ON POLITICAL IDEALS

William C. Wilkinson, L. LD., Writes the Third of the Series of

LETTERS TO YOUNG CITIZENS.

The Necessity of a Standard in Forming Judgments of Men.

STATESMEN OF THE PRESENT CENTURY

Your political ideal you may find in a statesman, in a State, or in some feature or condition, real or imaginary, in a State, conceived as admirable and desirable. The most attractive and therefore the most inspiring and controlling of all political ideals are those which are incarnate in men. Of these last alone let us here speak. Your choice of your ideal (whether in politics or elsewhere) will in part reflect your own present character and in part it will react powerfully to affect and conform your character. You will inevitably ever more and more like what you habitually contemplate and admire. Hence it is of the highest importance to you that you choose your ideal wisely.

Naturally, you will look first near you to find your ideal. Your ideal will very likely be some political leader of your own country and time. It may even not improbably be some political leader whom you have heard speak—perhaps one with whom you are personally acquainted. In such a case, you may hardly know that he is indeed your ideal; but your ideal he will be nevertheless, and all the more effectively that he is unconsciously such. You cannot do better than to arouse yourself, bring yourself up short, with the question, the challenge, who is, without my knowing it, or with, my political ideal? Then the further question: Is he worthy? Why worthy? Is he the worthiest? For no man is to be accounted worthy to occupy a place like that in your thoughts, your imaginations, unless he be the noblest type of political leader that exists. Only the worthiest is worthy. See to it that you shall have chosen the worthiest.

Do Not Be Dazzled by Nearness.

Now, of course, in order to make quite sure that you choose the worthiest, you need to have a wide range and variety of examples from which to choose. Enlarge therefore your horizon. Sweep round the farthest circuit that you can bring yourself to command. Read history and biography. Do not suffer yourself to be dazzled by nearness in the object you contemplate. Explore other times, other countries, than your own. Say to yourself, I will prefer those statesmen as candidates for enthronement in the kingdom of my imagination who have finished their career and whose character and achievements have undergone the test of time.

It will give breadth and scope to your view, it will give tone and life to your faculty, if you will read Plutarch's "Lives." That book is a great nurture for generous ideals in the soul. Antique, old-fashioned, obsolete, do you say? Antique, yes; obsolete, never. The form and the conditions of life have changed since those lives were lived, since those lives were written. But the essence of things does not change so easily. Human nature abides the same. And the spirit, the power of that ancient book of Plutarch's will never be out of date. He had a generous admiration of the generous, a sympathetic appreciation of that which was magnanimous and high, that will communicate itself by contagion to you.

The Necessity of a Stand.

But you will not go amiss to read any celebrated statesman's life. To do this, and to do it in a great many instances, is one of the best ways you can take of reading history. Be careful all the time to give your admiration only to what is truly admirable. Success will often tend to dazzle and bewilder you—to bribe your judgment, to confuse your conscience. You need a standard by which to form your estimates of men. This standard you must create for yourself. It will at length become your ideal. You will form it by combination and composition from many models. It will be better, at least, I think, fairer, purer, higher, more nearly perfect, than an individual model that you find existing in the actual world of men, living or dead.

You live in a century, now drawing to its close, which has been rich in remarkable statesmen. There are the Italian (Sardinian) Cavour, whose achievement was the unification and nationalization of Italy. His is a career worth your studying. There is Bismarck, whose work it was, more than any other one man's—though several remarkable men co-operated with him to the one great end—to produce out of the political disintegration that was Germany, the present colossal, overtopping German Empire. A mighty practical Cæsarist, Bismarck, in striking contrast to the statesmen of England and America.

The Career of Gladstone.

By the way, it is of the happiest omen for young America and young England that such a career unparalleled for length and hardly parallelled for pure and beneficent renown, as that of Gladstone, is even yet running, though necessarily now near to the finish, before their eyes. The brilliant contrast to him—for many years subsisting side by side—in Disraeli, affords the finest opportunity of studying Gladstone, with the advantage of a foil to set him off in his own peculiar character. The moral catastrophe that has apparently ended the great career in statesmanship that only a few months ago it looked as if Mr. Parnell was destined to achieve, teaches a pregnant lesson in the value of personal as affecting public character. His example signally shows how unsafe it is to take for your ideal statesman a man whose career is still unfinished. "Count no man happy till he dies" was the wisdom of the ancient proverb. Judge no man fit to stand for your ideal until death has put it beyond his power to prove himself unworthy.

