

HARDEST JOB TO COME.



Mark Hanna: "Well, Mac, it's all done except bringing over the elephant."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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GAME STUDIES NO. 9.

Mr. J. M. Bruner, Omaha, writes that he is much interested in our game studies and that he has recently been practicing on what is known as Bird's defense.

The Chess Editor believes it unwise for any player to depend wholly upon what are known as "book openings," but they say they do not want to play by correspondence.

Hence, in our game studies the Chess Editor will aim at a thorough knowledge of a few openings only.

The Chess Editor believes that of the different attacks and defenses in the great division known as the King's Knight's openings, wherein White's first two moves are 1. P-K 4, followed by Kt-K 3, the Ruy Lopez stands at the head of the parade.

L. Hoffer, in his excellent little book entitled "Chess," speaking of defenses to the Ruy Lopez, says: "Black may play 3...P-Q 3 or 3...Kt-B 3 (best); 3...Kt-K 2 (not so good); 3...B-B 4; 3...Kt-Q 5 (not to be

recommended [This is Bird's defense.

Chess Ed.] 3...P-Q 2 (one of the oldest defenses, which is quite safe, but dull in proportion); 3...P-B 4 (risky); and 3...P-Kt 3, the latter involving the development of the KB to Kt 2. [This is the Barnes defense.]

Mr. Bruner suggests the following variation: 1. P-K 4 P-K 4 2. Kt-B 3 Kt-QB 3 3. B-Kt 5 Kt-Q 5 4. Kt x Kt P x Kt 5. Castles B-B 4 6. P-Q 3 Q-B 3 7. R-K B x P

7. P-Q 3 P-B 3 8. B-B 4 Kt-K 2 9. Kt x Kt Kt x Kt ch 10. B-K 3 with advantage for White.

And remarks that "it looks like Black has an even game any way White plays." The Chess Editor suggests the following, "book play": 1. P-K 4 P-K 4 2. Kt-B 3 Kt-QB 3 3. B-Kt 5 Kt-Q 5 4. Kt x Kt P x Kt 5. Castles B-B 4 6. P-Q 3 Q-B 3 7. R-K B x P

11. P-K 4 also with advantage for White. 12. B-B 4 Kt x Kt ch (b) 13. Q x Kt B-B 4 14. Q-Kt 3 Q-B 3 15. Kt-B 3 P-B 3 16. P-Q 3 Kt-K 2 17. B-K 3 B-Kt 3 18. Castles P-KR 3 19. B-K 3 with advantage for White.

The Chess Editor believes that White should refrain from exchanging Kts, but let Black do that. B-B 4 or R 4 seems to be the best continuance.

SOLUTIONS AND SOLVERS. Problem No. 17: Key-move, K-Kt sq. a waiting move pure and simple. A Black P at Kt 2 would do as well as the R to prevent mate on the move; but in that event there would be three key-moves, K-Kt, Kt 2 and R 2. The Black Kt dare not move, because of R-Kt 8 mate; and if the R moves, B x Kt mates. Accordingly the waiting move for the key compels the White to move. If B-B 2 or Kt 3, Kt x B mates in two moves. Hence B-R 4 is the only strong move for Black. Then White shuts off the bishop's range by R-Kt 8; if 2...B x R ch, White replies 3. Kt x B mate. If B any other, 3. Kt-B 7 mate. For some unknown reason no solutions have been sent in.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Younkins, Natrona, Pa., got 15 1/2. C. A. Sommer, Lincoln, calls attention to an error in No. 18: the seventh line reads, 5 P 1; it should be 6 P 1. PROBLEM NO. 20. 6 x 1. 8 x 5 K P L. 6 P L. 8. 8. 8. 8.

White to play and win. Five moves are enough to show the win.

END-GAME NO. 21. 8. 8. 8. 8. P 3 K 3. K 3 P 4. 2 P 2 R 2. 8. White to play and draw. NEBRASKA CHESS ASSOCIATION. Article V of the constitution provides that "amendments to this constitution shall be made by a two-thirds vote of the members after the same has been presented to the executive board in writing."

"Resolved, that Section 5 of Article III of the constitution of the Nebraska Chess Association shall be amended by adding thereto the following words and figures, to-wit: "Provided, further, that in the event that the members of this association shall decide by ballot to hold an over-the-board tournament at any time, the executive board shall arrange a schedule of play and may require each member entering such tournament to pay a tournament fee of not to exceed fifty cents (\$50), to be paid to the secretary-treasurer and expended in the purchase of prizes to be awarded at the conclusion of such tournament."

The secretary-treasurer has also submitted to the other members of the executive board an amendment to Rule VI, as follows:

"Rule VI. Each player shall play at least one game with every other player in his section. A won game shall count one (1) to the winner. For each game lost one-half (1/2) shall be deducted from the score of the loser. Drawn games shall count (0) for each player."

