

- 24. QR—KBI ..... P—KR3
- 25. B—R4 ..... P—KK14
- 26. PXP ..... K1—K16h
- 27. K—K11 ..... QSQ
- 28. Resigns.

- (a) Giving up a pawn for an attacking position.
- (b) P—KR3 would allow Q—B5, with a strong attack.
- (c) If KxK1, Q—R5ch, 14. K—K1, RXP; 15. PxB, QxPch; 16. K—K1, B—Kt 5, and wins.
- (d) P—KR3 would have been useful.
- (e) Now the reply to P—KR3 is R—KR1.

Chess in the 18th Century.

We have been favoured with the loan of a copy of Philidor's treatise. The style is quaint and original (even after due allowance for translation), the notation cumbersome, and the notes are prolific, but without impressive. One cannot but be struck with the soundness of the principles enunciated. The title page reads: "Chess Analy-ed; or Instructions by which a Perfect Knowledge of this Noble Game may in a short time be acquir'd, By A. D. Philidor, The Fourth Edition. — London, Printed for C. Nourse, in the Strand, M.DCC.LXXVII." The author's comments on certain German innovations in play are caustic and amusing. He thus delivers himself in the preface:—"This game has in many parts of Germany been so disgrac'd, as not to be known by the Board and the Men." (Perhaps these were labelled "Made in Germany.") "They allow playing two Moves successively at the Opening of the Game. This appears to me very ridiculous, as no Game is known, but the Players play alternately. Besides, can it be thought that where two good Players meet, he who plays last can have any great Chance of winning? Secondly, they give a Pawn Leave to pass beyond taking by Pawns; which not only makes quite a different Game from the original one, but also takes off a great deal of its Beauty; because by this means a Pawn may pass before two others, which with much Dexterity and Industry, have reached within three Squares of becoming Queens, and are there stop'd by the King, or the Adversary's Bishop; while this single Pawn will either go and make a Queen, or oblige you to abandon all your advanced Pawns and come attack this Wretch, who during the whole Game has done nothing. This certainly is quite opposite to the Rules of War, where Merit only can advance a Soldier's Fortune. Besides, when the King castles, they allow him to push his Rook's Pawn; by which means he plays twice running. In my Opinion all these Deformities have been introduced by Wauglers, who have obliged their Adversaries to play according to their whims." Then he waxes satirical at the practice of allowing a player to queen a pawn, while retaining his original queen. He continues:—"While this Field of Criticism lies open, I cannot pass by my own Countrymen, who have committed as great a Fault as the Germans. They are less to be excused, there being many good players among them; nay, some of the best in Europe. I presume they have been led away (like myself formerly) by a bad Custom, established in all Probability by the Person who first brought Chess into France; I am inclined to believe it must have been some player at Draughts, who knowing little more than the Moves of the Pieces, imagined one might make as many Queens in the Game of Chess, as at Draughts. I would only ask what a fine sight it is to see upon the Chess-board, two Pawns on the same square, to distinguish a second Queen; and if by chance a third should be made (as I have often seen it at Paris) then it is still a finer sight, while the bottom of one Pawn is almost sufficient to cover a square on the Board. Is not therefore this Method most ridiculous, especially as it is practis'd in no Country where the game of Chess is known? However, if my Countrymen will go on in this erroneous Way, I would advise them, to prevent all Disputes that may arise about their Multiplicity of Queens, to make to each Set of Chess-men three or four Queens, as many Rooks, Knights, etc." He might have added that those extra pieces should be numbered, so that in recording a move one might, in the language of the time, say: "The third Queen gives check at the Black King's third square," or as the case might require, and thus avoid confusion. Philidor was born at Dreux, about forty miles west of Paris, in 1727. At the

time, therefore, of the publication of this edition he was about 60 years of age. He was the greatest player of his time in France, and probably in Europe. He was succeeded in France by Deschappelles and De La Bourdonnais. We propose next week to give an extract from the text showing Philidor's method of instruction.

A Master's Play.

The following artistic finish occurred in the American Masters' Tourney. The score is from "The Daily News." The players were Capablanca (white) and Morris (black). The play on White's part shows fine judgment and foresight. Everything is timed to a nicety. The position after Black's 23rd move was:—  
Errk; 5xlp; 3xlp2; 1p1l1l2; 2pR4; P1P1R2; 1P3PPP; 3x2K1. And the game proceeded:—

- 24. R—R4 ..... R—KK1
- 25. K1—Q4 ..... Q—Q2
- 26. R—K7 ..... QxR
- 27. KtXB,

and Black resigns, for he must suffer either irreparable loss in material, or mate by RXP ch, followed by Q—R5.

Traps.

