dis. ch.

U. H., Salinas—Correction made as requested. We acknowledge the "cook" to No. XIII.

G. W. G., Sacramento.—Error admitted. Will use problem as early as possible. Why not send solutions?

The following game was played in New Orleans, on April 22d, 1884, the contestants being Dr. Zukertort and Mr. James McConnell, a strong local player. We are indebted to the New Orleans *Times-Democrat* for the game and notes:

### GIUOCO PIANO.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
McConnell.	Zukertort	22—Q Kt4 ch	22—B B4
1—P K4	1—P K4	23—B K6 ch	23—B x B
2—KKt B3	2—QKt B3	24—Q x B ch	24—Q Q2
3—B B4	3—B B4	25—Q x KP (e)	25—R K sq
4—Kt B3	4—Kt B3	26—Castles KR	26—Kt B4
5—P Q3	5—P Q3	27—Q QB4	27—P QKt3
6—B KKt5	6—P KR3	28—QR Q sq	28—Q K3
7—B R4	7—P KKt4	29—Q Q3	29—K Kt2
8—B KKt3	8—P QR3 (a)	30—Q KB3 ch	30—Q K5
9—Kt Q5 (b)	9—Kt x Kt	31—R Q7	31—QR QB sq
10—B x Kt	10—Kt K2	32—Q Q sq	32—Kt R5
11—B QKt3	11—B KKt5	33—P KB3	33—Q K7
12—P KR3	12—B R4	34—Q Q5 ch	34—K R2
13—B R2	13—B KKt3	35—P KB4!	35—R K5
14—P QB3	14—P KB4	36—Q Q2!	36—Kt x P
15—P Q4 (c)	15—KP x P	37—Q x Q	37—R x Q
16—Kt x QP	16—P x P	38—P x P	38—Kt K6
17—Kt K6	17—Q Q2	39—R (fr. B) B7!	39—P x P
18—Kt Kt7 ch	18—K Q sq	40—B x P (f)	40—K Kt2
19—Kt K6 ch	19—K B sq	41—P QR4! (g)	41—Kt QB5 (h)
20—Kt x B	20—P x Kt	42—P Kt3!	Black resigns.
21—Q K2	21—Q Q6 (?) (d)		

(a) Providing a retreat for the Bishop if the adverse Kt should go to R4.

(b) This seems to lose time.

(c) Under the circumstances, apparently White's best reply.

(d) A specious but really weak continuation, which results in the loss of the KP. 21—Q to B3 would, we think have been much better.

(e) White now has certainly a decided advantage in position.

(f) Far better than taking with the Rook. White now threatens mate in four moves, beginning B to Kt8, double check.

(g) A very fine move. White again threatens mate, this time in three moves.

(h) A mistake, involving the immediate loss of the game, but we do not think Black could have saved it in any event. 41—Kt to KB4 was suggested by Dr. Zukertort as the best reply, but all back-game analysis had seems to prove it unavailing against the quiet but powerful response, 42, P to Kt3. 41—R to K8 ch, also, it may be added, would simply have led to fatal exchanges.

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