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PREFACE

It seems to be custom to say a few words to the public, when offering a collection of Chess Problems, and this custom I shall shortly avail myself of. The stratagems contained in this book are a selection from the many Problems composed by me, and published during the last six years in all the leading journals and magazines at home and abroad.

I do not claim for my problems any especial or extraordinary profundity, nor do I intend to set myself up as a rival to other Chess authors; but I believe that any Chess-player who takes the trouble to look through my book, will find in it amusement and pleasure. I do not pretend to be able to give hints on construction, or to lay down dogmatic rules in Problem art.

In conclusion, I ought to state that I have always been treated with the greatest courtesy by every Chess Editor with whom I have corresponded, with, I regret to say, one notable exception.

PREFACE TO ELECTRONICAL EDITION

This is an electronical edition of John Thursby's *Seventy-Five Chess Problems*, published in 1883 by Jas. Wade, London. The main changes are: changing the layout from one diagram per page to four, and translating solutions from descriptive notation to algebraic.

All problems have been checked by computer: Matthieu Leschemelle's *Problemiste* was used for all problems up to and including 5 moves; *Popeye* was used for the remaining 6-mover.

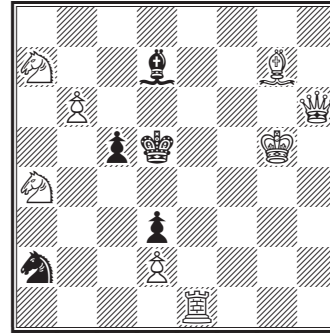
Found problems have been indicated as follows:

[†] indicates a problem without a solution, and

[*] indicates a problem with several key moves.

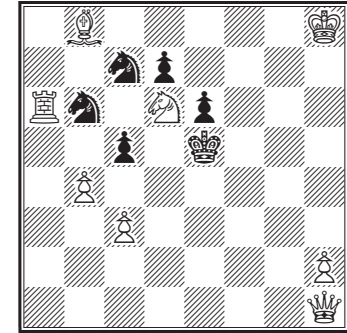
In the solutions section, found problems are documented in square brackets, with an occasional suggestion for correction.

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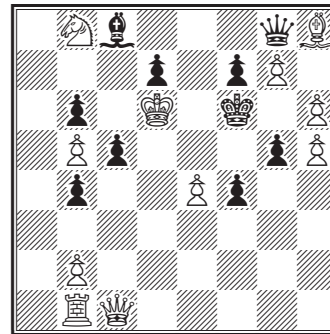
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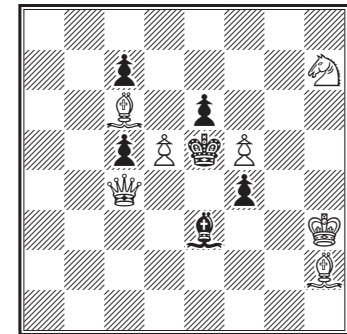
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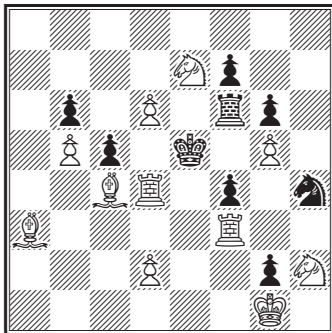
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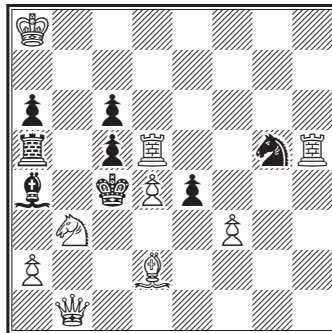
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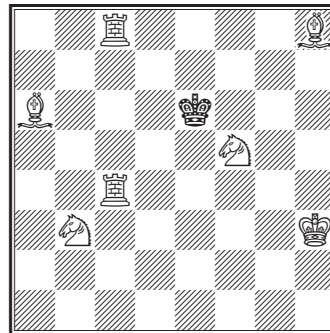
Taylor: Chess Chips, 1878

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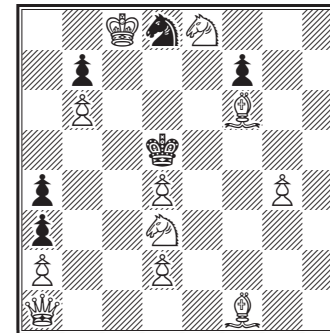
White to mate in two moves

