

The Chess Board.

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The Auckland Chess Club meets on Monday Thursday, and Saturday evenings, at No. 24, His Majesty's Arcade, Queen-street (2nd floor).

The Y.M.C.A. Chess Club meets on Friday evenings.

The Hamilton Chess Club meets in the Public Library, Hamilton, every Friday evening, at 7.30.

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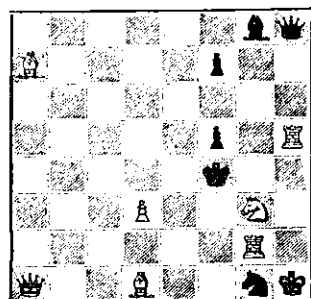
Answers to Correspondents.

"F.K.K."—Thanks.

Problem No. 161.

By T. S. Johnston, Liverpool.
(First Prize "Bolton Football Field.")

Black Six Pieces.



White Eight Pieces.

Notation.—b4p, b4p2, 8, 5p1R, 5k2, 3P2N1, gR1, Q2B2sK.

White to play and mate in two moves.

An interesting game from the "Chess Amateur." It is instructive, also, in this way: The White Queen starts out hunting, dispenses with her escort, is allured by pleasant-looking but treacherous byways, and, when she wishes to return at night-fall, finds herself cut off by high hedges and a ditch, and her lord and master is attacked in his courtyard and done to death before she can reach the scene. A game like this should teach us not to bring the Q out too early, and not to grab pieces without considering all the consequences, and all the time it says: Develop, develop, develop! Some of the notes are from the "Magyar Sakkvilág."

Petroff Defence (in effect).

White. Black.

1. P-K4. Dr. A. Steiner.

2. B-B4. P-K4

3. Kt-KB3. Kt-KB3

4. KxP. KxP

"M." mentions 4. P-Q3. 4. Kt-QB3

makes the Boden-Kiezeritzky Gambit:—

4. P-Q4

5. Kt-BP. KxKt

And here "M." mentions 5. B-K2, which

is better than the move made.

6. Q-R5ch. KxKt

7. BxPch. K-K3

8. Q-R5ch. K-B2

9. QxKt. Q-K2, and wins.

10. QxR. QxR

11. QxR. K-B3

12. QxR. K-B3

13. QxR. K-B3

14. QxR. K-B3

15. QxR. K-B3

16. QxR. K-B3

17. QxR. K-B3

18. QxR. K-B3

19. QxR. K-B3

20. QxR. K-B3

21. QxR. K-B3

22. QxR. K-B3

23. QxR. K-B3

24. QxR. K-B3

25. QxR. K-B3

26. QxR. K-B3

27. QxR. K-B3

28. QxR. K-B3

29. QxR. K-B3

30. QxR. K-B3

Q-KB4; 13. Q-Q8ch, K-B2; 14. P-KKt4, QxP; 15. P-Q3, and there is perpetual check. (If 15. ... B-R5, 16. QxR, etc.)

If, in this, 15. Kt-B3, there is still perpetual check (or Black can play B-R5 more advantageously than before.)

12. K-K2. Q-R4ch

(White could now try P-Kt4.—See preceding note. Then if QxPch, 13. K-B1.)

13. K-Q3. Kt-K4ch

14. KxKt. Kt-K4ch

Mate in two.

A telegraphic match between Masterton and Hamilton, with eight boards, was contested on July 27. Only one game was finished, and that ended in a draw! The rest of the games are being adjudicated on by Messrs. W. E. Mason, R. J. Barnes, and P. Still, members of the N.Z.C.A. adjudication board. This is most unsatisfactory as a trial of strength. The adjudicators may discover a line of play that would afford a sure win for white, or black, or secure a draw, as the case may be; and it may well be that the player for whom they invent this line of play would miss it. On the other hand, once you start making allowances for weakness, or known style of play, or other idiosyncrasies, you cannot tell where to draw the line. Surely there must be a remedy. Two or three suggest themselves, but possibly they are not feasible. We would say start play earlier, make a short time-limit, and (or) if not finished by closing-time adjourn, and continue at the first available opportunity. Another idea is to finish the adjudicated games by correspondence. The best plan of all is to abandon the wire and meet at some half-way town. When we get our aeroplanes in working order these troubles will disappear. In a few years' time we may expect to see an announcement on the club notice-board reading something like this:—"Members wishing to take part in the annual picnic, and match against the Wellington C.C., to take place at Oio, on Saturday, 27th instant, are requested to send in their names to the hon. secretary without delay, as the seating accommodation is limited. Tickets, two guineas, including hamper. The car will take off at One-tree Hill at 7 a.m. sharp. The club will provide boards and men."

