BIG AQUATIC MEET ATTRACTS MERMEN

Multnomah Swimming Cracks Will Stack Up Against U. S. Army Stars.

EVENT SET FOR SATURDAY

Barracks Boasts Some of Best-Known Water Performers in Country and Athletic Club Will Call Out Its Choicest Talent.

The biggest swimming event that has been staged in Portland for a number of years will be held at the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club tank next Saturday night, February 9, when the M. A. A. C. swimmers and divers will compete against the crack aquatic stars of the United States Army at Vancouver Barracks. A number of the best-known swimmers in the country are stationed at the barracks across the Columbia in the Signal and Engineers Corps. They have been practicing in the Multnomah Club tank several times a week for the past month and all the entries will be in good condition. Among the soldier stars stationed at Vancouver are: E. S. Hart, George Cunha, Walter Grace, Harry Mullen, Charley Hardy, W. E. Rich, C. Lowe, George Kelly, Harold Shadile, Lieutenant Godney, R. Remington and several other well-known swimmers.

Cunha's Prowess Heralded.

George Cunha, the famous Hawaiian, is perhaps the best-known swimmer at the barracks. Cunha was the swimming partner of Duke Kahanamoku for several years and has raced all over the world with the Duke. W. E. Rich is captain of the Vancouver swimmers and hails from the Illinois Athletic Club of Chicago. Rich played on the I. A. C. championship water polo team in 1909 and was also prominent in a number of other swimming events in Chicago. E. S. Hart is a well-known Olympic Club swimmer and specializes in sprints. Walter Grace is from the Piedmont Club of San Francisco. Harry Mullen, who will represent the barracks in the sprints and middle distances, recently arrived from Balboa, Canal Zone. His home is in Jersey City.

Charley Hardy, another sprinter, comes from Boston and is a member of the Boston Athletic Club. C. Lowe is the swimming champion of Lowell High School of San Francisco and has the reputation of being one of the best swimmers in that city in his class. George Kelley and Harold Shadle are Portland boys now at Vancouver Barracks who will enter the diving events.

Instructor Jack Cody, of Multnomah Club, has arranged nine events between the Winged "M" and Vancouver Barracks, including a water polo game for the state championship between the soldier team and a picked team of stars from Multnomah Club.

Cody Is Pessimistic.

The soldiers have the largest galaxy of stars that the Portland swimming fans have seen in many a moon. Cody does not expect Multnomah Club to win the meet, but the competition of the M. A. A. C. swimmers against champions and near champions will give them the best experience that they could possibly get. Lieutenant Godney is manager of the Vancouver Barracks team. Two officers have been chosen to officiate in the meet. Lieutenant Emerson will act as one of the timers, while Lieutenant Boland will serve in the capacity of judge.

There are a number of other swimmers at the barracks who may enter before next Saturday and add to the competition.

It is not impossible for some world's records to be shattered next Saturday, as such swimmers as George Cunha, Walter Grace, Harry Mullen and Ed Hart are among the best in the country.

Some of the crack Multnomah Athletic Club swimmers who will represent the club are: Myron Wilsey, Duke Walker, Louis Balbach, Frank Lynstrum, A. Clark, Pete McDonald, O. J. Hosford, D. Reilly, Locke Webster, Happy Keuhn, Art Oliver, Don Stryker, Ross Roller, McHale, Ed Humphries and Ed Leslie.

The admission for the meet between Multnomah Club and Vancouver Barracks will be 55 and 85 cents, which includes the war tax. Jack Cody expects one of the biggest crowds that ever attended an indoor aquatic meet to be on hand.

Following is the list of events and the entries from each team in each event:

150 yards—Vancouver Barracks, E. Hart, G. Cunha, C. Hardy, R. Ried. Multnomah, E. Leslie, Duke Walker, L. Balbach, M. Wilsey.

Plunge for distance—Vancouver Barracks, H. Mullen, C. Lowe, R. Ried, Lieutenant Godney; Multnomah, B. Webster, D. Reilly.

200 yards—Vancouver Barracks, H. Mullen, C. Hardy, G. Cunha; Multnomah, Pete McDonald, O. J. Hosford.