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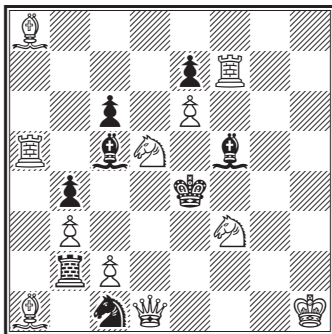
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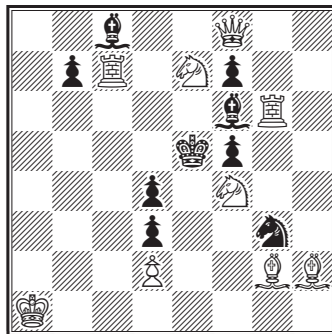
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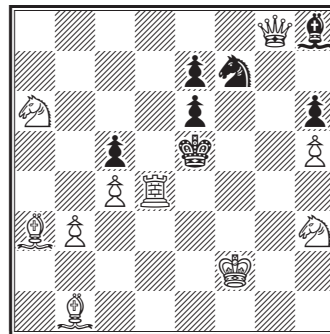
White to mate in two moves

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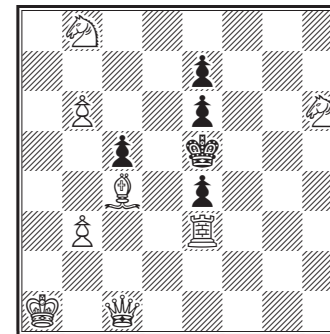
White to mate in two moves

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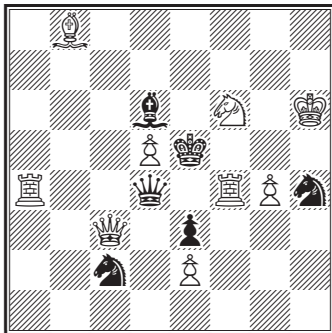
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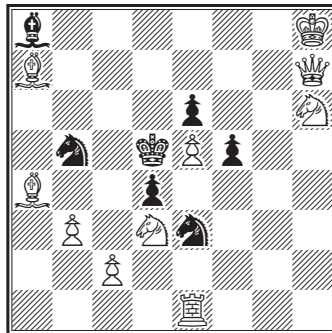
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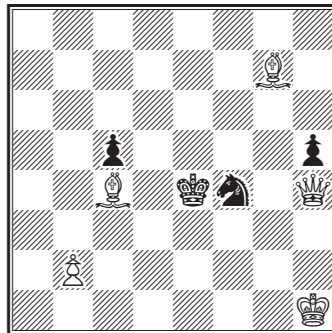
White to mate in two moves
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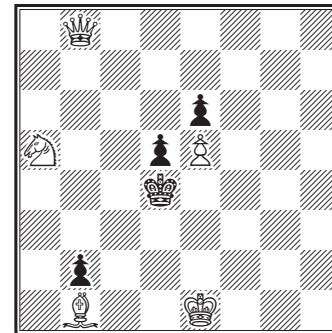
White to mate in two moves

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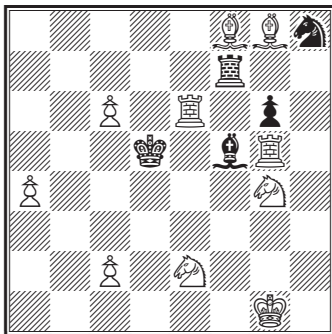
White to mate in two moves
[†]

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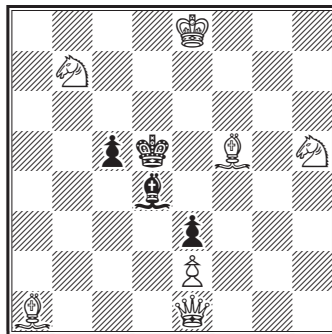
White to mate in two moves

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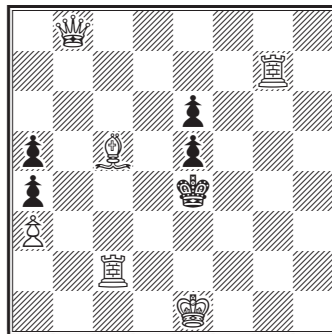
White to mate in two moves

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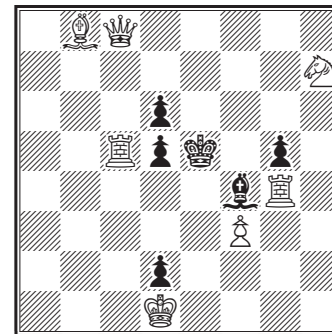
White to mate in two moves

