NORMANNAHEIMEN

A DIPLOMAT'S VISIT

Gustaf de Strale Finds Much in the Northwest to Interest Him.

ENJOYS A HUNT FOR BIG GAME

Thinks Relations Between Sweden and Norway Sure to Become More Friendly.

Gustaf de Strale, "kammerherre" or chamberlain to King Oscar, and secretary of the Swedish-Norwegian legation at Washington, has been visiting in the twin cities and Minnesota for about a fortnight, and has found his trip one of the pleasantest of his varied experiences in many lands. He came to Minnesota primarily to hunt deer and other big game, and being a keep sportsman, he enjoyed to the utmost the hunt arranged in his honor by Consul E. H. Hobe in the wilds of St. Louis county. Since returning from the famous hunt he has become acquainted with the social life of the west and has enjoyed himself fully as thoroughly as when stalking moose through the pine slashings.

To a Journal reporter Mr. de Strale expressed himself as much pleased with the west, and he admitted that his views had materially changed since coming here and seeing things for himself. It was a source of gratification to him to learn what an important share the people from the Scandinavian countries had in the development of this great industrial empire. Like a true diplomat he rather evaded an interview. Regarding the relations between Sweden and Norway, he said it would be improper for him to enter into a public discussion. Said he:

In Washington I am as much the representative of Norway as of Sweden and I must maintain a strict impartiality.

It must be apparent to all that a much friendlier and healthier feeling has grown up in recent years and all differences, if any there be, will doubtless be amicably and honorably adjusted.

The relations between the United States and the two kingdoms are and have been particularly happy. A small country has naturally much more to ask than a larger one and we are invariably treated with the utmost courtesy by Secretary Hay and the state department officials.

Kammerherre de Strale has been in the diplomatic service since 1887. Before going to Washington he held positions with the Norwegian legations at London, Paris, St. Petersburg, Madrid and Copenhagen. He is a true cosmopolite, well informed and strictly up to date, an excellent conversationalist, affable and polished he's invariably voted a fine fellow and a gentleman, serving his country and his king loyally and with distinction.

SCORES UNITED CHURCH

Folkebladet Makes Some Observations on the Trinity Church.

In its last number Folkebladet says:

It cannot be denied that the congregational meetings of the Trinity church during the last six months have been a comedy for the world, sport for the unbelievers, of untold regret to the children of God and injury to Christianity.

In reference to the results of the attempted election of a pastor in which the Rev. Martin H. Hegge received eleven votes on the first ballot and three on the second, Folkebladet says:

That any insult was intended toward the Rev. Mr. Hegge, who had been written to and had expressed himself as willing to come for at least three months, we do not believe. But that the United church and some of its leading men received from both factions a distinct and well earned rap over the fingers for its dishonorable interference in the congregation's unfortunate complications, the vote is at any rate undeniable evident.

AFTER MAGNETIC POLE

A Norwegian Scientist Will Continue the Work of James Ross.

Roald Amundsen is preparing to lead an Arctic exploring expedition next year to make scientific explorations north of the American continent. His special mission will be to determine the exact position of the northern magnetic pole. This was located by James Ross in 1831 on the Boothia peninsula. Scientists believe that the pole has moved but this is not definitely known as no observations have been taken since that time.

Mr. Amundsen apepars to be well fitted to lead such an expedition. He was the first officer on Gerlache's on the Belgian expedition in 1897-99 and has made a special study of magnetic observations under Professor Neumayer of Hamburg.

The whaler Gjoa has been bought for the expedition. Mr. Amundsen made a trial voyage to Greenland last summer and is satisfied with it. The Norwegian Geographical society is supporting the undertaking.

HEDIN IN TIBET

The Explorer Writes to the King of Sweden.