100 yards—Vancouver Barracks, W. Grace, W. E. Rich, C. Lowe; Multnomah, F. Lynstrum, A. Clark, D. Walker, M. Wilsey.

Fancy diving—Vancouver Barracks, H. Shadle, George Kelley; Multnomah, L. Balbach, Happy Kuehn, Art Oliver, Don Stryker.

500 yards—Vancouver Barracks, H. Mullen, E. Hart, W. Rich; Multnomah, D. Reilly, O. J. Hosford.

50-yard relay race—Vancouver Barracks, Cunha, Grace, Hart, Mullen; Multnomah, Leslie, Walker, Lynstrum, Wilsey.

100-yard breast stroke—Vancouver Barracks, E. Hart, Lieutenant Godney; Multnomah, A. Wiesendanger, E. Leslie, Sr.

Water polo game—

Army.		Multnomah Club.
Cunha	L F	Leslie
Mullen	R F	Webster
Rich	C	McHale
Hardy	C F	Roller
Remington	L G	Hosford
Hart	R G	Humphrey
Godney (Capt.)		Smith

KLAMATH TO PROTECT FISH

Portions of Streams to Be Closed After February 15.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—In order to protect the fishing interests of Klamath County, the Fish and Game Commission of Oregon has decided to close, for the present, certain points in the county that have been open hitherto to anglers. The new order becomes effective February 15 and includes the following waters:

Four-Mile Lake and Four-Mile Creek to a point one-half mile before its outlet; Klamath River from a point 800 feet below its confluence with Spencer Creek to a point 200 feet above said confluence; Spencer Creek from its confluence with Klamath River to a point where a pipeline diverts water to the Spencer Creek hatchery; Seven-Mile Creek in Wood River Valley from its confluence with the Weed canal to the point where Short Creek flows into it. The notice issued by the Commission states that those violating the new restriction will be subjected to the penalties of the law.

It is said that Michael Hogan, who lives at Lenox, Mass., found three wild ducks frozen in the ice. He chopped them out and had them for dinner.

COUNTRY-WIDE SWIMMING STARS, NOW IN THE ARMY, STATIONED AT VANCOUVER BARRACKS, WHO WILL COMPETE AGAINST MULTNOMAH CLUB ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

Wm. E. Rich.

Harry J. Mullin.

Left to Right—T. M. Low, Lieut. Ralph Gedney, Harold Shadle, Raymond Remington, Charley Hardy, Robert Reid.

E. S. Hart.

J. F. Martin.

NO RECORDS BROKEN

New Track and Field Phenoms in 1917 Lacking.

EFFECT OF WAR IS SEEN

Eight American Athletic Marks Are Equaled or Surpassed, but Feats Fall to Reach World's Record Standard.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The effect of the present war upon American track and field athletics can be accurately gauged by the fact that for the first time in some years there was not a single claimant for a new world's record at the close of the 1917 season.

This is the first year in a decade that one or more performances by American athletes have not been reviewed and prepared for acceptance by the International Amateur Athletic Federation. The same situation prevails in other countries, which in normal times devote considerable attention to track and field sports. So far as is known there were but two athletes whose records, made during 1917, appear entitled to acceptance by the I| A| A| F|. These are Zander, the Swedish middle-distance runner, and Hacknor, the javelin-thrower, both of whom trained under Ernie Hjertberg.

During the past year eight American athletic records were equaled or surpassed, but in no case did the performance reach a world's record standard. In sharp contrast to this was the work of the American swimmers, for both in natatoriums and in open water the exponents of the crawl, trudgeon and other strokes clipped sizable slices from the best previous figures in various events.

No less than five new records were made under the rules of the International Swimming Federation and these will be duly accepted when a meeting of that organization is held after the declaration of peace has restored conditions.

No such string of track records for the past year is awaiting the action of the International Amateur Athletic Federation. There has been but one formal conference of this organization, which followed immediately after the formation of the federation. At that meeting a long list of world's amateur records was passed upon and accepted and a list of regulations drawn up for the handling of any records established in the future. This gathering was held early in 1914 in France. Within a few months the European war broke out and ended the activity of the organization.