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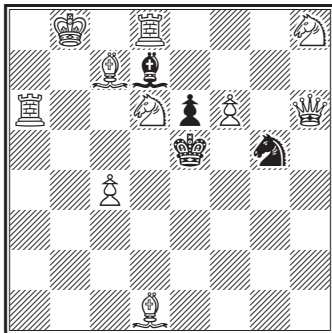
White to mate in two moves

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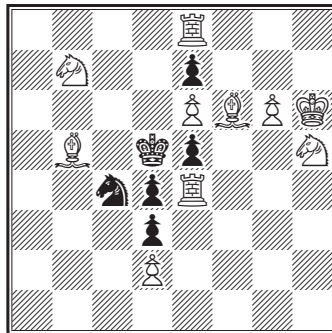
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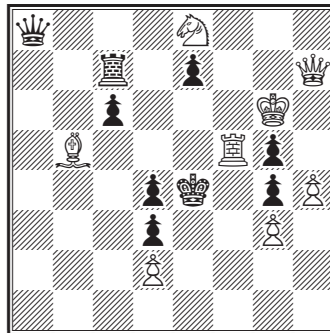
White to mate in two moves

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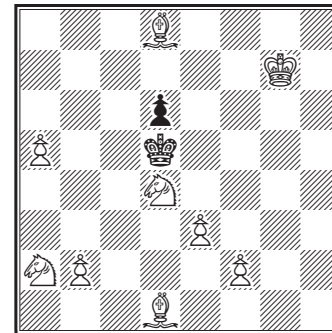


White to mate in two moves

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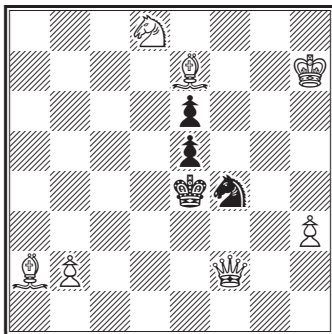
White to mate in three moves
[+]

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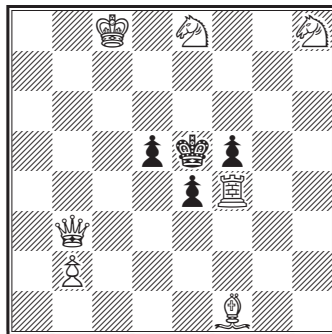
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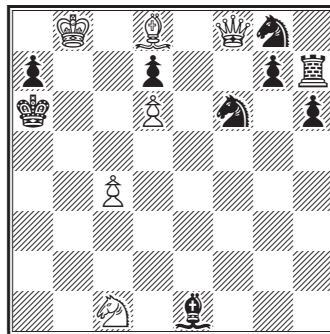


White to mate in two moves

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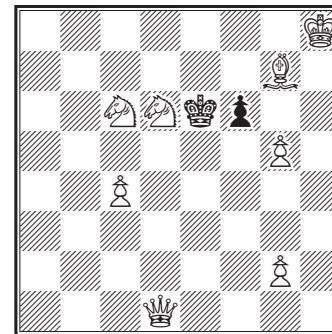
White to mate in two moves
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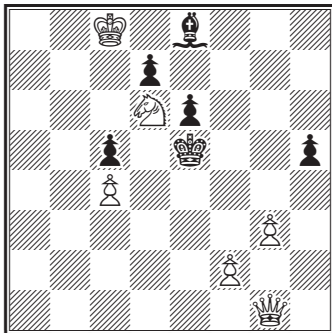
White to mate in three moves

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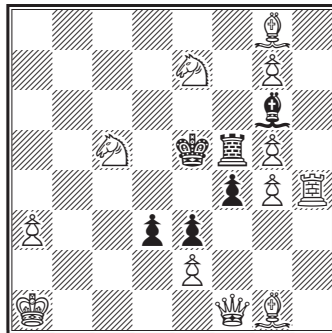
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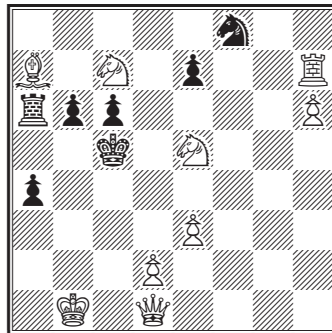
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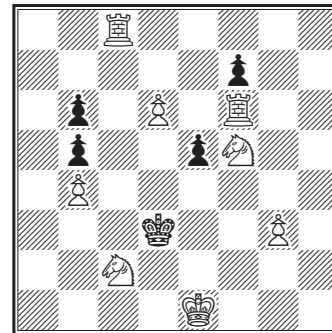
White to mate in three moves

