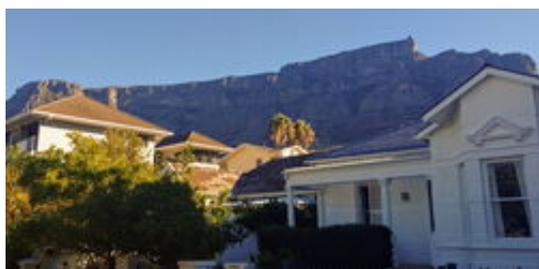


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A Chess Expedition to the Other Hemisphere



Michael Negele
View from Stephen Street 10 to Table Mountain

by Michael Negele

Dear Fellow-Members,

some of you may remember my [reports on certain visits to chess places](#) or to some of our members during the years 2003 to 2013. These travels were mostly related to business trips. So after some changes in my job position my "collection of collectors" didn't increase too much during the last couple of years. However, after my retirement a nice holiday trip to South Africa in January 2018 was combined with a visit to a long-term chess friend. By chance this opportunity led to the highest concentration of CH&LS founding members on the African continent ever since.

Manfred Mittelbach, formerly located in Hamburg, moved to Cape Town after his retirement in 2012. Every Christmas season Manfred kindly invited me to visit his wife Pauline and him in Stephen Street, Gardens, a very nice quarter of the "Mother City". So at the end of January this ideas materialized and so each morning I had a very impressive view of the Table Mountain.

Manfred and I also walked around in this - at least from my perspective - quite safe and tiny "Cape-Dutch" quarter. Also we visited the Botanical Garden and of course the National Library, where I was amazed by the number of chess problem books. This is based on a donation by the problemist McIntire, who published this (rare) booklet in Cape Town.

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Donald G. McIntyre

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Some Problems For My Friends - D. G. McIntyre

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Manfred Mittelbach in Cape Town

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Lion's Head, Cape Town



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Penguins at Boulder



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The National Library - outside

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The National Library - inside



Michael Negele
from *Chemistry to Chessmen*

However, much time was also spent talking about Manfred's efforts to complete his bibliographical work on the "Chess Automaton". I was deeply impressed about all the documentation and wonderful books in this very specialized collection.



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Something about the Chess Automaton

So my collecting friend was most helpful in supporting my own biographical work on Tassilo von Heydebrand und der Lasa (see the next KARL issue 1/2018).

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von der Lasa Familien-Chronik

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Man at work with pipe

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Happy collecting, No. 1

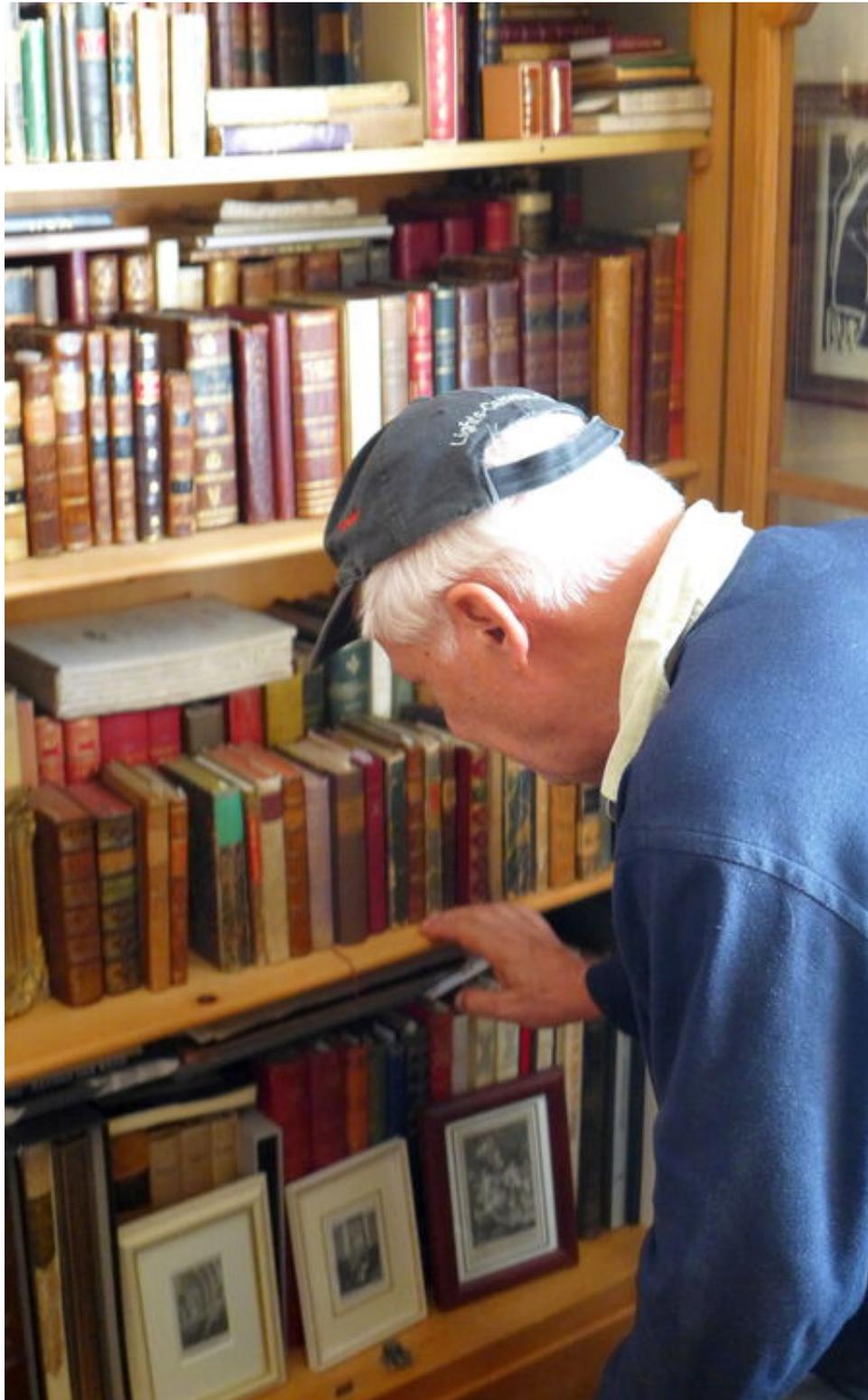
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Happy collecting, No. 2



