

# **Michael Negele – short report on an amazing find**

## **Chess Symposium III – an unknown manuscript of Jacob C. Halpern**

**Who was Jacob C. Halpern ?**

**Gaige:**

**Born in Poland (10.09.1845); died in New York City in 15.03.1924 (but ? – set by Gaige)**

**This Halpern started playing in local tournaments in East coast area of the USA in the 1890s, he was participant of N.Y. 1894 tournament – winning against Pillsbury. (De Felice: Columbia Chess Club Ch. of 1887),**

**Friend of Prof. Isaac Rice and member of his group (as Em. Lasker)**

**Member of Manhattan Chess Club.**

**Chess Symposium I was published in 1904, No. II in 1905 – look at advertisement**

**Chess Symposium III was announced in 1905, the manuscript was finished but was never published – who knows why ?**

**There is also a James Halpern mentioned – same man ?**

**Why stopped Halpern to appear in chess scene (and magazines) in 1910, living 14 years longer ?**

**Many questions, who may know the answers ?**

**We got the manuscript from our friend Andy Ansel, who had got it from Fred Wilson.**

**But who was the former owner after Halpern's death ?**

**By some discussion with Tomasz Lissowski I learned that there was a Polish player (an engineer) named Jacob Heilpern born in 1845 (?) who died in 1910 in Como, Italy.**

**Could these two guys be the same person – this Heilpern played an unfinished match with Taubenhaus in Warsaw in 1887.**

**Just the start of a new story, I don't know ?**

**But having the manuscript is amazing enough, look at the pictures.**