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## EN PASSANT

A. C. F. CHAMPIONSHIP

The first two games of the play-off match between I. Kashdan and I. A. Horowitz to determine who shall hold the American Chess Federation title for 1938 will be contested at the rooms of the Manhattan Chess Club on Saturday and Sunday, October 15th and 16th. Ten games will be played. Negotiations are in progress with Boston, Philadelphia, and Washington to schedule some of the games there.
L. Walter Stephens, Tournament Director of the last two United States Championship Tournaments has agreed to act as Referee of the Match. Contributions to the Match Fund are solicited from all those who wish to encourage such events. Checks should be made payable to Fritz Brieger, Treasurer, and mailed to the offices of THE CHESS REVIEW.

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

The National Institute For The Blind with offices in London, England will publish in Braille "Modern Chess Endings" by Barnie F. Winkelman, our talented Associate Editor.

George P. Northrop, Chess Editor of the Newark Evening News, died at Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, N. J. on September 19th. The chess world has lost an outstanding character. "The Colonel" was 73, but yet one of the most active men we knew.

A leading New York department store is advertising items for Milady's toilette under the name Mary Chess' batb luxuries.

We have always looked upon Chess as an inexpensive recreation, and frankly confess that we are averse to Mary's turning it into a luxury.

Even annotators can be wrong! Page 186 of the August Chess Review contains some analysis by Vadja after black's (Kashdan's) 15 th move. The analysis concludes with " 20 QxR and R-B1ch butchers black". Subscriber I. J. Leary of Philadelphia points out that after 20 QxR, Black plays 20 . . . QxKtPch!! followed by $21 \ldots$ B-Kt2ch and $22 \ldots$ RxQ remaining a piece to the good. "It's quite obvious" says Mr. Leary, and we humbly admit " 'Tis true, 'Tis true!"

A reprint edition of J. R. Capablanca's "Chess Fundamentals" is now available at a price of $\$ 1.49$. It contains all the material in the previous edition at a saving of $\$ 1.00$ in price.

Both the Marshall and the Manhattan Chess Clubs in New York are getting set for their annual championship tournaments. We hear that quite a few "young hopefuls" in the metropolitan area have started burning the midnight oil. Yes, indeed, the chess season is swinging into full stride again.

Our demon statistician adds a correction to the A. V. R. O. Prognostication Table published on Page 216 of the August Chess Review. Dr. Euwe played two additional games with Salo Flohr in a practice match last year, winning 1 and drawing 1 .

## AN ITEM FOR COLLECTORS

Forty four annual volumes of the British Chess Magazine dating from the very first issue in 1881 are available for disposal. The first three volumes are bound in cloth and come from the Max Judd collection. What is believed to be the original signature of this eminent American player graces the flyleaf of Volume I. Inquiries should be sent to the offices of the CHESS REVIEW.

## TIT FOR TAT

Subscriber Max Vieweger submits the following interesting incident. "A number of years ago I spent my summer vacation in the Delaware Water Gap. Most people find my name a bit difficult to pronounce. The Spaniards have a saying 'el nombre es el hombre', a little pun meaning 'the name is the man'. I therefore interpret my own name in this way: 'View-eager', that is to say eager for my fellow-men's views, and I usually chop off the second part altogether, becoming "Mr. View" to all intents and purposes. This is the way I was known at the Hotel Glenwood when chance brought me into contact with a very fine gentleman named Henry Dumont. I knew nothing about him except that he was married and had several children. We spent a lot of time together playing tennis and chess, at both of which games I proved to be his superior. He was more of a golfer than a tennis player, and more of an artist than a chess addict. One day I took a snapshot of him. It came out rather nicely and I mailed him a print with the following inscription on the back:

> Mylord Dumont this picture shows,
> of golf a thing or two he knows!
> He started out with ninety four
> And is intent to beat that score.

Alack, alas! His skill grows less;
Wolf Hollow causes him distress.
To paints and brushes he resorts
And there finds solace for his torts!

As I have said, I had no idea who Mr. Dumont was, except that he was a gentleman and very well bred. Imagine my surprise therefore when I received a note from him containing the following excellent come-back:

> Professor View is good at chess, His king is seldom in distress, When Capablanca moves a pawn, The sun goes round from eve to dawn.
> Professor View is not so slow, He knows where every piece must go. He hedges castles round his king, With rooks and bishops pilfering!
> But wait, Herr View, the day will come When your opponent won't be dumb. There'll come a certain game, I ween, When fall your bishops, rooks and queen. Your king shall lose his kingly poseNo treason's victim, but the foe's!!!

I later had the privilege of spending an evening or two at his apartment in New York and discovered that he was a real poet. He showed me an entire book of poetry written by himself. In other words, I had been 'carrying coals to Newcastle' and got back better than I gave. All this thanks to a knowledge of the royal game which enables one to get acquainted and make friends wherever he goes."
I. S. Turover, donor of the brilliancy prize in the last U. S. Championship Tournament, advises that Dr. Emanuel Lasker has awarded the prize to Sammy Reshevsky for bis game against Simonson.

Dr. Lasker also praised the Polland-Kupchik game (published in the June, 1938 CHESS REVIEW). He stated, "It would have had a strong claim on the prize but for Black's 42nd move."

United States Championship Tournament May, 1938
QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

## S. Reshevsky

White

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 21 | B-Kt5 | B.K2 |
| 2 | P-QB4 | P-QB3 | 22 | QR-KB1 | BxB |
| 3 | Kt-KB3 | Kt-KB3 | 23 | RxB | R-K1 |
| 4 | Kt-B3 | PxP | 24 | Q-Kt3 | P-Kt3 |
| 5 | P.K3 | B.B4 | 25 | R(5)-B5 | R-K2 |
| 6 | BxP | P-K3 | 26 | R(5)-B4 | R-Q1 |
| 7 | O.O | QKt-Q2 | 27 | Q-Kt5 | Q-K1 |
| 8 | P-KR3 | B-Q3 | 28 | R-R4 | Q-B1 |
| 9 | Q-K2 | Kt-K5 | 29 | R(1).B4 | R(1)-Q2 |
| 10 | Kt-Q2! | QKt-B3 | 30 | R-B6 | R-K3 |
| 11 | KKtxKt | KtxKt | 31 | R(4)-B4 | Q-R6? |
| 12 | B-Q3 | KtxKt | 32 | K-R2! | $\mathbf{R \times R}$ |
| 13 | PxKt | BxB | 33 | QxR | QxRP?? |
| 14 | QxB | 0.0 | 34 | P.Q5!! | R-Kt2 |
| 15 | QR-Kt1 | Q-K2 | 35 | PxP | R-Kt1 |
| 16 | P-KB4 | KR-Q1 | 36 | P-B4 | Q-K7 |
| 17 | P-K4! | Q-Q2 | 37 | QxPch | K-R1 |
| 18 | P.K5 | B-B1 | 38 | P-B7 | R-QB1 |
| 19 | P-B5 | PxP | 39 | Q-B6ch | Resigns |
| 20 | RxP | P-QKt3 |  |  |  |

# THE HUMAN ELEMENT AT THE A. V.R.O. TOURNAMENT 

By Paul Hugo Little

Undisturbed by the angry rumblings of European war, peaceful Holland will stage a master's tournament at Amsterdam in November.
So far as chess is concerned, it will not be just another tournament. It will signify the most important meeting of grandmasters since the famous 1896 St. Petersburg tournament.

Three past and present world champions will compete: Alekhine, Euwe and Capablanca. The most ardently acclaimed young masters will be their rivals: Botwinnik, Keres, Reshevsky, Fine and Flohr.

True, all of these except Keres met at Nottingham two years ago, and the fourth world champion, Lasker, played also. But Nottingham was a mixed masters' tourney, and hence may not be regarded as so significant.

At the A. V. R. O. tournament, there will not be a weak player. Each of the eight is a grandmaster, worthy of world championship play. The winner, if it is not Alekhine, will no doubt receive backing for a world title match after the Flohr-Alekhine encounter, which is scheduled for 1939.
But because the chess masters are human beings, not scientific machines, it is at least as interesting to study them as it is to study their chess careers.
It seems appropriate to begin with Dr. Alekhine. In the first place, he has regained his title as world champion after defeating Euwe. In the second place, he has made a chess comeback which cannot fail to delight every true chess enthusiast.

Alekhine's games have never been dull. Despite the modern tendency to short draws in masterplay, he has scorned the complacency of spirit which motivates the drawing master. His play emanates a surging, restless spirit-an emotional tension which seeks fulfillment in the mastery over obstacles. He is a fighter. His style is a combination of psychological belligerence and egoistic assurance. In this he is spiritually akin to Dr. Lasker, who believed that the urge to struggle, to fight was the true ethos of chess.

And this nervous tension reveals itself in the mannerisms of the man, in the tremendous concentration reflected in his face as he studies the board and his opponent, in the sharp, excitable movements of his body; in his habits of twisting a wisp of hair between his fingers, of


DR. ALEXANDER ALEKHINE
The World Champion
smoking almost ferociously, of pacing up and down like a caged tiger. If music could express the psyche of Alekhine, it would be the music of Tschaikowsky, to whose country he belongs.
And what of his chess? Cold figures prove that Alekhine has made a comeback. His play at Montevideo, Margate and Brighton reveals a dominance that was his during the San Remo period of his chess career. His opening play is certain, his middle game superb, and his end game a model of excellence. His games against Book, Golombek, and Thomas are as good, certainly, as any he played in Berne 1932 or London 1932. Alekhine has mastered his nerves, and in so doing has improved his mas. tery at chess.
Then Dr. Euwe, the pragmatist, the mathematician whose scientific analyses are sometimes blended with the erratic but warmly human aspects of trial-and-error judgment. Euwe, the sympathetic, the amateur $d u$ bean who loves chess for its abstract beauty as much as for its qualities of mental and physical competition.

Euwe has played in the England-Holland match, the Noordwijk and the Dutch championship tournaments since his match with Alekhine. His games show his genius for attack, for judgment of a position in its crux of unfolding latent possibilities. They show too, that it requires great power of concentration to master chess and to subordinate it to occupational interests, as Euwe has done by playing in tournaments and matches only during his vacations or leaves of absence from his schoolwork.

Congenial, generously interested in his fellow men, Euwe is the level-headed optimist of chess. Optimist because he can extricate himself from a bad position or a bad score not by an overwhelmingly naive belief in his own powers, as is true of Bogoljubow, but because he can summon his mind and his body to respond to the will to achieve.

And then there is Capablanca, whose last great chance this tournament is to reestablish with finality his claims to the world championship.

Capablanca's chess, in his best period, was as crystal-clear in style and purity as is the music of Bach. Temperamentally, Capablanca has never had the relentless goadings of a highly tensioned mind as has Alekhine. Throughout his career, Capablanca has looked upon his chess and found it good, and has known to his own high standards of satisfaction that it was good. But this same calm assurance has failed him in these past few years, for he has lost something of his youthful fighting urge, although it is a subtle something which makes him no less the great technician that he always was.

