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# FOUR-HANDED CHESS

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“ Thus have I seen a king at chess,  
His rooks and knights withdrawn,  
His queen and bishops, in distress,  
Shifting about, grow less and less,  
With here and there a pawn.”

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## PREFACE.



ON the 20th September, 1881, the following extract appeared in a leading article of the "Times:"—"Some years ago great attempts were made to introduce Chess for four players, with many more pieces and many more places on the board. The attempt failed from the fact that four people will generally be found more agreed to play a rubber than to condemn themselves for a long night to one game of Chess. For most people,