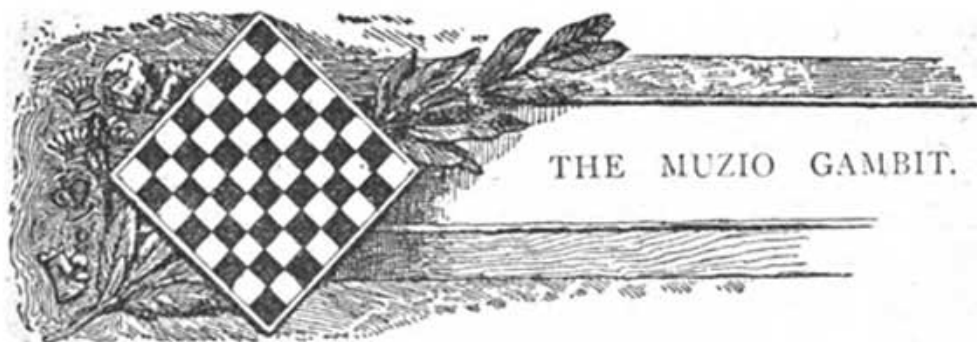


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- 1 P—K 4, P—K 4; 2 P—K B 4, P×P; 3 Kt—K B 3, P—K Kt 4; 4 B—B 4, P—Kt 5; 5 Castles, P×Kt; 6 Q×P, Q—B 3; 7 P—Q 3, B—R 3; 8 P—K 5, Q×P; 9 Kt—B 3, Kt—K 2; 10 B—Q 2, Q Kt—B 3; 11 Q R—K sq, Q—K B 4; 12 Kt—Q 5, K—Q sq; 13 Q—K 2.

Position after White's 13th move :—

Q—K 2.
BLACK.



WHITE.

happen. or (2) defend by R—K sq or B—Kt 4, or (3) play Q—K 3!, the best defence I think.



THIS bold move, offering a second piece, is, I believe, the invention of the late Mr. Lean. At all events he used to play it with great success at the Pavilion Chess Room, at Brighton, and it was there I became acquainted with it. I have since tried it in correspondence play and over the board, and am convinced it is a very strong move, which will certainly win for White in the majority of cases, and even with the best defence will result in a draw. I offer the subjoined variations, which may serve as a basis for a more correct analysis.

Black can reply (1) by taking the proffered Kt and see what will

GAME I.

13 Kt x Kt

The move 13 . . . Kt -Kt 3 ? would be met by 14 B-B 3, Q Kt-K 4; 15 B x Kt, Kt x B; 16 Q x Kt, Q x Q; 17 R x Q, P-Q B 3; 18 Kt x P, B-Kt 2; 19 R-K Kt 5, B x P; 20 B x P, with the advantage.

14 B x Kt

14 B-Kt 4 !

This is best. For the results of Q x B see Variation A.

15 B x Kt

15 Q P x B

16 R x P

16 Q-B 4 ch

17 P-Q 4

17 Q-Q 3

18 R-K 4

18 B-K 3

19 B x B ch

19 K-B sq

20 P-B 4

And White's game for choice.

VARIATION A.

14 Q x B

15 B-B 3

15 Q-B 4 ch

If 15... Q-K 3; 16 Q-R 5, Q-Kt 3; 17 Q x Q, R P x Q; 18 B-B 6 ch, &c. If 15... P-Q 3 ?; 16 B-B 6 ch, K-Q 2; 17 Q-Kt 4 ch, Q-K 3; 18 R x Q, P x R; 19 B x R+.

16 K-R sq

16 B-Kt 4 !

16... Q x B might perhaps be ventured, but is hardly so good as the text move; e.g., 17 P x Q, P-Q 3; 18 Q-R 5, B-B sq; 19 Q x B P, B-K 2; 20 R x P, R-K sq; 21 K R-K 4, P-Q R 4; 22 P-Q R 4, R-R 3; 23 P-Q 4, R-Kt 3; 24 P-R 4, R-Kt 7; 25 R x B, Kt x R; 26 R x Kt, R x R; 27 Q-B 8 ch, R-K sq; 28 Q-B 6 ch, R-K 2; 29 Q-B 8 ch, and draws.