He has played in only the Paris tournament, in January, this year. His play at Semmering last year indicates that he must make the supreme effort psychologically at the A. V. R. O. tournament.

And next we come to Botwinnik, the studious Russian whose great gifts of intuitive positional and end game judgment have made him, according to many, the logical favorite at this tournament.

Botwinnik is a pragmatist like Euwe, but with greater selflessness. Hence he can avoid the almost crude blunders which Euwe commits under the sharp strain of over-the-board play. He is a pragmatist in that he considers the position as it has been affected move by move. He is a master of the attack, and he can defend courageously, although with a fierce courage which does not resemble the dogged persistence of Reshevsky, for example.

Botwinnik is mild-mannered and, as Koltanowski remarks in his admirable article in the February, 1938 B. C. M., "a charming personality". And one must agree with Koltanowski's further remark that "in his style one can see mingled the combinational genius of Lasker and the positional tactics of Capablanca". Moreover, he and Keres, and Reshevsky to a certain extent, have a will to win which is surpassed only by that of Alekhine.

As for Keres, the chess world owes him a hearty vote of thanks for enlivening the game with attacking openings and extraordinarily combinative play.

Keres is extremely young, being only twentythree. But his chess, and in fact, all his chess ideas, are extremely mature. He has expressed himself intelligently on his feeling for the various styles of play in vogue; he defends Fine and Flohr, although their records speak for themselves, against the crude censure of thirdrate kibitzers who accuse these two of dullness and woodshifting. Keres is quiet and unassuming outwardly; he lets any immodesty he may have be sublimated into brilliant chess. And this is preferable to all the egotistical polemics ever written by pseudo-masters, such as Gossip and F. K. Young.

From a detailed study of his games, it is evident that Keres is adapting his style to meet hypermodern demands; he is becoming more of a positional player than an out-and-out gambiteer as in the days of Warsaw 1935 -vide that wonderful game against Winter! Semmering showed that he could adapt himself successfully; A. V. R. O. will be a harder test.

Reshevsky has lived down his reputation as a boy prodigy and has become a grandmaster, deservedly through hard work. This mention of hard work is significant, because it is apparent in every one of his games. He literally works hard over every game, and he can defend himself with the persistent, long-suffering good will of a Duras or Treybal. He is a magnificent end game player, and his handling of his Knights particularly reminds one of Alekhine's skill with that piece.

Reshevsky is quiet and studious. In fact, if he, Keres, and Botwinnik manage to play a hand of bridge with Alekhine, Alekhine will do all the talking. Reshevsky is sure of himself, but it is a sureness that leaves room for improvement. He has perfected his style, and even today his true powers are still latent. It may be that he will reveal them in the A. V. R. O. tournament-if he does, he will win it.

Fine at first seemed destined for greater fame than Reshevsky. In 1936 he created for himself a reputation that was shared only by Pillsbury and Kashdan and Marshall in their debuts in Europe. Since that year, however, his chess has become more technical and less emotional, and as a result he has not done what he was expected to do. At Kemeri, for instance, he lost five games in one tournament, a feat that drew more attention than Flohr's losing four games at Moscow 1936.

Fine is genial and industrious. He resembles Kmoch in this respect, although he is far more boyish than Kmoch in his physical enthusiasms. His industry has made him a feared technician; in fact, the analogy between him and Grunfeld is more than remotely apparent. Grunfeld started brilliantly, but devoted so much of his chess ability to analysis per se that he became a drawing master. If Fine can find a little "do-or-die-for-dear-old-Rutgers" spirit, he may surprise at A. V. R. O.

And lastly, Flohr, the next challenger for the world's championship, who very nearly missed the A. V. R. O. tournament because of the "minor" difficulty in Czechoslovakia in which he might have been Czech-mated. Flohr's stock has gone down in the last two years, although his tournament results have certainly been on a par with those of his colleagues at the A. V. R. O. tourney. Flohr has a habit of drawing with the strong and beating the weak, and relies too much on his technique. At Kemeri, although he tied for first, he made a curious-and typical-record. He drew against the first ten and beat the last seven. Well, there will be no last seven at A. V. R. O.

Flohr is nervous yet collected, and he manages to impress those who see him as being free from all care. He can alternate a worried frown with a wry smile, and has the power to laugh at his own misfortunes. He has something of Polland's temperament in this respect.

His only tournament this year has been at Hastings, where he was beaten by Mikenas and finished fourth. However, he avenged himself on the luckless Mikenas in a match with six wins and four draws. It is significant to note, in last month's table in the Review, that he has never won a game from Alekhine. He very likely will vie with Fine in the honors of being the drawing master.

And so eight great masters will meet one another in November. Eight masters - and eight men. May the best master-and man -win!


SALO FLOHR The Champion's next opponent

## AFTER A GAME OF CHESS

Musing, reflective o'er the finished game, A hard-fought contest close won, mind 'gainst mind, How oft, I thought, in playing does one find That magic essence difficult to name, Which yet to feel in Chess is to acclaim. Is it those fascinations underlined By science and romance close intertwined In this most noble bout of age-old fame?

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## Miniature Games

(This game won the brilliancy prize in the Consolation Tournament at Boston. Up to the 7 th move it is the same as the Polland-Morton game published last month (which won the best-played game prize in the Masters'. Tournament). After the 7 th move it is like nothing ever seen on land or sea.)

> A. C. F. Congress
> Boston, July, 1938
> Consolation Masters
> ENGLISH OPENING

| D. MacMurray White |  |  | W. W. Adams Black |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | P.QB4 | P-K4 | 13 | KR-Kı1 | Qx? |
| 2 | Kt-QB3 | P.KB4 | 14 | R-KB1 | Q-R7 |
| 3 | Kt - $\mathrm{B}^{\text {3 }}$ | Kt-QB3 | 15 | $R \times P$ ! | PxKt |
| 4 | P-Q4 | P.K5 | 16 | PXP | Kt-K2 |
| 5 | Kt-Q2 | B-Kt5 | 17 | Q-KB1!! | KtxR |
| 6 | Kt-Q5 | BxKtch | 18 | QxKt | Q-Q3 |
| 7 | BxB !? | KtxP | 19 | K-B2 | Q-R7 |
| 8 | B.B3 | Kt-K3 | 20 | R. K1 | R.B1 |
| 9 | P.K3 | P-KR4 | 21 | GxPch | K-K2 |
| 10 | B-K2. | Q.Kt4 | 22 | PxKt | P-Q3 |
| 11 | P-KR41 | QxKtP | 23 | Q-Kt5ch | K×P |
| 12 | K-Q2! | P-QB3 | 24 | K-Kt1 | Resigns |

A VERY NEAT FINISH
German Championship Tournament July, 1938
FRENCH DEFENSE


B. Koch

| $20 \mathrm{~B} \times \mathrm{KKtP}!$ | $\mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{R}$ | 21 Q-R5! |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | | P.K4 |
| ---: |
| If $20 \ldots \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{B} ; 21 \mathrm{Q}-$ |
| Kt1! |

## Denmark—April, 1938

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING

Th. Haahr
White
L. Laursen

Black

| 1 P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 5 P-K3 | Kt-KB3 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| 2 Kt-KB3 | P-QB4 | 6 Kt-B3 | Kt-B3 |
| 3 PxP | P-K3 | 7 Q-B2 | $0-0$ |
| 4 P-B4 | BxP | 8 B-Q2 | PxP? |

White has played the opening too passively. Here Black should seize the initiative with 8 P-Q5!

## 9 BxP

Kt-QKt5?
A waste of time. Development with 9 . . P-QKt3 followed by . . . B-Kt2 is preferable.

| 10 Q-Kt1 | P-QKt3 | 13 QxKt | B-Kt2 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 11 P-QR3 | Kt-B3 | 14 B-B3 | R-K1 |
| 12 Kt-K4 | KtxKt? | 15 R-Q1 | Q-B2 |
| Better was $12 \ldots$ | 16 Kt-Kt5 | P-Kt3 |  |
| B-K2. |  | 17 KtxRP! | Kt-Q5 |

Of course the White Kt could not be taken. There would have followed 18 Q-R4ch, etc.


A LIVELY DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS Michigan State Tournament, 1937

FRENCH DEFENSE
(Alekhine-Chatard Attack)
A. H. Palmi
White
T. Wescott
Black

| 1 | P-K4 | P-K3 | 14 | PxKt | BxP |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2 | P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 15 | KtxQP!! |  |
| 3 | Kt-QB3 | Kt-KB3 |  |  | PxKt dis ch |
| 4 | B-Kt5 | B-K2 | 16 | R-K3 | B-K3 |
| 5 | P-K5 | KKt-Q2 | 17 | Kt-B4 | Q-Kt5ch |
| 6 | P-KR4 | P-KB3 | 18 | P-B3 | QxKtP |
| 7 | B-Q3! | P×B? | 19 | KtxB! | QxRch |
| 8 | Q-R5ch | K-B1 | 20 | K-K2 | QxRPch |
| 9 | PxP | BxP | 21 | K-B3 | R-R2 |
| 10 | R-R3! | Q-K2 | 22 | Kt-Q8! | Q-R5 |
| 11 | R-B3ch | K-Kt1 | 23 | QxPch | K-R1 |
| 12 | Kt-R3 | P-KR3 | 24 | Q-B7 | Resigns |
| 13 | B-Kt6! | Kt-KB3! |  |  |  |

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In the Queen's Gambit, after the moves: 1 P-Q4, P-Q4; 2 P-QB4, P-K3; $3 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{QB3}, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QB} 3$; 4 Kt-B3, Kt-B3; 5 B-Kt5, QKt-Q2; 6 Q-B2.

Diagram I
Kotov


Panov
The customary continuation for Black is $6 \ldots$ $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{K} 2$, or $6 \ldots$ PxP. The first line of play leads to the orthodox defense in which White is considered to obtain a slightly superior position. The alternative line is also favorable to White: e. g.: 6 . . PxP; 7 P-K4, P-Kt4; 8 P-K5, P-KR3; 9 B-R4, P-Kt4; 10 KtxP! etc.

But in the above position, Black may parry 6 Q-B2 with $6 \ldots$. . P-KR3 at once. This simple move creates quite a problem for White. Should he now play 7 B-R4, then follows $7 \ldots$. PxP; 8 P-K4, P-KKt4; 9 B-Kt3, P-Kt4, and Black maintains his Pawn plus, without any particular disadvantage. Or should White elect to continue, in this variation, with 7 BXKt , then Black would be free of any opening difficulties. There would follow: $7 \ldots \mathrm{KtxB}$; 8 P-K3, B-K2; 9 $\mathrm{B}-\mathrm{Q} 3, \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O} ; 10 \mathrm{O}-\mathrm{O}, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B4}$, with equality.

