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Chess Notes item 11183: contribution from Hans Renette (Bierbeek, Belgium) and Fabrizio Zavatarelli (Milan, Italy).

H. F. L. Meyer - Hirschfeld

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1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♙c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♙c5 5.♙g5 h6 6.♙h4 d6 7.♘c3 ♙g4 8.♘d5 g5 9.♙g3 ♘d4 10.c3 ♘xf3† 11.gxf3 ♙e6 12.♘e3 ♙xe3 13.♙xe6

He might have done better to take 13.fxe3, because he now loses a ♖.

13...♙xf2† 14.♙xf2 fxe6 15.h4 ♙g8 16.hxg5 hxg5 17.♚b3 ♚c8 18.♙h6 ♘f7 19.♙e2 b6 20.♙ah1 ♚d7

Safer was 20...♚f8, then 21...♚g7, and to oppose 22...♙h8.

21.d4 exd4

He should not have taken the ♖, because he now must lose the game in a few moves. He ought to have moved 21...♙g6.

22.♙xd4 ♙g6 23.♙h7† ♙g7 24.♙xf6 ♘xf6 25.♙1h6† ♘f7 26.♙xe6

And Black has no escape. His best play was: 26...♙xh7 27.♙xd6† ♘f8 28.♙xd7 ♙xd7. &c.

26...d5 27.♙e7† and Black resigns.

Source: *Monthly Supplement to the Gentleman's Journal*, 3.1871, p. 58; notes by H. L. F. Meyer.

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He should have played 21.♘e4.

21...♙g8 22.♘e5 ♘xe5 23.♚xe5 ♙d6 24.♚c3 b4 25.axb4 cxb4 26.♚d4 ♚c7

A good move, which gains the advantage. White now threatens 27...♙f3, and also 27...♙c5.

27.♘xg7

Not good, but White has no good move, because if 27.♚c4, there follows 27...♙f3; and if 27.♚f2, then the reply is 27...axb3, &c.

27...♙xf4† 28.♙b1 e5 29.♚xf4 axb3 30.♙d2

Much better was 30.cxb3, which would have given the better game to White, because if 30...♚a5 31.♚xe5; and if 30...♙g8 31.♙c1, &c.

30...exf4 31.♘e6† ♚c3 32.♘c5 ♙a2 33.♙xc3† bxc3 34.♘xb3

If 34.♘xb7, then Black mates in four moves [actually five: 34...♙a1† 35.♙xa1 ♙a8† 36.♙b1 b2 37.♘a5 ♙xa5 and 38...♙a1†]. And if 34.cxb3 ♙xd2 35.♘xb7, and Black mates in four moves [35...♙b2† 36.♙c1 ♙a8 37.♘a5 ♙xa5 and 38...♙a1†].

34...♙b2† 35.♙c1 ♙xb3 The best move was 35...♙a8. And after a few more moves, White resigned.

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