Dr. Iven Hedin's second long letter to the king of Sweden has been given to the press. It is written from a place in Tibet called Charklik and gives a brief sketch of his travels and discoveries. Of the members of his escort he writes as follows:

A great pleasure was awaiting me in our return to Charklik, for I found there my two old Kashgar Cossacks, Sirkin and Ijernoff. It was a very great kindness on the part of his majesty the emperor to let me have them again, as I already had the two Buryatic Cossacks, and this at a time when the West Siberian army and the trans-Baikal Cossacks were under arms. These four Cossacks are perfectly splendid fellows. Their good conduct, fidelity, obedience, and discipline; their endurance, courage, and capability in all practical matters, and their willingness to learn and to make themselves generally useful, are beyond all praise. I have had a Cossack escort now for nearly two years, and not once have I been obliged to correct them, or even remind them of their duties. Thanks to them, everything to do with the caravan is made easy for me, and I concern myself with scientific studies alone. Such things as meteorological observations and the printing of photographs are entirely done by Sirkin and Schagdur. The latter, who is a Buryat, has taught himself on the journey to read and write Russian, an accomplishment of which Sirkin, by the by, is already master. Schagdur has first-rate abilities, and it is a pleasure to see the marching route sheets which he brings back from any reconnaissance on which I may happen to send him.

Ijernoff, too, makes unusually good sketches of the lie of the land. These four men, who are armed to the teeth, and have modern magazine rifles, for which, on the recommendation of the minister for war, I received a good supply of ammunition, not only constitute a respectable escort for the caravan and give us a feeling of security, but to me personally are most excellent company, and I can talk to them with pleasure by the hour.

TURNERS CELEBRATE

Rejoice Over the Success of Their Late Bazaar.

The reception given by the Norwegian turners to those who assisted them in making their fair a success was a particularly enjoyable event. About 300 were present, but as the turners had engaged the whole fourth floor of Normanna hall there was room for all. The banquet served in the singers hall consisted largely of Norwegian dishes and was one of the enjoyable events of the evening. Carl Ilstrup presided as toastmaster. Responses to toasts were made by President Wilmar Legard, Leonard Berg, Carl Jesdahl and S. J. Bakke. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Johnson and A. B. Jensen for their work in behalf of the fair. Miss Ida Peterson won the prize for the largest sale of tickets. One of the features of the evening was the presentation of an honorary membership to Charles G. Olson for his work in connection with the bazar.

After the banquet and speech-making dancing was resumed and continued until even the young people had enough.

A Strange Turk.

A Swedish Turk is a rara avis, but, in spite of his distinctively Turkish name and his oriental characteristics, Ali Nouri Bey is a native of Sweden. Attention has been attracted to him recently by the severe sentence imposed upon him for complicity in the revolutionary agitation against Sultan Abdul Hamid. Only 101 years were imposed upon him. Rather than remain that long in prison, the Swedish Turk escaped from the dominions of the sultan. His wife and family also managed to escape and they wisely hied themselves to Sweden.

Van Sant and the Organ.

A concert for the dedication of the new pipe organ secured by the Bethlehem Swedish Lutheran church will be held at the church on Dec. 1. Governor Van Sant, Dr. J. S. Carlson, Rev. N. O. Grunden, Pastor J. G. Hultkrans, Dr. Carl J. Petri and others will speak. Among the soloists will be A. M. Shuey, S. C. Gilbert, Peter Johnson and E. V. Johnson. The organ will be formally dedicated by Dr. John Fremling, president of the Minnesota conference of the Augustana synod.

"Svensk Teater."

The Swedish Dramatic Society, which organization made quite a success of the performance of Seijertstam's "Per Olsson och Hans, Karing," will appear again Dec. 1, at Normanna hall. For this performance, two sprightly farces have been selected. They long have formed parts of the standard comedy of Sweden, but have never been performed here. These are, "Han ar inte Svartsjuk" ("He Is Not Jealous"), and "Mot Beraekning" ("Contrary to Calculations"). Miss Emma Nilsson and Richard Rosengren will assume the leading characters in both plays.

Drachmann Is Well.

Holger Drachmann has quite recovered from his recent illness, and is at work on a new volume of poems which will appear during the holidays. He will spend the winter at Hamlet's place, in Marienlyst, Denmark.

Women Won't Vote.

While many of the women of Norway are availing themselves of the privileges of the franchise, there are many in certain parts of the country who seem to be quite indifferent. In the recent communal elections in Gudbrandsdalen not a single woman was elected, and in many districts not a single female vote was cast.

Local Gossip.

The ladies of Nazareth church cleared about $150 on their three days' bazaar.

Normanna Good Templar lodge gave a necktie party at the Hoffiin-Tmompson hall last evening.

