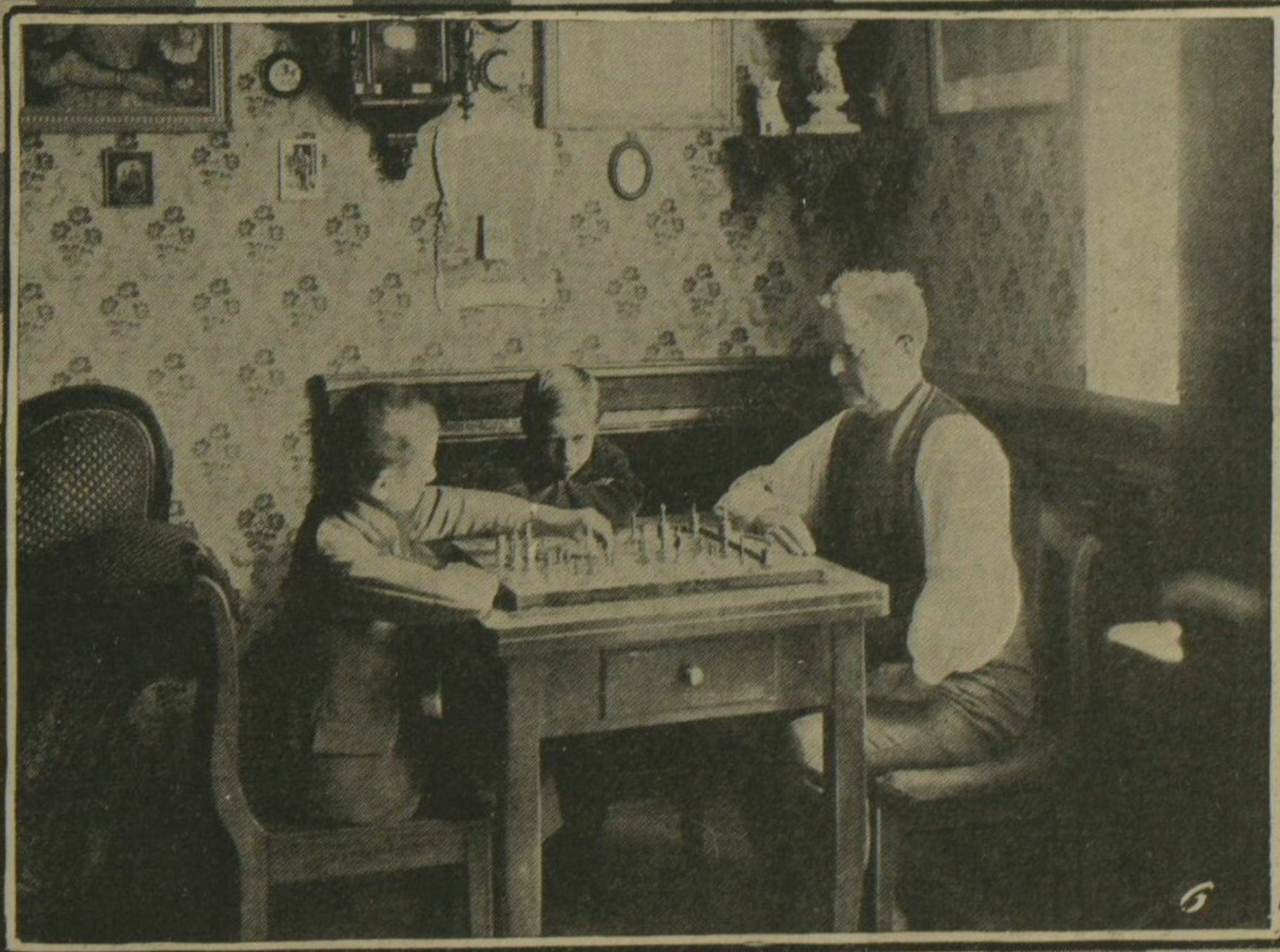
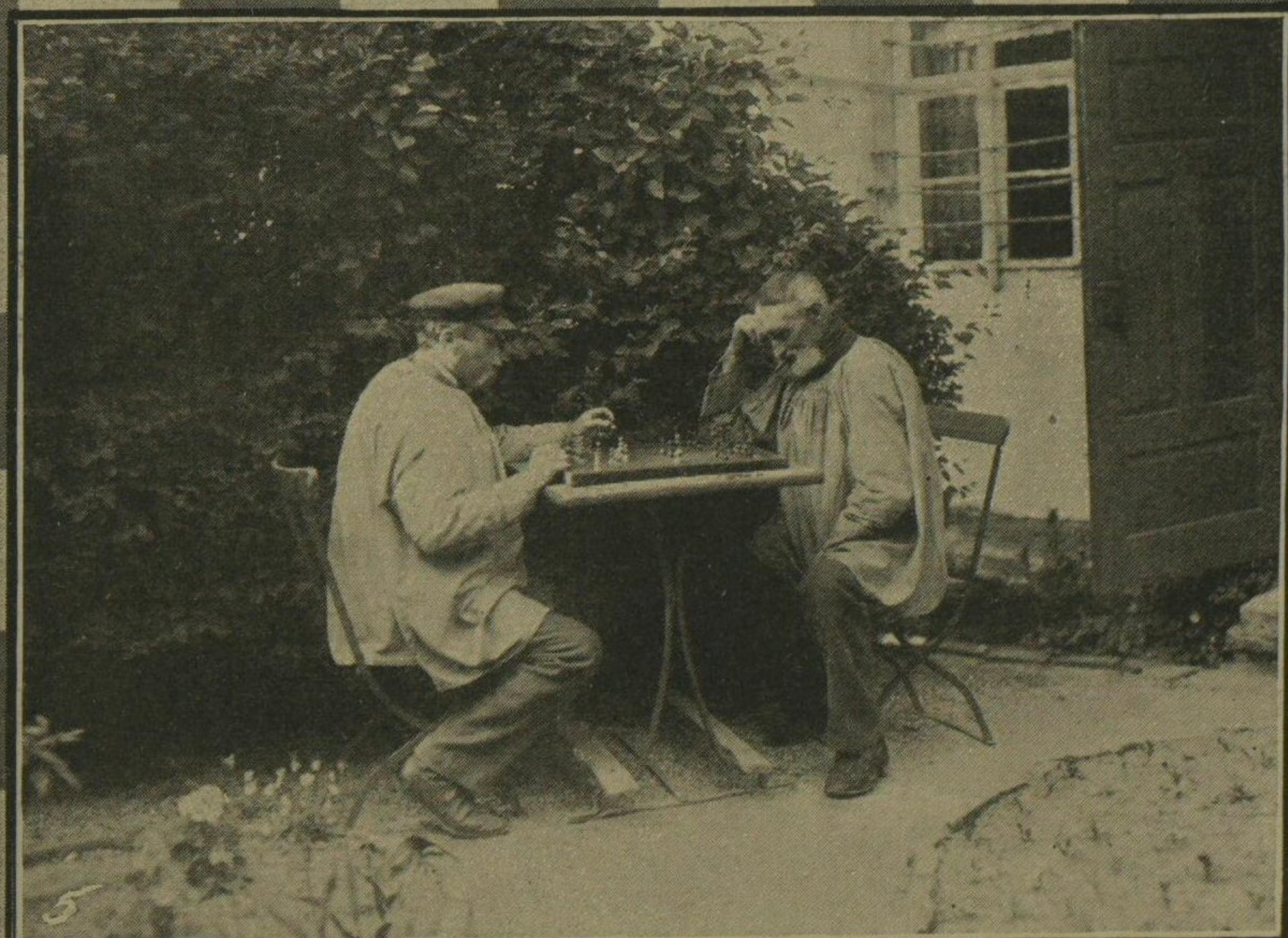
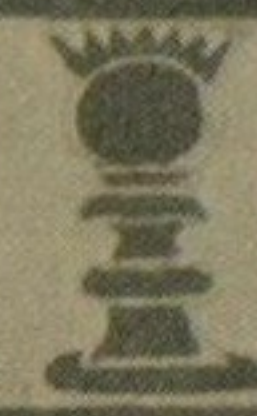
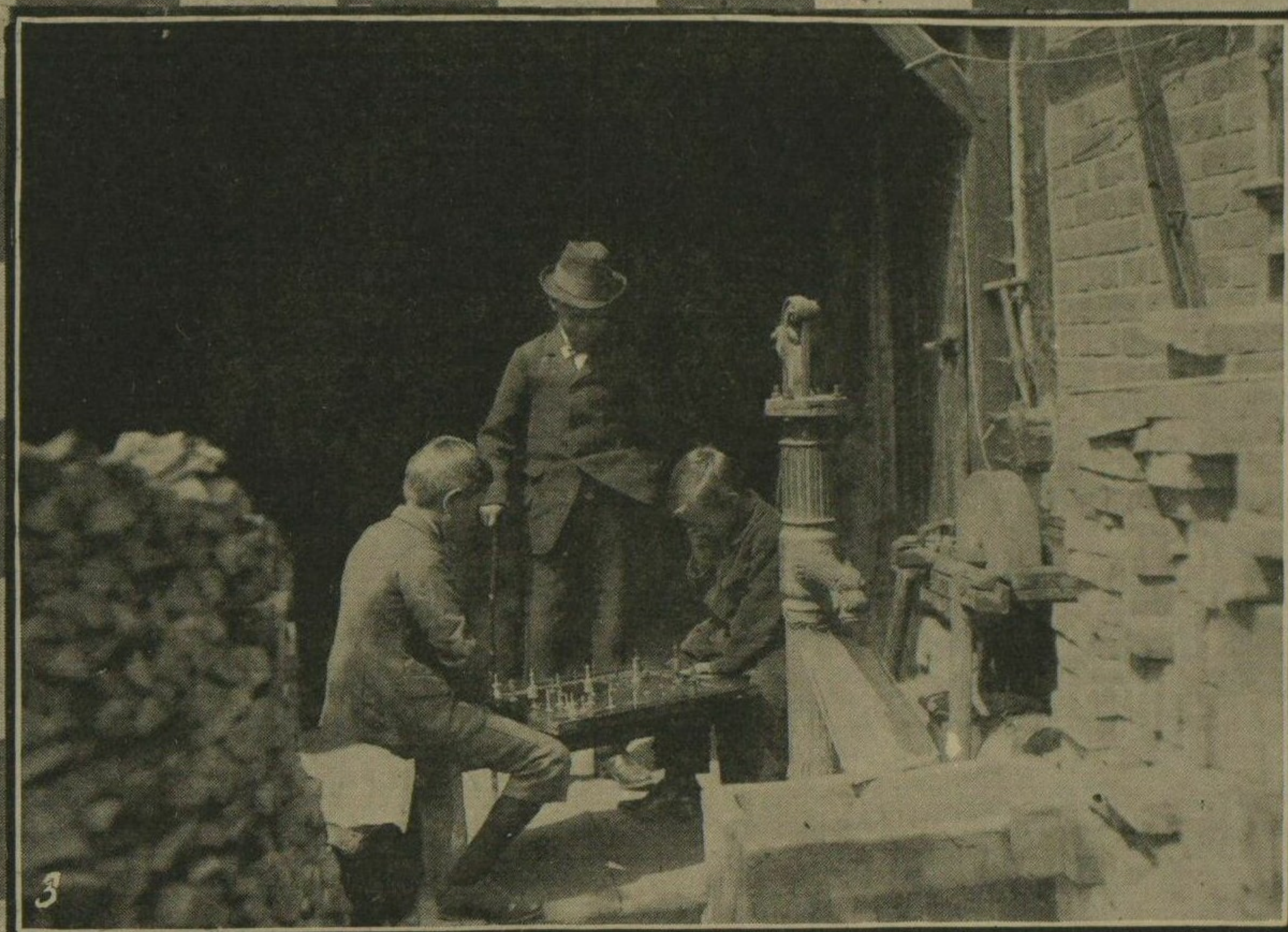


A VILLAGE MAD ON CHESS: THE PARTIALTY OF STRÖBECK FOR THE MOST INTELLECTUAL OF GAMES.



1. ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL IN THE CHESS-TOWER.

3. EAGER CHESS-PLAYERS.

5. A GAME IN THE OPEN AIR.

2. SCHOOL-CHILDREN WITH THEIR INSEPARABLE CHESS-BOARDS.

4. GIRLS AT CHESS.

6. GRANDFATHER AND GRANDCHILD AT CHESS.

Since the eleventh century the little village of Ströbeck has been devoted to the game of chess. The vogue arose during the imprisonment of a prince in a tower which is still shown at Ströbeck. To beguile his captivity the prisoner made a chess-board, and taught his jailers the game, which soon became popular, and remains so to this day. Old and young are devoted to the pastime, and even at school the recreation is chess, and the children carry their boards with them as well as their satchels of books. If you enter a Ströbeck inn, it is local etiquette for the landlord to invite you immediately to play.