For this month's problem we go to a classic from 1930, by the great composer Lev Loshinski, which won 1^{st} Honourable Mention in *L'Italia Scacchistica*.



Mate in 2. A satisfying problem to solve, this shows intensively a popular problem theme (one which does sometimes crop up in over-the-board play). I'll give the solution next time, but if you would like to see the solution (together with an interesting commentary by Steve Giddins) go to the British Chess Problem Society website, <u>www.theproblemist.org/</u> - the 'Weekly Problem' there gives you an option to look at previous weeks' problems, and this one appeared on 22nd April 2013.

Going back to the 2-mover by Laszlo Lindner from the last Newsletter -



The key is 1.Bf4!, which, pinning the bQ, threatens 2.Qd5 (but not 2.Bxe5, as the c5N is now hanging). If Black moves the b5N to pin the wQ White *can* play 2.Bxe5, as the a5R now guards the c5N. It looks as though 1...Kxc5 is a strong defence, as it gives check and breaks the pin on the line f4-d6, but it walks into two new pins, on the lines g5-c5 and a5-c5, and so 2.Qc7 is mate.. I'll leave you to work out why the other defences (1...Nb6 and 1...B or P to e6) fail!