Anton Sannes and company will open the dramatic season at Dania hall on Sunday, Dec. 8, presenting Ludvig Holberg's comedy, "Den Jantsatte Bondedreng." Mr. Sannes will read an epilogue by Henrik Lindeman. This season is Mr. Sannes' twenty-fifth year on the stage.

Eric Oulie has undertaken the work of organizing a large chorus of mixed voices and has called a meeting of singers interested in the object for next Tuesday evening at the Nazareth church, Ninth street and Twelfth avenue S. Mr. Oulie has had much experience in directing chorus work and there is no question but that he is capable for the undertaking.

Professor and Mrs. A. M. Hove have gone to New Mexico to live on a ranch. Professor Hove has resigned his position with Augsburg seminary, where he was for years in charge of the departments of mathematics and English.

Among those gathering in Minneapolis to join the big excursions to Scandinavia are noted Andrew Larson, Maple Ridge, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bogren, Seattle, Wash.; Oscar Larson and Swan Peterson, Two Harbors, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Erland Anderson of Fremont, Neb., are visiting in Minneapolis.

Dr. Victor Nilsson will lecture this evening at the Minnesota normal college on "Scandinavian Literature Abroad."

The Twin City Central Luther League will hold its seventh convention Monday at St. Peter's Danish Evangelical Lutheran church, 2003 Ninth street S. Nels Jensen and Rev. C. L. Warstler will read papers at the morning session, beginning at 10 o'clock. In the afternoon D. N. Lambert and Miss Lydia Lagestrom will talk. The evening rally will be addressed by Rev. N. J. Lohre.

The Rev. A. E. Norman will give the third of a series of sermons on "The Literary Features of the Bible," at the Nazareth church to-morrow morning, his topic being "The Oldest Book in the Bible—a Consideration of the 'Head Sources' of Mosaic Legislation in Ancient Isreal."

Jens Garborg, a brother of the Norwegian poet and author Arne Garborg, will open a private school in this city about the first of the year.

Normanna infantry company will hold a ball at Normanna hall Dec. 7. The prizes won at the company's rifle shooting will be presented on this occasion.

Nidaros lodge, No. 1, Sons of Norway, will hold an election of delegates and alternates to the head lodge at the regular meeting next Wednesday evening.

The new officers of Dovre Aid Society are President, Mrs. L. P. Foster; vice president, Mrs. Jens Johnson; secretary, Mrs. Ingeborg Bjorhus; treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Leland.

Officers of the young people's society of Zion's Norwegian Lutheran church have been elected as follows: President, A. O. White; vice president, Miss Julia Martin; secretary, Miss Bergliot Stangeby; treasurer, Miss Anna Beaverson; editor of the Northlight, Mr. Hallicksen.

John Flittie, of Fort Yates, N. D., formerly secretary of state for North Dakota, has been visiting his friends in the twin cities.

The Scandinavian Literary Club of the state university will have an Ochlenschlager program next Monday evening. Readings from "Hakon Jarl" and "Alladin," and a recitation of "Guldhornene," will be the principal numbers.

A concert for the benefit of Adolph H. Engstrom was held last evening at Dania hall. Engstrom is said to possess a desirable tenor voice which is worth cultivating, and the concert was held for the purpose of raising means with which to enable him to study music.

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Checkers

Edited by W. H. Grimshaw.

A Trap to Be Avoided.

GAME NO. 1405—OLD FOURTEENTH.

11-15	22-17	15-18	17-13	10-15	29-25
23-19	4- 8	22-15	9-14	19-10	5- 9
8-11	25-22	11-18	24-20	6-15	13- 6

a) 2- 9
White wins.

(a) At last move black enters trap No. 298 and white proceeds to win as follows:

21-17	20-16	26-23	30- 5	31-26	27- 2
14-21	12-19	19-26	21-30	30-23	

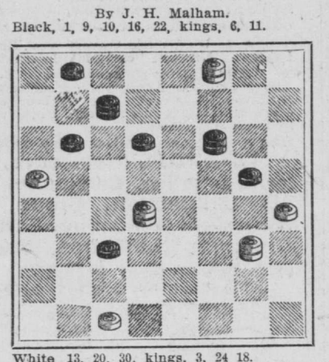
White wins.

This simple trap thoroughly committed will help any checker player win many games.—Editor.

Problem No. 609.

By J. H. Malham.

Black, 1, 9, 10, 16, 22, kings, 6, 11.