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It would seem therefore that the move $7 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B} 2$ is insufficient to obtain an opening advantage. This innovation was tried in the games Kopayev and Panov against Judowitsch and Kotov, respectively.

An interesting method of play against the Colle System was tried in the game JudowitschBelawenetz: 1 P-Q4, Kt-KB3; 2 Kt-KB3, P-K3; 3 P-K3, P-B4; 4 B-Q3, P-QKt3; 5 P-B3, B-R3; 6 O.O, Q.B1; 7 P-K4, PxP; 8 P×P, BxB; 9 QxB, Q-R3.

Diagram II
Belawenetz


Judowitsch
This system of development simulates the experiments of Lajos Steiner in the Queen's Gambit. It is doubtful however, whether the position arrived at leads to equality. White, of course, is not compelled to exchange queens, in which case, the end game would favor Black to some extent. The game continued: 10 Q-K3, $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 3$; $11 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{Q} 2, \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 2$; $12 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 3$, P-Q3. White was now able to bring his powerful pawn center to account with 13 P-Q5! PxP; 14 PxP, followed by KR-K1. Had Black continued in this variation with $13 \ldots \mathrm{Kt}$ QKt5, then would follow: 14 PxP ! (indecisive is $14 \mathrm{QR}-\mathrm{B} 1, \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Q} 6$; 15 Q K2, P-K4), PxP; $15 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Q} 4$ with a decided attack in White's favor.

The best then, that can be said for this system of defending against the Colle is that Black is enabled to exchange White's powerful King Bishop. But this is not enough.

Texas Championship Tournament, 1938 QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

| C. Hrissikopoulos <br> White |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 2 | P-QB4 | P-K3 |
| 3 | Kt-QB3 | Kt-KB3 |
| 4 | B-Kt5 | B-K2 |
| 5 | P-K3 | O-O |
| 6 | Kt-B3 | P-QKt3 |
| 7 | B-Q3 | B-Kt2 |
| 8 | PxP | PxP |
| 9 | BxKt | BxB |

R. S. Underwood

Black

| Black |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |
| 10 | P-KR4 | P-B4? |
| 11 | BxPch! | K×B |
| 12 | Kt-Kt5ch | K-Kt3? |
| 13 | Q-Q3ch | K-R4 |
| 14 | P-KKt4ch! | KxP |
| 15 | P-B3ch | K-Kt6 |
| 16 | R-R3ch | K-Kt7 |
| 17 | Q-B1 mate |  |

In the McCutcheon variation of the French Defense, Chistiakov met with notable success, owing to the desire of his opponents to overwhelm the opposition with insufficient force. For example the game with Belawenetz continued: 1 P.K4, P-K3; 2 P.Q4, P-Q4; 3 Kt-QB3, Kt-KB3; 4 B-Kt5, B-Kt5; 5 P-K5, P.KR3; 6 BQ2, BxKt; 7 P×B, Kt-K5; 8 Q-Kt4, P.KKt3; 9 B. Q3, KtxB; $10 \mathrm{KxKt}, \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{QB4}$; $11 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 3, \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 3$.

Diagram 111
Chistiakov


Here White probed the possibilities of the unusual 12 KR-QKt1. The underlying idea of the move is to deter counter play on the Queen's wing, and continue at a leisurely pace to attack on the $K$ side. The move was found wanting as it did not succeed in its objectives. Black's counter was not deterred to any extent, and White's rook would have served better at KR1, in a general mobilization at that end. The game continued: $12 \ldots$ Q-B2; 13 Q-R4, B-Q2; 14 Q-B6, R-KKt1; 15 P-KR4 (without the backing of the Rook, the sting is taken out of the advance), R-QB1; 16 P-R5, PxP; $17 \mathrm{Q} \times$ RP, PxP; $18 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}, \mathrm{KtxQP}$; and Black has broken through. (The complete score of this game appeared in the August, 1938 Chess Review. -Ed.)

Slightly different, but also terminating in a fiasco were the exploits of Rovner against Chistiakov's McCutcheon. There followed after the position in Diagram III: 12 Q-B4, Q-R4; 13 P-KR4, P-B5; 14 B-K2, P-QKt4; 15 Q-B6, R-KKt1; 16 P.R5, P.Kt5. Black's attack proved to be superior. However, instead of 16 P-KR5, White should have made the precautionary move $P$ QR3. In that event, the battle would have been drawn out along sharp lines, with the result in doubt.

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In conclusion, Kopayev's innovation against Chistiakov's McCutcheon is worthy of note. He experimented with $7 \mathrm{BxB}, \mathrm{Kt}$-K5; 8 B-R5 (to hinder . . . P-QB4; followed by . . . Q-R4).

Diagram IV
Chistiakov


There followed: 8 ... P.QKt3; 9 B-Kt4, P. QB4; 10 8-R3. In the following game Black continued with $8 \ldots O$ O, and White then obtained a promising game by $9 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 2$ with the threat of 10 P-KB3. (What, if anything, is wrong with the simple $8 .$. Kt•QB3? -Ed.)
(To be continued)

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There followed:



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| , | Kt-Q4! | 8 | R-Q2 | KtxBch |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 QR-R2 | P×KP | 9 | $\mathrm{K} \times \mathrm{Kt}$ | RxKtch |
| 3 QPxP | PxPch | 10 | K-Kt2 | P-B6 |
| 4 RxP | Kt-K6 | 11 | R(2)-Q3 | P-B7 |
| 5 Q-Q3 | B-Q5! | 12 | PxP | R-Kt8ch |
| 6 R-B3 | P-QB5 | 13 | K-R2 | P-Kt4 |
| 7 Q-K2 | R-Kt8! |  | Resigns |  |

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# A Mathematician Gives An Hour To Chess 

By Donald MacMurray

From now on our chess masters may rest easy concerning a problem which, according to Professor Marston Morse of Princeton, has been disturbing them for years. Among the papers presented at the recent meeting of the American Mathematical Society (of which the awe-stricken New York Times comments, "the views expressed were far too involved for any but the best mathematical minds") was one by Professor Morse entitled "A Solution of the Problem of Infinite Play in Chess". The paper claims that by repeating various series of moves, but not consecutively, a game might be prolonged ad infinitum.

It is hardly necessary to draw to the attention of any chess player the fact that it is immaterial under the rules of chess, whether repetitions of a position occur successively or periodically, or that any three such repetitions whenever occurring suffice to make the game a draw. It is apparent that Professor Morse is simply not familiar with the rules of chess. This, however, the worthy professor cheerfully admits. "I regard it as a useless loss of time", the indefatigable New York Times quotes him as saying. And by the way, if playing chess is time-wasting, it is difficult to say under what classification of double-distilled time-wasting should be put the activity of Professor Morse in making mathematical abstractions of the possibilities of chess.

The circumstances under which the attention of Professor Morse was called to this problem are worthy of note. While he was lecturing in Germany last summer, three faculty members of the University of Muenster told him that they had been working on the problem of infinite chess play for a long time, but could not solve it. "With the aid of dynamic symbolism'" Professor Morse, no doubt emulating their Teutonic thoroughness, supplied the solution in one hour. I suppose it is not fair to draw any conclusions about the worth of the current flood of transcendental mathematics from this one incompetent and unlearned effort. Yet might it not be that all the thickness of great mathematical tomes is not to be measured in inches?

How long can a chess game last under the rules? A canvass of the staff of The Chess Review has revealed that no one is familiar with dynamic symbolism, so I am compelled to attack this problem with a little static
arithmetic. As every beginner knows, (or should), if no man be taken, nor pawn ad. vanced, nor checkmate given within any period of 50 moves the game is a draw. The greatest possible number of captures in a game is 30. Theoretically, the greatest possible number of pawn advances in a game would be 6 for each pawn, or 96 altogether. That would give a total of 126 captures and advances. The longest possible game, then, could stretch for $491 / 2$ moves between each 2 of these captures or advances and could thus go on for $126 \times 491 / 2$, or 6237 moves. This figure will be considerably diminished by the fact that some of the captures must be pawn captures, so that the pawns may get out of each other's way. Just how many of these duplications of capture and pawn advance there need be, I leave to the problemists, whom I consider wasters of time.

And so, having cast the weight of Infinity from our shoulders, (for the time being, at any rate) let us, like Swinburne be thankful
"That even the weariest river
Winds somewhere safe to sea."
(An outstanding game full of complications. Black might easily have gone astray despite bis material superiority, but be plays the ending with consumate skill.)
A. C. F. Congress

Boston, July, 1938

## KING'S INDIAN DEFENSE

| H. Morton White |  |  | I. Kashdan Black |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | P.Q4 | Kt-KB3 | 29 | QxQch | K×Q |
| 2 | P-QB4 | P.KKt3 | 30 | R-B7 | KR-Q1 |
| 3 | Kt-QB3 | P-Q4 | 31 | B-R4 | B-B3 |
| 4 | Kt-B3 | B-Kt2 | 32 | BxB | KxB |
| 5 | P.K3 | 0.0 | 33 | R-KB1 | K-K2 |
| 6 | Q-Kt3 | P.K3 | 34 | R-K1ch | K-Q3 |
| 7 | B-Q2 | Kt-B3 | 35 | R-B6ch | K-Q4 |
| 8 | PxP | P×P | 36 | R-K7 | P.R4 |
| 9 | R-B1 | Kt-K2 | 37 | K-B2 | R-KB1 |
| 10 | Kt-K5 | P-B3 | 38 | K-Kt3 | KR-Q1 |
| 11 | B-K2 | Kt-B4 | 39 | K-R4 | R.K1 |
| 12 | O.O | Kt-Q3 | 40 | R×R | R×R |
| 13 | KR-Q1 | KKt-K5 | 41 | R-R6 | R-K5ch |
| 14 | B-K1 | R-K1 | 42 | K-Kt5 | RxP |
| 15 | KtxKt | KtxKt | 43 | P-R3 | Kt - B 4 |
| 16 | Kt-Q3 | Kt-Q3 | 44 | R×RP | K-K3 |
| 17 | Kt - B | P-B4! | 45 | B.K8 | Kt-K5ch |
| 18 | R-B2 | Q-K2 | 46 | K-R6 | K-B3 |
| 19 | B-QKt4 | P-QR4! | 47 | R-R6ch | Kt.Q3 |
| 20 | B-K1 | P-B5 | 48 | R-Kt6 | P-R5! |
| 21 | Kt-R4 | B-B4 | 49 | P-R5 | R-Q4! |
| 22 | R-B3 | P-QKt4! | 50 | K-R7 | B-Q6 |
| 23 | Kt-Kt6 | Kt-B5! ! | 51 | P-QKt3 | R-R4ch |
| 24 | P-QR4! | KtxKt | 52 | K-Kt8 | K-K2 |
| 25 | R×P | BPxP | 53 | P-R6 | KtxB |
| 26 | BxKtP | PxPch | 54 | P-R7 | B-K5! |
| 27 | BxP | Kt.Q2 |  | Resigns |  |
| 28 | QxPch | Q-B2 |  |  |  |

## Game Studies

"White to Play and Win" is the title of a pamphlet edited and published by Weaver W. Adams, chess champion of Massachuselts. The sum and substance of the brochure, is the moot point, that $W$ hite after the move 1 P-K 4 obtains a decided ad. vantage, one which if properly nursed along must restlt in eventual victory for the first player. To this proposition is the effort of Adams dedicated.