Most happily for the young American citizen, he may ask, after wanderings many and wide in other centuries and other countries than his own, in quest of high example in patriotic statesmanship—the young American citizen may well, I say, return home to find models from which to make up his ideal, as noble as any to be met with elsewhere in all the world. It is a great, an incalculably great and precious heritage of pure and inspiring fame, to which, as an American, he was born. To name only two, where in the history of mankind are there to be found better names of patriot and statesman than are our own American Washington and Webster.

A Voice We Cannot Disregard.

But Abraham Lincoln, too, is a name that cries out in our ears with a voice which we cannot disregard. Read the life of Washington, read the many eulogies in which his transcendent virtues have been set forth and idolized, read his "Farewell Address" to his fellow-countrymen, and be proud, and glad, and thankful that you, too, are an American. Of the eulogies, too many to be named, I may mention the celebrated one of Edward Everett's, which that accomplished orator delivered in numerous places all over the Union, devoting the proceeds of his disinterested toil to the redemption of Mount Vernon from threatened decay, and the consecration of it for a national Mecca to reverent pilgrims from every quarter of the globe. Read the full two-volume life of Webster, by G. T. Curtis, and, above all, read the six volumes of Webster's speeches—or if not all these, then E. P. Whipple's selection from them, entitled "Webster's Great Speeches." Trust no defamation that you may meet of his memory, but know him himself, and his great works. Such a man is a treasure for you to help keep sacred. Suffer no one to rob you of it by false words spoken against his fame. Read Abraham Lincoln's inaugural address, his Gettysburg oration—comparable, and not inferior to the funeral oration of Pericles over the Athenian dead—these utterances, at least, of the martyr President, and then as many more of his speeches as you can.

Choose your political ideal highly, wisely, bravely, and may God make you yourself a political ideal to the future higher, wiser, braver, than any ideal you can choose!

WILLIAM C. WILKINSON.

TARRYTOWN, N. Y.

THE DISPATCH'S special correspondence from Europe brings a remarkable story of a Frenchman who claimed to be King of Patagonia and Araucania. He granted many titles that American belles who wish to marry noblemen must look out for. See tomorrow's issue.

HOW ONE-HALF LIVES.

A Wretched Case of Destitution on Pike Street—A Consumptive Woman and Half-Clothed Child Live in a Filthy Room—The Husband's Efforts to Make Ends Meet.

A small room, filthy with accumulations of dirt; on a broken-down bedstead a wretched woman, scarcely clothed and in the last stages of consumption; playing on the floor, a little 8-year-old girl, and laughing, though her pinched cheeks showed the want of proper nourishment.

This was the scene that Humane Society Agent O'Brien gazed upon yesterday, in a house in Pike street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets.

It was a case of destitution, and one which is, unfortunately, only too common in the city. The bread-winner of the family is Peter Ryan, who is employed at the Black Diamond Steel Works at the magnificent remuneration of $1 50 a day. From all accounts Ryan was a good worker and a steady man, and did all in his power to keep his family respectable, but fate or luck proved too much for him. His wife fell ill, and out of his scanty earnings he had to buy medical attendance and medicine. He did what he could to keep his room clean and his children neat, but could not always find time from his work to do so.

Added to his misery was an 11-year-old boy, who was incorrigible, and who tried to make his father's life as unendurable as possible. The rent of the room was $1 25 a week, and his wife's attendance cost Ryan about $5 a week, so that when he had paid these amounts he had not much left over for food.

The neighbors testify to the truthfulness of Ryan's statements. They say, however, that he might have cleaned out his room once in a while, or tried to dispose of the offensive odor which arose from it. Agent O'Brien will try to have the woman admitted to St. Francis' Hospital. The Department of Charities has been assisting the family for some time. It is believed that there are hundreds of such cases within sound of the City Hall bell which never find mention in print.

A SUIT FOR A FORTUNE.

Two Oil Men Who Would Like to Get Possession of $100,000.

James M. Guffey and Michael Murphy yesterday entered suit against Joseph Bushnell to recover $100,000. The money claimed is the value of oil alleged to have been obtained by Bushnell from wells on land to which Guffey and Murphy claim to possess the oil and gas rights. The land in question is in Monongalia county, W. Va. The land was owned by David Wise. In 1886 he leased it to William Hays, who, in turn, leased it to E. M. Hukill.

In 1888 Wise leased the oil and gas rights of the land to R. Calvert, and it was leased by him to Guffey and Murphy. Hukill, however, claimed the oil and gas rights, and drilled wells. The oil obtained was sold, and the proceeds placed to the credit of Bushnell as trustee. Guffey and Murphy last year brought suit in the Circuit Court of West Virginia for their rights to the land, and judgment was given in their favor. They now seek to recover from Bushnell the money obtained for the oil, which, they assert, belongs to them.

