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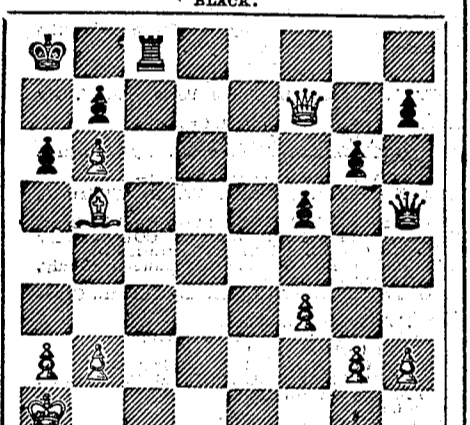
Answers to Correspondents. "J. E."—Letter received. The problem will, of course, receive attention.

DEATH OF PROFESSOR VETHAKE.—Another king of Chess has fallen before that redoubtable player, to whom all must yield at last. Within a few days Professor Vetthake has passed away, who was so long known as one of the most powerful Chess players in this country, and well worthy to encounter any antagonist that the world had till then produced.

When we first remember the play of Mr. Vetthake, now twenty years ago, he stood in the very front of that numerous band of strong players of which Philadelphia at that time could boast; and very few there were indeed, to whom he was not accustomed to give heavy odds. In fact, it was a subject of some complaint, that the Professor clung with too much tenacity to this mark of superiority, and failed to yield in face of the fact that his superiority had become doubtful. The character of the Professor's play was careful and deliberate, without being unscientifically slow, and his combinations so uniformly justified his reputation by their effectiveness, that no lover of the game could weary of his deliberation. It was our good fortune to sit and watch his contests with nearly all of those who were then known in Philadelphia as good Chess players, or who reached that reputation later. And those who shared this opportunity with us will gladly join us in recalling those old days when Mr. Vetthake was in his full strength, and day after day the Chess-room of the Athenaeum was the scene of vigorous and brilliant play. Mr. Vetthake himself, indeed, did not play very frequently, for his academic duties afforded him little opportunity; but his arrival invariably created a stir of pleasure and expectation.

For ten years past and more, declining health and the pressure of duties had caused him to abstain from his favorite recreation, so that to Chess players his loss is more a memory than a present grief. Professor Vetthake is made the subject of a very interesting sketch in Professor Allen's admirable paper on Chess in Philadelphia, published in the "Book of the Chess Congress," in 1859, which we shall re-publish next week, together with one or more specimens of Professor Vetthake's play.

Problem No. 467. BY MR. BODIN. BLACK.



White to play and mate in six moves. Solution to No. 465. WHITE TO PLAY. 1. K to K5 (ch) K to R (ch) 2. K to R6 K to R (ch) 3. P x Kt R x P 4. P to K7 (ch) R x P 5. P Queen (ch) K to Kt sq 6. Q to B6 (ch), and mates next move.

Solution to No. 466. WHITE TO PLAY. 1. K to Q6 (ch) Q x Kt (A) 2. Q to R6 (ch) K x Q 3. B mates.

Solution to End-Game No. 48. (What did Mr. Cochran promise himself by this sacrifice?) 1. Q to K7 (ch) R x Q 2. P x R (Kt's) (ch) R to R2 3. P x R (Kt's) (ch) B x Kt 4. R to B7 (ch) and draws.

CHESS IN PHILADELPHIA. Game No. 1537.

Between Mr. J. C. Warner, giving pawn and two moves, and Mr. E. L. Bodin. (Remove Black's King's Bishop's Pawn.) WH. (MR. BODIN.) BL. (MR. WARNER.) 1. P to K4 P to K3 2. P to Q4 P to Q4 3. P to K4 B to Kt B 4. K to Kt B K to R 5. B to Kt B K to R 6. B x Kt R x P 7. K x P B to R 8. Q to R5 (ch) K to R 9. Q to R6 K to R 10. K to B3 B to Kt 11. Q to Kt5 Castles 12. P to K5 K to Q 13. K to Kt2 B to Kt 14. K x Kt B x Kt 15. Q to Kt3 R to B's sq 16. P to B3 P to Q3 17. (This is the best play, and causes a disruption in White's game.) 17. P x P Q to K4 18. Q to K3 P to K4 19. P to Q4 P to B5 20. P to Q Kt4 K to R 21. Q to Kt (ch) K to R 22. P to Q7 R x P (ch) 23. K x B Q x Kt (ch) 24. Q to B2 K to Q5 (ch) 25. K to B3 K to B7 26. R to Q Kt sq. Mate in four moves.