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How many pipes does a man need?

We also discussed the "Chapais" mystery - (see [Besuch an einem mystischen Ort](#)), and the "Holy Grail" of chess collecting - the book of Francesch Vicent (Valencia 1495) (see [On the Hunt for the Lost Chess Book](#)).

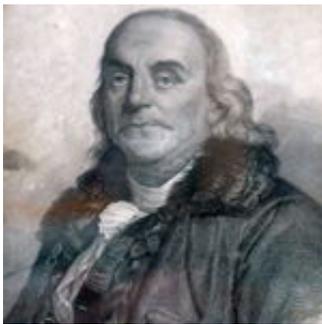
Some chess celebrities

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Denis Diderot

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Benjamin Franklin

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Moses Mendelssohn, Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, Johann Kaspar Lavater

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François-André Danican Philidor

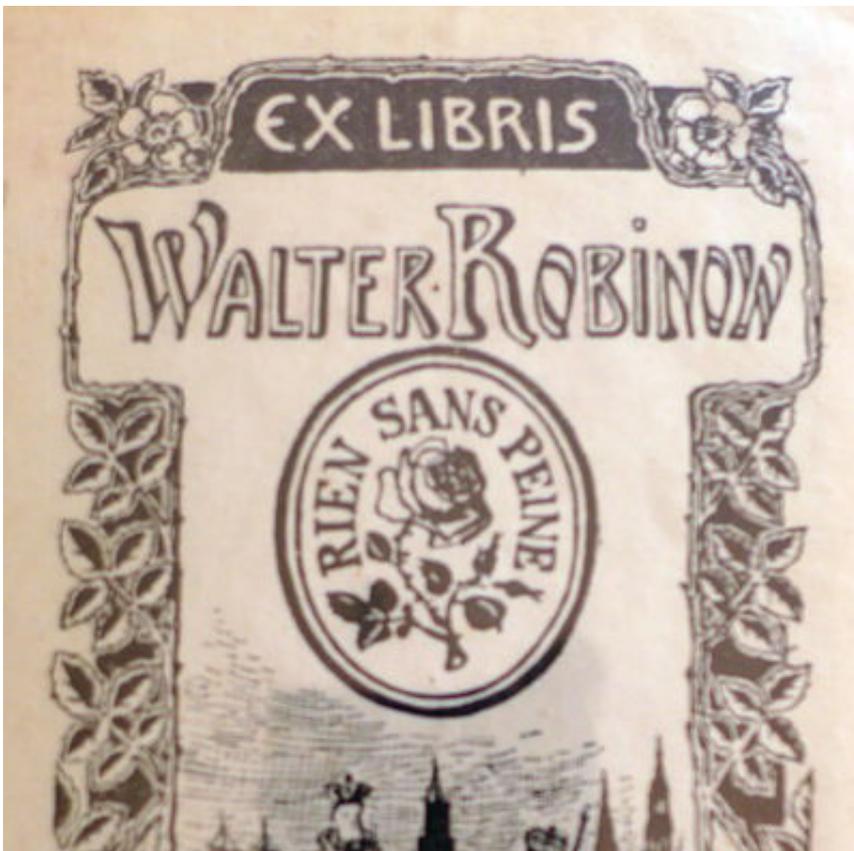
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Tassilo von Heydebrand und der Lasa

