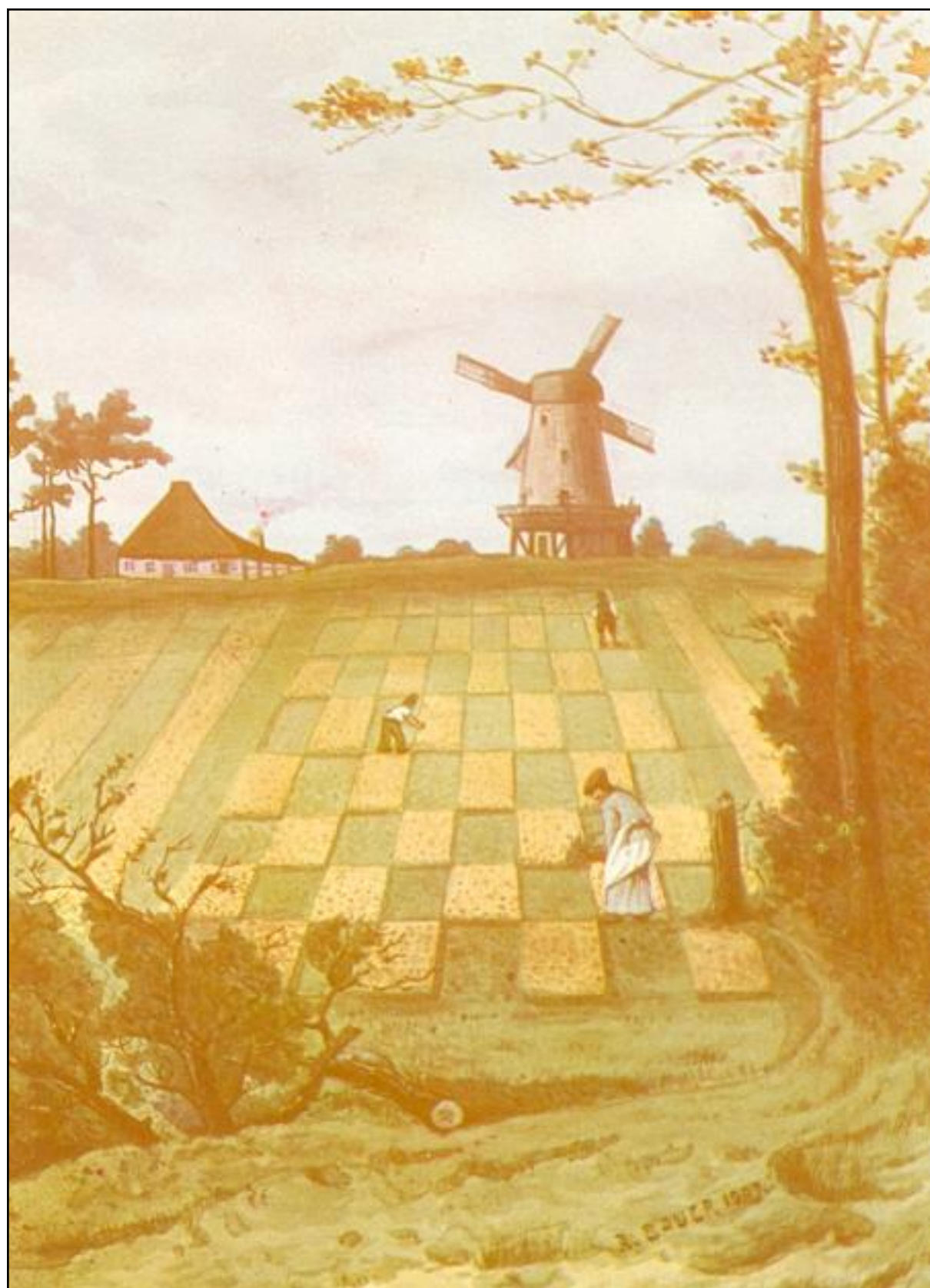


# Chessy Words

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- **Chessay**: Subtitle of the book *Not Only Chess*, ‘A Selection of Chessays’ by G. Abrahams (1974).
- **Chessdom**: ‘The British Chess Association Problem Tourney Committee bids fair to be the best abused body in Chessdom.’ *City of London Chess Magazine*, October 1874, page 209.
- **Chesser**: ‘English chessers, to use the American word, for which we seem to have no good substitute, ... ought certainly to subscribe to this capital monthly.’ *City of London Chess Magazine*, May 1875, page 105.
- **Chessercize**: In 1991 Bruce Pandolfini wrote two books, *Chessercizes* and *More Chessercizes*.
- **Chessiana**: ‘From *The Road to Music* by Nicolas Slonimsky (Dodd, Mead and Company) we find a curious bit of chessiana.’ *Chess Review*, June 1950, page 162.
- **Chessic**: Isidor Gunsberg in *Knowledge*, 1883. [Exact citation sought.]
- **Chessical**: ‘... we are much mistaken if affairs chessical do not enjoy a notable enlivenment so long as he remains in our midst.’ W.E. Napier writing about Eisenberg in the *Pittsburgh Dispatch*, 4 August 1904, as quoted on page 125 of *Napier The Forgotten Chessmaster* by John S. Hilbert (1997).
- **Chessically**: ‘With names so influential, both socially and chessically, as the above ...’ *City of London Chess Magazine*, August 1874, page 161.
- **Chessie**: ‘... his many chessie friends.’ *The Chess Weekly*, 17 July 1909, page 60.
- **Chessikin**: ‘A chessikin played in the contest for the Club and Institute Union Trophy ...’ *City of London Chess Magazine*, October 1875, page 285.
- **Chessing**: ‘... such terms as chessy, chessist, chessing and caissic are revolting hybrids. Chess jargon and clichés can be bad enough without resorting to such vulgarisms.’ D.J. Morgan on page 334 of the December 1953 *BCM*.
- **Chessist**: ‘The centralisation of the chess resources of this country is a subject that must sooner or later recommend itself to all energetic English chessists as one that deserves to be taken in hand with a view to its realisation.’ *City of London Chess Magazine*, July 1875, page 163.