COL. FRANK A. BURR has been talking to one of Queen Victoria's Ladies in Waiting. In THE DISPATCH to-morrow he will tell all about the royal household.

A BIT OF NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE.

The Paper's Force Emigrate to Another Town When Burned Out.

MARQUETTE, Mich., Jan. 23.—A fire this evening completely destroyed the *Mining Journal* Company's plant and the woodworking shops of Hager & Johnson. The fire is now under control. The Ishpeming fire company arrived in time to assist in putting out the flames.

The *Mining Journal* force has emigrated in a body to Ishpeming, and will issue in the morning from the office of the *Lake Superior Democrat*. The force came on a special train from the South Shore Railroad before the flames reached the publishing house.

A WEEK'S DELAY AT LINCOLN.

The Supreme Court Renders a Decision in the Nebraska Contest.

LINCOLN, Jan. 23.—The joint convention of the Legislature to hear the election contest case met this morning, but at once took a recess until 2 P. M., when the decision of the Supreme Court on the legality of the proceedings will be formally delivered.

The court holds that the signatures of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to the concurrent resolution are necessary to make the acts of the joint convention valid. This will necessitate the passage of a new concurrent resolution, which will delay the hearing of the contest at least one week.

SHIRLEY DARE has been asked to help an able-bodied college graduate into fame. In THE DISPATCH to-morrow she tells the young man to "Root, Hog, or Die."

IOWA PROHIBITIONISTS.

They Meet to Strengthen Their Party and to Better Enforce the Law.

DES MOINES, Jan. 23.—The Iowa State Prohibition Conference, under the joint auspices of the National and State Committees, opened here to-day with a large attendance of delegates.

The convention will take measures in the direction of strengthening the party machinery, and will also suggest methods for a stringent enforcement of the law and a prosecution to the end of all the violators.

A YOUNG COUNTESS ABDUCTED.

The Deed Was Done by a Woman for the Sake of Revenge.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—It is stated here that Count George Szirmoy, of Austro-Hungary, has been in this city three weeks hunting vainly for his 17-year-old daughter, who was stolen from a convent abroad by a woman who thus sought revenge.

Traces of the young Countess have been found in the low dens of Thompson street, where it is believed her abductor placed her, but the girl cannot be found.

False Economy.

Is practiced by many people who buy inferior articles of food because cheaper than standard goods. Surely infants are entitled to the best food obtainable. It is a fact that the Gail Borden Eagle brand condensed milk is the best infant food. Your grocer keeps it. S

LAGER BEER—Nourishing, refreshing. Try ours. Iron City Brewery. 'Phone 1186.

B. & B.

Remnant sale continued to-day and this evening. BOGGS & BUHL.

$1 00—Until May 1—$3 50.

12 cabinet photos or one life size crayon for $3 50 at Aufrecht's Elite Gallery, 516 Market street, Pittsburg. Use elevator.

FIVE IN THE MESHES.

A Police Net Catches a Quintet of Wholesale Liquor Dealers

WHO DISOBEYED THE BROOKS LAW

Deputy Coroner Berry Scores the First Point in His Fight for Fees.

YESTERDAY IN THE COUNTY COURTS

In the Criminal Court yesterday William Ward, John Lohrman, Patrick Lyons, Valentine Trapp, John Poppies and William Amend, the Southside liquor dealers who were prosecuted by order of the Department of Public Safety for violating the liquor laws, appeared in court, and entered a plea of guilty. Barney McGinnis, who was also indicted for the same offense, stood trial, and was found not guilty.

George Deardorf, Register of the Twelfth ward, Allegheny, was tried, and found guilty of misdemeanor in office. The charges were that Deardorf neglected to register two voters of the First district, Twelfth ward, in November, 1890.

Coleman Joyce, Dedley Malia and Michael Welsh were found guilty of assault and battery on William McChesney.

JUST ONE POINT GAINED

By Deputy Coroner Berry, in His Fight for Fees.

Judge Slagle yesterday handed down an opinion granting Deputy Coroner Berry's petition for a writ of alternative mandamus on County Controller Grier to compel him to pay the deputy coroner his salary. In the opinion, Judge Slagle does not decide the questions raised on either side of the case, stating that there are questions that cannot well be properly determined except on the return of the writ, and which were not argued on the hearing of the application for the rule.

The Court desires to hear the counsel fully on the effect of article 14 of the Constitution of March 31, 1876, relating to the salaries of officers and their deputys and clerks. The petition is made returnable on Saturday, January 31, at 11 A. M.

