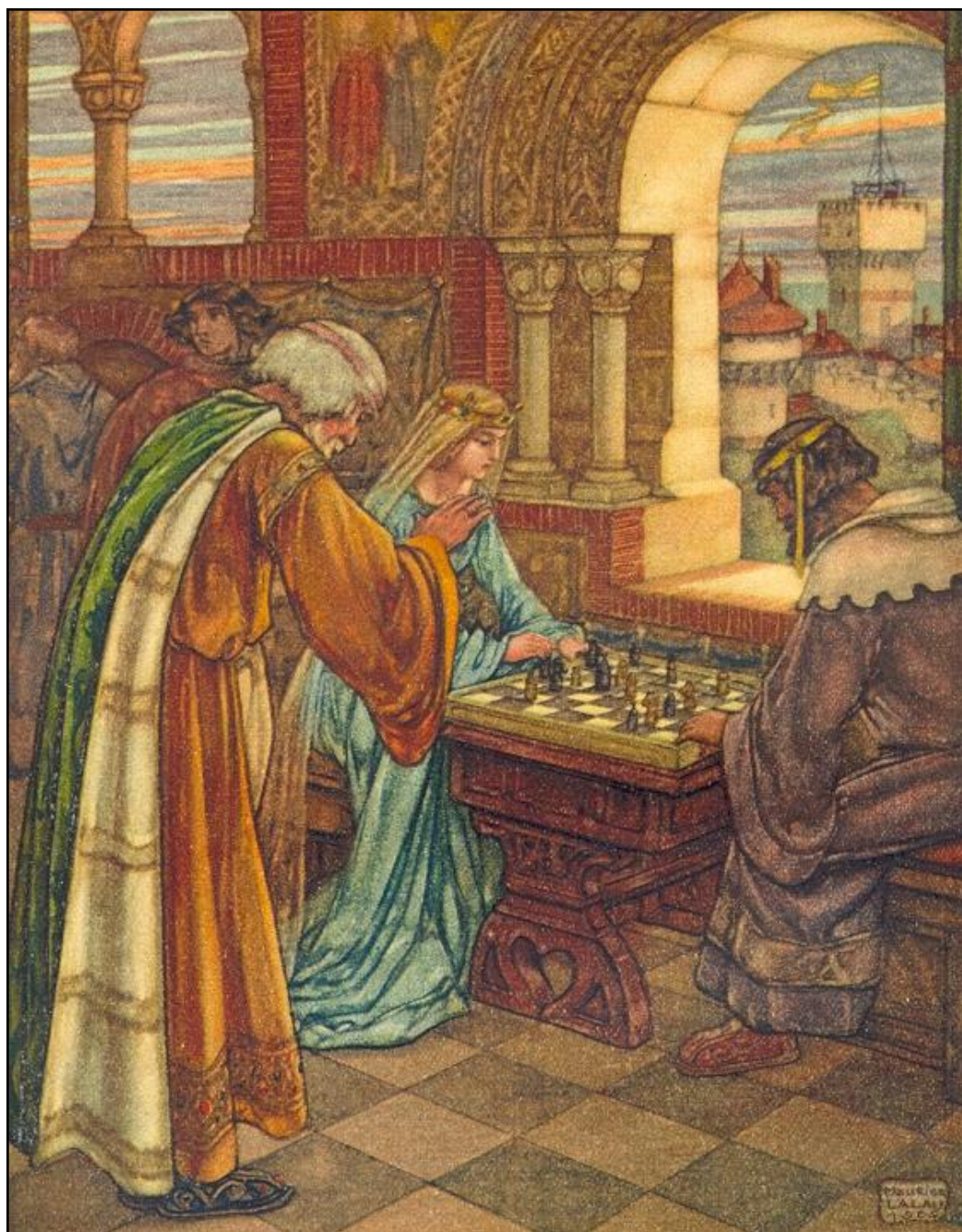


Unusual Chess Words

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Circumrotatory chess: ‘... much practice in matches of this kind has made him very proficient in circumrotatory chess.’ *City of London Chess Magazine*, June 1875, page 130.

Conversation game: ‘There will shortly commence a conversation game between some New York players and members of the Williamsburgh Club.’ *The Albion*, 19 March 1870, page ?

Counter-check: ‘Is the word *counter-check* a legitimate Chess-term? If so, what writer on the game has used it?’ *Chess Monthly*, May 1861, page 137.

Dilemma: Obsolete term for fork. See page 128 of *Chess Facts and Fables*.

Enigma: ‘A termination of a game; an end-position, not represented upon a diagram, but written out.’ *Chess Monthly*, October 1858, page 297.

Masque game: ‘It has also been announced that the last-mentioned Club will give a masque game upon a ball-room floor ...’ *The Albion*, 19 March 1870, page ?

Pedaneous chess: ‘We believe this was the first occasion of his undertaking pedaneous chess ...’ *City of London Chess Magazine*, August 1875, page 196.

Problemistically: ‘Although he has not been very active problemistically since the *Westminster Gazette* column disappeared the problem world is poorer for his loss.’ *BCM*, January 1933, page 44 (obituary of J. Schumer).

Sacs-back: ‘For the next half-dozen moves a cardinal consideration is the efficacy of possible “sacs-back” on d5.’ *Playing to Win* by J. Plaskett (London, 1988), page 66.

Simultanee: ‘The simultanee should keep an eye on the rate of progress of the single player ...’ *BCM*, April 1943, page 74.

Zwischenfehler: ‘For a move such as Black’s 25th we offer the term *Zwischenfehler*.’ E. Winter, C.N. 2784, 20 October 2002. (See page 61 of *A Chess Omnibus*.)

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