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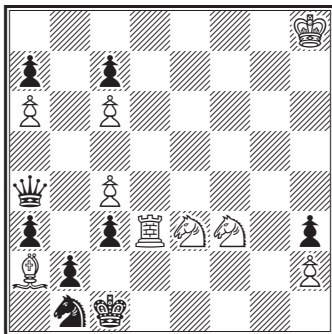
White to mate in three moves

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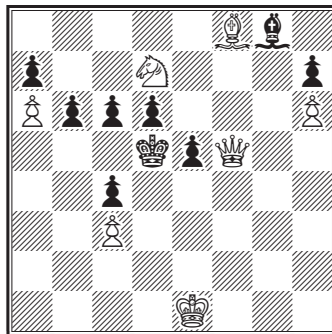
White to mate in three moves

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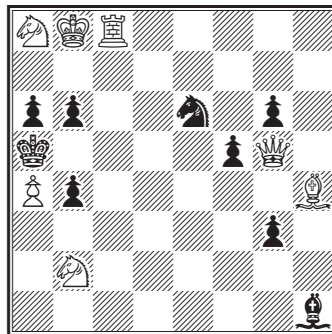
White to mate in three moves

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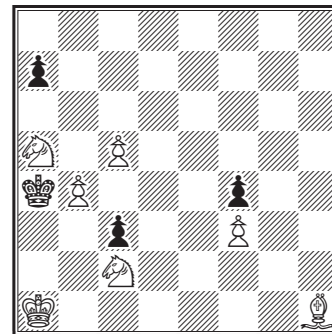
White to mate in three moves

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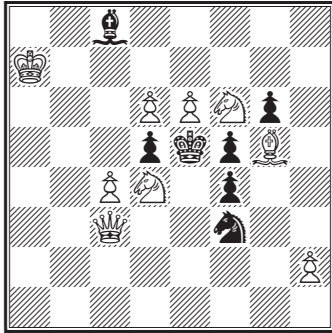
White to mate in three moves
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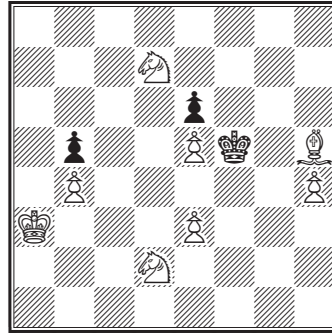
White to mate in three moves

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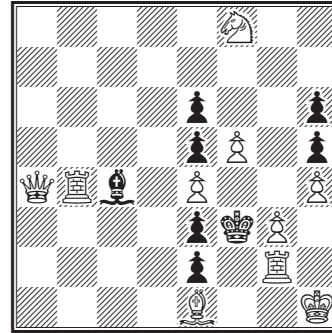
White to mate in three moves

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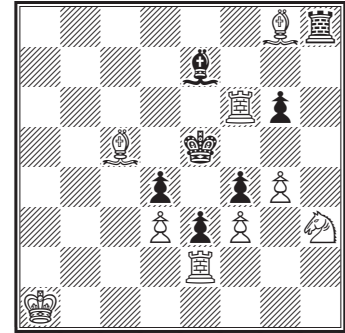
White to mate in three moves

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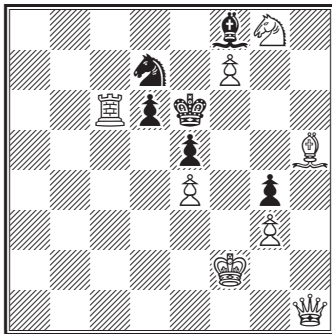
White to mate in three moves

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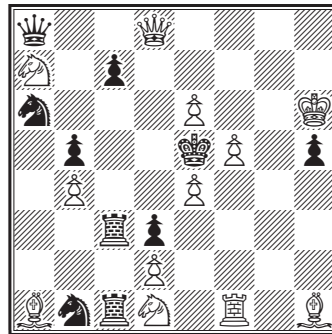
White to mate in three moves

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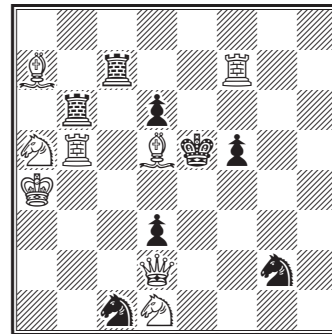
White to mate in three moves

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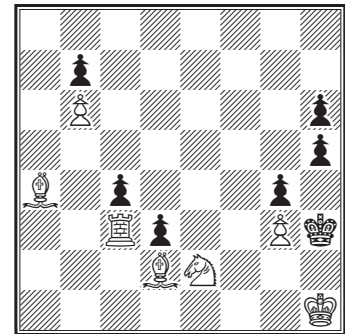
White to mate in three moves

