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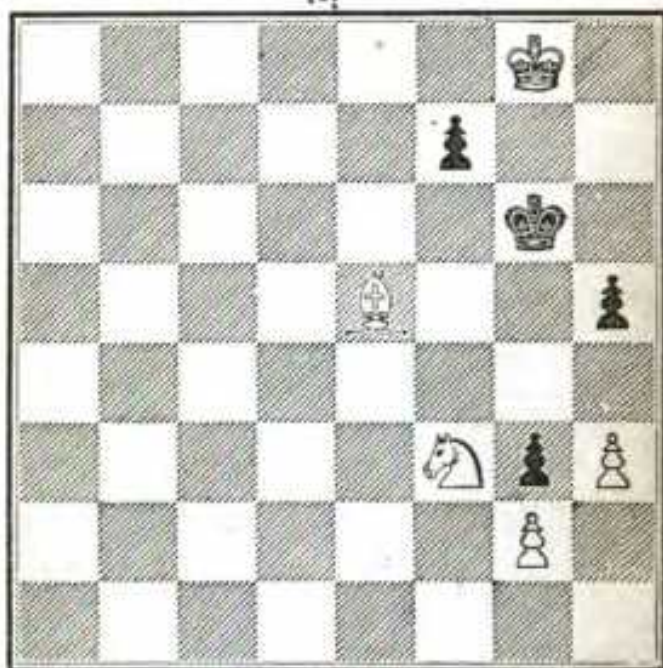
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**Chess Problem.**



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THIS elementary Manual of "the nice and abstruse Game" of Chess, though complete in itself, forms one of a series of Manuals of Utility. I willingly accepted the task of its preparation, and felt some degree of gratification in writing about a Game which has happily occupied me many a leisure hour, and enabled me pleasantly "to ease the pain of coward thought."

This Game, as an intellectual amusement, would alone be sufficient to recommend its study; but the frequent opportunities all can now enjoy of meeting with the many fine players resident in London, is an additional inducement to know something of an art which the philosopher and scholar delight to practise.

I am much gratified to learn, from good authority, that Chess is on the increase among the middle classes of society; and to assist in so praiseworthy a diffusion of its delights is one of the objects of this little work.

Within its compass I have included all that is necessary for the beginner to learn; and should he feel inclined to "drink deep" of the mysteries of Chess, I have referred, in the course of the work, to Treatises well worth his study.

In recommendation of this Manual I can safely assert, that it contains more than any publication of the same dimensions, and is cheaper than any yet produced. The Problems contained herein, as also one of the "Games actually played," are original, and have never been published. For these contributions, I return my sincerest thanks to Messrs. Horwitz, Kling, and Kuiper.

These kindnesses, together with the recollection of many happy hours passed with Chess and Chess-players, warrant me in blessing the day when first I learned the moves.



I cannot better conclude than with the following "L'Envoy" to an old poem (N. Breton, 1638):—

"Then rule with care and quick conceit,  
And fight with knowledge, as with force ;  
So beare a braine, to dash deceit,  
And worke with reason and remorse :  
    Forgive a fault when young men plaie,  
    So give a mate, and go your way.

And when you plaie, beware of checke,  
Know how to save and give a neck ;  
And with a checke beware of mate ;  
But checke ware had I wist too late :  
    Lose not the Queene, for ten to one,  
    If she be lost, the game is gone."

C. K.



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