White, 13, 20, 30, kings, 3, 24 18.
Black to play and win. Can you solve it? The above is an exceptional problem. I consider it very fine.—Editor.

Single Corner Analysis.

BY J. B. MORRISSEY.

11-15	8-12	11-20	2- 7	11-15
22-18	28-24	18-11	26-23	17-14
15-22	9-13(a	7-16	7-11	10-26
25-18	30-26(*	24-15	23-24	19-10
8-11	10-15	6-10	3- 8	26-30
29-25	32-28	15- 6	24-19	23-18
			8-12	
4- 8	16-19	1-10	21-17(c	30-25
24-20	23-16	22-18	9-14	18-14
12-16	12-19	5- 9	18- 9	25-22
26-22	20-16(b	25-22(1		

Drawn

Variation 1.

26-23	10-17	27-23	22-25	9- 6
2- 7	21-14	18-17(d(e	17-13	16-19
18-14	7-10	25-21	25-30	23-18
9-18	14- 7	17-22	13- 9	16-19
23-14	3-10	21-17	10-15	

Drawn

(*) 32-28 is the usual line adopted at this point, and I like it better than 30-26. But as 30-26 can be played here we must meet it, and I submit the foregoing analysis on that line.—J. B. M.

(a) 10-14 or 10-15 at this point loses.
(b) 18-14, 27-23 and 21-17 are all losers.
(c) 31-26, 9-14, 18-9, 11-15, Black wins.
(d) 10-15, 25-21, 15-19, 31-26, White wins.
(e) 10-14, 25-21, 13-17, 31-26, White wins.

Game No. 1406—Double Corner.

(Played between J. Kirk and R. Martins.)

9-14	27-24	9-14	31-27	14-18	26-17
23-18	10-19	29-25	2-11	2- 7	13-22
5- 9	24-15	a) 8- 7	27-23	18-25	8-11
25-22	16-19	13- 9	18-27	7-11	16-19
11-16	23-16	6-13	32-27	15-18	11-15
18-15	12-19	15-10	8-12	11- 4	19-23
10-19	22-17	7-11	c) 7- 2	12-16	21-17
24-15	14-18	10- 7	4- 8	4- 8	25-29
7-10	17-13	b)11-15	25-22	18-22	

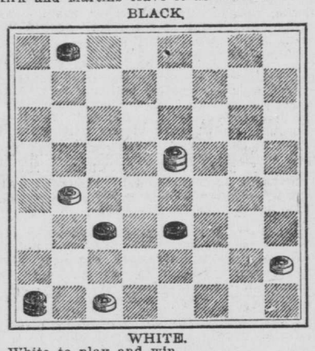
Drawn—Kirk and Martins.

(a) A bad move, yet C. F. B tried it and got licked.

(b) A certain misguided individual has announced that with this move he can draw against the world. Can he? We think not.

(c) A. J. Heffner, in the Boston Post, says: "7-3 looks like a winner." 7-2 is good enough. See diagram below, where Kirk and Martins leave it as drawn.

BLACK.



WHITE.
White to play and win.

28-24	32-27	24-27	11- 7	15-18	7- 3
22-27	19-24	32-28	24-19	14-10	18-14
15-19	27-32	27-31	7- 2	18-23	3- 7
27-32	20-16	16-11	19-15	10- 7	14- 9
24-20	32-28	28-24	17-14	23-18	7-10

White wins.

We cannot find anything better for Black. If man on square one is moved at any stage, it is Black by 17-14. Black cannot prevent white king from getting to square 31, and the black man on square 22 must sooner or later be sacrificed.—Pitsburg Dispatch.

Davis vs. Grimshaw.

GAME NO. 1407—IRREGULAR.
(Played between Fred Davis and W. H. Grimshaw. Davis' move.)

11-15	9-18	7-16	20-24	14-18
22-18	22-15	14-10	26-22	15-10
15-19	8-12	6- 9	19-26	16-20
24-15	15-11	31-27	30-23	3- 8
10-19	6-10(a	4- 8	24-27	18-23
27-24	25-21	10- 6	22-17	10- 7
7-10	1- 6(b	16-20(c	27-31	2-11
24-15	17-14	6- 1	17-10	8-15
10-19	10-17½	9-14	31-27	23-19
32-27	21-14	29-25	23-18	
3- 7	19-23	12-16	27-23	
21-17	27-18	27-23	10- 7	
12-16	16-19	8-12	23-14	
18-14	18-15	25-21	7- 3	

Drawn.

