

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).

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Hon. Secretaries of Chess Clubs are invited to furnish items of Club news. Unpublished games, containing special features, notes of critical positions occurring in actual play, and original problems (with diagram and analysis), are always acceptable.

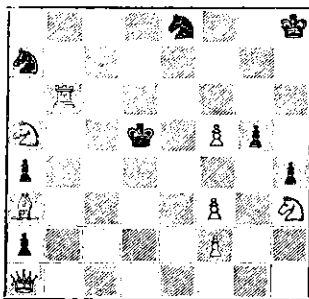
Answers to Correspondents.

F.K.K.—Thanks.

Position No. 167.

By F. F. ALEXANDER (Awarded half-yearly prize in the Bolton "Football Field.")

Black, Seven Pieces.



White, Nine Pieces.

4 s 2 K; s 7; 1 R 6; S 2 k 1 P p 1; p 6 p; B 4 P 1 S; p 4 P 2; Q 7. White to play and mate in two moves.

Played in the Breslau Tournament. Score and notes from "The Field." English Opening.

| White. | Black. |
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| 1. P—Q4 | P—K4 |
| 2. Kt—QB3 | Kt—QB3 |
| 3. P—KK3 | P—KK3 |
| 4. B—K2 | KKt—K2 |
| 5. P—Q3 | B—K2 |
| 6. B—K5 | P—KR3 |
| 7. B—K3 | Castles. |
| 8. Q—Q2 | Kt—B4(a) |
| 9. Kt—B3 | P—Q3 |
| 10. Castles | B—K3 |
| 11. QR—B1 | Q—Q2 |
| 12. Q—B2(b) | QKt—Q5 |
| 13. BxKt | KtB |
| 14. KtxKt | PxKt |
| 15. Kt—Q5 | P—KK4(c) |
| 16. P—B4 | P—B4(d) |
| 17. Pxp | Pxp |
| 18. Q—Q2 | P—B3 |
| 19. QxP(c) | PxKt |
| 20. Pxp | B—B2 |
| 21. Rxp | KR—K1 |
| 22. B—K4 | R—K2(f) |
| 23. QR—KB1 | Q—K4 |
| 24. P—KR4(g) | B—K3 |
| 25. R—Bsch(h) | BxK |
| 26. BxB | Q—Q1 |

White mates in three.

NOTES.

- (a) If K—R2, White would continue the attack with B—P—KR4.
- (b) Threatening Kt—Q5, and the Kt could not be taken because of PxKt winning the QBP.
- (c) A tempting combination, as it threatens to win the Kt with P—B3, Kt—K4, P—QR4, but it is doubtful whether it was worth the risk of weakening the king's position.
- (d) To prevent P—B5, when the BP could not be captured, because of RxB, QxR, Kt—K7ch, etc.
- (e) Ingenious and perfectly sound. He gets three pawns for the piece.
- (f) If 22... R—K4, then 23. RxB, followed by Q—R4. But RxB might be considered, with two bishops for rook.
- (g) A trappy move, provoking Black's B—K3.
- (h) Very pretty.

A lively game, played recently in the St. Petersburg Chess Club. The ending is artistic. Alechin, who has since won the first prize in the

Stockholm tournament, gained his spurs at Carlsbad last year, and is one of the most promising of the brilliant band of young Russian masters. Score from the Yorkshire "Observer Budget":—

| White. | Black. |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1. P—Q4 | P—Q4 |
| 2. P—Q5 | Kt—KB3 |
| 3. Kt—QB3 | P—Q3 |
| 4. P—K4 | P—KK3 |
| 5. P—KB4 | QKt—Q2 |
| 6. Kt—B3 | P—Q4 |
| 7. P—K5 | Pxp |
| 8. Pxp | Kt—K3 |
| 9. P—K6 | Kt(Q2)—K4 |
| 10. B—KB4 | KtxKtch |
| 11. PxB | Kt—B3 |
| 12. B—B4 | Pxp |
| 13. Pxp | Q—K3 |

The position here is: a 1 b 1 k b 1 ; 1 p 2 p 2 p; p 2 P sp 1; 2 p 5; 2 B 2 B 2; 2 S 2 P 2; P P P 4 P; R 2 Q K 2 R. The game proceeded:—

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| 14. Q—K2 | QxKtP |
| 15. Kt—K5 | QxR |
| 16. K—R2 | QxR |
| 17. Kt—B7ch | K—Q1 |
| 18. Q—Q2h | B—Q2 |
| 19. PxB | Resigns. |

Notes and News.

A special general meeting of the chess and draught members of the Wellington Workingmen's Club was held on Monday, the 19th inst., there being a large attendance. A lot of routine business was disposed of, including the adoption of rules for the chess ladder. Mr. J. G. W. Dalrymple suggested that the club's thanks might be tendered to the "Evening Post" and "New Zealand Times" for the excellent reports of tournaments, matches etc., that they had been furnishing weekly for some months past. These interesting reports were widely appreciated, and were of great assistance to the cause of chess and draughts in Wellington, catering as they did for the three other local chess clubs as well. He had much pleasure, therefore, in moving that letters be sent thanking the papers named for their courteous assistance. The motion was greeted with applause, and carried unanimously. Before the members dispersed Mr. Dalrymple, on their behalf, presented Mr. Lightfoot with a travelling bag and a case of pipes as a small token of their appreciation of the valued services rendered by him during his two years' term as chairman for chess and draughts. Mr. Dalrymple also voiced the esteem in which Mr. Lightfoot is held by his fellow-members, and trusted that he might long be spared to further assist them in promoting the sister games. (Applause.) In responding, Mr. Lightfoot said he was completely taken by surprise, and words failed him to express his thanks, as he would like to, for the present so kindly made to him. He had always enjoyed his association with the chess and draughts section. He was glad that they were holding their own so well, and hoped to be of some assistance in achieving even greater results in the future. In the meantime he could only once more thank them for their valued gift. (Applause.)—"Evening Post."