In support of this rule, which is based on the able argument made by James Mason in his "Principles of Chess," the secretary submits the following illustration: Six players, Jones, Brown, Smith, Black, Greene, and Clark, have completed a tournament. Jones has a trick of suggesting a draw when the mid-game is scarcely begun, often at a time when his adversary might win by correct play. Brown, on the contrary, plays until a win or draw is certain. The players score as follows:

Table with columns: Name, Won, Lost, Drawn. Jones: 0, 0, 5; Brown: 2, 2, 1; Smith: 3, 0, 2; Black: 1, 2, 3; Greene: 1, 2, 3; Clark: 1, 3, 2. Totals: 8, 8.

Now, under the present rule of counting a drawn game at 1/2 for each player, Smith wins first place; Jones, Brown, and Black tie for second; Greene is fifth, and Clark sixth. Under the rule proposed, Smith, of course wins first place with a score of 3; Brown gets second with a score of 1; Black, third with a score of 1/2; while Jones and Greene tie for fourth place with each a score of 0. Clark, of course is sixth in both cases.

Under our present rule, Jones and Brown tie with a score of 2 1/2 each; yet it is not hard to see that the latter has honestly earned a better place than the former. Probably two of Jones' games might have been lost by him had they not been "drawn by agreement." The secretary would be glad to hear from the members their views on the proposed amendments.

The second annual tournament now lacks but one game of being completed, so far as concerns the sectional tournaments. Messrs. Smith and Ellis in Section B have not yet completed their game. If Ellis wins, he and De France tie for second place; if he loses, the game is drawn, and De France ties for third place; but if he loses, he gets fourth place. Hence, this game is an important one in determining the prize-winners in this section.

Table with columns: Name, Won, Lost. Section A: 1. Rasmussen (6, 1), 2. Hammond (5, 1 1/2), 3. Edwards (4, 2 1/2), 4. Owen (4, 3), 5. Hald (3, 3 1/2), 6. Hartzell (2, 4 1/2), 7. Barron (2, 5), 8. Tyson (0, 7). Totals: 23, 23. Section B: 1. Biddle (6 1/2, 2 1/2), 2. De France (5, 2 1/2), 3. Brega (4 1/2, 2 1/2), 4. Ellis (4, 2(a)), 5. Powell (3 1/2, 3 1/2), 6. Swin (2 1/2, 3 1/2), 7. Black (1, 6), 8. Patterson (0, 7). Totals: 27, 27.

(a) One game unfinished; see comments above. (b) One game unfinished; if he wins, he and Powell tie for fifth place; otherwise, Swin takes sixth place.

Table with columns: Name, Won, Lost. Section C: 1. Hinman (6, 1(a)), 2. Rice (6, 1(b)), 3. Bruner (5 1/2, 1 1/2), 4. Winchester (4, 3), 5. Griffin (3 1/2, 1 1/2), 6. Crosby (2, 3), 7. Nelson (1, 3), 8. Carroll (0, 7). Totals: 28, 18.

(a) Won the individual game from Rice. (See Rule V.) (b) See note A. Some weeks ago the secretary sent out prizes as follows: First, B. F. W. Biddle, Omaha. "Young's Major Tactics of Chess." Second, A. H. B. Hammond, Wynora. "Mason's Chess Openings." Fourth, A. C. L. Cwei, Omaha. "Gunsberg's Chess Openings." This week he sent out the following: Second, C. B. B. Rice, Grand Island. "Mason's Principles of Chess." Third, C. J. M. Bruner, Omaha. "Gossett's Vade Mecum." Third, A. Lee Edwards, Lunap, Iawo, sams.

Fourth, C. M. F. Winchester, Dannebrog, Hater's "Chess." Messrs. Hinman and Rasmussen will each be sent a copy of Freeborough's "Chess & Kings," ordered some time ago, as soon as the books reach the secretary. Second, third, and fourth prizes in Section C cannot be awarded

until the Ellis-Swin game is finished. The auxiliary tournament, in which were entered Messrs. Bartoo, Boucher, Grant, Clark, and Rettenmayer, also lacks but one game of completion—Boucher vs. Rettenmayer. Bartoo and Clark are a tie with 3 to 1 score. If Boucher wins his unfinished game he will also have 3 to 1. The winner of this tournament will be awarded some book on chess as a prize. The secretary has mailed his annual financial report to all members; together with blank ballot for vote on officers and on the questions of a summer tournament and a third correspondence tournament. He urges that all members respond promptly with their votes.

Suggests a Bohemian

It seems to be the unanimous opinion of the Bohemian voters of the state, that our people should have a place on the fusion state ticket this year. So far as I am able to learn Mr. C. V. Svoboda of St. Paul, will be entirely satisfactory. In fact he is the unanimous choice of the Bohemian Americans. If we get a place to fill without a doubt he is secretary of state and Mr. Svoboda is certainly qualified for this place.