EMINENT LAWYERS ENGAGED

In a Tilt in the United States District Court Yesterday.

The Bear Trap dam case was up for argument before Judge Acheson, in the United States District Court, yesterday. The case is that of exceptions taken to the report of the Master, S. H. Shannon. W. L. Pierce opened the argument for the complainant, and was followed by Judge W. P. Jenks for the defendant.

The argument will be continued to-day, when Hon. George A. Jenks will argue for the defense, and Mr. Bakewell for the plaintiff.

More Trouble for Eddie Myers.

An execution was issued yesterday by Elliott S. Thomas, against James Edwin Myers, the young convicted murderer, for $572 25.

TO BE TRIED NEXT WEEK.

List of Cases That Are Billed to Come Up Shortly.

The following is the list of persons to be tried in Criminal Court next week:

Steven Rodner et al, Andy Todd et al, Joseph Winter, Mary Kilcullen (2), H. R. McPherson, Michael Liston, William H. Sherman, Solomon R. Selig, alias Jacob Langsdon, Ernest Reichenbach, Julius Collires, H. D. Trax, Charles Morgan, Joseph Sweeny, Allegheny and New Brighton Turnpike Company, Louis Bender, Michael McGiven, John Milten, Michael Joyce, James Kearney, Michael Connelly, William Busch, Margaret Curry, Nancy Poorman, Margaret Flaherty, Margaret Hanlon, John Hagan, Bridget McDonough, Jane Passmore, Annie Kuer, Charles Cook, J. C. Brosi, Frank John Kopske, James Oliffe (2), Daniel Schaffer et al, William Woful, H. J. Smith, John Beuckhert, Charles Seitz, Frank Poplick, Patrick Long.

To-Day's Trial Lists.

Criminal Court—Surety and desertion cases—Commonwealth vs W. H. Anderson, John Grey, Julius Gertersan, Herman Bergman, John Civil, Cornelius Connell, George H. Clowes, Charles Jones, Henry Renziehausen, James Sheridan.

Little Briefs From the Courts.

THE jury is out in the case of Minnie Ludwig vs. Casper Leff, an action to recover for furniture purchased.

AN execution was iss ued yesterday by A. J. Taggert for use of J. M. Porter against Solomon R. Thompson for $12,200.

IN the suit of E. M. Hirsch vs. the McKinney Manufacturing Company, an action on a contract, a verdict was rendered yesterday for the defendant.

A VERDICT for $100 for the plaintiff was given yesterday in the suit of J. W. Anderson & Co. for use against House & Co. The case was for an action on contract.

A NON-SUIT was allowed against the plaintiff yesterday in the case of Albert Standard vs. the Citizens' Traction Company. The action was to recover damages for the death of a child.

F. MARION CRAWFORD'S story, "The Witch of Prague," is already attracting attention. Second installment with a synopsis of the first in THE DISPATCH to-morrow.

SMASHED BY A WILD ENGINE.

A Baggage Car Broken Into Fragments and Several Men Injured.

PORTLAND, ME., Jan. 23.—The local train leaving Portland this morning for Biddeford, on the Western Division of the Boston and Maine Railroad, was run into in the rear by a wild engine from Portland at Scarboro Beach station. There was a dense fog and the engineer of the wild engine saw neither the train nor the signals.

A half dozen people were more or less injured. Those badly injured are: W. H. Swazy, baggage master, probably fatally; Fairfield Tuttle, car inspector, and C. F. Foster, foreman of the wild engine. The baggage car was on the rear of the train, and this was badly smashed. The passengers were frightened and shaken up, and two women were slightly injured.

THE RACE OF TWO RAILROADS.

They Build Parallel Tracks and Engage in a Litigation War.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 23.—For many months two roads have been racing against each other, building parallel lines to the sea at Gray's Harbor, Wash. One was by the Northern Pacific and the other by G. W. Hunt. Yesterday the Northern Pacific scored a point by attaching Hunt's roadbed and all of his tools and material for a claim of $300,000.

The Hunt officials assert that suit was brought to annoy them, and that Hunt has raised enough money, by sale of bonds, to complete the road. The Northern Pacific men say Hunt cannot raise the money, and that they are simply protecting themselves by bringing the attachment suit.

BRAZIL'S NEW CABINET.

The Ministries of Public Instruction and Posts Have Been Dropped.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 23.—A new Ministry has been formed. It is constituted as follows: Senhor Uchoa, President, without a portfolio; Senhor Cavalcante, Minister of the Interior; Senhor Chermont, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Senhor Araripa, Minister of Finance; Senhor Frota, Minister of War; Senhor Vidal, Minister of Marine; Senhor Brazil, Minister of Justice; Senhor Lucena, Minister of Public Works.