It goes without saying that the theory of the game would be completely revolutionized if this contention were correct.

Particularly to Black's defense 1 . . P-K4 (which Adams considers best) is the greater part of the pamphlet devoted. Then White follows with 2 B-B4-and wins!

That such a contentions subject should be brought to light and discussed, W. M. P. Mitchell, of Brookline, Mass., arranged a sbort match between Adams and I. A. Horowitz.

Below is the fourth game of the match.

## KING'S BISHOPS GAME

(Notes by I. A. Horowitz)
W. W. Adams
I. A. Horowitz
White Black
1 P-K4
P.K4
2 B-B4
3 P.Q3
Kt-KB3

3 Kt -QB3 permits 3 . . . KtxP! and 3 P-Q4 leads to a wild and wooly game, more or less a gamble, and not in the spirit of White's plans. $3 .$.
P.QB3

Not $3 \ldots$. . P-Q4. There would follow 4 PxP, KtxP; Kt-KB3, Kt-QB3; 6 O-O, continued with 7 R-K1 and pressure on the KP.

## 4 Kt -KB3

In line with the hyper-modern school of thought-permit, provoke or entice the opposition to build up a center, with a view to subsequently destroying it by attack.

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4....
5 PxP
P.Q4
```

If 5 B-Kt3, then 5 . . . B-Kt5ch, akin to the position reached in the game. But not 5 ... PxP, hoping tor $6 \mathrm{KtxP}, \mathrm{Q}$-R4ch, winning a Kt , for then White would continue with 6 Kt -Kt5!

$$
6 \text { B.Kt3 }
$$

P×P
Retreating but exerting pressure on the QP. 6 B-Kt5ch, B-Q2; 7 BxBch, QKtxB would only assist Black in developing.

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6 ....
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## B.Kt5ch!

A pointed move! White had planned a casual development in which his QB pins the Black KKt and his QKt attacks Black's QP via B3. This would prove annoying to the second player. The textmove anticipates and refutes the plan.

## 7 P-B3

Depriving his QKt from the square B3, but then 7 B-Q2 permits simplification by exchange (when the pin at Kt5 would be obviated), 7 Q Kt-Q2 is cramping, and $7 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{Bl}$ is out of the question.
7
8 B.Kt5
B-Q3
B.K3

## 9 P-Q4!

Important at once. Otherwise, after Black plays Kt-QB3, White's P-Q4 is ineffective as it can be met by ... P-K5, when the Kt will have no post at K5.

| 9 ...... | P.K5 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 10 Kt-K | Kt-B3 |
| 11 KtrKt | $\cdots$. |

11 P-KB4 would leave Black with a protected passed pawn, and might also lead to interesting complications after 11 . . . P-KR3; 12 B-R4, P-KKt4; 13 PxP, BxKt; 14 PxB, KtKKt5.
11
PxKt
12 P-B3
. . . .

12 O.O first, and perhaps later P-B3 would be more exact. After the text Black is able to obtain a powerful position.

| 12 -... | P-KR3 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 13 B-KR4 | P-Kt4 |
| 14 B-KB2 | Q-B2? |

Thinking to force a weakening with P-KR3 or P-KKt3. But Black underestimates the force of the unforeseen reply. Simpler and stronger would be $14 \ldots$ PxP; $15 \mathrm{QxP}, \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 5$; followed by . . . P-KB4!

## $15 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Q} 2$ ! <br> BxP

He who says "a" must say "b". (This maxim is not to be recommended).
16 PxP
B-Kt5
17 Q-B2
B.B5

Unfortunate but true! Black had hoped to undertake a more aggressive policy beginning with $17 \ldots$ PxP. Apparently then, the scissors grip of his two bishops could be maintained. But this would fail owing to a subtle defensive sortie, e. g. $17 \ldots$ Pxp; 18 KtxP, Kt-KR4 (threatening to castle followed by RK1); 19 P-KKt3! and Black remains helpless against the threat of 20 RxB , or if B move 20 RxKt followed by 21 Kt -B6ch!

$$
18 \text { P.K5 }
$$

$0.0-0$
I. A. Horowitz

W. W. Adams
190.0

The Kt dare not be captured: 19 PxKt, QRK1ch; 20 K-B1, R-K7; 21 R-Q1, B-K6; 22 BxB, Q-Kt6 and mate cannot be avoided.

## 19... P.KR4!?

More or less compelled. Black did not enjoy the prospects of beating a retreat with . . . Kt.

Q2 nor with the thought of parting with his B by . . . BxKt. In the latter event, White commands a strong counter with the eventual P-QB4. The text hazards a P onslaught, the consequences of which are difficult to calculate. 20 QR-K1
Safe, but perhaps it were better to accept the offer, and chance the outcome. 20 PxKt, P-R5; 21 QR-K1, P-R6; 22 R-K7, Q-Q3-and the devil take the hindmost. After the game both sides made a superficial examination of the possibilities of the position, and came to no definite conclusion.

$$
20 \ldots \quad B \times K t
$$

Not particularly cold feet, $20 \ldots$ P-R5 might still have been ventured. But Black had consumed about an hour on his previous move and had little time for exact calculation.

| 21 | QxB | Kt-K5 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 22 | Q-Q3 | P-R5 |
| 23 | B-Q1 | B-K3 |
| 24 | B-B3 | KtxB |
| 25 | RxKt | K-Kt1 |

Unnecessary, but fearful lest a propitious check may upset any undertaking, particularly when short of time.

| 26 | Q-K3 | QR-Kt1 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 27 | B-Q1 | P-Kt5 |
| 28 | R-B6 | P-Kt6 |
| 29 | R-R6 | . . . |

Playing to exchange one of the rooks, gain entrance with the Q, and pick up the advanced stray Pawns.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
29 & \text { Q.Kt3 } \\
30 \text { P-Kt } 4 & \cdots . .
\end{array}
$$

The weakening of White's $Q$ side Pawns plays an important part in the future turn of the game. Perhaps 30 B-Kt3 at once was better.

30 $\qquad$ Q-R3!
The sealed move.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
31 & \text { R×R } \\
32 & \text { B-Kt3 }
\end{array} \quad \text { R×R }
$$

That this $B$ should be condemned to guarding a P is to be protested. But $32 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{R} 4$ leaves marked weaknesses in the ranks of the $Q$ side Pawns, which would have a telling effect in a possible $R$ and $B$ endgame.

32
P-R6!
Forcefully storming and exposing the King.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
33 \text { QxP } & \text { PxP } \\
34 \text { KxP } & \ldots .
\end{array}
$$

Not 34 QxP, Q-Q6 and there is no adequate defense.
34
. . .
Q-B1
35 Q-B4
Q-.

It is difficult to say what is the best course for White to pursue. Black threatened to pin the $Q$ with $\ldots \mathrm{R} \cdot \mathrm{Kt1}$ and also to gain entrance with . . . R-R6. Perhaps there was no adequate defense.

35 . . . .
R-R4
To prevent the White King from crossing via $B 2$ to the $Q$ side, where he may find a haven.

## 36 B-B2

Still intent on crossing, and guarding against the pin . . R-B4.

36
Q-R1!
Among other things, still preventing the exit of the King because of the threat . .. R-R7.

## 37 R-K3 <br> R-R5

Forcing the $Q$ to evacuate the square $R 2$. 38 Q-Kt3 fails because of $38 \ldots \mathrm{R}$-Kt5. White is definitely lost.

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38 Q-B6
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A last and forlorn hope, in the nature of a trap.
38 ....
R-R7ch
39 K-B1
Q-Kt1

And not $39 \ldots \mathrm{QxQ} ; 40 \mathrm{PxQ}, \mathrm{RxB} ; 41 \mathrm{RxB}$ ! 40 Q-B4 And resigns
For he sees mate cannot be avoided.
(The score of this game is written from memory, and complete accuracy in the sequence of moves is not guaranteed.)

A hitherto unpublished game won by Arnold S. Denker, winner of this year's New York State title. The dashing devil-may-care attitude of youth is clearly exemplified in this brilliant young New Yorker. The attack is both his strength and h is weakness. He can handle


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Syracuse International Tournament, 1934 DUTCH DEFENSE
(Notes by A. S. Denker)
A. S. Denker White 1 P.Q4 2 P.K4 3 P-KB3
A. W. Dake

Black P.KB4

PXP

An interesting Pawn sacrifice which I believe to be quite sound.
$4 . \dot{K t Q}$
P.K3
4 Kt -Q2
. . . .

Not 4 Kt-B3, B-Kt5. The text forces Black to make a decision concerning the center.

$$
4 \ldots \quad P \times P
$$

Or $4 \ldots$ P-K6; 5 Kt -Kt3, Kt-KB3; $6 \mathrm{BxP} \pm$. 5 KKtxP Kt-KB3 6 B-Q3
P.B4

Not good; $6 \ldots$ B-K2 followed by . . . O-O seems to be Black's best continuation but in
any case White gets a good attack for his Pawn.

| 70.0 | PxP |
| :--- | :--- |
| 8 Kt-Kt5 | P-Q4 |

9 KtxRP

A. S. Denker
9.

B-Q3
Or else $9 \ldots$ KtxKt; 10 Q-R5ch, K-Q2; 11 BxKt.
(a) $11 \ldots \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{K} 1$; $12 \mathrm{QxQeh}, \mathrm{KxQ} ; 13 \mathrm{~B}-$ Kt6ch, K-Q2; 14 R-B7ch, K-Q3 (if 14 . . K-B3; $15 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 3 \pm$ ) ; $15 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 3$, Kt-B3 (15 . . . P-K4; $16 \mathrm{KtxK} \overline{\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{KxKt} ; 17 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{B} 4 \mathrm{ch} \text { and mate next }}$ move) ; $16 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{B} 4 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{B} 4$ (not $16 \ldots$. P-K4; 17 KtxKP followed by R-K) ; $17 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{B} 3!\pm$