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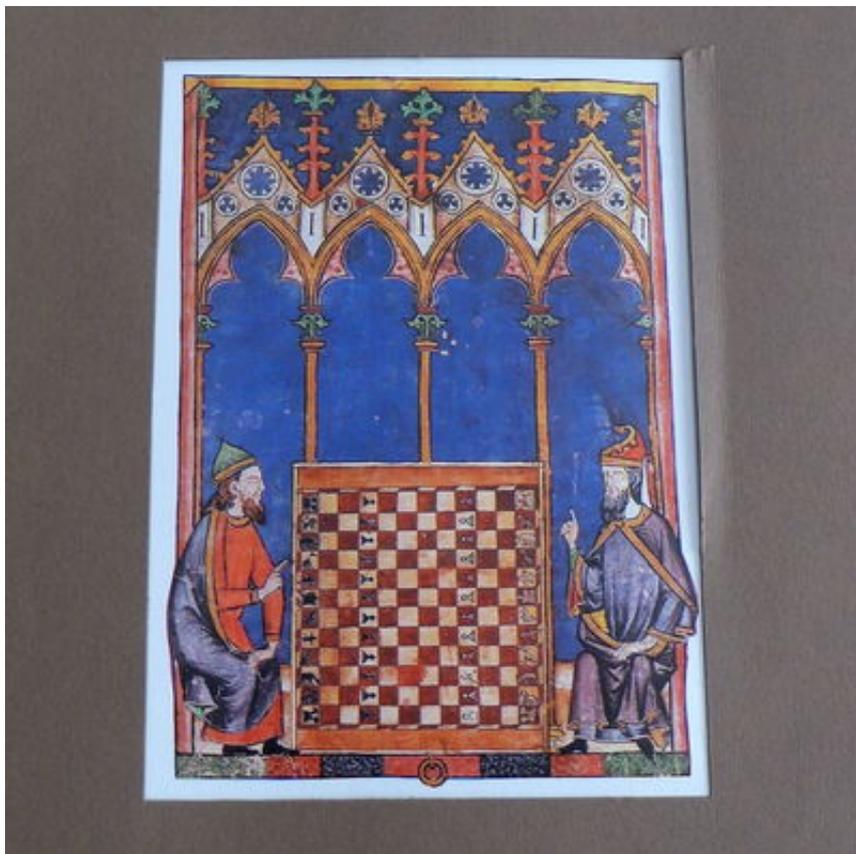
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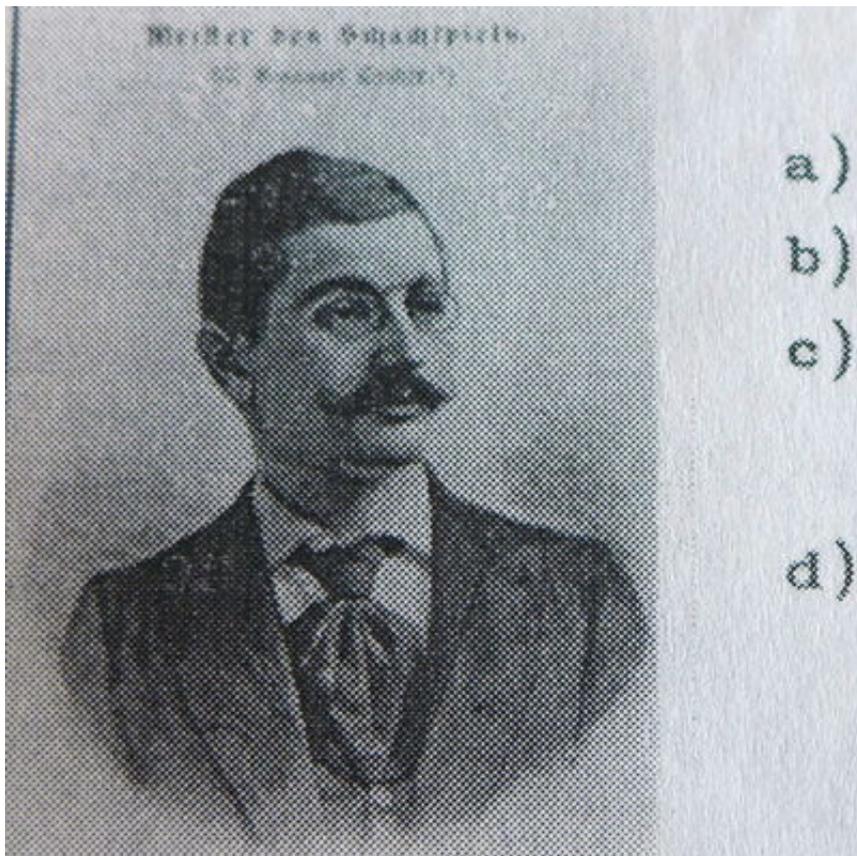
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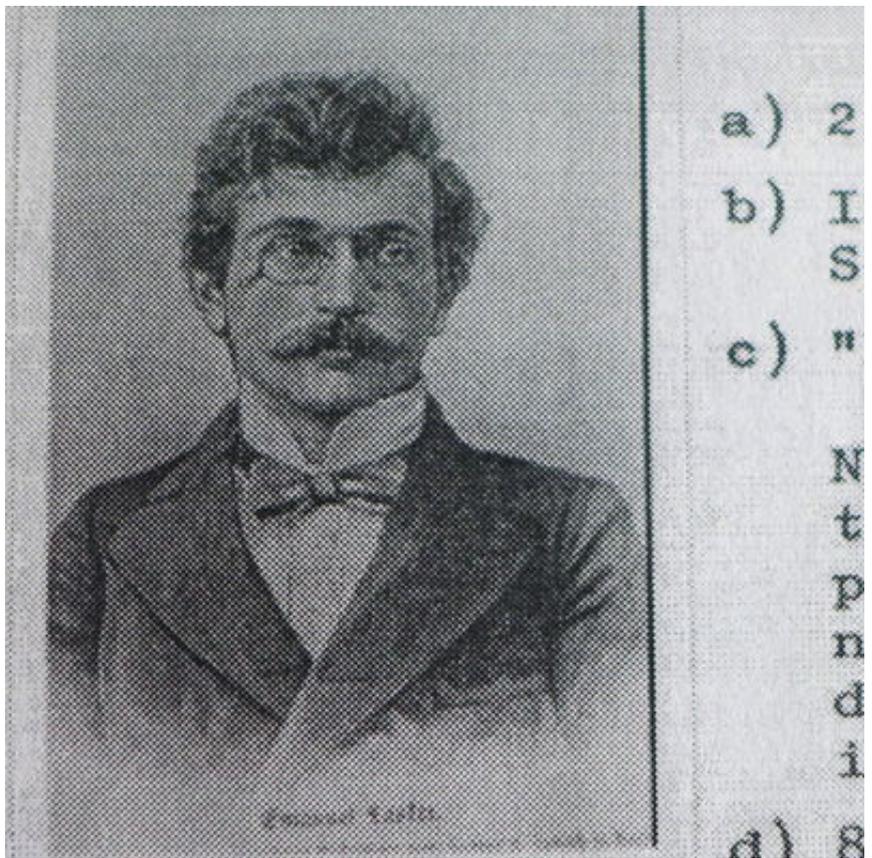
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Emanuel Lasker (Lithograph 1894)

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Emanuel Lasker (Lithograph 1897)

Pauline's Chess pictures

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The next day we visited Ruth and Leonard Reitstein in their new home in Gardens, nearly in walking distance to Manfred. Len, "Mr. Chess of South Africa" for more than 6 decades - is still in a quite good shape and discussed several topics with us. He was happy to receive my Schmidt book, however he mixed him up with Lothar Schmid who visited South Africa in 1964. Leonard Reitstein (*1928) will celebrate his 90th birthday in 6th June.

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Highest concentration of CH&LS members in Africa - Ruth and Leonhard Reitstein, Michael Negele, Manfred Mittelbach



Michael Negele
Ruth and Leonard Reitstein

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Leonhard Reitstein reads in the "Schmidt book"

See also:

- Publications of [Reitstein, Leonard R.](#)
- [Persons celebrating an Anniversary in June 2006](#)