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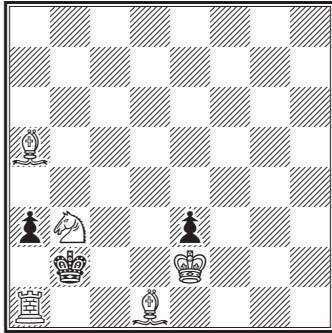
White to mate in three moves
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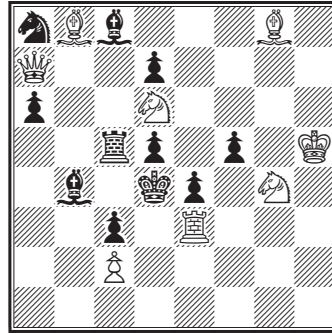
White to mate in three moves

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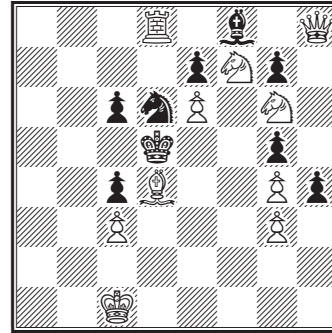
White to mate in three moves

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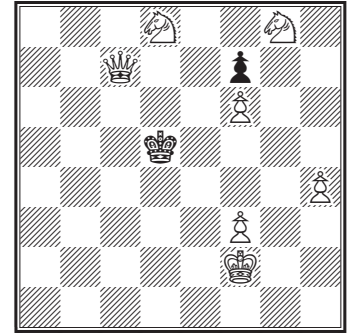
White to mate in three moves

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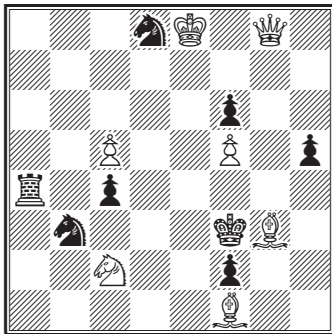
White to mate in three moves

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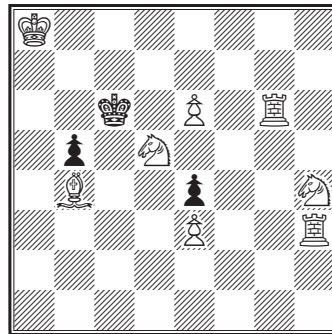
White to mate in three moves

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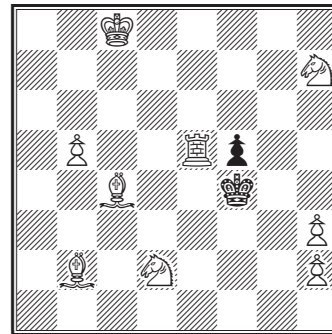
White to mate in three moves

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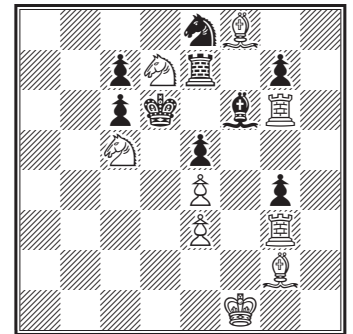
White to mate in three moves

Problem no. 59



White to mate in three moves

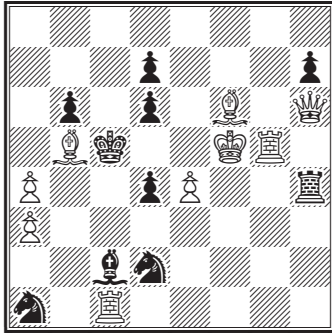
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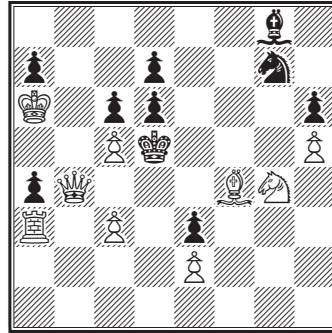
Toronto Globe, 1880

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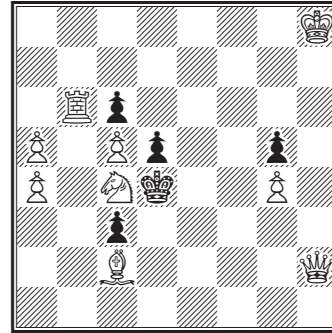
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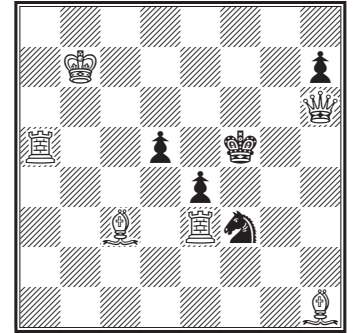
White to mate in three moves

