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PROBLEM NO. 50

Composed by C. F. King, Glens Falls, N. Y., about nineteen years ago; contributed by C. F. Mills of that place. White mates in two moves. Pieces, 2x5.

BLACK.



WHITE.

7 Q 1 K P P 1 r 2 4 k B 1 3 R R S 2 5 p r 1 5 P 2 1 5.

PROBLEMS OF THE WEEK. "Reader unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

From Checkmate, Prescott, Ont., for March, a three-mover by C. F. Stubbs. St. John, N. B.: 8 2 k 5 4 1 B 6 1 S 6. Q 1 K 5 1 6.

From Chicago Tribune, via St. Paul Dispatch, a two-mover by A. Lundberg, Chicago. 8 2 K 4 6 B 1 4 k 2 4 P 2 5 s 2 3 P 4 5 R B 1 2 R 5.

From Brooklyn Eagle, a two-mover by E. E. Westbury, Selby Oak, England. 2 s r 4 3 B 4 5 B p 1 K p p k p p 2 2 5 4 Q 2 p 5 4 P 2 5.

From Boston Post, a three-mover: "first offense" by Harlow B. Daly. Boston. r 2 B 4 3 p 4 1 S 1 P 1 p 1 P 1 p 1 R p 1 k 2 4 p 1 4 P 2 P 2 S 4 K 2 B 4.

One that Walcott "snuffed" from the Student, motto, "Ich weiss nicht was." A three-er. K-R 3, K-B 4, P-K 4, B-K 4, B 2 5 R K R 3 8.

A flat rate of two points for two-ers and three for three-ers, regardless of variations. Key only to two-ers; key and second move of three-ers if difficult.

SOLUTIONS AND SOLVERS. Problem No. 46, by Barry: R-B 5, P-K 1, B-Q 4, any; R-R 4 mate. White has also R-Q 5 ch, B-B 5 ch, and R-Q for second moves. Twelve points. Mr. Barry says: "My friend, John F. Tracy whom I have submitted this problem for criticism in the kindness of his heart declares it to be the finest setting of this theme he has ever seen." Many of our solvers agree with Mr. Tracy.

Problems of the week: Wheeler (error in line 4; should be 1 s q, etc., instead of 7 s q, etc.) K-R 2, Stauffer, Kt-B 5 ch, etc. Karschner, Q-Q 7. Peipers, R-Kt 3. Carpenter, Q-R 3. Thomson, B-R or R-R 8, both look promising; however, the latter will also do the work; for, after K-R 3, Kt-B 6 stalemates if B stand at R. Pultizer, B-Q 5.

F. Gamage is credited for No. 45 and easy end-game; he solves the Queenstede end-game by P-Q 3, instead of P-K R 5; who can point out why he should lose six points? Geo. H. Walcott solved the Thomson problem by B-R, which costs him "decimal three."

SOLVERS' SCORES. Old score, Feb. 28. Total. C. B. Dyar.....57 24 81 F. Gamage.....48 32 80 E. E. Armstrong.....75 3.2 78 C. R. Oldham.....15 33 48 G. H. Walcott.....9 31.3 28 H. S. Verry.....11 12 23

The February prize goes to Mr. C. B. Dyar, Newton, Mass., one of the editors of the "Student," the new chess magazine which Chess Editor Walcott, of the Boston Post, is booming so assiduously.

GAME STUDIES. Another of the games Pillsbury didn't win while at Lincoln recently. J. M. Bruner of Omaha and Dr. A. E. Bartoo of Arcadia defended in conversation against Pillsbury sans voir. Dr. Bartoo, in submitting score, remarks that "the style of play was perhaps a little different than most—knock down and drag out right from the start."

VIENNA. Pillsbury (white) vs. Allies (black). 1. P-K 4, P-K 4. 2. Kt-Q 2, Kt-K 3. 3. K-B 4, P-Q 3 (a).