The Ministry of Public Instruction and the Ministry of Posts have been abolished.

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The Pittsburg Chess Club meets at the Pittsburg Library, Penn avenue.

The Allegheny Chess Club meets at Dr. Miller's Hall, North avenue, every Monday evening.

PROBLEM NO. 26.

Composed for The Dispatch.

BY C. D. F. HAMILTON.

Black: 5 pieces.

White: 6 pieces.
White mates in two moves.

SOLUTIONS.

The key to Problem No. 21 is R to Q R 6. If PxKt, R Q 1. If KxR, Q B 4. If B B 4, Q Kt 8 ch, etc.

THE GUNSBERG-STEINITZ MATCH.

TENTH GAME.

XXVII.—Giuoco Piano.

White. Gunsberg.	Black. Steinitz.			
1. P K 4	P K 4	22. K Kt 2	P R 5	
2. Kt K B 3	Kt Q B 3	23. K R 2	Q Kt 4	
3. B B 4	B B 4	24. P B 4	Q B 3	
4. P Q 3	Kt B 3	25. Q R Q B	K R Q 2	
5. P B 3	P Q 3	26. R B 3	Q Kt 2	
6. Q Kt Q2(a)	Kt K 2	27. R K Kt	Q K B 3	
7. Kt B	P B 3	28. Kt B	R Q 8	
8. Q K 2	Castles	29. Q K 2	P x P ch	
9. P K R 3	P Q 4	30. P x P	R R 8	
10. R Kt 3	Kt Kt 3	31. K Kt Q2(b)	Q Kt 4	
11. P Kt 3	P x P	32. R K B 3	Kt B 3	
12. P x P	B K 3	33. R Q 3	R x R	
13. Kt Kt 5	B x B	34. Q x R	Kt B	
14. P x B	Q Q 2	35. Q K 2	Q Kt 3	
15. B K 3	B x B	36. R Kt 2	R K 3	
16. Q x B	P Kt 3	37. R K 2	Kt Q 5 (c)	
17. Kt Q 2	P B 4	38. R B 2	R R 7	
18. Kt(Kt5)B3	Q R Q	39. Kt B 3	Kt x Kt ch	
19. Kt B 4	R K R	40. Q x Kt	Q x P	
20. Q Kt Q 2	R K 2	41. Q x Q	R x Q	
21. K B	P K R 4	42. R K 2	Kt Kt 4	
		43. K Kt 2	Kt K 3	
		44. Resigns		

NOTES.

(a) B K 3 followed by Q K 2 or Q B 2 would have been much better. The game is not well played by Mr. Gunsberg.

(b) Both players observe that Kt K 3 would have been decidedly better. Mr. Steinitz suggests the following continuation as probable: 31 x x, Kt (Kt 3) B 5; 32 Q B 2 best, (if 32 PxKt, QxP ch; 33 K Kt 2 best, Q Kt 6 ch; followed by QxP ch, winning in a few moves), RxR; 33 KxR, Kt Q 6; and though black will win a pawn, white can make an excellent fight of it by exchanging queens and playing his knight to Q 5.

(c) Mr. Steinitz states that he has now accomplished his purpose of forming a powerful attack in the center, which places the adverse isolated pawns at his mercy.

ELEVENTH GAME.

XXVIII.—Zukertort's Opening.

White. Steinitz.	Black. Gunsberg.			
1. Kt K B 3	P Q 4	16. B B 3	B x B	
2. P Q 4	Kt K B 3	17. Kt x B	B Kt 3	
3. P K 3	P K 3	18. P Q Kt 4	P Q R 3	
4. P B 4	B K 2	19. P Q R 4	K R Q	
5. Kt B 3	Castles	20. P B 3	K B	
6. B Q 3	P B 4	21. Q R 3	P R 3	
7. B P x P	B P x P	22. K B 2	K R B	
8. Kt x P	Kt x P	23. P Kt 5	B Q 2	
9. Kt x Kt	Q x Kt	24. R x R ch	R x R	
10. Castles	Kt B 4	25. P x P	P x P	
11. Kt x Kt	Q x Kt	26. P R 5	B Kt 4	
12. B Q 2	B B 3	27. R x B	P x B	
13. Q Kt 3	B Q 2	28. K Kt 3	R Kt 1	
14. K R B	Q R 5	Drawn game.		
15. Q x Q	B x Q			

TWELFTH GAME.

XXIX—Evans Gambit.