(a) If 5-9, then 17-14, 9-18, 11-8, 4-11, 26-23. If, instead, 5-9, 16-20, allows 11-8, 4-11, 27-24.
(b) If 5-9, then 17-14 same as note (a).
(c) If 9-14 or 9-13, then 27-24, 2-9, 24-20. White wins.

Solution of Problem No. 608.

Black—4, 5, 9, 13; kings, 23, 28.
White—11, 12, 18, 19, 24; king, 2.

18-14	12- 8	3-10	10- 7	7-11
9-18	23- 7	28-19	4-11	

White wins.

The following solvers are correct: W. H. Bates, Fred Davis, Minneapolis; E. C. Dahl, Granite Falls, Minn.; Frank E. Seavey, Aitkin, Minn.; Ellwood Grimshaw, H. T. Cooper, Deadwood, S. D.; Robert R. Rutledge, Storm Lake, Iowa; S. L. Haight, St. Thomas, N. D.; J. B. Morrissey, Sioux City, Iowa; W. E. Truax, Breckenridge, Minn.; George A. Demo, Minneapolis; N. P. Campbell, Cavalier, N. D.; R. Ziesemer, Willmar, Minn.; A. D. Robertson, city; John Jones, Menomonie, Wis.; G. A. Pierce, Eau Claire; M. D. Myers, Columbus, Ohio; L. S. Head, Albany, N. Y.; Stephen J. Picha, St. Paul; M. D. Purdy, Delroy Getchell, E. H. Crooker, Wendell Hertig, city; F. B. A., Tyndall, S. D.; R. Ziesemer, Willmar, Minn; John Druey, Elgin, Minn.; A. M. Laing, Willmar, Minn.; H. B. Sleeper, Wahpeton, N. D.; L. T. Carpenter, Rochester.

Checker Chatter.

The question is often asked: Does the study of problems pay? That is, does such study develop a player's powers and help him to become a checker player? The editor is of the opinion that a study of problems is necessary to make one proficient at the game. Below will be found the proposition expressed by J. F. Welsh. Then the question would always come up: "Do you think much of problems as a means to become proficient in the game?" I have always answered that I considered it the only way for one to become a good player. I believe we would have more scientific players if every lover of this game would do more analyzing. Let us, to illustrate, place three white kings on the board, on 21, 22 and 23. Then place four black men on 13, 14, 15 and 16. Let Black move first. The question is: "How many ordinary players can see the result by looking at the board?" Let us start to analyze it.

16-20	22-13	14-18	27-32	24-27	32-28
23-27	15-19	13-17	18-23	17-22	
13-17(a	21-25	19-24(b	25-30	27-31	

White wins.

(a) 15-19, 21-25, 19-24, 27-32, 13-17, White wins.

b) 19-23, 27-32, 23-26, 17-22, 26-30, White wins.

Now, let's play 14-18, 23-14,16-20, 14-18, 15-19, 22-26, White wins.

Let us take another simple position: White men on 21, 22, 23, king on 7; black men on 13, 14, 15, king on 31. White to move. If 7-11, Black replies 31-27 and wins by first position. Now let White play 22-17, 13-22, 7-10, 22-26, 10-19 and 31-27, Black wins, or instead of taking 10-19, they take 10-17, 31-27, Black wins.

Start again with 23-18, 14-23, 7-10, 23-26, 10-19, 31-27, 19-15, 27-23, 21-17. Now if Black moves 23-18, White draws by replying 13-19, but instead play 26-30, and Black wins.

Although the foregoing examples are very simple, yet they show that by thorough analysis lots of good play can be discovered. In looking over game 121, between Dr. Schaefer and Mr. Shattuck, I find at the twenty-ninth move this position:

Black men on 1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 15; white men on 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27. Instead of 9-13, as given, play 11-16, forcing to the crown head at once, as under:

11-16	15-19	26-31	16-19	27-24	3-10
17-13(a	24-15	27-24(*	22-17	21-17	14- 7
6-10	10-26	31-27	19-23	24-19	19-15
13- 6	6- 2	24-20	17-14	2- 7	

B wins.

(a) Best.