The athletic associations of the countries which subscribed to the organization of the I. A. A. F., however, have kept careful record of all athletic performances which merit the consideration of the federation and these will be submitted to that body at its first meeting following the close of the war. At the present time the American Amateur Athletic Union has 15 records which equal or surpass existing figures and these, having been accepted by the American organization, will in turn, be presented to the international group for its sanction and stamp of approval.

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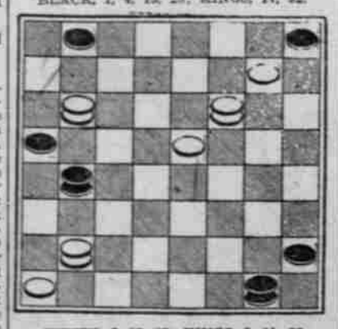
PROBLEM NO. 610.

By L. J. Vair, Denver, Colo.

This, and the following three problems are original with Mr. Vair and The Oregonian is fortunate in having this noted problemist as a contributor:

BLACK, 1, 4, 13, 28; KINGS, 17, 32.



WHITE, 8, 15, 29; KINGS, 9, 11, 25. White to play and win.

PROBLEM NO. 611.

Black, 4, 12, 25, 27; kings, 21, 29. White, 11, 24, 31; kings, 7, 14, 22. White to play and win.

PROBLEM NO. 612.

Black, 11, 22; kings, 23, 29. White, 31; kings, 9, 10, 13. White to play and win.

PROBLEM NO. 613.

Black, 4, 11, 26; kings, 7, 14, 31. White, 21, 24, 29; kings, 2, 19, 27. White to play and win.

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 605—Black, 3, 13, 28; king, 14. White, 11, 30; kings, 9, 21, 25. White to play; 30-26, 18-15, 11-7, 3-10, 26-23, 23-32, 23-32, 32-27(A, 22-18, 15-22, 22-25, 27-18, 5-9, 22-29, 6-22. White wins.

A—32-28, 9-6, 28-24, 21-25, 10-14, 25-21. White wins.

Problem No. 606—Black, 8, 12, 13, 19, 22, 23. White, 20, 21, 30, 32; king, 14. White to play and black to win: 32-28(A, 8-11, 14-18, 22-26, 18-27, 26-31, 27-23(1, 19-26, 30-23, 11-15, 28-24, 31-26, 23-19, 15-18, 19-15, 26-22. Black wins.

A—Best but white may vary thus:

14-18	30-23	14-10	1- 6	21-17
22-26	31-26	8-11	19-15	13-22
18-27	23-18	10- 6	6- 9	14-18
26-31	26-23	11-15	18-23	15-19
27-23	18-14	6- 1	9-14	18-25
19-26	23-19	15-18	22-26	26-31
			Black wins.	

1—27-24, 19-23, 24-19, 21-26, 19-24, 11-15, 30-25, 26-30, 24-19, 15-24.

Problem No. 607—Black, 2, 5, 7, 8, 12, 23. White, 14, 19, 20, 21, 28, 31. Black to play and win:

8-11	10-14	7-10	18-23	24-19
21-17	6- 2	9- 6	10-26	20-16
2- 6	17-21	11-15	23-30	23-29
17-13	2- 6	28-24	19-15	16-11
6-10	14-17	23-27	27-32	29-25
14- 9	6- 9	5- 2	24-19	31-27
5-14	21-25	15-18	32-28	26-26
13- 9	9-13	2- 7	13-10	27-23
14-17	17-22	10-14	28-24	19-16
9- 6	13- 9	7-10	19-15	B. wins.

Problem No. 608—Black, 14, 15, 16. White kings, 6, 23. White to play and draw: 23-27, 16-19, 27-31, 14-17, 6-10, 17-22, 10-7, 19-24, 7-10, 15-19, 10-15, 22-26, 31-26, 23-30, 26-31, 19-23, 31-26, 23-30, 26-31, 19-23, 31-26, 23-27, 26-31, 27-32, 15-19, 32-28, 19-23, 28-32, 23-19. Black wins.

Solutions have been received from Ira Withrow, J. Powers, A. A. Simmons, Harry Baker, W. L. Bryant, J. Kane, L. E. Smith, L. J. Vair, Rex Delzell, Dr. Ross, H. A. Davis, J. Graham, C. Rone, J. C. Campbell, D. R. Davies, C. L. Burr, A. P. Jones and George Lee.

