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Game between Messrs Schiffers and Steinitz, being the first in the recent match.

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White. (Schiffers.)	Black. (Steinitz.)	White. (Schiffers.)	Black. (Steinitz)
1 P-K 4	P-K 4	21 P-K B 4-g	Q R-Q B 1
2 K Kt-B 3	Q Kt-B 3	22 Kt(Q4)-Q 2	P-Q B 5
3 B-Kt 5	B-B 4-a	23 B x P	Kt x B
4 O-O	Q-K B 3-b	24 R x Kt-h	B-Q Kt 4
5 P-Q B 3	K Kt-K 2	25 P-Q Kt 3	B-Q Kt 3ch
6 P-Q 4	P x P	26 K-R 1	Q-K Kt 2
7 B-K Kt 5-o	Q-K Kt 3	27 Q-Q B 2	B x R
8 Q B-Kt	B x B	28 P x B	R-Q B 2
9 P x P	O-O d	29 P-K 5	P x P
10 Q Kt-B 3	P-Q 3	30 P-K B 5	K R-Q B 1
11 Kt-Q 5	B-Q 1-e	31 Q-Q 2	R x P
12 Q-Q 3	Q Kt-Kt 1 (i)	32 P-K B 6	Q-K B 1
13 B-Q B 4	P-Q B 3	33 Q-K Kt 5	P-K R 3
14 Kt-K B 4	Q K R 3	34 Q x K P	R-K 1
15 Kt-K 2	Kt-Q 2	35 Q-Q Kt 2	Q-Q Kt 5
16 Kt-K Kt 3	Kt Q Kt 3	36 Q-Q R 1	R-K R 5
17 B-Q Kt 3	B-Q B 2	37 P-K R 3	Q-K Kt 5
18 Q-Q B 1	B-Q 2	38 K-R 2	R x P ch
19 P-Q 5	P-Q B 4	39 P x R	R x Kt ch
20 Kt-Q 4	P-K Kt 3-f	40 Kt x R	Q x Kt ch
		Resigns.	

(a) A variation little played in recent years and generally considered weak, but which Steinitz has again brought into use.

(b) Another revival of Steinitz. The variation is certainly not worse for the defence than those in favour for the last 20 years.

(c) 7 K B x Kt was played by Lasker at this point in a game with Steinitz in the St. Petersburg tourney. The text move is probably stronger. It brings out a piece and keeps the Black q's file closed.

(d) Black would lose a piece by 9 q x k p by 10 K-B 3 or 10 R-K 1.

(e) The K P could not be taken—for if 11 q x p; 12 B x Kt, p x b; 13 Kt x P, r-q kt 1; 14 R-K 1, &c.

(f) Black would lose a pawn and get an inferior position by 20 p x kt. It was necessary to prevent the threatened Q Kt-B 5.

(g) This turns out badly, leading to the loss of the exchange.

(h) Obviously he cannot take with Q on account of 24 b x kt 3 ch, &c. It is now clear that if Black can exchange off the queens he must win. In trying to avoid this exchange White rapidly drifts into a lost position.

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