White. Gunsberg.	Black. Steinitz.			
1. P K 4	P K 4	14. P Q 6	B x P	
2. Kt K B 3	Kt Q B 3	15. Kt Kt 6	R Kt	
3. B B 4	B B 4	16. Q x R P	Kt Kt 5 (a)	
4. P Q Kt 4	B x P	17. Kt R4(b)	Kt K 3 (c)	
5. P Q B 3	P K 4	18. R x Kt	Kt x R	
6. Castles	Q B 3	19. K R Q	Kt K 3 (d)	
7. P Q 4	Kt K 3	20. Kt B 5	B B 2	
8. B K Kt 5	Q Q 3	21. Kt R 8	R x Kt (e)	
9. P Q 5	Kt Q	22. Q x R	Q Kt 1	
10. Q R 4	B Kt 3	23. R x Q P ch	K x R	
11. Kt K 3	P Q B 3	(f)		
12. B K 2	B R 2	24. R Q 1 ch	Resigns. (g)	
13. Kt B 4	Q B			

NOTES BY W. STEINITZ.

(a) In the cable match Steinitz played here Kt K 3, and then remarked that Kt Kt sq was his best move at this juncture. The text move was an ill-considered deviation which gives white at once a strong attack and allows him to bring his minor pieces to bear against the adverse K side.

(b) An excellent move.

(c) If 17, Kt B 3; 18 BxKt, PxB; 19 Kt B 5, Kt K 3; 20 K R Q sq, B B 2; 21 Kt R 6, and the position is similar to that which actually occurred.

(d) White threatened KtxB ch, followed by taking the other B with the Kt, and either of the Rs to Q sq with a winning game. If 19, Kt xP; 20 K R Q sq, B B 2; 21 KtxB, RxKt; 22 Qx P, K Q sq; 23 Q x P and wins.

(e) If 21, K Q sq; 22 KtxB, KxKt; 23 Kt Q 6, followed by Q R Kt sq and wins.

(f) A fine and powerful move which settles the game.

(g) For after 24, B Q 3, which was the only defence, white would proceed with Q Kt 8 winning easily. If 24 Kt Q 5; 25 PxKt, K K 3; 26 Kt Q 6 dis. ch. and wins; for if KxKt, white answers Q R 3 ch. and mates next move.

THIRTEENTH GAME.

XXX.—Zukertort's Opening.

White. Steinitz.	Black. Gunsberg.			
1. Kt K B 3	Kt K B 3	21. Q x Kt 4	Q K 3	
2. P Q 4	P K 3	22. Kt B 4	Q K 5	
3. P K 3	B Kt 5 ch(a)	23. Kt R 5	Kt Q 2	
4. P B 3	B K 2	24. Q R 6 (j)	Q K (k)	
5. B x 2	Castles	25. R B 3	B Kt 4	
6. Castles	P Q 4	26. K R (l)	Kt B 3 (m)	
7. P Q B 4	P Q Kt 3 (c)	27. Kt x Kt ch	P x Kt (n)	
8. Kt B 3	B Kt 2	28. Q Kt 7	Q Kt 3	
9. P x P (d)	P x P	29. Q Q 7	K R	
10. Kt K 5	K Kt Q 2	30. B K 7	R K Kt (o)	
11. P K R 4	Kt x Kt (e)	31. Q x B P	Q R Q B	
12. B P x Kt	P Q B 3 (f)	32. Q x P	R Kt 2	
13. B Q 2 (g)	B R 3 (h)	33. B Kt 4	Q Q 6	
14. B x B	Kt x B	34. Q B 3	R B 7	
15. Q K 4	Kt K 4	35. B B 3	R K 2	
16. Q R B	P B 3	36. P K 4 (p)	Q x P	
17. P x P	B x P	37. P Q 5	Q Kt 3	
18. Kt K 2	R K	38. R Kt 3	R K B 2	
19. K R 3	Q K 2 (i)	39. P Q 6 (q)	P K R 3	
20. Q R B	B Q B	40. P R 4 (r)	Resigns	

NOTES BY W. STEINITZ.

(a) There is hardly any time lost by this odd move unless, perhaps, white in reply should decide to interpose Q Kt Q 2.

(b) White did not advance P Q B 4 because black had not advanced his Q P, and in such a situation black might have answered B Kt 5 ch. and if white's K Kt then interposed he could have captured the Kt and created a double pawn. Black, after this, might proceed according to Winawer's tactics, refraining carefully from advancing P Q 4, and playing for an ending in which the two Kts would have the advantage because of white's being saddled with that double pawn.