(b) $11 \ldots \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 3 ; 12 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{B} 7 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{Q} 3 ; 13 \mathrm{Kt}-$ B3, Q-K1; 14 B-B4ch, K-B4 (14... P-K4; 15 KtxKP, KtxKt; $16 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K}$ and wins) ; 15 Kt -Q2! RxB; $16 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Kt} 3 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{K}-\mathrm{Kt5}$ ( $16 .$. K-Kt3; 17 B-B7ch, K-R3; 18 Q-K2ch, P-Kt4; 19 P-QR4 and wins) ; 17 Q-K2, QxR; 18 P-QR4! and Black cannot stop mate.

$$
10 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Kt} 3 \quad \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B2}
$$

... KtxKt is still not playable, as White would recover his Pawn with a winning attack.

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B-K2

There is nothing else. If $12 \ldots$ KtxKt; 13 Q-R5ch, K-Q2; 14 R-B7ch, Kt-K2; 15 BKt5ch, K-Q1; 16 QxKt! and wins.

| 13 | KtxKtch | PxKt |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 14 BxP | RxP?! |  |
| 15 | Q-Kt4 | Q-R7ch |
| 16 K-B2 | RxB |  |

R-R3 would have been better but insufficient., e. g. $16 \ldots \mathrm{R}$-R3; $17 \mathrm{BxB}, \mathrm{KtxB}$; 18 R-R, QxR; $19 \mathrm{RxQ}, \mathrm{RxR}$; 20 B-Kt5ch, K-Q1; 21 Q-B4!

| 17 Q-Kt6ch | K-Q2 | 21 BxB | KtxB |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| 18 PxR | P-Kt3 | 22 | Q-R7 | R-KKt1 |
| 19 QR-K1 | Q-Q3 | 23 | R-B7 | R-Kt6 |
| 20 K-Kt1 | B-R3 | 24 | KtxP | BxP |

If 24 . Q-B4; 25 RxKtch, QxR; 26 QxQch, KxQ; $27 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 5 \mathrm{ch}$ !
25 Q-R4
R-Kt3
26 R-QB1
K.K1

Forced; the threat was RxKtch, winning the Q .

| 27 RxKtch! | QxR |
| :--- | :--- |
| 28 | Q-R8ch |
| 29 Kt-B3 | K-B2 |
|  | $\ldots .$. |

Simpler than 29 Kt -B6, RxPch; $30 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{R} 1$ !

| 29 Kt-K5ch | Q-Q3 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 30 | K-K2 |
| 31 R-B8 | Resigns |

## N. Y. State Championship August, 1938 <br> GRUNFELD DEFENSE

(Notes by A. E. Santasiere)
J. W. Collin's

White
1 P-Q4
2 P-QB4
$3 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{QB} 3$
4 B-B4 5 Q.Kt3
A. E. Santasiere

Black
Kt-KB3
P-KKt3
P-Q4
B.Kt2

5 P-K3 is preferable.

| 5 |  | $\mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 6 | QxP | P-B3 |
| 7 | Kt-B3 | B.K3 |
| 8 | Q-R4 |  |

Both $8 \mathrm{Q} \cdot \mathrm{Q} 3$ and $8 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{Kt} 4$ have been tried and found wanting; against the latter move . . . P-QKt4 introduces unpleasant complications.

## 

Kt-Q4
A better line is $9 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 5, \mathrm{BxB}$; $10 \mathrm{KtxB}, \mathrm{Kt}$ Q2; 11 KtxKt, QxKt; 12 P-K4, KtxKt; 13 PxKt with an even game.

9 ....

## BxKt

If $9 \ldots$ QxKt; 10 BxKt wins a Pawn.

| 10 | P.K3 | Kt-Q2 | 13 | QR-B1 | Kt-Kt3 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 11 | B-K2 | O-O | 14 Q-R5 | PxP |  |
| 12 O-O | P-QB4 | 15 | B-B7 | $\ldots .$. |  |

This move will presently involve him in difficulties: good alternatives were P-Kt3 or B-K5.


Simplest: Black remains with a strong initiative and as the continuation proves must emerge with material advantage.

| 18 BxB | P-B3 | 23 | B-Kt3 | B-K5 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| 19 | B-KB4 | Q-R5 | 24 R-Q2 | KtxBch |
| 20 | QxQ | KtxQ | 25 RxKt | B-Q6 |
| 21 P-QKt3 | Kt-B6 | 26 RxP | BxR |  |
| 22 R-B2 | P-KKt4 | 27 KxB | $\ldots .$. |  |

The endgame is not without difficulties; the first step is to eliminate White's passed Pawn.

| 27 | RxKKP |
| :--- | :--- |
| 29 | B-Kt8 |

R-Q1
$R \times P$
P-QR4
R-QKt5 was the threat.
30 P.
R-Q7

A decision he will soon regret, but he must provide some outlet for the King before he has both Rooks on his hands. P-KKt4 was perhaps better.

| 31 | P-R5 |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 32 PxP | R×P |  |
| 33 R-Kt3 | K-B2 |  |
| 34 | B-B7 | R-R7 |

Already preparing a mating net. R8 is now available for this rook and Q8 for the other.

| 35 | B-Q6 | R-Q5 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 36 | B-B5 | R-Q8ch |
| 37 | K-Kt2 | P-Kt5 |

A lowly Pawn takes up a post of vantage and the enemy is doomed.

| 38 | P-R3 | P-R4 | 43 R-Kt4 | K-B3 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 39 PxP | PxP | 44 R-Q4 | R-QB8 |  |
| 40 R-Kt4 | P-B4 | 45 | B-Kt4 | R(7)-R8 |
| 41 | R-Kt7ch | K-K3 | 46 R-Q6ch | K-B2 |
| 42 R-Kt6ch | K-Q2 |  | Resigns |  |

My opponent is America's latest addition to the master class, among whom there is surely not one more courageous or enthusiastic. Thought cruelly bandicapped physically, be bas proven bimself a dangerous and resourceful figbter over the chessboard, and an allogether lovable and cheerful personality away from it.

## BATTLE OF ANALYSTS

Over-the-board champions are seldom willing to take on acknowledged correspondence cracks at their own game and risk their reputations for the sake of a lot of bard work. Interesting, therefore, is the following struggle in the current correspondence championship of Australia. Purdy being the national over-the-board champion, and Hallmann the champion of the Australian Correspondence Chers League, which bas over 200 members.

## QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED <br> (Notes by C. J. S. Purdy)

## F. M. Hallmann

White
C. J. S. Purdy

Black

| 1 | P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 5 | P-K3 | B-K2 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2 | P.QB4 | P-K3 | 6 | Kt-B3 | O-0 |
| 3 | Kt-QB3 | Kt-KB3 | 7 | R-B1 | P-QR3 |
| 4 | B-Kt5 | QKt-Q2 |  |  |  |

After Alekhine in his Capablanca match. Subsequently discredited because of 8 PxP followed by Q-side push, but Tartakower published analysis in "EI Ajedrez Espanol" (now defunct through Franco), showing chances for Black with a dare-devil pawn storm on the K-side. I wanted to try this out. Hallmann piped another tune, adequately coped with by some analysis of Halberstadt's.

| 8 | P-B5 | P-B3 |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
| 9 | P-QKt4 | P-QR4 |
| 10 | P-Kt5 | $\ldots .$. |

New, I think; the present game discredits it, but by dint of blood and sweat.

$$
10 \text { ㅂ․ } 11 \quad \text { P.K4 }
$$

Deep idea, for $\mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{R4}$ and $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Kt} 3$ on Black's weak QRP.

| 11 B. | R-K1 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 12 B-K2 | Kt-B1! |
| 13 Q-R4 | KP×P |

Slightly sad necessity: $13 \ldots$ Kt-K3?; 14 BxKt, BxB; 15 PxBP, PxQP; 16 KtxP!!

| $14 \mathrm{KP} \times \mathrm{P}$ | $\mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 3$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| $15 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 3$ ! | BXP ! |

Wet towels from now on!

| 16 PxP! | PxP! |
| :--- | :--- |
| 17 PxB | P-Q5 |
| 18 QxBP | B-Q2! |
| 19 Q-Q6 | $\ldots .$. |

If. $19 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{Kt} 6, \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{K} 2!$; and all roads favour Black.

| 19 PxP | PxB |
| :--- | ---: |
| 20 | R-QB1 |
| $21 \mathrm{Kt}(\mathrm{B} 3)-\mathrm{K} 4$ | $\ldots .$. |

Must hang on to his passed $P$ unless he is prepared to struggle miserably for a draw.

| $21 \underset{21}{\text { KtxKt }}$ | KtxKt |
| :--- | ---: |
| $23 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Kt} 3$ | Q-R5ch |
|  | Q-Kt4! |

C. J. S. Purdy

F. M. Hallmann

Despite all his care, White had missed this startling sacrifice. If $24 \mathrm{QxB}, \mathrm{QR}-\mathrm{Q} 1 ; 25 \mathrm{Q}$ hops, QxP; and White's centrally exposed $K$ and disconnected Rooks offer Black more than compensation for the piece.

| 24 | O-O! |
| :--- | :--- |
| 25 | K-R1 |
| 26 | B-B4 |

QxPch
B-B3
. .
Plausible B-R6 answerable by another Bishop sacrifice, $26 \ldots \mathrm{BxPch}$ ! ; $27 \mathrm{KxB}, \mathrm{QR}-\mathrm{Q1}$; or $26 \ldots$ R-B2, also with advantage, White has no safe good line, and rightly gives up his Queen for wood and chances.

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26
27 Kt-B5
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KR-Q1
Another way was 27 QR-K1, Q-QB6; 28 BxKt (Q-K7?, R-B2), RxQ, etc. But not 27 Q-K7?, BxPch!, etc.

| 27 | B×Pch |
| :--- | ---: |
| 28 | K×B |
| 29 | R-B3 |$\quad$| Q-K5ch |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| 30 KtxR | $R \times Q$ |
|  | Q-Kt3ch! |

Got the Queen, but now comes the hardest part! If White's King were not exposed, Black would have to fight to draw, and as it is there is just one good move each time, to win.

## 31 K-B2!

$\mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{P}$ !
Means coughing up the exchange if wanted, but $31 \ldots$ R-B2 gives a sloppy game, with Rook a feeble blockader of a nasty passed $P$.

## 32 KtxP

R-B2!
What! Won't either . . . R-B4 or . . . R-R4 work? No.

## 33 Kt -Q6!

If 33 Kt -K5, Q -R3!; 34 BxKtch (R-QKt1, P-Kt4!), QxB; 35 RxR, Q-Kt3ch (how the exposed King tells!).
Also fail:-33 Kt-Kt5, $33 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Q} 8,33 \mathrm{Kt}$-R8. 33 K-B1

P-R4!
If' 34 BxKtch, etc., Q wins against the Rooks (it's a long story).

