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Stephen W. Wray

*"Chess is a Game in which Chance hath no Part, and is  
such that none may lose, save by his own Fault."*

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## PREFACE.

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A GAME in which the play on both sides is correct, is a very tame affair. In some of the games in this collection there are moves which are weak and lead to disaster. Such games in the opinion of some players are not worth attention. Nevertheless, if the reader will himself take the trouble to discover these faults and to indicate better lines of play, he will benefit considerably. He will strengthen his play by learning to avoid danger and to take advantage of error. Hence, questions on interesting points are set down, to which the student is expected to provide answers and to compare with those given at the end of the work.

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W. M.

## SECTION 1.

**King's Knight's Opening, 1 P—K4, P—K4 ; 2 Kt—KB3.**

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**Ruy Lopez, 2 ... , Kt—QB3 ; 3 B—Kt5.**

**Ruy Lopez, Morphy's Defence, 3 ... , P—QR3.**

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No. 1. White, WEISS ; Black, POLLOCK. Notes by W. Steinitz.

Played in the sixth American Congress in 1889, between Max Weiss (who divided first and second prizes with M. Tschigorin) and Dr. W. H. Pollock. This game was awarded the special prize of 50 dollars as the most brilliant of the Tournament, and an immortal halo of glory encircles the brow of the lamented Pollock for his achievement. His play from the 17th move renders this game one of the finest examples of chess ingenuity, and, altogether, it belongs to the list of the most brilliant gems in the annals of practical play.

4 B—R 4	Kt—B 3	17 P—QKt 4 (f)
5 P—Q 3	P—Q Kt 4	B x P ch (g)
6 B—Kt 3	B—B 4	18 K—R 1 Q—K 8 (h)
7 P—B 3	P—Q 4	19 P—R3 Kt x B (i)
8 P x P	Kt x P	20 R x Q R x R ch
9 Q—K 2 (a)	O—O	21 K—R 2 B—Kt 8 ch
10 Q—K 4	B—K 3	22 K—Kt 3 R—K 6 ch
11 Kt x P (b)	Kt x Kt	23 K—Kt 4 (j) Kt—K 7
12 Q x Kt (k) Kt—Kt 5 (c)		24 Kt—B 1 P—Kt 3
13 O—O (d)	Kt x QP	25 Q—Q 5 (k) P—R 4 ch
14 Q—R 5 (e)	B x B	26 K—Kt 5 K—Kt 2 (l)
15 P x B	R—K 1	27 Kt x R (m) P—B 3 ch
16 Kt—Q 2	Q—K 2	and mates in two moves.



(a) The opening is the same as occurred in two match games between Anderssen and Morphy, excepting that Anderssen retreated his B to B<sub>2</sub> on the 6th move. White has obtained the superior position, chiefly owing to Black's 7th move P—Q 4, which loosens the KP.

(b) Indicate a better line of play.

(c) The soundness of this sacrifice is questionable.

(d) For after 13 P x Kt, B x P ch ; 14 K—Q 1, Q x P ch ; 15 B—Q 2, we think that the attack against White's King could not be sustained, and Black had only two Pawns for the piece and, therefore, the worst as regards material.

(e) Not good ; suggest something better.

(f) He had no means of saving the Pawn, for if 17 Kt—B<sub>3</sub>, Kt x BP and White dare not take with the Rook on account of Q—K8 ch and mate next move.

(g) Beautiful play. It will be easily seen that White cannot capture the two pieces on account of the mate in two moves impending afterwards by Q—K6 ch and Q—K8 mate.

(h) The prelude to a most ingenious and splendidly conceived line of attack.

(i) This sacrifice of the Queen for no more than two pieces is based on a most profound and brilliant idea, such as has rarely occurred in actual play.

(j) Best. If 23 Kt—B<sub>3</sub>, Kt—K7 ch ; 24 K—Kt4, R—K5 ch ; 25 K—Kt5, B—K6 ch ; 26 K—B5, Kt—Kt6 mate.

(k) Very tempting, but no doubt overlooking the beautiful surprise which Black has in store. His best play was Q—R6,

(l) Truly magnificent.

(m) There was actually no defence. If 27 Q x R (or 27 Q—Q 7, R—K4 ch ; 28 K—R 4, K—R 3 and wins) ; 27... P—B 3 ch ; 28 K—R 4, B—B 7 ch ; 29 P—Kt 3, R x KtP, and White has only one useless check by sacrificing the Queen, after which mate follows by R—Kt 5 double check, or by B x Kt ch if Kt x R.

**Ruy Lopez. Morphy's Defence 3 ... , P—QR3.**

No. 2. Won by H. G. BOCKERT-PUGH.

4 B—R <sub>4</sub>	Kt—B <sub>3</sub>	11 Q—K <sub>2</sub> (c)	R—K <sub>1</sub>
5 P—Q <sub>3</sub>	P—Q <sub>3</sub>	12 Q—K <sub>4</sub> (d)	B—K <sub>3</sub>
6 P—B <sub>3</sub>	B—K <sub>2</sub> (a)	13 Kt x P (e)	Kt x Kt
7 QKt—Q <sub>2</sub>	O—O	14 Q x Kt (K <sub>5</sub> )	B—B <sub>3</sub>
8 Kt—B <sub>1</sub>	P—QKt <sub>4</sub>	15 Q—Kt <sub>3</sub>	Kt x P
9 B—Kt <sub>3</sub>	P—Q <sub>4</sub>	16 Resigns (f)	
10 P x P (b)	Kt x P		

(a) Mention an alternative move. (b) Suggest. (c) What objection? (d) Suggest. (e) Objection? (f) Why the resignation?