The Australian says:—"What is the commonest trap in the Ruy Lopez?—Well, the one that has probably claimed more victims than any other comes off something as follows:—"

- 1. P—K4 ..... P—K4
- 2. Kt—KB3 ..... Kt—QB3
- 3. B—Kt5 ..... P—QR3
- 4. B—R4 ..... Kt—B3
- 5. P—Q4 ..... B—K2
- 6. Castles ..... Castles.

And now White should play PXP, and not what looks so nicely developing—Kt—B3—for then would happen:—

- 7. Kt—B3 ..... PXP
- 8. KtXP ..... KtXKt
- 9. QxKt ..... P—QR4
- 10. B—Kt3 ..... P—B4
- 11. Q moves ..... P—R5

and the Bishop is gone."

We should hardly call this a trap. If it is a trap, it is set by the one who gets caught in it.

Local Items.

On account of a temporary shortage of funds caused by the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, the Auckland Chess Club has made a call on the members. New members are, however, exempted. The one-time popular Christy Minstrel song "Willie We Have Missed You!" is again the vogue.

A meeting of the chess and draught-playing members of the Auckland Working-men's Club is to be held at the Club to-night (Wednesday), at 8 p.m., with the object of forming a chess and draughts section on similar lines to the Wellington Working-men's C. and D. Club. It is to be hoped there will be a good muster. Such a club will supply a long-felt want. There is plenty of material from old congress veterans to raw recruits, and the accommodation leaves nothing to be desired; but there is no machinery for bringing the players together.

Carlsbad Tournament.

The Carlsbad publicity notice announced that the following masters would compete in the tournament, commencing August 20th:—Schlechter (Vienna), Rubinstein (Warsaw), Maroczy (Budapest), Marshall (New York), Dr. Bernstein (Moscow), Burn (Liverpool), Teichmann (Berlin), Dr Vidmar (Graz), Janowski (Paris), Niemzowitch (Riga), Duras (Prague), Spielmann (Munich), Leondardt (Hamburg), and probably Capablanca (Cuba).

End Game (No. 105.)

The game proceeded:—

- 20. ..... Kt x RP (ch)
- 21. Q—K2 ..... Kt x P
- 22. QxKt ..... QxKt ch
- 23. KxQ ..... R—R5 mate

(d) There is no reply to this brilliant stroke. A remarkably pretty termination follows.

# GOLF

This paper has been appointed the official organ of the Ladies' Golf Union, New Zealand branch.

Secretaries of ladies' golf clubs are invited to forward official notices, handicaps and alterations, results of competitions, and other matters of interest, to reach the publishing office not later than the Saturday prior to date of publication.

AUCKLAND.

THE members of the above club enjoyed favourable weather conditions on Saturday, when the second qualifying round of the club's championship was played at Middlemore Park. Owing to the wet weather interfering with the work, a number of the greens were very heavy. The following are the particulars of the scores returned, the first eight qualifying to play in the championship:—J. C. Burns, 95—95—180; D. McCormick, 93—92—185; C. Nettleton, 94—92—186; J. B. Lusk, 91—98—189; H. S. Stringer, 90—92—182; E. A. Dargaville, 99—96—195; H. D. Bamford, 100—95—195; W. B. Colbeck, 103—92—195; P. T. Upton, 106—90—196; G. A. Miller, 100—99—199; J. W. Hall, 104—95—199, W. A. Carriek, 105—94—199; H. Foster, 107—95—202; H. C. Clark, 103—100—203; E. Harton, 106—100—206; H. Richmond, 108—102—210.

The first round of the championship will be played on September 16, the draw being as follows:—C. Nettleton plays H. D. Bamford, W. B. Colbeck plays J. B. Lusk, D. McCormick plays E. A. Dargaville, and H. G. Stringer plays J. C. Burns.

In the play-off of the tie for the final of the Sir Logan Campbell shield (bogey) J. C. Burns, two down, beat P. Laurence, six down.

Junior members of the club are reminded that entries for the junior championship close at noon on Friday for the qualifying round. The conditions are medal play, the first 16 to qualify. Members with a handicap of 13 and over are eligible to take part.

Waiitemata.

In the final for the club's championship, played on Saturday, Pennan beat Clouston, one up.

In the third round of the Nursery Handicap, Jeffries beat Sheriffs, three up and one to play; Hadlon beat Atkinson, 1 up; Hall beat Farrar, 3 and 2; Sommerville beat O'Donnell, 4 and 2; Le Sieur beat Kalendar, 4 and 2; Bush beat D. Macky, 3 and 2; Norton beat Ward, 3 and 4; Leckie beat Meikle, 1 up.

Maungakiekie.