GAME NO. 427.

"Whilter."

By C. L. Burr, Tillamook, Or.

Mr. Burr is well known to the checker fraternity of Oregon and ranks among the best analysts on this Coast. He is one of the most pleasant and agreeable opponents in cross-board play. Do not give this the "once over," but study it thoroughly.

11-15	17-13(A	11-15	24-15	20-27
23-19	8-11	19-16	10-26	32-14
9-14	22-17	12-19	17-10	(G)25-22
22-17	4- 8(I	22-18	6-15	H)28-24
7-11	26-22	5-9(B	13-6	22-13
25-22	15-18	26-22	1-10	24-20
11-16	22-15	8-12(C	21-17(D	10-17
26-23	11-18	16-11	26-30	20-11
16-20	29-25	12-16	25-21	Drawn.
30-26	7-11	11- 7	30-25	
2- 7	31-26	18-19	27-24(E	

A—Varies from book play.

B—An excellent opportunity for this move. White cannot play 10-11 for 18-22 and black wins, or if 10-14, 8-11, 26-23, 1-5, 23-19, 11-16 and black wins.

C—15-19, etc. allows white to draw easily.

D—If 7-2, 10-14, 2-6, 15-19, 6-10, 26-31, 16-17, 31-24, 17-22, 18-23, black wins.

E—Again 7-2 loses by 8-7, 2-11, 16-22, 11-15, 25-29, 15-25, 29-13, 27-24, 20-27, 32-23, 16-20, 23-19, 12-9, 16-16, 9-14, 16-12(F, 14-18, 21-17, 18-15, 17-13, 15-11, etc., black wins.

F—If 16-11, 14-18, now if 17-21, 18-15 wins or if 11-7, 10-14, 6-9 wins.

G—The apparent force of this move is very inviting for white to play 2-7 at C.

H—White could remark when reaching for this place, "those pieces, 7-14, 17-21, can take care of themselves."

VARIATION I.

11-16(A	24-15	8- 3(F	32-27	19-24
23-18(B	22-25(D	13- 6	2- 7	28-19
15-22(C	17-14(E	1-19	22-17	16-32
19-15	10-17	27-23(G	14-18(H	14- 9
10-19	29-22	4- 8	23-14	Drawn.

A—Not as strong perhaps as 4-8.

B—Offering the old shot in a different way.

C—But white cannot take it now, 16-20 loses at once and if 14-30 is not much better, continue 29-25, 16-23, 27-2, 20-27, 2-9, 5-14, 32-23, 4-8, 13-9, 8-11, 9-6, 11-16 and white should win.

D—If 7-10, 15-11, 5-9, 11-7, 16-19, 7-2, 12-16, 2-7, 4-8, 22-25, 8-11, 32-27, 3-8, 7-3, 8-12, 3-8, 11-15, 8-11, 15-18, 11-17 and black is in an awful fix.

E—29-22 might look good at the first glance, but play 14-18, 13-11, 18-25, 11-2, 25-30, etc. Black wins.

F—We considered 14-18 untenable, but believe now that it will draw. Play 22-17, 18-22, 17-14, 22-25, 15-11, 25-29, 21-17 (if 26-23, 19-16, etc.), 29-25, 11-7, 3-10, 14-7, 6-10, and black seems to have as good a game as white. This line was not analyzed very thoroughly.

G—27-24 also draws.

H—Nothing better. In arriving at these conclusions I had the assistance of two of Mrs. Harriet Ehricke, C. G. Givens, W. L. Bryant, S. T. Adams, H. Pyeritz, L. E. Smith, Peter Claudianos, Professor C. C. Kanaga, J. Campbell, D. C. French, George Griffith, George Lee, H. A. Davis, H. A. Harden.

Alex. Girard, secretary of the Elks Club, Aberdeen, Wash., writes that he has been off the job, but has watched the chess column grow more interesting every week, and will try in the future to keep up with us. N. B.: Our chess experts are daily working to become more proficient, and are making excellent success. I would like to match our A. F. Paterson with some player of the Portland Chess and Checker Club in a game of chess to be played by mail. Kindly advise. The Portland club are a live bunch and please notify us if the challenge is accepted at once.—Editor.

Janowski Defeats Jaffe.