Mr. Svoboda, is a college graduate, and has been elected for three successive terms Clerk of Howard county, receiving a larger majority than any man in that county. His business ability is unsurpassed. Mr. Svoboda, will without a doubt add strength to the ticket, because the Bohemian, and Polish voters will stay by him. I sincerely trust you will see your way clear to give him, some material support in the way of securing a delegation favorable to him, from your county. F. J. JONAS. Committee on foreign language.

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The penitentiary managers say that the twine is just as good, if not better than that made by the trust; that the twine is made of as good material as "thrust" twine; that it is medicated to keep the grasshoppers from eating upon it; and that to every pound there are five pounds of twine. The prison directors, upon completion of their bid, had contracted for all the fiber in sight, and of course would sell none of it to the prison directors. After a long hunt the directors succeeded in buying a ship-load direct from the farmers in a section of Mexico where the signal grows. Two agents were sent to inspect the cargo, including 1,000 bales, was shipped—coming via Galveston.

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THE GRAY PARROT

By W. W. JACOBS.

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The chief engineer and the third sat at tea on the S. S. Curlew in the East India docks. The small and not over-clean steward, having placed everything he could think of upon the table and then added everything the chief could think of, had assiduously poured out two cups of tea and withdrawn by request. The two men ate steadily, conversing between bites and interrupted occasionally by a hoarse and sepulchral voice, the owner of which, being much exercised by the sight of the food, asked for it, prettily at first and afterward in a way which at least compelled attention.

"That's pretty good for a parrot," said the chief critically. "Seems to know what he's saying too. No, don't give it anything. It'll stop if you do." "There's no pleasure to me in listening to coarse language," said the chief with dignity. He absently dipped a piece of bread and butter in the third's tea and, losing it, chased it round and round the bottom of the cup with his finger, the third regarding the operation with an interest and emotion which he was at first unable to understand.

"You'd better pour yourself out another cup," he said thoughtfully as he caught the third's eye. "I'm going to," said the other dryly. "The man I bought it of," said the chief, giving the bird the sop, "said that it was a perfectly respectable parrot and wouldn't know a bad word if it heard it. I hardly like to give it to my wife now."

"It's no good being too particular," said the third, regarding the other with an ill concealed grin. "That's the worst of all you married fellows. Seem to think your wife has got to be wrapped up in brown paper. Ten chances to one she'll be amused." The chief shrugged his shoulders disdainfully. "I bought the bird to be company for her," he said slowly. "She'll be very lonesome without me, Rogers."

"How do you know?" inquired the other. "She said so," was the reply. "When you've been married as long as I have," said the third, who, having been married some 15 years, felt that their usual positions were somewhat reversed, "you'll know that, generally speaking, they're glad to get rid of you."

"What for?" demanded the chief in a voice that Othello might have envied. "Well, you get in the way a bit," said Rogers, with secret enjoyment. "You see, you upset the arrangements. Housecleaning and all that sort of thing gets interrupted. They're glad to see you back at first and then glad to see the back of you."

"There's wives and wives," said the third, "registered at Lloyd's, but she don't worry about me going away. Your wife's 30 years younger than you, isn't she?" "Twenty-five," corrected the other shortly. "You see, what I'm afraid of is that she'll get too much attention."

"Well, women like that," remarked the third. "But I don't, dash it!" cried the chief hotly. "When I think of it, I go hot all over—boiling hot."

"That won't last," said the other reassuredly. "You won't care twopence this time next year." "We're not all alike," growled the chief. "Some of us have got finer feelings than others have. I saw the chap next door looking at her as we passed him this morning."

"Good heavens!" said the third wildly. "I don't want any of your blanketed impudence," said the chief sharply. "He put his hat on straighter when he passed us. What do you think of that?" "Can't say," replied the other, with commendable gravity. "It might mean anything."

"If he has any of his nonsense while I'm away, I'll break his neck," said the chief passionately. "I shall know of it." The other raised his eyebrows. "I've asked the landlady to keep her eyes open a bit," said the chief. "My wife is very young and simple, so that it is quite right and proper for her to have a motherly old body to look after her."

"Told your wife?" queried Rogers. "No," said the other. "Fact is, Rogers, I've got an idea about that parrot. I'm going to tell her it's a magic bird and will tell me everything she does while I'm away. Anything the landlady tells me I shall tell her I got from the parrot. For one thing, I don't want her to go out after 7 of an evening, and she's promised me she won't. If she does, I shall know and pretend that I know through the parrot. What do you think of it?"

"Think of it," said the third, staring at him, thick of it? Fancy a man telling a grown up woman a yarn like that!" "She believes in warnings and death watches and all that sort of thing," said the chief, "so why shouldn't she?" "Well, you'll know whether she believes in it or not when you come back," said Rogers, "and it'll be a great pity, because it's a beautiful talker and the best sweeper I ever heard of."

"What do you mean?" said the other. "I mean it'll get its little neck wrung," said the third. "Well, we'll see," said Gannett. "I shall know what to think if it does die." "I shall never see that bird again," said Rogers, shaking his head as the chief took up the cage and handed it to

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