The Laws of Chess.

Appropos of the remarks made by us in our issue of 17th ult., in reference to the question whether it is advisable to adopt the rule included in the new code, passed by the British Chess Federation, allowing analysis of adjourned games, we quote the following passage from the Adelaide "Observer's" account of the finish of the recent Hungarian International Tournament, which seems very much in point:—

"British and Australian ideas about the sanctity of adjourned games are shocked by Continental loose methods of treating them, for, although the last move and score are sealed up until the game is resumed, we read the following items from 'The Field's' report from its correspondent at Postoyen: Duras won an ending with Rook and Bishop against Rook, which obviously should have been drawn had Balla studied the ending during the interval. He dropped into a position (known in the theory of the endings as 'Philidor's position'), and lost. Rubinstein was similarly if not quite so lucky as Duras, for he won an ending of Queen and two Pawns against Queen and Pawn. Had Salve adjourned the game, as he had plenty of time to spare, half an hour earlier when he had two Pawns, he would have found charitably inclined colleagues who would have coached him in the ending, and Rubinstein's total would have been half a point less."

We are not in a position to state whether the new code was binding upon competitors in the tournament in question, but quite apart from that it is inconceivable that any rule exists which permits extraneous assistance. Yet it would appear that the practice is freely and unashamedly resorted to by continental players. Let it not be supposed that we advocate the legislation of such methods. We despise them. We simply repeat that it is a matter fraught

with difficulty. The difficulty lies not in distinguishing right from wrong, but in preventing or discovering abuse.

Solution of Problem No. 159.

(Cheney.)

White. Black.
1. R-R2. BxP(a)
2. Q-RS. Any
3. Q mates.

(a) If 1. ... B moves elsewhere; 2. Q-KKtch, and mates next move.

ANGER OF BRONCHIAL COUGHS.

PEPS END THE TROUBLE ONCE AND FOR ALL.

Bronchial troubles are dangerous because they settle so near the lungs. Generally it is the common bronchial cold with its nasty cough and "made-up" feeling that, neglected for days, lays one up at last with pleurisy or pneumonia.

The introduction of the Peps treatment has rendered obsolete the ever-unsatisfactory method of trying to cure throat and lung troubles by means of liquid medicine. Not only do old-fashioned cough-mixtures frequently contain dangerous drugs like opium, morphia, chloral, but, being liquid, they are merely swallowed into the stomach and cannot, therefore, even touch the lungs where the trouble lies.

Herein are the two distinguishing points about Peps: First, they do not contain any trace of opium, laudanum, or any other dangerous drugs occurring in old-fashioned cough medicines; second, they are a breathable remedy. That is, as a Peps tablet, removed from its preserving silver jacket, is made to dissolve on the tongue, certain valuable fumes are given off which, mixing with the air we breathe, are at once taken down the windpipe and passed straight into the innermost recesses of the lungs and chest.

The soothing effect of these Peps fumes on the throat and bronchi is marvellous, and brings not merely strength to the chest, but by repairing the delicate membrane torn by constant coughing, fortifies the windpipe against "cold germs" and against further attacks of disease.

Peps can be freely used by young and old; and because of their uniqueness, convenience, and unequalled efficiency, these wonderful breathable tablets should be kept always handy to ward off coughs, colds, bronchitis, sore throat, hoarseness, wheeziness, etc. Of all chemists.

Is Germany Degenerate?