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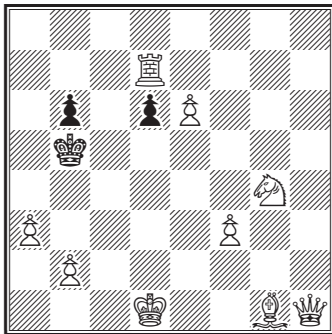
White to mate in three moves

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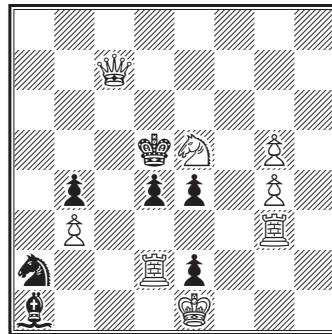
White to mate in three moves

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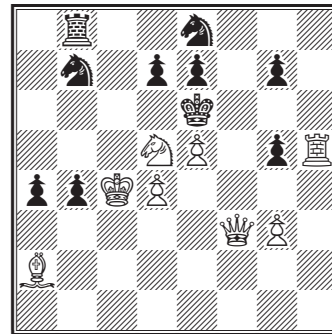
White to mate in three moves

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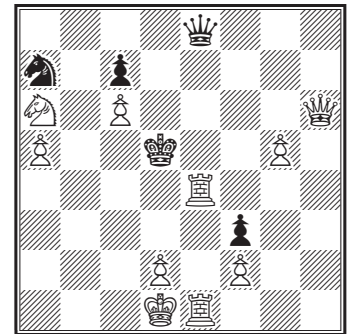
White to mate in three moves

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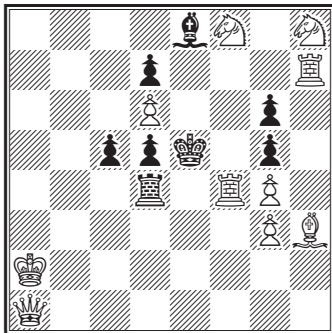
White to mate in four moves

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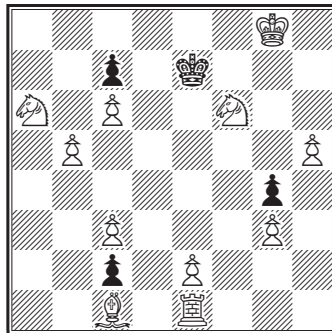
White to mate in four moves
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Problem no. 69



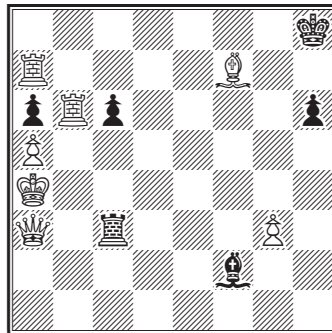
White to mate in four moves

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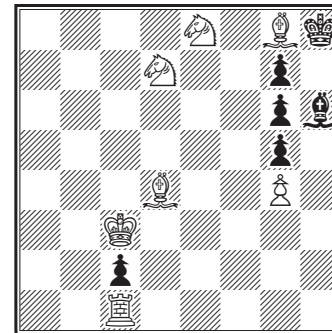
White to mate in four moves

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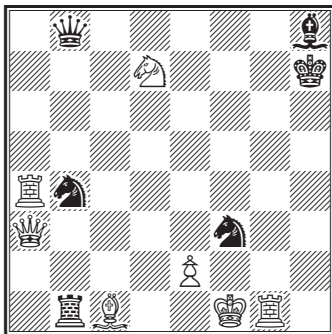
White to sui-mate in six moves

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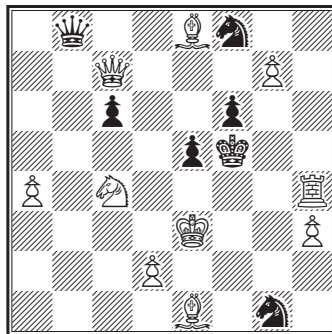
White to sui-mate in six moves

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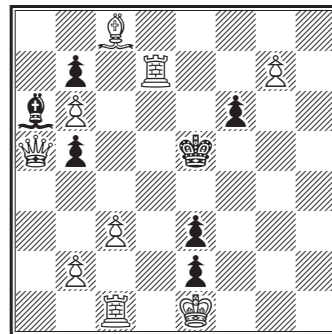
White to sui-mate in four moves