C. T. Davis, Bert Titus, Fred Davis and a half dozen others continue to hold up the Minneapolis end of checkers at the club, 309 Nicollet avenue. Strangers will please go up and get acquainted.

Chess

Edited by F. N. Stacy.

One on the Literary Digest.

The Literary Digest of Nov. 16 publishes an editorial discussion of "The Defense of the Ruy Lopez." That the article was able and eminently worthy of publication we know, because the editor of this column wrote it himself and published it in The Journal three weeks before it appeared as original mater in the Digest. We are glad to see our contemporary, the chess editor of the Digest, exercise such good taste in the selection of material. At the same time, we would be even better satisfied if, in "swiping" our original editorial comment and special investigation, he would remember us with the credit, "Chess Editor of Minneapolis Journal."

Chess Notes.

The Flour City Chess and Checker Club lost one of its best and most respected members last Friday from sudden death by apoplectic stroke in the person of George H. Benton, attorney. Early in the afternoon he had played three or four successful games, and about 5 p. m. he was sitting looking on at one of the boards when he suddenly fell from his chair, dying in about twenty minutes without regaining consciousness. Expert medical attendance availed nothing. Mr. Benton was at one time a successful legal practitioner and chess expert in St. Louis, but has followed his profession in Minneapolis for ten years. He has been an active member of the chess club and one of its most honored players for two years or more. His brother is Professor C. W. Benton of the Minnesota state university, his sister being the wife of Professor J. S. Clarke of the same institution.

In the Manhattan Chess Club championship tourney, recently begun, Frank Marshall leads with a score of 3½ to ½, Finn follows with 3½ to 1½, and Hodges third with 3 to 2.

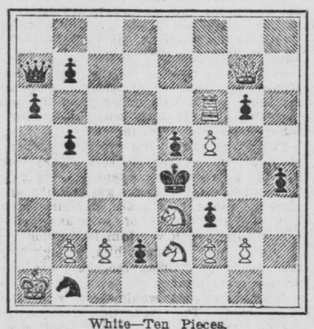
Among the well-known players of the Manhattan Chess Club is Judge Jerome, recently elected city attorney of Greater New York over the Tammany candidate; and among the Brooklyn Chess Club's leading players is Controller-elect E. M. Grout.

In the West vs. East correspondence match under Pillsbury Association auspices, the score now stands: West, 45; East, 40. The assumption of eastern superiority is apparently not altogether good as regards correspondence chess. The four games last finished are: C. G. Nevins, Newark, Ohio, for the west, defeated J. F. Tracy, Pittsfield, Me., in a Ruy Lopez, the former playing white. C. W. Phillips, Chicago, Ill., for the for the west, defeated J. A. Nicholson, Dover, Del., in a Scotch Gambit, the latter playing white. C. W. Phillips, Chicago, Ill., for the west, defeated H. Helms, Brooklyn, in a Queen's Pawn game, the latter playing white. E. F. DeWitt, Richmond, Va., for the east, defeated W. B. Wilmans, Dallas, Tex., in a Ruy Lopez, the latter playing white.

Problem No. 9.

MacKenzie, the famous blind composer of Havana won the majorky of the Birmingham Post prizes for best problems. Here is the first prize problem:

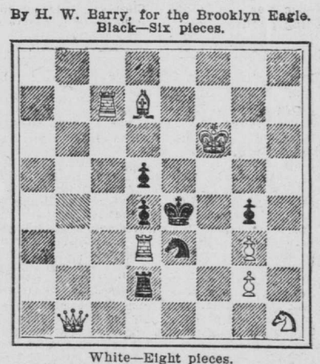
BY A. F. MACKENZIE.
First Prize, Birmingham Daily Post Tourney.
Black—Eleven Pieces.



White—Ten Pieces.
8; qp4Q1; p4Rp1; 1p2pP2; 4k2p; 4Sp2; 1PPpSPP1; Ks6.
White mates in three moves.

Problem No. 10.

By H. W. Barry, for the Brooklyn Eagle.
Black—Six pieces.



White—Eight pieces.
White to play and mate in two moves.
White—K on KB6; Q on QKt; R on QB7 and Q3; B on Q7; Kt on KR; P on KKt2 and KKt3.
Black—K on K5; R on Q7; Kt on K6; on Q4, Q5 and KKt5.

Hill Versus Lewis.