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Between Mr. Jacob Elson and Mr. Littleton. (Evans' Gambit.) WH. (MR. ELSON.) BL. (MR. LITTLETON.) 1. P to K4 P to K4 2. K to B3 B to B3 3. B to B4 P to B3 4. P to Q Kt4 B x Q Kt P 5. P to B3 B to R4 6. Castles K to B7 7. P to Q4 K to K2 8. P to Q5 K to K2 9. K x B K x R P 10. Q to B3 K to B3 11. B to Kt5 K to Kt3 12. K to K4 P x K

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Fifteenth game of the match, (French Opening.) WH. (MR. STEINITZ.) BL. (MR. BIRD.) 1. P to K4 P to K3 2. P to Q4 P to Q4 3. K to B3 K to B3 4. B to Kt5 B to Kt 5. P x P P x P 6. B to R3 Castles 7. Kt to B3 K to Kt3 8. Castles K to Kt3 9. Kt to R2 K to B4 10. P to Q3 P to K B sq 11. Kt to K B4 Q to Q3 12. P to K R3 P to K Kt4 13. P to K R3 P to K Kt4 14. K x Q P P x Kt 15. P x B P x P 16. P x Kt B x B 17. B to K2 B to Q3 18. B to K Kt B to Kt3 19. Q to K2 Q to R2 20. Q to R sq K to Kt sq 21. P to Q B4 Q to R Kt 22. Q to R sq Q to R B5 23. P to Q B5 B x B 24. P x Kt B x Q B P 25. Q to Kt P P to K4 26. P to Q B8 Q to Kt6 (ch) 27. Q to Q4 Q to B6 (ch) 28. K to R sq Q to B5 (ch) 29. Q to R2 Q to B5 (ch) (If 30. B to Q3 (ch), then 31. B to B, &c.) 31. K to R sq P x B 32. K to R2 Q to B5 (ch) Draw game.

Game No. 1541.

Between Messrs. Staunton and Cochrane. (Sicilian Opening.) W. (MR. COCHRANE.) B. (MR. STAUNTON.) 1. P to K4 P to Q B4 2. B to B4 P to K4 3. P to B3 Q to Kt B 4. K to Kt B3 P to Kt4 5. Castles P x P 6. P to Q4 R x P 7. P to Q sq K to R 8. P x P P x P 9. K x Kt Q to Kt3 10. K to R sq B x Kt 11. P to B3 P x B 12. B to R3 P to K2 13. B to R3 R to Kt3 14. P to K5 P x P 15. Q to Q6 P to R4 16. Q to Q6 P to Kt3 17. Q to B7 P to Kt2 18. B to Kt5 P to Q R3 19. Q to R K sq (What did Mr. Cochrane promise himself by this sacrifice?) 19. P x B, and wins.

Game No. 1542.

Between the same players, (Sicilian Opening.) W. (MR. COCHRANE.) B. (MR. STAUNTON.) (Moves 1 to 12, as before.) 13. P to Kt3 (Certainly an improvement on White's play in the previous play.) 14. B x Q P P to Q4 15. Q to R5 B x R 16. Q x P (ch) K to Q sq 17. B to R3 R to K sq 18. P to R sq P to K7 19. B to B6 (ch) B x R Mate in four moves.

CHESS IN GERMANY. Game No. 1543.

Between Messrs. v. d. Lasa and Jaenisch. (King's Gambit Evaded.) WH. (V. D. LASA.) BL. (MR. JAENISCH.) 1. P to K4 P to K4 2. P to Q4 P to B4 3. K to Kt B3 P to Kt B 4. P to B3 K to R 5. P x P B x P 6. P to Q4 Q to Kt3 10. K to R sq B x Kt 11. P to B3 P x B 12. B to R3 P to K2 13. B to R3 R to Kt3 14. P to K5 P x P 15. Q to Q6 P to R4 16. Q to Q6 P to Kt3 17. Q to B7 P to Kt2 18. B to Kt5 P to Q R3 19. Q to R K sq (What did Mr. Cochrane promise himself by this sacrifice?) 19. P x B, and