Problem no. 72



White to sui-mate in five moves

Problem no. 75



White to sui-mate in five moves

SOLUTIONS

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|-----|--|---------|-----------|------|------------------------------|
| 1. | 1. Re4 | | | 14. | 1. Sg8 |
| 2. | 1. Qg1 | | | 15. | 1. Ba3 |
| 3. | 1. Qe3 | | | 16. | 1. Qa5 |
| 4. | 1. d6 | | | 17. | 1. Bh6 |
| 5. | 1. d3 | | | | <i>[corr: wQ to g5.]</i> |
| 6. | 1. dxc5 | | | 18. | 1. Qf8 |
| 7. | 1. Qd2 | | | 19. | 1. Qb1 |
| 8. | 1. Rxb7 | | | 20. | 1. Rc3 |
| 9. | 1. Rg4 | | | 21. | 1. Bb6 |
| 10. | 1. Qb1 | | | 22. | 1. Kg5 |
| 11. | 1. Sb8 | | | 23. | 1. Sb7 |
| 12. | 1. Qg1 | | | 24. | 1. Bh3 |
| 13. | 1. Qb2 | | | | <i>[cook: 1. ... Kxf4 !]</i> |
| | <i>[1. Bc7; corr: wQ to b3.]</i> | | | | |
| 25. | 1. hxg5 | Qa1 | 2.Qxe7† | Rxe7 | 3.Bxc6‡ |
| | <i>[1. Qxe7† and mate in 2nd move.]</i> | | | | |
| 26. | 1. Sc1 | Kc5/c4 | 2. Bb3(†) | any | 3. ‡ |
| | | Ke5/e4 | 2. Bf3(†) | any | 3. ‡ |
| 27. | 1. Sd3 | Se4 | 2. Qf2 | any | 3. ‡ |
| 28. | 1. Sb8 | Ke7/e5 | 2. Bxf6† | K~ | 3. Q, S ‡ |
| 29. | 1. Qc1 | Kf6/xd6 | 2. Qf4† | K~ | 3. Q ‡ |
| | <i>[cook: 2. ... Ke7 and no solution.]</i> | | | | |
| 30. | 1. Qf3 | Rxg5 | 2. Qxf4† | Kxf4 | 3. Bh2‡ |
| | | Kd4 | 2. Qe4† | K~ | 3. Q ‡ |
| | | Kd6 | 2. Qc6† | K~ | 3. Q ‡ |
| 31. | 1. Sd4 | Qc2 | 2. c5 | any | 3. ‡ |
| 32. | 1. Ke2 | Be6 | 2. Qxe5† | dxe5 | 3. Sf6‡ |
| | | Bf7 | 2. Qxf7† | Ke4 | 3. Qf3‡ |
| | | c5 | 2. Sf6† | Kc6 | 3. Qd7‡ |
| | | b5 | 2. Sf6† | Kc5 | 3. Qf2‡ |

33. 1. Qf3 Kd6 2. Qxf8 any 3. Q †
Kb4 2. Qxc6 any 3. Q †
Sxh7, ~ 2. Qxc6† Kb4 3. Qc3†
34. 1. Sfe3 Ke4 2. Sd1 Kd3/d5 3. Sf2/c3†
35. 1. Qd8 Bxa8 2. Qxb6† Kxb6 3. Sc4†
Sxd8 2. Rc5† bxc5 3. Bxd8†
[*but: 1. ... Sc7!*]
36. 1. Bg2 Kb5 2. Bh3 Ka4/a6, a6 3. B †
37. 1. cxd5 Kxd6 2. Qc7† Kxc7 3. Se8†
Sxd4† 2. Bxf4† Kxf4/xf6 3. Q †
B~ 2. Sb5† Sd4 3. Qxd4†
38. 1. Sf1 Ke4 2. Kb3 K~ 3. S, B †
39. 1. Qd1 Sf6 2. Qxd6† Bxd6 3. f8=S†
40. 1. Sb2 Qxd8 2. Sc6† any 3. †
Sc5/xb4 2. Qxc7† any 3. †
Qd5/xe4 2. Sc6† Qxc6 3. Sxd3 †
41. 1. Qe8 Kg4 2. Qxh5† K~ 3. †
Kxe4 2. Qc6† K~ 3. Q †
exf5 2. Qxe5 any 3. Q †
42. 1. Ba2 Bxf6 2. Rxe3† dxe3 3. d4†
fxe3 3. f4†
43. 1. Qf2 Rxf7 2. Qd4† Kxd4 3. Sc6†
[*1. Bxg2†; 1. Qg5*]
44. 1. Be1 dxe2 2. Bd7 h4 3. gxh4†
45. 1. Sc2 Bxd7 2. e4† Kc6/e6 3. Sd8†
Ke4 2. Sb4 any 3. †
46. 1. Kh7 Sf6† 2. Rxf6 any 3. S †
47. 1. Ke1 a2 2. Qa4 any 3. Q †
48. 1. Rb1 Ra5 2. Rxb4 Ra4 3. Rb3†
49. 1. Qg3 Ke5 2. Qc3† K~ 3. Q †
Kc5 2. Qc3† K~ 3. Q, S †
50. 1. Qg7 Bxd5 2. Rc5 any 3. Q †
51. 1. Bc6 Ke5 2. Qf7 Kd4/d6 3. Q †
Ke7 2. Qf5 Kd6/d8 3. Q †
52. 1. Sge6 Kxe4 2. Kg7 Kd5/f5 3. e4†
53. 1. Kxe3 a2 2. Sd2 Kxa1/a3 3. B, S †
54. 1. Re1 fxg4 2. Rxe4† dxe4† 3. Sf5†
55. 1. Bd6 Ke4 2. Qd5† Kxd5 3. Bg2†
56. 1. Sf3 Kxd5 2. Se5 Kxe5 3. Rh5†
exf3 2. e4 f2 3. Rc3†
57. 1. Qxh4 gxh4 2. Sf4† Ke4 3. Sg5†