F. A. Hill, the well-known St. Paul correspondence expert, has just completed a brilliant victory over J. E. Lewis, of Fargo, in the northern division of the twentieth century tournament. A daring sacrifice of Kt for P on the fifteenth move was the feature of the game and led to victory on the thirty-third move.

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED.
Hill, white. Lewis, black.

White—	Black—	White—	Black—
1 P-Q4	P-Q4	18 KR-B6	Q-Kt5
2 P-QB4	P-K3	19 Q-B2	R-K1
3 Kt-QB3	Kt-KB3	20 RxB	RxR
4 B-Kt5	B-K2	21 RxR	RxR
5 Kt-B3	QKt-Q2	22 QxR ch	Kt-B1
6 P-K3	P-QKt3	23 Q-B2	P-KKt3
7 B-Q3	B-Kt2	24 P-QR3	Q-Q3
8 R-QB1	Castles	25 Kt-K5	K-Kt3
9 Castles	Kt-K5	26 Q-B8	K-B3
10 BxB	QxB	27 Q-Kt7	Q-K3
11 PxP	PxP	28 B-Kt5	P-KKt4
12 Q-B2	P-KB4	29 B-B6	P-B5
13 KR-K1	P-B3	30 BxP	Kt-Q3
14 Q-R4	P-QR4	31 Q-B6	Q-K2
15 KtxP(a	PxKt	32 Kt-B4	PxP
16 R-B7	B-B1(b	33 PxP	Resigns
17 KR-QB(c	Q-Q3(d		

WINNER'S COMMENTS.

(a) I consider this sacrifice perfectly sound, taking the position into account. White, at the very worst, can get three pawns for the piece with a fine attack.

(b) If K to B4, after the exchange of queens, White will still retain an advantage in position.

(c) Much better than Kt to K5.

(d) Q to Q sq was much superior.

Pillsbury's Vienna.

In his bindfold exhibitions, Pillsbury quite commonly plays the Vienna. Here are two of his recent games of that opening, one of which he wins and the other loses. Houghtaling, the Chicago player, who won his game, played on third move BxKt, a somewhat uncommon variation.

Pillsbury, white. Houghteling, black.

White—	Black—	White—	Black—
1 P-K4	P-K4	18 Q-Q4	P-QB4
2 QKt-B3	B-B4	19 PxP e.p.	BxBP
3 P-B4	BxKt	20 PxP	R-Kt1
4 RxB	P-Q3	21 Q-R7	Kt-B5
5 P-Q4	PxQP	22 B-Kt6	Q-K4
6 QxP	Kt-KB3	23 B?Q4	QxP ch
7 P-KR3	P-QR3	24 K-Kt1	BxB
8 B-K3	Kt-QB3	25 P-Kt3	Kt-R6 ch
9 Q-Q2	B-K3	26 K-Kt2	Kt-Kt4
10 O-O(QR	Q-K2	27 Q-Kt6	KtxB
11 P-KKt4	O-O(QR	28 QxKt	QxP
12 P-Kt5	Kt-Kt1	29 QxQ	RxQ
13 P-B5	B-Q2	30 R-Q2	QR-Kt1
14 B-Kt2	Q-K1	31 RxP	BxP
15 Kt-Q5	KKt-K2	32 R-R1	B-B4
16 P-B6	KtxKt	33 Resigns	
17 PxKt	Kt-K4		

Pillsbury, white. Schauer, black.

White—	Black—	White—	Black—
1 P-K4	P-K4	13 B-R5 dis.	K-Kt1
2 Kt-QB3	P-QB3	14 BxQ	P-KR3
3 P-KB4	PxP	15 P-K5	Kt-R3
4 Kt-B3	B-K2	16 Kt-K4	P-Q4
5 B-B4	B-R5 ch	17 BxB	RxB
6 P-Kt3	PxP	18 Kt-Q6	R-QKt1
7 Castles	PxP ch	19 B-Q2	P-QKt4
8 K-R1	Kt-KR3	20 R-B7	R-R1
9 P-Q4	Kt-Kt5	21 KxP	K-R2
10 BxP ch	K-B1	22 QR-KKt1	KR-Kt1
11 KtxB	QxKt	23 Kt-B5	Resigns
12 QxKt	QxQ		

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The N. W. W. A.