In the mixed foursomes handicap, played on the One Tree Hill links on Saturday by the members of this club, the following were the best scores handed in:—Miss Eileen Barstow and E. Gardner, 57 (10 holes); Miss Eva Cummings and Kirker, 59; Miss Yonge and C. Gardner, 63; Mrs Ball and Ball, 63; Miss Carr and Carr, 67; Miss Hellaby and Binney, 68; Miss Sellars and Cooke, 70; Mrs Ridings and Ridings, 72; Miss Souter and Hay, 73.

TE AROHA.

The results of the matches played for the club's championship are as follows:—Men's Novice Championship.—C. H. Richardson beat C. Noss in the final. Ladies.—Miss D. Edwards beat Miss Fitzgerald, and Miss Wild beat Mrs McDonald in the semi-final, leaving the final to be played by the Misses D. Edwards and Wild.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington v. Wairarapa.

(By Telegraph.—Own Correspondent.)

WELLINGTON, Saturday. The annual match between Wellington and Wairarapa Golf Clubs was played to-day at Heretaunga, and resulted in a win for Wellington by 11 games to 3. Following are the detailed results. Wellington players being mentioned first in

each instance:—A. Duncan beat J. C. Midwill, 6 and 5; A. J. Abbott beat W. E. Bidwill, 4 and 2; R. L. D. Kidston beat W. H. Robieson, 5 and 3; A. E. Whyte beat A. B. Lawrence, 7 and 5; W. E. Reid beat F. H. Elcoate, 2 up; C. St. G. Gore beat A. B. Balfour, 1 up; A. McO. Clark beat W. H. Booth, 6 and 4; L. C. Hales beat A. R. Selanders, 1 up; A. S. MacShane beat G. Hume, 6 and 4; R. W. Kirkby beat R. S. Steele, 3 and 2; H. J. Didsbury beat B. Booth, 1 up; K. J. Duncan lost to G. F. Fenwick, 4 and 3; W. B. Lees lost to C. Perry, 2 and 1; L. S. Pearce lost to A. J. Toogood, 2 and 1.

NGAMOTU.

On Saturday afternoon the Ngamotu Club played the first qualifying round of 18 holes for the club championship. Twenty players entered, and the nine best cards were as follows:—W. C. Weston 86, H. H. Ward 88, E. S. Johns 88, W. Bewley 88, A. H. Glasgow 84, J. S. Medley 90, E. Bary 80, J. Paton 92, P. McCord 92. The westerly wind rather interfered with the play.

CAMBRIDGE.

There was a large gathering at the golf links on Wednesday to see the finals of local championships played, when Miss K. Willis defeated Miss London, 7 up and 6 to play.

Mr. Middleton defeated Mr. J. Banks, 2 up, on the 18th green after a most exciting game.

Dr. Cox, one of Timaru's best golfers, is here at present, and intends going to Wanganui next week for the golf meeting there. Mr. A. H. Nicoll and Mr. M. Wells, of this club, intended going also.

HAMILTON.

The four-ball match, which was played on the Hamilton links on Saturday, resulted as follows:—Mrs. Douglas and Miss Gillespie 50, handicap 18—58; Mrs. Yule and Miss Bayly, 69—18—51; Holloway and Miss Furze, 64—13—51; Mrs. Kerr and Miss McAllum, 66—15—51; Miss Wilkinson and Miss Cussen, 64—11—53; Mrs. Bennett and Miss O'Neill, 86—27—59. Shepherd and Dodson, handicap 87—17—70; Hume and Worsley, 94—14—80; Mears and Yule, 110—23—87; McLeod and Hanna, 113—25—81; Swarbrick and Doby, 109—47—92; Jordan and Whitelaw, 118—49—99; Anderson and O'Grady, 132—27—105.

HAWERA.

The results of the third round of the men's senior championship are as follows:—Kitto beat Ryan, 5 up and 4; Turton beat Treweek, 2 up and 1; J. O'Leighan plays Turton, and the winner plays Kitto in the final.

In the junior, Gibson beat Edwards, 2 up and 1; Mason beat Bassett, 1 up.

MASSTERTON.

Mr. A. D. Gillies' trophy, presented for the best eclectic card taken from the two qualifying rounds of the senior championship, was won by Mr. A. H. Magson (85), the various scores being:—Magson (85), the various scores being:—A. H. Magson 85, G. W. Arlidge 91, E. P. Fenton 91, H. J. Francis 91, J. Milne 91, J. G. Bee 95, H. W. Rishworth 95, P. L. Hollings 96, D. Caselberg 99, W. W. Gabites 102, C. N. Haslam 105.

The following are the scores in the third round of the Bogey Handicap, played at Highfield last week (handicaps in parentheses):—C. Hayer (14) 3 up; C. T. H. Perry (8) all square; G. Guinness (18) 1 down; F. L. Barker (2) 2 down.