(c) Most of the European masters adopt this turn into the Fianchetto di Donna in this opening, but I have never looked upon it with favor.

(d) In my own opinion best, though most of the experts, including Zuckertort, usually played here P Q Kt 3, followed by B Kt 2.

(e) Hardly advisable, and, under the circumstances, Q KtxQ 2, followed by RxK sq and Kt xK t sq was probably his best play.

(f) Preparing for his next offer of an exchange, and also preventing PxK 4, and PxQ 5 eventually.

(g) As white sees that the adversary enters on exchanging plan, he simply prepares an attack on the Q side and brings the rooks into communication. Obviously BxQ 3, which looks a good move, would only have lost time.

(h) This was now black's best plan undoubtedly, for if Kt R 3 instead, white would have opened a tremendous attack by BxQ 3, which he could well back up ultimately with the doubled rooks on the K B file, and those rooks could afterward be brought accordingly to the Kt's file or rook's file.

(i) If 21, PxB 4; 22, QxKt 3, RxQ sq; PxP, PxP; 24, KtxB 4, and clearly black dare not take the B on account of the rejoinder. KtxP, and both his center pawns will become weak and must fall in the end.

(j) Better than 24 RxQ B sq, on account of the continuation, 24, PxKt 4; 25 QxR 6, BxP; with the advantage.

(k) Whereas now, if 24, BxP. 25 PxB, QxP ch; 26 KxR sq, QxB; 27 QxKt 7, QxQ, 8; 28 RxB7, with a winning game.

(l) In order to prepare in case black should take the KP with his B.

(m) Perhaps the best defence was BxR 3, followed by KtxB sq.

(n) Absolutely necessary. If 27, BxKt; 28 RxB, PxR; 29 QxKt 7, followed by KxKt 3 in reply to QxKt 3 (the only move) and wins.

(o) He had hardly anything better, and this opens to him some prospect of attack against the K side.

(p) The best way of getting rid of the adverse attack, as white had sufficient to win in the ending, and the K P could not be saved anyhow.

(q) Obviously, if 39 RxB, QxR; 40 BxP ch, KxB; and wins, for clearly white cannot retake twice on account of the mate ultimately pending by RxB 8.

(r) The text move wins a piece with an overwhelming attack.

FOURTEENTH GAME.

XXXI.—Evans Gambit.

White. Gunsberg.	Black. Steinitz.			
1. P K 4	P K 4	18. B Kt 5 (k)	P K B 4 (l)	
2. Kt K B 3	Kt Q B 3	19. Q R 4	P B 3	
3. B B 4	B B 4	20. B Q 3	Q Q 1	
4. P Q Kt 4	B x P	21. Q B 2	P Kt 4 (m)	
5. P B 3	B K 4	22. K R 1	B Kt 2	
6. Castles	P Q 3	23. P K 4	P Q R 4	
7. P Q 4	P K R 3 (a)	24. R K 1	P Kt 5 (n)	
8. B Kt 5 (b)	B Kt K 2	25. P x P	B x P	
9. B R 3 (c)	P x P (d)	26. R x B	R x B	
10. P K 5 (e)	Q K 3	27. R x Kt	P x R (o)	
11. P x P	B Kt 5 (f)	28. R x B P (p)	K t x R	
12. B Kt 2 (g)	P Q 4	29. Q x R	K t x Q P	
13. Q Kt B 3	Castles	30. B x K t K t	B x K t	
14. Kt K 2	Kt Kt 3	31. Q K 6 ch	K R 1	
15. Q Kt 3	B R 4 (h)	32. R Q 1	B R 6	
16. Kt K 1	Q Kt K 2	33. R x P	Q Q Kt	
17. P K B 4	Q Kt 3 (i)	Drawn game.		

NOTES BY W. STEINITZ.

(a) Perhaps the safest plan, considering black's last move.

(b) If 8 Q Kt 3, black intended to play 8; K Kt K 2; 9 PxP KtxP; 10 KtxKt QxKt; 11 BxP ch, K Q; with an excellent game, though the pawns are even.

(c) Of course this prevents black from castling for a little while, as in that case white would answer K BxQ Kt, thereby winning a pawn.

(d) B Kt 3 was preferable.

(e) Though black dare not take that pawn on account of the ultimate R K sq, it was far better to retake the pawn at once and leave the center pawns standing abreast, with the option of advancing either later on.

(f) Hardly a good move.

(g) White could have won a pawn here by 12 B Kt, B B (of course if 12 KtxB; 13 P Q 5 with a winning attack); 13 P Q 5 recovering the pawn with a good game.

(h) If 15 B Kt 3, white would probably have answered Kt Q 2.