4. Kt-B 3, PxP (b). 5. P-Q 4, B-Kt 5. 6. BxP, Kt-Q B 3. 7. B-Kt 5, P-Q R 3. 8. BxKt ch, PxR. 9. O-O, B-K 2. 10. P-K 3, B-R 4. 11. Q-R 2, O-O. 12. Q-R 4, R-K 1. 13. P-K 5, Kt-Q 4. 14. KtxKt, PxKt. 15. PxP, BxP. 16. RxR ch, QxR. 17. BxB, PxR. 18. Q-B 4, Q-B 3. 19. P-Q 4, R-K 2. 20. R-K, BxKt. 21. RxR ch, QxR. 22. QxB, Q-K 5. 23. QxQ, PxQ. 24. P-Q B 4, K-B. 25. P-K Kt 4, K-K 2. 26. K-B 2, P-Q 4. 27. PxP, Q-Q 3. 28. K-K 3, KxP. 29. P-Q Kt 4, P-K B 3. 30. P-Q R 4, P-Kt 3. 31. P-Kt 5, PxP. 32. PxP, PxP. 33. K-B 4, K-Q 3. 34. P-R 4, K-Q 4. 35. P-K R 5, P-R 3. 36. Drawn (c).

(a) P-Q 4 is generally played here, although the text is good. (b) B-Kt 5 is "book" here. (c) Beginning at Black's 24th move, the allies had to play carefully to draw and made the best moves. At 37th both kings are compelled to mark time. White at K 3 and B 4; black at Q 3 and 4. Neither dare do anything else.

Nelson Hald, president of the Nebraska chess association, is doing some good work in the 20th century tournament and division, between Nelson Hald, Dannebrog, Neb., (white) and P. H. Lenon, Guthrie Center, Iowa, (black).

DANISH GAMBIT. 1. P-K 4, P-K 4. 2. P-Q 4, PxP. 3. B-Q 3, PxP. 4. B-Q 4, PxP (a).

5. Q BxP, Kt-K B 3. 6. Kt-Q B 3, Q-K 2. 7. Q-B 2, Kt-B 3. 8. O-O-O, Q-B 4. 9. Kt-Q 5, KtxKt. 10. RxKt, Q-K 2. 11. Q-K 2, P-Q 3. 12. Q-B 3, B-K 3. 13. R-Q Kt 5, BxB. 14. QxB, O-O-O. 15. Q-Kt 3, P-Q Kt 3. 16. Q-B 4, Kt-R 4. 17. RxKt! PxR. 18. Q-R 6 ch, K-Q 2.

Game played in the P. N. C. C. A. 20th century tournament, section 1, midland division, between Nelson Hald, Dannebrog, Neb., (white) and P. H. Lenon, Guthrie Center, Iowa, (black).

Checkmate No. 3 appeared last week. Dr. Graham has been doing some talk "hustling" to catch up with the montus and, after the April number appears, will take his time to improving the magazine. On the first page P. P. Potter's "Modern Raven" is reproduced from Dr. Van Nuy's recent bulletin of the O. C. A. and Tri-State. The Monte Carlo tournament is given three columns. "Special traps," from the Adelaide Journal, general chess news, a study in the Rice gambit, fourteen problems and end-games and several annotated games complete its sixteen pages. A dollar invested in Checkmate for a year will pay big returns. Address Dr. J. H. Graham, Prescott, Can.

Dr. J. H. Graham—That's right. "Doc" it um, as your worthy friend, Dr. Gold, so aptly remarks; but spare the "judges" and "colonels!"

A Good Woman's Influence. The influence of a good woman has an ennobling effect. Many a man has been lifted out of debasing sins against which he has vainly struggled by coming to know and love a pure, sweet woman. It is the sight of embodied goodness that makes us want to be good. Many a mother, by the usefulness of her life, fills her children with a desire to be like her, and this desire makes them in their turn unselfish. There are humble men and women who rarely utter a word of preaching, yet, by their example, they do more to make people around them gentler, truthful and Christlike than any ten who preach, but do not practice. It is not those who talk about goodness, but those who are good, that are the light of the world.—New York Weekly.

Removes Last British Soldier. The British government is erecting forts at Dunoon and Kilcrogan to prevent foreign warships from entering the Clyde, but at Dunbar, on they have taken away the whole garrison. There were two soldiers there a few weeks ago; now there is only one, and he has orders to leave. Dumbarton was at one time one of the most important garrison towns in Scotland.

Ants' Bites for Lazy Children. In Guiana if a child is slow in its movements the parents apply an ant bite to the child instead of a whip to make it move faster. This little ant bites more cruelly than a mosquito and its bite is apt to be troublesome afterward.