- **Chessite**: ‘The airs of superiority the chessites assume over us poor backgammonists.’ *New Monthly Magazine*, 1834.
- **Chesslet**: ‘Chesslets’ was the title of a brief feature on page 126 of the January 1905 *Lasker’s Chess Magazine* on how various types of player react to defeat. J. Schumer published a small book entitled *Chesslets* in 1928.
- **Chessmanity**: ‘He will have some claim to be regarded as a benefactor to

- “chessmanity”.’ F.P. Wildman, *BCM*, December 1901, page 497.
- **Chessner**: ‘Yonder’s my game, which, like a politic chessner, I must not seeme to see.’ T. Middleton’s *Game at Chesse* (1624).
  - **Chessnicdote**: *Chessnicdotes I* and *Chessnicdotes II*: titles of books by G. Koltanowski (1978 and 1981).
  - **Chessomania**: ‘a pathological craving for chess to the virtual exclusion of all other activities and concerns.’ Page 65 of *An illustrated Dictionary of Chess* by Edward R. Brace (1977).
  - **Chessophobe**: ‘The base calumny industriously spread by “chessophobes” (to coin a word) should be silent in face of these facts.’ P.H. Williams, *American Chess Bulletin*, February 1911, page 26.
  - **Chessophrenetic**: ‘(nonce term) a chess fanatic.’ Page 65 of *An illustrated Dictionary of Chess* by Edward R. Brace (1977).
  - **Chesspearean**: ‘The brutal plot of this Chesspearean tragedy culminates in banishment of the lady.’ Page 40 of *The Personality of Chess* by I.A. Horowitz and P.L. Rothenberg (New York, 1963).
  - **Chesspool**: ‘... that monthly chesspool’. Description of *The Westminster Papers* in the August 1888 *International Chess Magazine*, page 236.
  - **Chesstapo**: Title of a poem (a *Mikado* parody) by F.J. Whitmarsh on page 28 of the February 1944 *BCM*.
  - **Chess-ty**: ‘The champion’s “chess-ty” physical make-up is not that of the popular conception of a chess-player.’ C. Sherwood, writing about Alekhine in the *Los Angeles Times*. The item was quoted on page 96 of the May-June 1929 *American Chess Bulletin*.
  - **Chessy**: ‘Q to Kt7 would have been more chessy.’ I. Gunsberg in *Knowledge*, 15 June 1883.
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