The best chance was 34 R-B5!, but Hallmann gave his opponent credit for seeing the beautirul K. O., viz., 34 . . . R-Q2; 35 R-KKt1, Q-R3; $36 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 4, \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Q} 7 \mathrm{ch}!$; $37 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 3, \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Q} 6 \mathrm{ch}!$ ! (the Rook still bears a charmed life); 38 K-Kt2, R-Q5! and wins.

| $34 \ldots$. | K-R2! |
| :---: | :---: |
| 35 B-Q3 | RxRch |
| 36 K-B2 | R-B7ch |
| $37 \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B} 1$ | RXQRP |
| 38 BxQch | $\mathrm{K} \times \mathrm{B}$ |

The return of the Queen makes the win just simple technique. The rest was:- 39 K-Kt1, P-QR5; 40 Kt-B4, Kt-Q5; 41 R-K3, K-B4; 42 Kt-Kt6, P.Kt4; 43 P-R3, P.R6; 44 Kt-Q5, Kt-Kt4!; 45 Kt-K7ch, K-B3; 46 Kt-Q5ch, K-B2; 47 R-B3ch, K-K3; 48 White resigns.

If 48 Kt -B3, KtxKt; 49 RxKt , P-Kt5; and the Black King advances under cover of the Knight's pawn.
(How to utilize small positional advantages.) European Correspondence Chess Olympics 1937-1938
QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED
(Notes by Hans Muller)

Hans Muller (Vienna)
White

Miklos Szigeti
(Budapest)
Black

| 1 P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 5 PxP | PxP |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 P-QB4 | P-K3 | 6 P-K3 | B-K2 |  |
| 3 Kt-QB3 | Kt-KB3 | 7 Q-B2 | P-B3 |  |
| 4 B-Kt5 | QKt-Q2 | 8 | B-Q3 | O-O |

The normal formation of the "Orthodox Exchange Variation" is now reached. White has the choice of continuing with 9 KKt K 2 or Kt-B3, followed by castles $Q$ and a frontal $K$ side Pawn advance against the adverse $K$; or castles $K$ with the well known minority Pawn advance (P-QKt4-5) in view; or castles $Q$ with the thought of positionally exploiting the advantage of the half open QB file. The importance of the game prompts the leader of the white forces to pursue the last course.

| 9 | Kt-B3 | R-K1 | 13 | R-QB1 | Kt(3)-Q2 |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 10 | O-O-O | Kt-B1 | 14 | BxB | Q×B |
| 11 | P-KR3 | B-K3 | 15 | KR-Q1 | P-QR3 |
| 12 | K-Kt1 | R-B1 |  |  |  |

Weakens the black squares and lends point to the eventual break, P-QKt4-5, in which event White will be enabled to force upon the QR file.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 16 \mathrm{Kt} \text {-QR4 } \\
& 17 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} 5 \\
& 18 \mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{Kt} \text { ! }
\end{aligned}
$$

R-B2
KtxKt
With the thought that a Kt placed on Q4 is of greater value than the pressure exerted on the half open QB file.

| $18 \ldots$ | Q-B3 |
| :--- | ---: |
| $19 \mathrm{Q}-\mathrm{B3}$ | $\mathrm{Q} \times \mathrm{Q}$ |
| $20 \mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{Q}$ | B 1 |
| 21 Kt -Q4 | P-KKt3 |

An unavoidable weakness, which lessens the scope of White's QB and prevents the White Kt from entering on KB5.


## 22 K-B2

An original plan! After the anticipated exchange of K.ts, White intends to march his King to QKt6, from which vantage point, a Pawn assault (P-QR4 - P-QKt4-5) is effective.

## 22 <br> 23 K-Kt3 <br> Kt-K3 <br> K-B1!

Black anticipates the White plan, and quickly marches his King to the rescue of the threatened squares.

| 24 | K-R4 | K-K2 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 25 | B-B1 | K-Q1 |
| 26 | K-R5 | Kt-B1 |

To be able to drive the White King from QKt6 by . . . Kt-Q2ch. But in this case Black is unable to exchange Kts, and the commanding Kt at Q4 decides the game in White's favor.

| 27 | P-QKt4 | QR-K2 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 28 | P-QR4 | K-B2 |
| 29 | P-Kt5 | RP×P |
| 30 | PxP | B-K3 |
| 31 | P-Kt6ch! | . . . . |

The beginning of a systematic plan to ensnare the Black King. White is now in a position to operate from either wing. On the K side, he has a possible break P-KR4-5, and on the Queen side, he may gain control of the open QR file. For Black, a policy of passive resistance is indicated.

| 31. | K-Q2 | 35 | R(Q1)-Q2 | Kt-Q2 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 32 K-Kt4 | R-R1 | 36 | R-R2 | R×R |
| 33 | R-B2 | R(K2)-K1 | 37 | $R \times R$ |
| B4 | K-Q3 | K-B1 | 38 | Kt-Kt3 |

White has again made some progress. He is now in command of the open file, and still has chances for a break through on the KR file.

| 38 | Kt-K4 | 42 | B-Q3 | B-Kt1 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 39 | B-K2 | P-B3 | 43 | P-R4 |
| 40 | K-B3 | Kt-B2 | 44 | P-R5 |
| 41 R-R4! | Kt-Q1 |  |  | P-Q5ch |

This plausible attempt at freedom fails to take into consideration a subtle bit of counterplay.

45 PXQP

H. Muller
$45 \ldots \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{B} \dot{5}$ comes into consideration here. But it fails after $46 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{B4}, \mathrm{BxB} ; 47 \mathrm{KxB}, \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 7$, $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R1}$ (threatening R-R1). Here also the continuation in this variation $47 \ldots$ PxP is met by $48 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{R} 7, \mathrm{Kt}$-Q4; $49 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{R} 5, \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{K} 2$; 50 RxPch ! RxR; 51 KtxPch, K moves; 52 KxKt .

46 P-Q5!
The beginning of the end.

| 46 | PxP | 49 | B-Q7 | R-Q1 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 47 | B-Kt5 | R-QB1 | 50 | P-B6 |$\quad$ P×P

To stave off the mate. 52 R-R7!

Resigns

## Women in Chess

We were sorry not to have been able to report the A. C. F. women's tournament-a hospital doesn't seem to be conducive to literary endeavor. Now that the fractured shoulder is mended and we are back on the job, we are unable to remember the little anecdotes we once thought would interest you. We haven't forgotten, however, that both Miss Wray and Miss Karff left their king's pawns en prise when we played Kt-KB3 in answer to P-K4. Yes, we took the gifts!

The automobile accident which occurred on our way home from Boston isn't a thing we are likely to forget, but we all feel very lucky to have escaped with our lives. Mrs. Mary Bain, the most seriously injured, is expected to make a good recovery, though broken vertebrae are slower to heal than other bones, and she will have to remain in a cast until December. Fortunately, she is not confined to bed, but can walk a few steps about the house. Correspondence chess is her current diversion. Mrs. Rapheal McCready did not have any serious injuries, but she suffered from shock to a greater extent than the rest of us.

While we were in Boston, we took a little jaunt up to Lawrence to talk about feminine chess accivities over the local radio station. George Demars, the secretary of the Greater Lawrence Chess Club, told us that he knew of at least fifty women chess players in that district. This seems incredible, for we don't know of more than that many in the metropolitan New York axea.

Just before we went to Boston, we had a nice visit in New York with Mes. Gustav Hauschild, president of the Queens Women's Chess Club of Cleveland. She told us how they built up their club-by welcoming all women who want to learn how to play, and assigning members to teach them the elements of the game. Her plan certainly works, and is recommended to other clubs who want to increase their membership.

Miss N. May Karff has been successful in persuading the exclusive Commonwealth Chess Club of Boston to open its doors to women. So far as we know, this is the only Boston Club in which women are welcome. Miss Karff hopes to build up a large group of women players, and plans to coach beginners. An effort worthy of the woman champion.

England-Miss M. Musgave of Hastings won the women's championship this summer by a margin of $11 / 2$ points. Mrs. F. F. Thompson of Glasgow was second and Miss R. M. Dew of Plymouth, the defending champion, was third. The newspaper report is that at adjournment Mrs. Thompson was persuaded by kibitzers to give Miss Dew a draw in what was subsequently found to be a "book" win. Whe intend to take this lesson very much to heart.
-E.L.W.

## My Favorite End-Game Compositions

By Irving Chernev

Black is allowed to make two Queens, but one is captured, and the other is given the choice of being removed from the board or rating from Kts to Q8 and back again with the Bishop lagging after ber.
(White's second move is a boner!)
By KOROLKOV

(White to play and draw)

| Kt-Kt3 | P-Q6 | 7 B-B5 | Q-Q8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 B -Kt5! | PxB | 8 E-B2 | Q-Kt5 |
| 3 K -R6 | P.B8(Q) | $9 \mathrm{B-B5}$ | Q-QR5 |
| Kt×Q | P.Q7 | 10 B - 7 ch | K×B |
| $5 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Kt} 3$ | P-Q8(Q) | 11 Kt -B5ch |  |
| 6 B.B2 | Q-Kt5 |  |  |

Another beantiful finish! At the 4th move, Whbite must not play 4 Kt-Ktsch on account of $4 . \ldots$ KK2, 5 KI.QB7, B-K6ch.

The 6 th move is also prett). If instead 6 BxP , $B-Q 5,7 \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{K} 8 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{Kt}-\mathrm{Q1}$ draws.

By GERBER

(White to play and win)

| Kt.B3ch | K-K5 | 6 | B-R6 | B-Q5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kt-Kt5ch | K-K4 | 7 | KtxPch | K.Q3 |
| KtxBch | K-K3 | 8 | Kt.KKt6 | KxK |