No. 3. ROESCH v. SCHLAGE.

A gamelet with an unusual termination from the Haupt tournament at Hamburg.

4 B—R <sub>4</sub>	Kt—B <sub>3</sub>	11 Q—K <sub>4</sub>	Kt x Kt
5 Q—K <sub>2</sub>	P—QKt <sub>4</sub>	12 Q x R?	Q—Q <sub>6</sub> !
6 B—Kt <sub>3</sub>	B—K <sub>2</sub>	13 B—Q <sub>1</sub>	B—KR <sub>6</sub>
7 P—B <sub>3</sub>	O—O	14 Q x P	B x P
8 O—O	P—Q <sub>4</sub>	15 R—K <sub>1</sub>	Q—B <sub>6</sub> !!
9 P x P	Kt x P	16 Resigns.	
10 Kt x P	Kt—B <sub>5</sub>		

No. 4. SHORIES v. DIXON.

Brilliantly prize-winner at the Scarborough meeting of the British Chess Federation.

4 B—R <sub>4</sub>	Kt—B <sub>3</sub>	16 B—B <sub>2</sub>	P—R <sub>5</sub>
5 O—O	P—Q <sub>3</sub>	17 B—Kt <sub>1</sub>	R—B <sub>1</sub>
6 P—Q <sub>4</sub>	B—Q <sub>2</sub>	18 P—B <sub>4</sub>	Q—K <sub>1</sub>
7 P—B <sub>3</sub>	P x P	19 Kkt—B <sub>3</sub>	R—B <sub>2</sub>
8 P x P	B—K <sub>2</sub>	20 Q—Q <sub>3</sub>	Q—B <sub>1</sub>
9 Kt—B <sub>3</sub>	O—O	21 Kt x KBP! (b)	R x Kt
10 P—KR <sub>3</sub>	P—KR <sub>3</sub>	22 P—K <sub>5</sub> !	R—R <sub>3</sub>
11 B—K <sub>3</sub>	Kt—KR <sub>2</sub>	23 P x KtP	B x P(Kt <sub>4</sub> )
12 P—Kkt <sub>4</sub> (a)	P—KR <sub>4</sub>	24 Kt x B!	Kt x Kt
13 Kt—R <sub>2</sub>	P—Kkt <sub>4</sub> !	25 B x Kt	Q—R <sub>1</sub>
14 R—B <sub>1</sub>	K—Kt <sub>2</sub>	26 R—B <sub>6</sub> !	P x P
15 Kt—Q <sub>5</sub>	P—B <sub>3</sub>	27 B x R ch	Resigns (c)

(a) To prevent ..., P—B<sub>4</sub>. (b) This clever move decides the issue. (c) Why?

**Ruy Lopez. Morphy's Defence, 3 . . . P-QR3.**

No. 5. DURAS v. DAWHARN.

"An off-hand game played during the visit of the Bohemian expert to Liverpool."

4 B-R4	Kt-B3	12 Q x B ch	Q-Q2
5 P-Q3	P-Q3	13 Q-Kt3 (b)	B-B4
6 P-B4 (a)	B-Q2	14 Kt-R4	B-Q5
7 Kt-B3	Kt-K2	15 B-K3	B x B
8 P-Q4	Kt-Kt3	16 P x B	Q-Kt5 (c)
9 P-KR4	P-KR4	17 Kt-KB3	Q-Kt6 ch
10 P x P	P x P	18 Resigns.	
11 Kt-KKt5	B x B		

(a) A favourite move of Herr Duras, but not one to be recommended.

(b) What other course would you recommend?

(c) A powerful move, to which there is no satisfactory reply.

No. 6. Won by D. C. BLAKE.

4 B-R4	Kt-B3	12 P x P?	P x P
5 P-Q3	B-B4 (a)	13 Kt-KR2 (b)	P-Kt4
6 P-B3	P-Q3	14 B-B2	Kt-KR4
7 O-O	B-Q2	15 K-R1	Q-Kt4
8 B-KKt5?	P-R3	16 Q-K1	Kt x B ch
9 B-R4	P-KKt4	17 P x Kt	R x Kt ch
10 B-KKt3	P-KR4	18 K x R	Q-R4 mate
11 P-KR3	P-Kt5!		

(a) "This defence has never been proved unsound by analysis, while it is very often attended with success in actual play" (Pollock, quoted by Cook).

(b) Suggest another move worth consideration.

No. 7. J. R. LONGWILL v. T. KING-PARKS.

4 B-R4	Kt-B3	9 Kt x Kt	B x P ch!
5 O-O	Kt x P	10 K x B	Q-R5 ch
6 P-Q4	P x P	and Black draws by "perpetual."	
7 R-K1	P-Q4		
8 Kt x P (a)	B-Q3		

(a) Suggest preferable moves,