Shopping in New York. Owners of department stores in New York say that shopping is on the increase and has assumed serious proportions. The manager of one large establishment says that last year his firm made a charge of \$50,000 on their books to "loss by shopping."

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THE TIMID FISHES. Little Things That Endanger the Lives of the Aquarium's Inmates. An attendant at the Aquarium the other day saw a fish jump up out of the water in a manner that to the practiced eye indicated one thing only; that the fish was frightened, says the New York Sun. Fishes may jump up in play, or pop their heads out in nabbing a kibble that they have been pursuing, or lift themselves partly out of the water just idly in swimming about but those familiar actions are, to one acquainted with fishes, unmistakably different from the jump of a fish that is scared. Looking about for the cause of the fish's fright the attendant presently saw another fish jump up in fright, and then he discovered the reason of the commotion. It was warm and comfortable in the Aquarium building, and one of the visitors, a nice little girl 7 or 8 years old, had taken off her hat, which she carried by the strings as she went along looking at the fishes, now and then swinging it as a child would naturally do. It was the swinging of her hat back and forth in front of the tanks that had frightened the fishes. The attendant is kind to fishes and he is also kind to little children; and he told the little girl, very pleasantly, that she mustn't swing her hat like that because it frightened the fishes and made them jump up against the screen over their tanks and run against the walls and hurt their noses, and sometimes they hurt their eyes in that way and sometimes they get so scared and hurt themselves so badly that they died. And it would probably be safe to say that this little girl will be a model Aquarium visitor as long as she lives; which, however, not all visitors are. First and last, a good many of the visitors frighten the fishes in one way and another. Of course the great majority of the visitors do not disturb the fishes; they simply pass along and look. And some of the fishes are less susceptible than others and become more or less accustomed to their situation; but there are many of the fishes that always remain sensitive and are easily frightened.

PEOPLE MARRY OLDER. Interesting Facts Gleaned at a Missouri County Court House. Ages given in marriage licenses in the recorder's office show that men and women are marrying later in life than ten or twenty years ago, says the Kansas City Journal. The average age is considerably above that of ten years ago and very much above that of twenty, thirty or forty years ago. Formerly it was the rule rather than the exception for brides to be seventeen or eighteen and grooms twenty or twenty-one. Now it is almost reversed. Figures for several months show that the average bride's age is between twenty-five and twenty-six and the groom's between twenty-eight and twenty-nine. The average age of the first six couples applying for license at the recorder's office Saturday was 23 1/2 for the men, and 22 for the women. When the number of couples had reached nine the figures were reduced to 30 for the men and 28 for the women. These figures, however, are not a good criterion, the couples applying Saturday happening to be a little older than ordinarily. Figures also indicate that couples marrying in May are younger than the average, than those marrying in the fall of the year. "I don't know to what to attribute the tendency to marry later in life," said the marriage license clerk, "unless it is that it takes the young man longer to get a start in the world than it did twenty or thirty years ago. The country is more developed, there are not so many opportunities open to him, and he must wait longer before he finds himself in a position that would warrant his taking the responsibility of supporting a family. In other words, men no longer marry young because they can not afford it."

More Closet Room. In many country houses they are introducing triple closets in the bedrooms. They are most artistically designed in wood to match the rest of the woodwork of the room, some having three glass doors, with small diamond panes, others only two side doors of glass, and the middle partition being in open shelves, with a portiere drawn over. When there is not a separate dressing room, says Vogue, this style of closet is invaluable. The glass doors are lined with silk to match the color of the room furnishings, and the shelf sachets are an elite. The hanging closet on the left is lined with futed satin of the same shade, while the closet on the right for hats and parasols is not only lined to match, but the panel on one end of this construction opens by pressing a button, revealing three or four glass shelves, upon which are arranged shoes and walking shoes upon trees. The top of this outside end closet is left uncovered for ventilation. For an apartment bedroom in town this model presents itself as a treasure indeed, which none will miss having who can order one made.