The St. Paul Whist Club is making quite a reputation with the Challenge Trophy of the N. W. W. A., and no team from Minneapolis seems able to defeat them.

St. Paul was again victorious in the match last Saturday, winning by six tricks from a team representing the Minneapolis Whist Club. The St. Paul team was made up of D. S. Sperry, captain; Howard Bigelow, E. A. Reed and H. A. Deuel. Minneapolis played C. H. Brinsmaid, captain; F. E. Mix, F. V. Hobart and S. H. Chase.

The Park Club is the next challenger.

Ladies' Night.

Nine tables were formed for the usual ladies' night game at the Minneapolis Whist Club, Tuesday night. Mr. Brown and Miss Edgerton made high score for the evening and Mr. and Mrs. Paul were second. Following is the score as recorded:

NORTH AND SOUTH.

Mr. and Mrs. Mix	158
Mr. and Mrs. McMichael	154
Mr. and Mrs. Higbee	169
Mr. Harris and Miss Candee	155
Mr. and Mrs. Gammons	156
Mr. Fahnestock and Mrs. Williams	161
Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Chamberlain	144
Mr. Hooker and Miss Fish	143
Mr. Brown and Miss Edgerton	164
Average	155

EAST AND WEST.

Mr. Bechtel and Mrs. Sackett	198
Mr. and Mrs. Parsons	194
Mr. and Mrs. Wellington	197
Mr. and Mrs. Pike	196
Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins	193
Mr. and Mrs. Paul	202
Mr. Briggs and Mrs. Rankin	19?
Mr. and Mrs. Luther	189
Mr. Guiwitz and Mrs. Kuster	198
Average	196

A Trophy Deal.

Deal No. 45, which we publish this week, is from the St. Paul-Hyde Park match, and is quite interesting. The deal cost the St. Paul team two tricks and was played very poorly by them at both tables. The cards were dealt by North, who turned the ten of hearts. East had the lead.

North: ♠—9 7 2 ♡—10 8 3 2 ♣—A 10 4 2 ◇—A 4
West: ♠—J ♡—K Q J 6 5 ♣—J 9 ◇—K J 7 6 5 5
East: ♠—K 10 5 4 3 ♡—A ♣—K Q 7 5 ◇—9 8 3
South: ♠—A Q 8 6 ♡—9 7 4 ♣—8 6 3 ◇—Q 10 2

TABLE 1.

Trick.	North	East	South	West
1	2 ♠	4 ♠	6 ♠	J ♠
2	♡ 2	♡ A	♡ 4	♡ J
3	7 ♠	3 ♠	Q ♠	♡ 5
4	♡ 3	3 ◇	♡ 7	♡ Q
5	♡ 8	8 ◇	♡ 9	♡ K
6	4 ◇	9 ◇	10 ◇	6 ◇
7	A ◇	♣ 5	Q ◇	K ◇
8	♡ 10	5 ♠	♣ 3	♡ 6
9	9 ♠	10 ♠	A ♠	5 ◇
10	♣ 4	K ♠	8 ♠	7 ◇
11	♣ A	♣ K	♣ 6	♣ 9
12	♣ 2	♣ 7	♣ 8	♣ J
13	♣ 10	♣ Q	2 ◇	J ◇

Score: Hyde Park, 5.

COMMENT.

Tricks 1 and 2—Conventional.

Trick 3—East, after winning the trump with his lone ace, continues his original suit. The play is not sound, as West won the first round with the jack and is, apparently, leading trumps from a holding which would warrant the trump lead irrespective of East's suit showing. East should have led the club king in order to establish a sure re-entry; the play could not possibly hurt the hand, while the continuation of the spade was almost certain to bring trouble, for, if West has the suit, it is pretty sure to be trumped by either North or South, and, if the juck was his best card, the ace and queen are both with South, and the sooner the suit is abandoned the better.

Trick 6—West plays badly. He should not try to make his minor tennance suit in the face of his partner's two diamond discards. The jack of clubs is much the best card.

TABLE 2.

Trick.	North	East	South	West
1	2 ♠	4 ♠	6 ♠	J ♠
2	♡ 2	♡ A	♡ 4	♡ J
3	♣ A	♣ 5	♣ 3	♣ J
4	A ◇	3 ◇	2 ◇	6 ◇
5	4 ◇	8 ◇	Q ◇	K ◇
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