| 4 Kt -R8! | K-Q2 | 9 | P-K4ch |  |
| Kt -B6ch | K-B2 | 10 | B-Kt7 mate |  |

AN UNCOMMONLY INTERESTING ENDING
Few would appreciate the heroic efforts of Santasiere to vanquish Kashdan in the last American Chess Federation Tournament. The diagrammed position was reached after one hundred and twenty moves had been made, over twelve hours of play consumed, and five adjournments had been recorded. The player of the White forces obtained a slight grip in the opening stages of play, nursed it along, until he was finally able to translate it into the advantage of a Pawn. But was that sufficient to win? That was the question.
I. Kashdan

A. E. Santasiere

Superficially, the win appears obvious. The black king is constricted and far enough away from his pawn to give the impression that he will play no further part in the proceedings.

But a close examination of the position discloses the difficulties. In order for White to make progress, he must necessarily attack the Ione black Pawn twice. In doing this, he will free the black King, who will at once attack the advanced white Pawn, and follow up with a dash to the vulnerable side of the board. The question then arises, will the black monarch arrive in time?

The play:

$$
\begin{array}{llr}
1 & \text { K-K7 } & \text { P-B4 } \\
2 & \text { K-B6 } & \text { B-R6!! }
\end{array}
$$

White threatened B-Kt2 followed by K-Kt5 in conjunction with B-K4. In this manner he would be enabled to place a double attack on the black Pawn without freeing the black King at once. In a position of this type, the difference of a tempo, may mean the difference between drawing and winning the game. Black naturally anticipates White's plan.

$$
3 \mathrm{~K} \cdot \mathrm{~K} 5
$$

On the decision as to the destination of the White monarch depended the final outcome of the game. Why not K-Kt5, or Kt 6 ? Let us probe into some of the possibilities after 3 K . Kt5.

Diagram II
Santasiere vs. Kashdan


Position if 3 K-Kt5 had been played.
Black has nothing better than to tempo with his king. 3 ... K-B1; 4 B-K6ch, K-Kt2; 5 BXP, B-Kt7; 6 B-Q3, B-R6! (had White chosen the other diagonal for his Bishop, 6 B-K6, then Black would reply with $6 \ldots$ B-K5. Black of course, must make every effort to prevent the advance of the BP ) ; $7 \mathrm{~B}-\mathrm{K} 2, \mathrm{~K} \times \mathrm{P}$; 8 B-Kt4, B-B8; 9 P-B5, K-B4; 10 P-B6, B-B5; 11 K-Kt6, K-Q3; 12 K-Kt7, K-K4!; 13 B-R5, K-B5!!; 14 B-B7, B-K7; 15 B-Kt3, B-R4; 16 B-B2 (threatening B-Kt6 which would win), K-Kt4!!! and draws. Black's last move explains the purpose of his King tour. He must arrive on a square which would prevent White from opposing Bishops, which would in turn drive the Black Bishop off the important diagonal K1 to R4.

But why 3 K-Ks? What is the advantage of that move over K-Kts?

| 3 .... | K-B1 |
| :--- | ---: |
| 4 B-K6h | $K-K t 2$ |
| $5 \times \mathrm{B} \times \mathrm{P}$ | B-B8 |
| 6 B-K6!! | B-Q6? |

Black's last discloses the purpose of White's King move, as will be seen from the concluding play. However, Black was lost in any event. e. g. 6... KxP; 7 P-B5, B-Q6 (or A); 8 P-B6, B-Kt3; 9 K-Q6!, B-R4 (as good as any); 10 K-K7, K-B4; 11 B-B7, B-K7; 12 B-Kt6, B-B5; 13 B-B5, K-Q5; 14 B-K6 and wins. Had the Black King reached K4, Black would have drawn.
(A) $7 \ldots \mathrm{~K}-\mathrm{B2}$; 8 P-B6, K-Q1; 9 B-B7! B-Q6; 10 K-B4, K-Q2; 11 K-Kt5, K-Q3; 12 K-R6, K-K4; 13 K-Kt7, B-Kt4; 14 B-Kt3, B-K1; 15 $B-B 2$ and Black is one tempo shy against the threat of 16 B-Kt6.

## 7 K-Q4! <br> Resigns

For now White protects his KtP with K-B5.

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## Cross Country

The Texas Chess Association held its annual championship tournament at Waco, Texas from September 3 to 5 . Players from all parts of the state participated and the final result was a well earned triumph for J. C. Thompson, who just nosed out W. N. Kendall by half a point.

At the annual business meeting of the Association, N. D. Naman of Houston was elected President, succeeding Ben R. Milam, J. P. Bell of Ft. Worth became Vice-President, and J. C. Thompson of Dallas was elecred Honorary President as a token of appreciation for his valued efforts in behalf of the「exas Chess Association. It was voted to hold the next tournament in Houston on Labor Day, 1939.

## TEXAS CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

J. C. Thompson (Dallas) ................. 7 -2
W. N. Kendall (San Anionio) ............61/2-21/2 J. C. Murphy (San Antonio) ............. . $51 / 2-31 / 2$ G. A. Anderson (Ft. WVortb) .......... 5 -4
C. W. Hrissikopoulos (Corpus Christi) . . . . 5 - 4
J. W. Stapp (Dallas) .................. 5 - 4
C. Villareal (San Antonio) ..............41/2-41/2
J. P. Bell (Ft. WY orth) ...................... $3^{1 / 2}$
F. H. McKee (Dallas) ...................... 3 - 6
R. S. Underwood (Lubliock) ............ $1 / 2-81 / 2$

Texas Championship Tournament, 1938 QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED

## J. C. Thompson

 White| 1 | P-Q4 | Kt-KB3 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2 | P-QB4 | P-B3 |
| 3 | Kt-KB3 | P-Q4 |
| 4 | Kt-B3 | P×P |
| 5 | P-QR4 | B-B4 |
| 6 | Kt-K5 | P.K3 |
| 7 | P-B3 | B-QKt5 |
| 8 | B-Kt5 | P-KR3 |
| 9 | B-R4 | Q-R4 |
| 10 | R-B1 | Kt-Q4 |

## Book Reviews

## THE RETURN OF ALEKHINE

By C. J. S. Purdy
Price $\$ .75$
As a player, Purdy's reputation is already well known. As an analyst, he is the equal of Reinfeld; as a writer, he has a delightfully provocative style and a flair for psychological delvings into the raison d'etre of a chess game.

All of which makes the publication of a book by him a real event. His "How Euwe Won" set new high standards for annotation and economy. Now "The Return of Alekhine" appears, to surpass even that book.
Never before has the chess player been offered so much for seventy-five cents. The book, over eighty pages, is a marvel in typographical and literary excellence. It comprises a review of the masters' careers, a superb essay on the openings, and a section, "The Ideals of Annotation" which reveals the method of the careful
annotator, giving an admirable insight into the motivation that causes an analyst to mark ! or ? after a move.

Purdy gives several lines of play that were overlooked in the notes of other famous experts. The thirteenth game is thoroughly reviewed, and other critical games and their subsequent positions are dealt with irreproachably.

There are plenty of diagrams to enable the casual reader to get the gist of the game without too much trouble, a feature which should please the "hit and run" player.

It is to be hoped that Purdy will have the opportunity to pit his powers against the best in master competition. Lajos Steiner has already paid high tribute to Purdy, the man and the master. And this superb book shows that Steiner was not mistaken.

> —Paul Hugo Little


## CHESS A LA VALLEE

The imitation of an American radio chess announcer on one of the Rudy Vallee programs never deviated from the standard formula. Stock Joke No. 123, 456, 789: "Whosis is about to move! He's reaching for a pawn. No, folks, it's a false alarm. He's only scratching his nose. Now he's concentrating again. His eyes are still glued on that QKtP. He's reaching for it again. Will he do it? Shucks! He's only scratching his nose again. Well, anyway, one more scratch and he's out, etc. . . '"

Some of our readers may get a chuckle out of this. Others may wax indignant over the "slur" on the royal game. Our own feeling
is that this is one more proof of the growing popularity of chess. Otherwise, no national hookup would waste five minutes of valuable time on it.

## MASSACHUSETTS CHESS

George Sturges, who was elected president of the American Chess Federation at its annual meeting in Boston in July, has retired as president of the Massachusetts State Association, leaving a vacancy which will be difficult to fill as Mr. Sturges was one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the State body.

The Old Colony League, comprising seven cities and towns south of Boston, already has begun its annual series of team matches. The North Shore League and the Boston Metropolitan will get under way shortly.

Joseph L. Strickland has been elected secretary of the Boston League succeeding Charles C. Lee who is retiring after serving in that capacity the past twenty-four years.

The City of Boston championship tourney is scheduled to start Oct. 18th with Harlow B. Daly, W. M. P. Mitchell and George Sturges as managing committee.


Left to right: Ralph H. Rowse, John MacLane and John H. Barry
(For once Keres is outcombined. Kaila turns the tables in characteristic Keres style.) Played in Esthonia, 1938 CARO KANN DEFENSE

| P. Keres White |  |  | M. Kaila Black |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | P-K4 | P-QB3 | 18 | P-B5!? | KtxP |
| 2 | P-Q4 | P.Q4 | 19 | Q-Kt4 | $\mathrm{P} \times \mathrm{P}$ ! |
| 3 | $P \times P$ | $P \times P$ | 20 | QxP | KtxR |
| 4 | P-QB4 | KKt-B3 | 21 | KtxP | Q-K6ch! |
| 5 | QKt-B3 | P.K3 | 22 | K-R1 | BxPch! |
| 6 | Kt -B3 | B.K2 | 23 | KxB | QxB! |
| 7 | B-Q3 | 0.0 | 24 | Q-K4 | Q-Q4! |
| 8 | 0.0 | P×P | 25 | Kt-R6ch | K-R1 |
| 9 | $\mathrm{B} \times \mathrm{P}$ | P.QR3 | 26 | Kt-B7ch | $\mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{Kt}$ |