Income of King. The Kabuka of Uganda Receives Only \$200 a Year. Probably there is no monarch living and nominal at any rate, ruling a large kingdom, who has so small an income as has the "kabuka," or king of Uganda, who receives an annual sum of £950 from the British government. Actually, of course, Uganda, is a British possession, and is administered entirely by British officials, under the control of the foreign office, but in name at least, the kabuka is still the ruler of the country. The king is only quite a boy at present, and so soon as he attains his majority, on the completion of his eighteenth year, he will have his allowance, increased to £1,500 a year, no mighty allowance on which to maintain the dignity of a reigning monarch. In addition to this annual pension the king of Uganda has received from the British government a grant of 360 square miles as a private "garden"—surely one of the most extensive gardens to be found anywhere in the world. This system of granting land to the leading natives has been very largely adopted by the British in Uganda, and all the king's family, together with the principal chiefs of the various tribes, have received tracts of country ranging from sixteen to fifty square miles, for their own particular use.

In connection with this annual allowance to the king of Uganda it is interesting to note the fact that at the present time the British treasury is providing pensions for r vns. Among these are the sultan of Zulu, one or two rulers of m or Indian native states, the ex-king of Benin, and ex-king Prempeh, of Ashanti, in addition to relatives of Cetawayo, of Zululand; Theobald of Burma, and the late lamented Lobengula of Matabeleland.—Golden Penny Magazine.

The telephone line between Paris and Berlin, which has been but recently inaugurated, was completed in June last. The French and German officials, however, would not give the line over to the public until it had been thoroughly tested. A conversation between Berlin and the French towns cost five marks, except in the case of Bordeaux, Orleans and St. Etienne, for which 6 1/2 marks is charged. Both the lines between Paris and Berlin and Paris and Frankfurt are double, and are constructed with bronze wire five millimeters thick. It was originally the intention of both governments that the telephone should be ready at the opening of the exhibition. The German part of the wire was brought to the French frontier in March. The French portion, however, was not ready until June.

Vanity of Snuff Habit. Apropos of the snuff habit, an eloquent preacher of Glasgow, the Rev. William Anderson, was so addicted to snuff that he would take a pinch in the pulpit. Once, while uttering the words, "My soul cleaveth to the dust," he took a pinch of snuff. He lamented the mastery which the habit had gained over him, and once, while preaching from the text, "All is vanity," treated his nose to the snuff and then said: "And this also is vanity."

To Exhibit Irish Products. The Irish Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction has arranged to erect an Irish pavilion at the forthcoming Glasgow Exhibition, for the purpose of exhibiting a representative selection of Irish products. His Excellency the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Lord Mayors of Dublin and Belfast are giving every encouragement to the new department, and it is hoped that the Irish farmers will take advantage of this excellent opportunity of showing what excellent Ireland can produce.

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Cultivates Ginseng in Kentucky. A Kentucky farmer claims to have succeeded in cultivating ginseng. In early times the plant grew abundantly in the forests of central and southern Indiana, and was extensively gathered for medicinal purposes, being largely exported to China. It is still found in some localities, but in limited quantities. Its preparation or cultivation was supposed to be impossible.

A Doren Varies in Trade. The uninitiated generally have a fond delusion that a dozen means twelve things, but in trade the dozen varies greatly. In the Staffordshire potteries, for instance, a dozen represents that number of articles which can be offered for any fixed price; thus the dozen varies, the price is constant. Plates are among the comparatively few articles which in that trade are sold in dozens of twelve, and some things are sold in dozens of sixty, seventy and eighty.

Effects of Too Much Food. Much of the sinking, tired and empty feeling from which business men who work their brains alone so often suffer is due to the accumulation of toxins in the system which want "working off." Two meals a day and active exercise are the preventive, and there is no exercise which can be got at any time and by anybody to the extent that walking can. But to do good it must not be sauntering. Really "smart" walking is what is wanted.

A Clever Idea. A dainty evolution of the scent bottle is shown by the jeweler. It is a little ball of chased openwork gold, filled with a little sponge wet with a perfume which sends out a faint but constant aroma. It is a pretty idea, that may be attached to a locket chain or the muff chain for the day and to the fan during the evening.

Rice Production of Siam. The chief staple of Siam is rice. The trade reports for 1899 show that the value of this product during that year was \$22,824,160 Mexican, and the value of the output is rapidly increasing every year.

Valuable Energy in the Mule. It has been decided that horses and mules are not contraband of war. Any one who is at all familiar with the animal would not hesitate however, to declare the mule a belligerent.—Omaha Bee.

Our First Money. The first currency issued by the whites within the limits of the United States was wampum, which was adopted by the Massachusetts colonists in 1607 in their intercourse with the Indians.

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