The characteristic of Bismarckian Germany (says Mr. J. Ellis Barker, writing in the "Nineteenth Century") was efficiency coupled with frugality. William the First hated pomp and ostentation. He refused, for instance, to have gas and electric light installed in his palaces. In front of his plain wooden bed in Babelsberg was a carpet which had been knitted by his daughter, the Grand Duchess of Baden, and a simple wicker chair which had been made by his son, Frederick the Third. His example was followed by the German people. William the Second has preached frugality to his officers, but an area of luxury and waste has been introduced notwithstanding. The old Prussian virtues have disappeared. Riotous living prevails in Germany. Berlin has become the most immoral town in Europe. No less than 20 per cent of the children born in Berlin are illegitimate. Hundreds of shady restaurants and cafes in which music and dancing take place are permitted to remain open until four o'clock in the morning or all night long, and most Berliners are proud of the night life of their town, which puts that of Paris in the shade. An unimmaculate vice, which the French call "le vice allemand," has permeated the highest military and social circles, as was seen at the Entenber trial. Vice is paraded openly and shamelessly. The German police, which is always ready to interfere vigorously with political meetings, makes no attempt to interfere with the evil. The German Government sees apparently no reason for suppressing it. The old idealism of Germany has given way to a coarse materialism.

Church v. Civil Courts.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has written a long letter in reply to the Bishop of London, who appealed for an authoritative pronouncement of the Church's attitude toward the recent decision of the House of Lords in the deceased wife's sister case.

The Lords upheld a decision of the Court of Arches admonishing Canon Thompson, of Norwich, for repelling from Holy Communion Mr. and Mrs. Bannister, on the ground that they were "open and notorious evil liver," because Mrs. Bannister was the sister of her husband's first wife.

"The contention," writes the Archbishop, "that it rests with Parliament or with the civil courts and not with the Church itself, which has authorities and courts for the purpose, to determine the conditions of the admission of our members to Holy Communion is untenable, and if it were to be authoritatively asserted acquiescence in it would be impossible."

"It has not, so far as I can see, been authoritatively asserted, though I own that some of the judicial language used in the civil courts seems to go perilously near to such a contention."

"As regards the practical question which underlies these technical points—the question, namely, whether a man who under the existing law marries his deceased wife's sister ought or ought not to be admitted to Holy Communion—no universal or sweeping decision has been, or, I think, can rightly be, laid down."

"A few weeks after the passing of the Act I wrote to my own diocese a long letter, in which I tried to deal with the whole system which had arisen. In it I pointed out that, greatly as I deplored the Act, it is, in my judgment, impossible to regard a man as becoming 'an open and notorious evil liver' on account solely of contracting that particular marriage after it had as a civil contract been expressly sanctioned by English law. If, as is perfectly possible, he is to be rightly repelled from Communion either for a time or permanently, such repulsion would have to be on other grounds than the application of the words which I have quoted."

"It seems to me that the most important thing to bear in mind at this moment is that nothing has really been done which impairs the Church's right through her own authorities and tribunals to interpret her own Rubrics and to regulate her own terms of Communion."

The Matrimonial Pessimist.

(By LEWIS ALLEN.)

If the average woman thought her husband didn't love her any more than she loved him, she'd be heartbroken.

Home is too often where one is not allowed to make himself at home.

If the roosters as well as the chickens would come home to roost it would be a happier world.

I knew a husband and wife who were supremely happy—but they weren't married to each other.

There was never a coquette but what finally got married—or wished she had.

A Miss is as good as a Mrs. Married men think she is better.

Do the friends of the bride sob with envy, and of the groom snicker in derision?

Love knots, bean knots, matrimonial knots, then little what-nots.

Slow husbands are apt to make fast wives.

It isn't much worse to marry for money and divorce for love than to reverse the programme.

If a man cannot get a few smiles at his home he will go elsewhere for them.

Did you ever notice that 999 per cent of the rest-cure patients are married?

"Marriage of convenience" is another hoax.

The greatest will contests are among the living.

The good fellow abroad and the good fellow at home are not related.

Wise men know their wives, like wine, improve with age—if not exposed to too much light.

About the time a woman gives her husband cause for real jealousy he discovers she isn't worth it.

Family ties should always be love knots, too frequently they are love-nots.

Prevarication was invented about the time explanation was.

When people say "for a long long laugh is on me."