With 10 wins, four loses and four draws, Janowski conceded four won games to his opponent. The result proves his judgment was sound. The champion, about the middle of February, will do some touring. We have noticed many times in Eastern papers of champions making the tour, and they go as far as Chicago, or 100 or 200 miles west of it. The Western champions, adopting the same tactics, should stop at Denver, or 100 or 200 miles east of it, in their Eastern tours. Janowski little knows how much he missed in not visiting Portland players when at Los Angeles, Cal.

George Griffith made a mistake in diagramming his problem No. 328. He states that there should be a black knight on KR3. One week more before the solution will be published.

H. A. Davis, Wallula, Wash.—Please send the two problems again. Book forwarded to you. The Portland Chess and Checker Club will soon announce that one week is for all chess and checker players, and invitations will be sent to a large number by the editor and the secretary of the club urging your attendance. Accept the invitation and visit the club in its new quarters.

United States Champion Frank Marshall gave a lecture on the Ruy Lopez and the Petroff defense at his Chess Divan, New York, and Janowski in a simultaneous performance scored 14 wins, two draws and two loses. The annual dinner at the Divan will be given February 15. It will be preceded by an international rapid-transit tournament, with eight invited experts as participants.

GAME NO. 285.

("Kings Gambit Declined.")

This is one of nine others that the great English chess player, Blackburne, played recently blindfold. The game is taken from the Newcastle Chronicle. Contributed by C. Rone, a private in the 116th Company Canadian Foresters. Mr. Rone is at the front. Games across the sea.

Blackburne, white; Puller, black.

White	Black	White	Black
1—P-K4	P-K4	26—KR-K	P-KR4
2—P-KB4	P-Q4	27—QR-K2	QR-K4
3—KPxQP	P-K5	28—RxKt	RxR
4—QKt-B3	Kt-KB3	29—RxR	RxRBP
5—P-Q3	B-QKt5	30—R-K7	R-QKt4
6—B-Q2	KPxP	31—P-QKt4	P-QR4
7—BxP	O-O	32—P-QR3	PxQKtP
8—KKt-K2	B-KKt5	33—RPxP	R-Q4
9—O-O	BxQKt	34—B-Q4	P-QB3
10—BxB	KtxB	35—RxQKtP	R-Q
11—Q-Q2	B-K3	36—R-QB7	R-Q8
12—B-Q4	Kt-QB3	37—K-B2	R-K8
13—B-KB2		38—R-Q7	R-Kt
	KKt-QK5	39—B-B5	P-KKt3
14—Kt-QB3	KtxB	40—R-Q6	RxR
15—QxKt	Kt-QKt5	41—BxR	K-B2
16—Q-KKt3	B-K7	42—K-K3	K-K3
17—KtxB	RxKt	43—B-B5	K-Q4
18—P-QB3	Kt-QB7	44—B-Q4	K-K3
19—QR-Q	Q-K2	45—KQ3	P-KR4
20—K-KB5	P-KB3	46—B-B2	K-Q4
21—Q-Q3	QR-K	47—P-B4ch	K-Q3
22—Q-Q5ch	K-R	48—K-Q4	K-K3
23—Q-Q3	Q-K5	49—P-QKt5	PxP
24—QxQ	KRxQ	50—PxP	Resigns
25—R-Q2	Kt-K6		

GAME NO. 286.

("French Defense." Newcastle Chronicle, England, December 15, 1917.)

Capablanca, white; Hallwegan, black.

White	Black	White	Black
1—P-K4	P-K3	20—BxP	Kt-R3
2—P-Q4	P-KKt3	21—Q-R4	BxB
3—Kt-KB3	B-Kt2	22—KtxBch	KtxKt
4—B-Q3	Q-B4	23—Q-B4	Kt-K3
5—B-KKt5	B-Q3	24—KtxKt	QxKt
6—Q-Q2	Kt-Q2	25—R-B3	P-KR4
7—O-O	O-O	26—QR-KB	Q-K2
8—B-R6	Kt-KB3	27—P-KR3	R-KB
9—BxB	KxB	28—P-Kt4	P-P
10—Kt-B3	Kt-B3	29—PxP	Kt-R3
11—P-K5	Kt-Q2	30—K-Kt2	Q-K3
12—P-B4	P-Q4	31—Q-B6ch	K-Kt
13—Kt-K2	Kt-K2	32—R-Kt3	KtxP
14—Kt-Kt3	Kt-Kt3	33—QxQ	PxQ
15—Q-Kt5	Kt-KKt3	34—RxKt	K-Kt2
16—Q-Kt4	Q-K2	35—R-KR	R-R
17—Kt-Kt5	R-K3	36—RxR	RxR
18—P-KB4	Kt-B	37—P-Kt4	R-KB
19—P-B5	KtxP		