Commenting on the entries for the British Championship—a list of which we published last week, the "Yorkshire Observer" says:—The list is an interesting one, and remarkable for the names it does not contain. For the first time since the inaugural meeting of the association at Hastings, in 1904, Messrs. H. E. Atkins and J. H. Blackburne will be absentees, as far as any rate, as taking part in the competition goes. It may be assumed that the weight of his seventy years imposes a strain on the veteran Blackburne, which he does not feel that he ought to continue, but the removal of so interesting a personality cannot but be a matter of deep and universal regret. Mr. Atkins' absence involves the relinquishment of the championship, which he has consistently won since 1905, but it cannot be supposed that his withdrawal is more than temporary. Seven others of the twelve who competed at Glasgow are also missing now, these being Messrs. J. H. Blake, J. A. McKee, R. E. Loun, E. Macdonald, A. J. Mackenzie, J. E. Parry, and the Rev. W. C. Palmer. The last-named has, of course, returned to Trinidad, and Mr. Mackenzie has elected

to play in the Open Major tournament, the would like to have seen Messrs. W. Ward and G. E. Wainwright in the team again, for there are few players who produce such interesting games. Messrs. Mitchell, West, and Yates are the only three of last year's team who are included now, but Messrs. Gibson, Cole, Jacobs, Hammond, and Waltham have all competed in previous years. Of the newcomers, the most interesting is undoubtedly Mr. Crackanthorpe, the Australian champion (sic), upon whose achievements we may be able to base some estimate of the standard of chess playing in the Antipodes. Messrs. Griffith and Uber are strong Metropolitan players, and Mr. Billings gained the first prize in the first-class tournament last year, and has since won the championship of the Cheltenham Club.

D. Janowski writes in "La Strategie" on the normal defence in the Queen's Gambit Declined:—"P. Q4, P—Q4; 2. P—QB4, P—K3. Is this defence adequate is a question I have asked myself for years. Logically, it is not, seeing that the QB is closed in, and there can be no equal game where inferiority of development exists. But practice has shown us as yet no better method. A possible defence, whose resources have not yet been exhausted, is 2... P—K4. Now and then it has been essayed by the timid or the bold, only to be quickly dropped. Not that analysis or practice has pronounced against it, but simply by reason of its great complexity." From the "British Chess Magazine."

Solution of Problem No. 165.

(Pospisil.)

1. R—K8.

"Unwritten Laws" of the Guards

If anyone could place on record the "unwritten laws" of the Brigade of Guards it would prove to be one of the most interesting books ever compiled, thinks a writer in the "Pall Mall Gazette." For instance, it is an understood thing that no subaltern shall enter the brigade unless he is assured of a clear income of at least a thousand a year, though, should a candidate be fortunate enough to possess a father who has distinguished himself in the Army, this law is graciously waived. Again, if an officer marries an actress, it follows as a matter of course that he will send in his papers. Further, the brigade jealously preserves its privileges of a direct appeal to the Sovereign, as its Colonel-in-Chief, in case its cherished privileges are attacked in any way.

Linen Nearly 8,000 Years Old

Modern paper has often been compared disadvantageously with that made in bygone years. Most of the books published nowadays will be apt to fall in pieces a century hence, we fear. But is our linen likely to prove any better than the paper we make from it? How will it compare, for instance, with that made in ancient Egypt? In some recently discovered tombs, dating from before the age of Moses, that is about 4,000 B.C., linen has been found in the coffins as clean and fresh as if it had just come from the loom.

FELL INTO TUB OF BOILING WATER.

Proud Flesh Set In—Doctor Wanted to Operate.

Marvellous Healing by Zam-Buk.

Mrs. Eliza Pratt, of Boucka Street, Carrington, Newcastle, N.S.W., says:—"My little son Clifford, when two years of age, fell into a tub of scalding water, his left arm being severely injured where the flesh was literally boiled. The pain must have been unbearable, for the sinews were all contracted and drawn up, and his arm distorted. It presented a sickening sight. The doctor treated the little fellow with lime and water, but proud flesh set in and his arm became worse. For three months it was in a horrible state, and the doctor seriously thought of taking the arm off at the elbow, but to this we would not consent.

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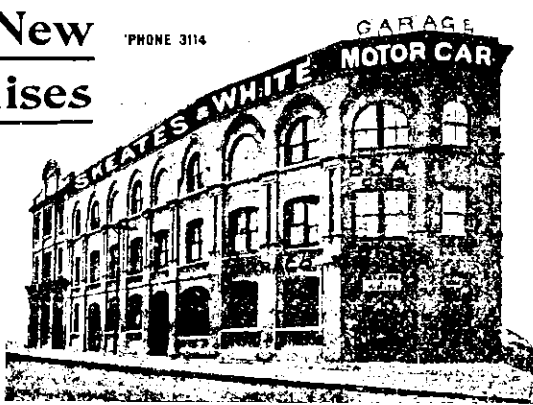
On another occasion he was covered all over with sores caused by chicken-pox. But perseverance with Zam-Buk resulted in him being completely cured.

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