(i) P K B 4 at once was superior.

(k) A very fine rejoinder, which gives white the pull in a precarious looking position.

(l) If 18, P Q B 3; 19 B Q 3, Q xts Q; 20 P txs Q, threatening B txs Kt as well as P B 5 with an excellent game.

(m) Manouvering with the pawns on the Q side was not advisable. The next move weakens the Q B P, and although there is apparently no danger at present, it is a source of trouble at a later stage.

(n) Instead of this, black would have done better to play Q K sq.

(o) Black could again have improved his position here by Q K sq.

(p) White must have looked far ahead before taking this pawn, for in several ways his game looked dangerous after this; but on examination it will be found that his position remains sound.

(q) Probably better than 33, Q R 5; 34, Kt Kt 2, Q R 4; 35, Q B 6, R Q Kt; 36, Q x B, R Kt 8 ch; 37 Kt K R x Kt ch (black has no time for Q K 7, as white would mate in a few moves, commencing with Q B 8 ch); 38, Q x R, Q B 6 ch, and white's K has more freedom, although by best play it would also end in a draw.

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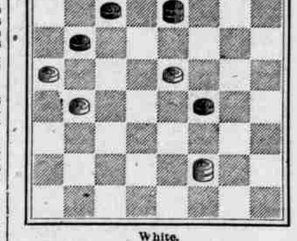
Black.



White.

Black to move and white to draw.

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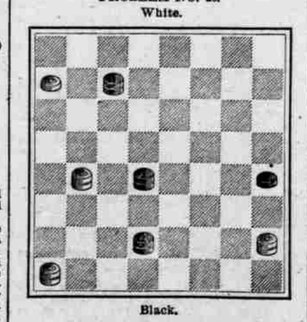
BY ZACK BROGAN.

I sat within my chamber last night late—
That's near enough to tell the date;
Of Checkers Time's no necessary trait
In my cognition;
I sat there scratching sore my pate
O'er this position:

PROBLEM NO. 26.

White.



Black.

Black to move and win.

15—11	5—9	22—16	7—2	2—6	11—8!
16—19	17—22	6—1	1—5	5—1	B-wins
13—17	9—6				

I have a fancy for archaic hoard;
And so—front to my checker board,
Mid bric-a-brac antiques my means afford—
A glass-eyed mummy
Stood up, in ceraments well stored,
A gem-eyed dummy.

Intent upon presenting in best style
My prob's ideal winning wile,
Forgotten was this ancient from the Nile,
Till upward gazing
I thought its visage seemed to smile—
Mock me amazing!

Then accents in the olden Coptic tongue
(As though the phonograph then sang)
Upon my startled tensioned hearing rung:
"Osiris! Horus!
That old familiar theme is flung
In draughts before us.

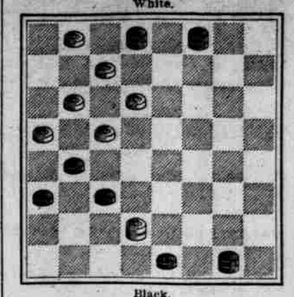
That Thoth-dinged chestnut last by me was seen
When Ramses sprung it on our keen,
Good Amenhotep, who to draughts is green
As Khita fighting!
Come, show a prob, some Kykahos queen
No'er solved—delighting!"

These sneers my self-conceit could not endure:
A fresh enigma, more obscure,
I fixed upon the board, while feeling sure
"Twould puzzle him;
That air I-know-it-all would cure
And muzzle him!

Meanwhile: "In vain these crystals in my eyes
On optic nerves did focalize,
Until your probs, my consciousness apprise
Of old sensation:
That law of all remembrance—I surmise—
Association!"

"Perhaps in Sphynxdom this was often tried!"
I pointed to the board and cried,

White.



Black.

Black to move and win.

30—26	7—3	2—7	3—10	11—15	Black wins.

"Great Ra!" the dried Egyptian draughtser sighed,
In tone which woke—myself and pride;
My eyes enclosing
Revealed a fact I could not hide—
I'd been a-dozing.

—*Derry News.*

GAME NO. 36—SECOND DOUBLE CORNER.

Played in Pittsburg, between J. Mulholland and G. W. Tracy, of Kinderhook, N. Y. Contributed to DISPATCH by G. W. Tracy, with notes. Mulholland's move.

11—15	18—14	12—16	27—32	11—16	25—21a
24—19	10—17	26—23	16—20	24—19	5—9b
15—24	21—14	4—8	32—27	3—7	14—5
28—19	9—18	31—27	7—11	26—22	7—11
8—11	23—14