C. F. Putney, Corvallis, Or.—Yes, send the problem. I may use it as a prize problem.

Ray LaFever, Bolliber Hotel, Lewiston, Idaho—Have referred your solution to Mr. Putney. Glad to hear from you.

GAME NO. 287.

("Ruy Lopez Opening.")

This is one time the world's champion had to own up that he was beaten fairly by a Philadelphian. Played in 1902. Mr. Martinez was at the time the best player in the city, champion of the Franklin Chess Club, and had won the George W. Childs Cup.

Martinez, white; Lasker, black.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1—P-K4	P-K4	24—Kt-B3	K-B2
2—Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	25—B-Q4	RxRch
3—B-Kt5	Kt-B3	26—RxR	B-K3
4—O-O	KtxP	27—Kt-R2	B-Q7
5—P-Q4	B-K2	28—Kt-B2	R-Q6
6—Q-K2	Kt-Q3	29—R-K3	R-Q8ch
7—BxKt	KtPxB	30—R-K	RxRch
8—PxP	Kt-Kt2	31—KtxR	B-KB4
9—Kt-B3	O-O	32—K-B	K-K3
10—R-K	P-Q4	33—K-K2	K-Q4
11—PxPeP	BxP	34—Kt-Q3	B-K5
12—B-Kt5	Q-Q2	35—P-B3	B-KB4
13—QR-Q	Q-B4	36—K-Q2	B-Kt6
14—Q-K4	Kt-B4	37—K-K3	K-B5
15—QxQ	BxQ	38—Kt-Kt2ch	K-Kt6
16—Kt-Q4	B-Q3	39—Kt-Q3	K-B5
17—B-K3	KR-K	40—Kt-Kt2ch	K-Kt6
18—P-QR3	P-QR4	41—Kt-Q3	BxKtA
19—P-QKt4	PxP	42—KxB	B-K4
20—PxP	Kt-R5	43—B-Q4	P-R4
21—KtxKt	RxKt	44—BxB	PxB
22—P-QB3	P-B3	45—P-R4	Resigns
23—P-B3	R-R7		

A.—K-B5 or B-K4 would have led to a drawn game. The play selected proved disastrous.

Dr. Dalton, 4510 Second avenue, Northeast, Seattle, Wash.—Problem at hand. Welcome you as a contributor. Paper will be mailed regularly to you.

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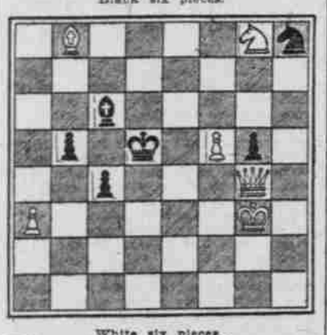
PROBLEM NO. 331.

By Jan Palmacek, England.

This was published in the Newcastle Chronicle December 15, 1917. Contributed by C. Rone, Company 116, Canadian Foresters, Groombridge, England. A problem from across the sea. See what you can do with it and report early.

Black six pieces.



White six pieces.

White to play and mate in three moves.

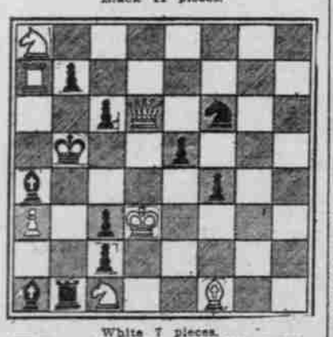
White king on KKt3, queen on KKt4, bishop on QKt8, knight on KR3, pawns on KB2 and QR3.

Black king on Q4, bishop on QB3, knight on KR, pawns on KK4, QB5 and QKt4.