17 B x R

17 Q-B sq !

18 Q-R 5 !

Best: but 18 B-Kt 7 is tempting, the following is then likely to ensue Q-Kt sq; 19 R x P, P-Q 3 ! (Black must be careful not to play P-Q 4 which *might* lead to a draw, thus 20 Q-B 3!, B-K 3; 21 R x B, K x R; 22 B-B 6 ch, K-Q 2; 23 R x Kt, P x R; 24 Q x B, Q-Kt 3; 25 B-R 4, P-K B 4; 26 B-Kt 3, R-Q B sq; 27 P-K R 3, P-B 4; 28 K-R 2, K-B 3; 29 Q-R 4 ch, K-Kt 2; 30 Q-Kt 3 ch, K-B 3; draw); 20 Q-R 5, Q x B; 21 R x P, Q-R 3; 22 Q-K 2, B-Q 2; 23 Q-K 4, Kt-K 4; 24 R x P, Q-B 3; 25 Q x P, R-B sq; 26 Q-Q 5, P-B 3; 27 Q-R 5 ch, R-B 2; 28 P-Q 4, Kt-B 5+.

18 Q x B

Or 18... P-K R 3; 19 P-K R 4, B-K 2; 20 B-B 3, P-Q 3; 21 R x P, Kt-K 4; 22 B x Kt, P x B; 23 R x B P, Q-Kt sq; 24 R x P, B-Q 3; 25 R-Kt 7, Q-B sq; 26 R-B 7, Q-R sq; 27 R-K 4, B-

Q 2; 28 R x B ch, K x R; 29 Q—Kt 5 ch, B—B 3; 30 Q x P ch, B—B 2;
31 R—K 7 ch, K x R; 32 Q x B ch, and draws.

19 Q x B ch	19 P—B 3	25 Q x P	25 Kt—K 2
20 Q—R 6	20 Kt—K 2	26 Q—R 8 ch	26 K—B 2
21 R x P	21 Kt—Kt 3	27 Q—R 7 ch	27 K—K 3
22 K R—K 4	22 P—Q 3	28 Q—K 4 ch	28 K—B 2!
23 R—K 8 ch	23 Q x R	29 Q—R 7 ch and draws.	
24 R x Q ch	24 K x R		

GAME II.

13 R—K sq

If 13..., B—Kt 4; White also plays 14 B x P leading to B x B; 15 R x B, Q—Kt 4; 16 P—K R 4, Kt x Kt; 17 P x Q, Kt x R; 18 Q—B 3, Kt—Kt 3; 19 Q—B 6 ch, Q Kt—K 2; 20 R x Kt, and wins.

14 B x P	14 B x B	27 R—K 4	27 Kt—Q 4
15 R x B	15 Q—Kt 3	28 R—B 7	28 R—K sq?
16 Kt—B 6	16 Q—Kt 4	29 P—R 6	29 Kt—K 4
17 Q—K 3	17 P—Q 3	30 R—Kt 7	30 Kt—K B 3
18 B x P	18 R—R sq	31 R—K R 4	31 R—R sq
19 P—K R 4	19 Q—R 3	32 P—R 7	32 Kt (K 4)—Q 2
20 B—K 6	20 R—B sq	33 P—K Kt 4	33 Kt—B sq
21 B x B	21 R x Kt	34 P—Kt 5	34 R x P
22 R x R	22 Q x Q ch	35 R (Kt 7) x R	35 Kt (B 3) x R
23 R x Q	23 R x B	36 P—Kt 6	36 Kt—B 3
24 R—B 7	24 K—Q 2	37 P—Kt 7	37 K—K 2
25 R x P	25 R—K Kt sq	38 P x Kt (Q?)	38 K x Q
26 P—R 5	26 K—Q sq	39 K—B 2	39 Resigns.

GAME III.

13 Q—K 3!

This, I think, is Black's best defence, and if not properly answered Black will win. The best reply is—

14 Q—B 2!

14 B—B 3 here, would lead to Q x Q; 15 R x Q, R—K Kt sq; 16 B—B 6 (or 16 Kt—B 6, R—Kt 2; 17 Kt—R 5, R—Kt 4; 18 B x P, R—K B 4; 19 B—B 6, P—Q 3+), B—Kt 4; 17 Kt x Kt, Kt x Kt; 18 B x B, R x B; 19 K R—K sq, P—Q 4; 20 R x Kt, B—K 3; 21 K R x B, P x R; 22 R x R P, R—B sq; 23 B—Kt 3, P—B 4+. Also if 14 Kt x Kt, Q x Kt; 15 B—B 3, R—K Kt sq; 16 Q—R 5, Q—B 4 ch+.

14 Q—B 4!

Best again. Suppose 14..., Q—Kt 3; 15 B x P, P—Q 3; 16 Kt x Kt, Kt x Kt; 17 Q—R 4, B—B sq; 18 B—K Kt 5, B—K 3; 19 B x B, P—K R 3; 20 B—B 6, &c.

15 Q—K 2!

And the position is as at the beginning.