58. 1. Sb7 Kd4 2. Qc2 Kd5/e5 3. Qe4†
Ke6 2. Qc6† Ke5/f5 3. Qe4†
59. 1. Bc1 Kxe5 2. Sf3† Ke4 3. Shg5†
60. 1. Rf3 g3 2. Rf4 exf4 3. e5†
gx f3 2. Bh3 f2 3. Sb7†
61. 1. Be7 Sxe4 2. Qxd6† Sxd6† 3. Kf6†
62. 1. Bxd6 Sf5 2. Qe4† Kxe4 3. Sf6†
Ke6 2. Qe4† Kf7 3. Q †
any 2. Qc4† Kxc4 3. Sxe3†
63. 1. Qh7 Kc4 2. Qd3† Kxd3 3. Se5†
any 2. Qd3† any 3. R, Q †
64. 1. Re3 Ke6 2. Sd3 any 3. Sf4 †
Sc3 2. Sd3 exd3, any 3. R, S †
d3, any 2. Qc6† Kxe5/d4 3. Rxe4†
65. 1. Qb8 Kxc4 2. Rb4† Kxc5 3. Qf8†
dxc4 2. Qg3 Kxc5 3. Qe5†
Kxc5 2. Rxc6† K~ 3. Q †
Kxe4 2. Rxd5 Kxd5 3. Qc6†
66. 1. Rxe4 Kxe4 2. Rxd5 Kxd5 3. Qc6†
[*1. Rxd5†*]
67. 1. Kxb4, Sa5†; 2. Sb6†, Sb3/c4; 3. d5†, Kxe5; 4. Qf4†
1. ... Sbd6†; 2. Sb6†, Sc4; 3. d5†, Kxe5; 4. Qf4†
68. 1. Qf6, Sxc6; 2. Sxc7†, Kc5; 3. Rc4†, Kxc4; 4. Qc3†
1. ... Qxe4; 2. Rxe4, Kxe4; 3. Sb4, any; 4. d3†
1. ... Sb5; 2. Sb4†, Kc5; 3. Qf5†, any; 4. Q †
[*1. Rxe8*]
69. 1. Qb2, gx f4; 2. Sxd7†, Bxd7; 3. Sf7†, K~; 4. g5/Qe2†
70. 1. Se8, Ke6; 2. Saxc7†, Ke5/f5; 3. Bf4(†), any; 4. e4†
1. ... Kd8; 2. Bg5†, Kc8; 3. b6, any; 4. †
[*1. Sd5†*]
71. 1. Qd3†, Sxd3; 2. Sf8, Qxf8; 3. Rh4†, Sxh4†
72. 1. Rh5†, Ke6; 2. gx f8=S†, Kd5; 3. Bf7†, Kc5; 4. Qd6†, Qxd6;
5. d4, Qxd4†
73. 1. Qf8†, Kh7; 2. Bb3†, Kg6; 3. Rg7†, Kh5; 4. Bd1†, Rf3;
5. Qc5†, Bxc5; 6. Rb5, PxR†
74. 1. Ba2, Kh7; 2. Kb2, Kh8; 2. Ka1, Kh7; 3. Sf8†, Kh8; 4. Sxg7, Bxg7;
5. Bf6, Bxf6†
75. 1. Rd4, f5; 2. g8=S, f4; 3. Ra1, f3; 4. Qxb5†, Bxb5; 5. Ra5, f2†