PROBLEM NO. 332.

By Janet, in the Boston Transcript.

Black 11 pieces.



White 7 pieces.

White to play and mate in two moves.

White king on Q8, queen on Q6, rook on QR7, bishop on KB, knights on QB and QR8, pawn on QR3.

Black king on QKt4, rook on QKt8, bishops on QR5 and QR8, knight on KB3, pawns on K4, KB5, QB3, QB6, QB7, QKt2.

SOLUTIONS.

Problem No. 326—Key, B-KB2.

Problem No. 327—Key, Q-KR.

Two very pretty problems, writes C. F. Putney. Others sending in solutions are: Mrs. Harriet Ehricke, C. G. Givens, W. L. Bryant, S. T. Adams, H. Pyeritz, L. E. Smith, Peter Claudianos, Professor C. C. Kanaga, J. Campbell, D. C. French, George Griffith, George Lee, H. A. Davis, H. A. Harden.

Alex. Girard, secretary of the Elks Club, Aberdeen, Wash., writes that he has been off the job, but has watched the chess column grow more interesting every week, and will try in the future to keep up with us. N. B.: Our chess experts are daily working to become more proficient, and are making excellent success. I would like to match our A. F. Paterson with some player of the Portland Chess and Checker Club in a game of chess to be played by mail. Kindly advise. The Portland club are a live bunch and please notify us if the challenge is accepted at once.—Editor.

Janowski Defeats Jaffe.

With 10 wins, four loses and four draws, Janowski conceded four won games to his opponent. The result proves his judgment was sound. The champion, about the middle of February, will do some touring. We have noticed many times in Eastern papers of champions making the tour, and they go as far as Chicago, or 100 or 200 miles west of it. The Western champions, adopting the same tactics, should stop at Denver, or 100 or 200 miles east of it, in their Eastern tours. Janowski little knows how much he missed in not visiting Portland players when at Los Angeles, Cal.

George Griffith made a mistake in diagramming his problem No. 328. He states that there should be a black knight on KR3. One week more before the solution will be published.

H. A. Davis, Wallula, Wash.—Please send the two problems again. Book forwarded to you. The Portland Chess and Checker Club will soon announce that one week is for all chess and checker players, and invitations will be sent to a large number by the editor and the secretary of the club urging your attendance. Accept the invitation and visit the club in its new quarters.

United States Champion Frank Marshall gave a lecture on the Ruy Lopez and the Petroff defense at his Chess Divan, New York, and Janowski in a simultaneous performance scored 14 wins, two draws and two loses. The annual dinner at the Divan will be given February 15. It will be preceded by an international rapid-transit tournament, with eight invited experts as participants.

GAME NO. 285.

("Kings Gambit Declined.")

This is one of nine others that the great English chess player, Blackburne, played recently blindfold. The game is taken from the Newcastle Chronicle. Contributed by C. Rone, a private in the 116th Company Canadian Foresters. Mr. Rone is at the front. Games across the sea.

Blackburne, white; Puller, black.

White	Black	White	Black
1—P-K4	P-K4	26—KR-K	P-KR4
2—P-KB4	P-Q4	27—QR-K2	QR-K4
3—KPxQP	P-K5	28—RxKt	RxR
4—QKt-B3	Kt-KB3	29—RxR	RxRBP
5—P-Q3	B-QKt5	30—R-K7	R-QKt4
6—B-Q2	KPxP	31—P-QKt4	P-QR4
7—BxP	O-O	32—P-QR3	PxQKtP
8—KKt-K2	B-KKt5	33—RPxP	R-Q4
9—O-O	BxQKt	34—B-Q4	P-QB3
10—BxB	KtxB	35—RxQKtP	R-Q
11—Q-Q2	B-K3	36—R-QB7	R-Q8
12—B-Q4	Kt-QB3	37—K-B2	R-K8
13—B-KB2		38—R-Q7	R-Kt
	KKt-QK5	39—B-B5	P-KKt3
14—Kt-QB3	KtxB	40—R-Q6	RxR
15—QxKt	Kt-QKt5	41—BxR	K-B2
16—Q-KKt3	B-K7	42—K-K3	K-K3
17—KtxB	RxKt	43—B-B5	K-Q4
18—P-QB3	Kt-QB7	44—B-Q4	K-K3
19—QR-Q	Q-K2	45—KQ3	P-KR4
20—K-KB5	P-KB3	46—B-B2	K-Q4
21—Q-Q3	QR-K	47—P-B4ch	K-Q3
22—Q-Q5ch	K-R	48—K-Q4	K-K3
23—Q-Q3	Q-K5	49—P-QKt5	PxP
24—QxQ	KRxQ	50—PxP	Resigns
25—R-Q2	Kt-K6		

GAME NO. 286.