| 10 | Q-K2 | P-QKt4 | 27 | Q×Q | Kt-K6ch |
| 11 | B-Kt3 | B-Kt2 | 28 | K-Kt3 | KtxQ |
| 12 | B.Kt5 | QKt-Q2 | 29 | $\mathbf{R \times R}$ | Kt -B6 |
| 13 | QR-Q1 | Kt-Kt3 | 30 | R-K7 | KtxP |
| 14 | Kt-K5 | QKt-Q4 | 31 | P-Q5 | K-Kt1 |
| 15 | P-B4 | KtxKt | 32 | P-Q6 | R-Q1 |
| 16 | PxKt | Kt-K5 | 33 | R-K6 | K-B2 |
| 17 | $B \times B$ | QxB |  | Resigns |  |

# Problem Department 

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## THEME PALAESTRA

Various types of pinning strategy are shown in Nos. 1141, 1142 and 1143.

No. 1142 is dedicated to the editor for which many thanks. It exhibits four self-pinning defenses.

No. 1143 by Bill Beers is similar and shows two self-pinning defenses, but with the important difference that Black defends by pinning the threat piece whereas in No. 1142 Black defends by capture.

Interesting in view of the recent en passant pawn capture studies in The American Chess Bulletin Problem Department is No. 1144 by Bill Beers. Nos. 1166 and 1167 are selections from these studies illustrating in three-move form certain thematic ideas involving the en passant capture.

Nos. 1145, 1146 and 1147 are minor-piece problems in which clever mating nets yield bouquets of pretty mates.

Nos. 1151-1157 are entries in the 1937-38 International Miniature Tourney.

In No. 1159, the Goethart mate is quadruply demonstrated. The characteristic of the Goethart is a black self-interference which allows an unpin of the interfered-with piece on the mate. Thus in No. 11591 . . Bc4 interferes with the black rook on c3, permitting Qb8, a Goethart mate.

No. 1160 is a triple Rupp. The theme, which is now commonly accepted under this name, consists of a key move simultaneously pinning a black and white piece; Black's defence simultaneously unpins these pieces, allowing mate by the unpinned white piece.

Nos. 1161 and 1162 both present an interesting idea. The key move unpins a white piece but pins another, Black re-pins the unpinned piece but in so doing unpins the pinned white piece which gives mate.

No. 1163 elegantly blends the Rupp with another idea in which Black's defense causes an interference enabling White to mate in the line of pin .

No. 1164 blends the Rupp with the CrossCheck.

No. 1165 shows double interferences with Goethart mates.

No. 1166 presents a distinct theme quite aside from the en passant feature, White's continuations being conditioned by the de-
fenses of the black knights which form interferences preventing check.

## NOTES AND NEWS

Dr. G. Dobbs wins the Honor Prize with his delightful four mover, No. 1076 showing a novel echo, and receives our sincere felicitations on this new triumph.

Ladder Prize is won by Gilbert Plowman, whose name was inadvertently omitted from the September Ladder. This is Mr. Plowman's third ascent. We wish him continued success.

## INFORMAL LADDER

**G. Plowman 872, 48; J. Hannus 729, 75; I. Genud 725,- H. Stenzel 651, 44; *I. Kashdan $641,-$ H. Medler 583, -; *** P. Rothenberg 568, 57; \%1. Burstein 541, -; Bourne Smith 536, -; Bill Beers 439, -; Dr. P. G. Keeney 431, 62; ***M. Gonzalez 428, 57; *W. Patz 376, 27; W. O. Jens $363,-; E$. Korpanty 355, 45; J. Schmidt 302, -; K. Stubbs 278, -; W. Keysor 277,-; H. Hausner 264,-; I. Burn 263, 21 ; K. Lay 244, -; L. Greene 239, -; ***Dr. G. Dobbs 241, 78; Dr. M. Herzberger 236, 一; J. Rehr 233, 16; "A. Sheftel 202, 53; W. Jacobs 164, -; A. Grant 152, -; B. M. Marshall 142, -; *C. Miller 140, 41; A. Saxer 133, -; L. Eisner 129, -; W. Neuert 126, -; Nels Nelson $73,-$; **H. B. Daly 70, 78; M. Gershenson 66, -; ${ }^{1 .}$ Rivise 63, 20; G. N. Cheney 60, 0; A. Palwick 56, -; T. F. McKenna 44, 51; H. Sussman 44, -; B. Wisegarver 41, -; G. F. Todd 38, -; O. Wurzburg 34, -; R. Dunbar 29, -; W. Van Winkle 27, -; W. Towle 22, -; K. S. Howard 17, -; P. Papp 16, -; C. Parmelee 9, -; J. Cohen 6, -; F. Sprenger —, 84.

## SOLUTIONS

No. 1087 by Bill Beers
1 Sd 2
Pretty Pawn one-two.-F. Sprenger.
No. 1088 by Bill Jeers
1 Kc 7
Anticipated: Dr. G. Doblls, C.C.L.A. 1936.
No. 1089 ly J. Hemer
1 Pb6
Neat, but half-pin not complete-Dr. G. Dobbs.
No. 1090 by B. M. Marshall
1 SxP (f3)
Containing sizzling switch back.-P. Rothenberg.
No. 1091 by C. E. Adams
To solution as printed. Should be mate
in 3.-Key 1 Bd2.
No. 1092 by T . Bowater
1 Sdd Kd6 2 Bftch
En Passant mate is a pleasant surprise-
Dr. G. Dobbs.
No. 1093 ly P . Bowater

Three nice mates. F. Sprenger.
No. 1094 by S. Costikyan
Intention: 1 Qe4 Kd7 2 Sb 8
Cooked by: $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l}1 \\ 1 \\ 1\end{array} \dot{B b} 5\end{aligned}$

## Original Section

No. 1141
DR. GILBERT DOBBS
Carrollton, Ga.


Mate in 2

No. 1142

1. \& M. HOCHBERG

Bronx, N. Y.


Mate in 2

No. 1143
BILL BEERS
Willmar, Minn.


Mate in 2

No. 1144
BILL BEERS
Willmar, Minn.


Mate in 2

No. 1145
PERCY BOWATER
San Marino, Calif.


Mate in 3

No. 1147
DR. GILBERT DOBBS Carrollton, Ga.


Mace in 3

No. 1148
DR. G. ERDOS
Vienna, Austria


Mate in 3

No. 1146
PERCY BOWATER
San Marino, Calif.


Mate in 3

No. 1149
DR. G. ERDOS
Vienna, Austria


Mate in 3

## Original Section (cont'd)

No, 1150
R. E. McGEE

Hamilton, Ontario


Mate in 3

No. 1153
E. ZEPLER

Chelmsford, England
Chery 4th Inter. Min. Ty.-1938)(Entry 4th Inter. Min. Ty.-1938)


Mate in 4

No. 1154 HANS LANGE Neuss am Rhein, Germany


Mate in 3

No, 1156
J. F. TRACY

Ontario, Calif.


Mate in 3


Mate in 3

No. 1157
J. F. TRACY

Ontario, Calif.
th Inter. M in. Ty.


Mate in 4

No. 1152
FRED SPRENGER
New York City
(Entry 4th Inter. Min. Ty,-1938) (Entry 4th Inter. Min. Ty.—1938)


Mate in 4


Mate in 3

No. 1158
G. GOLLER

Pasing ob. Bayern, Germany


Self-mate in 12

# Quoted Section 

No. 1159
G. LATZEL

Wiener Schachzeitung
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Mate in 2

No. 1160
G. LEGENTIL

Club des Masques Jan.-1935


Mate in 2

No. 1161
M. WROBEL

1 Pr . ex-aequo
Poland-Hungary-1935


Mate in 2

No. 1162
L. SCHOR

1 Pr. Magyar Sak.
-1928


Mate in 2

No. 1163
J. NEUMANN

Rev. Rom. de Sah
-1934


Mate in 2

No. 1164
H. COMMANDEUR

L'Echiquier-1938


Mate in 2

No. 1165
E. SALARDINI

1 Pr., L'Echiquier-1935


Mate in 2

No. 1166
VINCENT L. EATON Amer. Chess Bulletin Jul., Aug.-1938


Mate in 3

No. 1167
KENNETH S. HOWARD Amer. Chess Bulletin Jul., Aug.-1938


Mate in 3

No. 1095 by H. S. Eichholz
1 Sc8, R any; 2 Takes R , etc.
Maximum Rook grab.-Dr, G. Dobbs.
No. 1096 by Dr. G. Erdos
Intention: 1 Kcs Kd5 2 Q17
Cooked by: 1 Kd7ं; 1 Qaich; 1 Qxa3; 1 Sc5
No. 1097 by R. E. McGee
1 Qd3, Pa6 2 Sc5
1 ...Kb2 2 Qafich
A terse Meredith. W. Pat\%
No. 1098 by Dr, Leon
1 Sg3 Threat Sf5
1 ... BXXA ${ }^{2}$ Qb4
A Knight-errant. Heavy construction, W. Patz.

No. 1099 by $1 \mathbf{D r}$. $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ Palatz
1 Rb6 Ka7 2 Re6
A waiter, leading to triple threat.-W. Patz.
No. 1100 by H. Stenzel
1 Ph7 BxP 2 Rh8
${ }^{1}$... KxP 2 Kf5
Clearance and pin in close quarters. Re-
markable economy.-P. Rothenberg.
No. 1101 by Dr. G. Dobbs

| PxS | Pfa any |
| :---: | :---: |
| - Pq5 | 2 Sf6 any ${ }^{3}$ |
| Kh7 | 2 Kf8 Kh6 3 Br |

Chameleon mates.-F, Sprenger.
No. 1102 by A. Dumitrescu 1 Pd8(S) S(a5)xS $2 B \times P(b 3) \quad S(f 7) x S$ 3 SxSa8
. $\mathrm{Sm} 5 \mathrm{xSf} 7 \quad 2 \mathrm{BxP}(\mathrm{f} 3) \quad \mathrm{Sf} 7 \times \mathrm{Sd} 8$ 3 Sb7xSd8
A nice symmetrical.-Dr. G. Dobbs.
No. 1103 by H. Lange
$1 \mathrm{Rg} 2 \mathrm{Rg} 3{ }_{2} \mathrm{Sg} 4 \mathrm{Bc} 3{ }_{3} \mathrm{Ra} 2$
$1 \cdots \mathrm{Bg} 3{ }_{2} 2$ Sg4 Bh4 3 Sf6ch
1... Rg3 2 Sg4 Rxg4 3 RxR

Mutual work of Rook and Bishop is good. -Dr. G. Dobbs.
No. 1104 by Fred Sprenger
$1 \mathrm{Be} 2 \mathrm{Bg} 62 \mathrm{Kc} 8 \mathrm{Bf5} 3 \mathrm{Be} 4 \mathrm{ch}$
Clever little Roman.-Dr. G. Dobbs.
No. 1105 by Bill Beers 1 Bb 1
No. 1106 by G. Buchman
No. 1107 by J. $F$. Tracy
1 Bc 2 Ke6 2 Bh 7
${ }_{1}^{1} \because \because \mathrm{KxP}^{2}{ }_{2}^{2}$ Qa2
No. 1108 by , J. F. Tracy
1 Pe 3 PxB 2 Se 4
1 K. KxB 2 Rh6
No. 1109 by J. F. Tracy

$$
1 \text { Re } 3 \text { KxP } 2 \text { Re5ch }
$$

... KxR 2 Qb4
No. 1110 by $\dot{\mathrm{v}}$. Bany 2 Re4ch
1 Qh8 Ph1(B) 2 Se8
No. 1111 by $\dot{\text { F. Sackinan }}$
1 Qa. 4 RxQ 2 Rxd5
No. 1112 by V. Marin


No. 1113 by s. W. Bampton
White retracts Kf5xS
White plays Sefch, Black Bxs mate.

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## Correspondence Game, 1938

FRENCH DEFENSE
(Alekhine-Chatard Attack)
M. Yatron
D. Hecht

White
Black

| 1 | P-K4 | P-K3 | 17 | Kt.Kt5ch | K.Q2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | P-Q4 | P-Q4 | 18 | $\mathrm{R} \times \mathrm{Kt}$ | Q-B1 |
| 3 | Kt-QB3 | Kt-KB3 | 19 | RxPch | K-B3 |
| 4 | B-Kt5 | B-K2 | 20 | Q XQ | RxQ |
| 5 | P-K5 | KKt-Q2 | 21 | RXQP | P-R3 |
| 6 | P.KR4 | P-QR3 | 22 | Kt-B3 | B-K3 |
| 7 | Q-Kt4 | P.KB4 | 23 | B-B4 | BxB |
| 8 | Q-R5ch | P-KKt3 | 24 | RxBCh | K-Kt3 |
| 9 | Q-R6 | K-B2 | 25 | Kt-K5 | QR-Q1 |
| 10 | Kt-R3 | P-QB4 | 26 | R-Q1 | RxRch |
| 11 | O-O-O! | $\mathbf{P} \times \mathbf{P}$ | 27 | K×R | R-Q1ch |
| 12 | KtxP! | PxKt | 28 | K-K2 | R-Q4 |
| 13 | P-K6ch | KxP | 29 | Kt-B7 | Kt-Kt1 |
| 14 | R-K1ch | Kt-K4 | 30 | R-B8 | Kt-K2 |
| 15 | Q-Kt7 | QKt-B3 | 31 | R-K8 | Resigns |
| 16 | $\mathrm{B} \times \mathrm{B}$ | KtxB |  |  |  |


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