("French Defense." Newcastle Chronicle, England, December 15, 1917.)

Capablanca, white; Hallwegan, black.

White	Black	White	Black
1—P-K4	P-K3	20—BxP	Kt-R3
2—P-Q4	P-KKt3	21—Q-R4	BxB
3—Kt-KB3	B-Kt2	22—KtxBch	KtxKt
4—B-Q3	Q-B4	23—Q-B4	Kt-K3
5—B-KKt5	B-Q3	24—KtxKt	QxKt
6—Q-Q2	Kt-Q2	25—R-B3	P-KR4
7—O-O	O-O	26—QR-KB	Q-K2
8—B-R6	Kt-KB3	27—P-KR3	R-KB
9—BxB	KxB	28—P-Kt4	P-P
10—Kt-B3	Kt-B3	29—PxP	Kt-R3
11—P-K5	Kt-Q2	30—K-Kt2	Q-K3
12—P-B4	P-Q4	31—Q-B6ch	K-Kt
13—Kt-K2	Kt-K2	32—R-Kt3	KtxP
14—Kt-Kt3	Kt-Kt3	33—QxQ	PxQ
15—Q-Kt5	Kt-KKt3	34—RxKt	K-Kt2
16—Q-Kt4	Q-K2	35—R-KR	R-R
17—Kt-Kt5	R-K3	36—RxR	RxR
18—P-KB4	Kt-B	37—P-Kt4	R-KB
19—P-B5	KtxP		

C. F. Putney, Corvallis, Or.—Yes, send the problem. I may use it as a prize problem.

Ray LaFever, Bolliber Hotel, Lewiston, Idaho—Have referred your solution to Mr. Putney. Glad to hear from you.

GAME NO. 287.

("Ruy Lopez Opening.")

This is one time the world's champion had to own up that he was beaten fairly by a Philadelphian. Played in 1902. Mr. Martinez was at the time the best player in the city, champion of the Franklin Chess Club, and had won the George W. Childs Cup.

Martinez, white; Lasker, black.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1—P-K4	P-K4	24—Kt-B3	K-B2
2—Kt-KB3	Kt-QB3	25—B-Q4	RxRch
3—B-Kt5	Kt-B3	26—RxR	B-K3
4—O-O	KtxP	27—Kt-R2	B-Q7
5—P-Q4	B-K2	28—Kt-B2	R-Q6
6—Q-K2	Kt-Q3	29—R-K3	R-Q8ch
7—BxKt	KtPxB	30—R-K	RxRch
8—PxP	Kt-Kt2	31—KtxR	B-KB4
9—Kt-B3	O-O	32—K-B	K-K3
10—R-K	P-Q4	33—K-K2	K-Q4
11—PxPeP	BxP	34—Kt-Q3	B-K5
12—B-Kt5	Q-Q2	35—P-B3	B-KB4
13—QR-Q	Q-B4	36—K-Q2	B-Kt6
14—Q-K4	Kt-B4	37—K-K3	K-B5
15—QxQ	BxQ	38—Kt-Kt2ch	K-Kt6
16—Kt-Q4	B-Q3	39—Kt-Q3	K-B5
17—B-K3	KR-K	40—Kt-Kt2ch	K-Kt6
18—P-QR3	P-QR4	41—Kt-Q3	BxKtA
19—P-QKt4	PxP	42—KxB	B-K4
20—PxP	Kt-R5	43—B-Q4	P-R4
21—KtxKt	RxKt	44—BxB	PxB
22—P-QB3	P-B3	45—P-R4	Resigns
23—P-B3	R-R7		

A.—K-B5 or B-K4 would have led to a drawn game. The play selected proved disastrous.

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