

Red to play, and Mate on the move.  
 From which square could Black  
 King have last moved?

Motto: "À L'extrémité."

1 prize, Chess Monthly, April, 1880

Note. The conditions for the construction of puzzles entered in the competition were as follows: 1. The position to admit mate on the move by at least eight different chessmen, and at least twenty different moves. 2. The position to be possible, and to contain no new pieces.

(Judge—Dr. J. H. Zukertort)

A SELECTION OF  
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVEN  
**CHESS PROBLEMS**

WITH CHESS-PUZZLE FRONTISPIECE

COMPOSED BY  
FRANCIS C. COLLINS

and contributed to chief  
British periodicals during the  
last thirteen years, viz., 1868-  
1880 illustrated by diagrams,  
accompanied by solutions

[ 1881 ]

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## PREFACE

Some years ago the question was asked by some old acquaintances of mine, and true lovers of the “King and Queen” of pastimes, “Why don’t you publish a book of problems?” Since then many more positions have been added to my collection, also the circle of chess friends has enlarged; and the world-wide interest taken in chess stratagems at the present time renders this a fitting opportunity to present to the admirers of *Caissa* a selection of problems constructed, be it understood, strictly in conformity with the “laws of the game.”

The author believes that the fact of the following problems having appeared in British and some few foreign periodicals—hence thoroughly tested by a great number of proficient solvers—will add to the value of this little volume, inasmuch as the student will probably be spared the great annoyance of attempting to solve a number of unsound compositions.

My sincere thanks are due to all classes of chessists for many a word of encouragement and willingness at all times to give their valuable assistance in endeavouring to fathom some of the mysteries of “the chequered field.”

I have spent many happy hours during the past thirteen years, both in solving the problems of others and in constructing this selection. If the latter should afford pleasure to, and receive the approbation of, the chess problem community, my labours will have reached their crowning point.

With those who see no charm in the “royal game” let us sympathise, and proudly refer them to the list of experienced and intellectual men, who know something of its moral teachings, whose names grace these pages.

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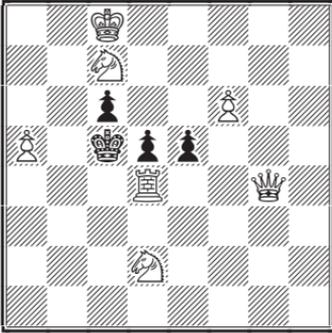
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All problems have been computer-tested for correctness: discovered errors have been indicated by [\*] = several solutions, and [†] = no solutions in the stipulation, and further details, in brackets, are given in the solution.

Solutions have been converted to short algebraic notation, using 'S' to indicate knights.

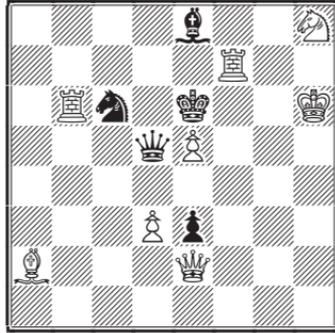


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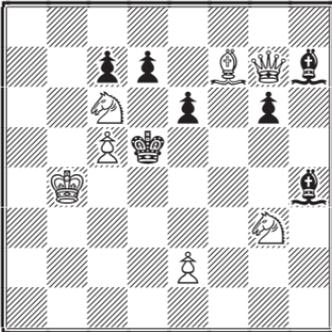
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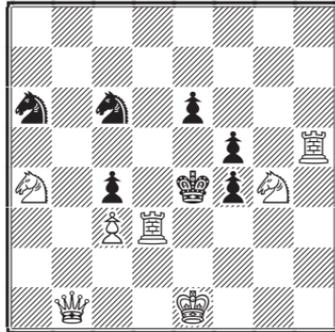
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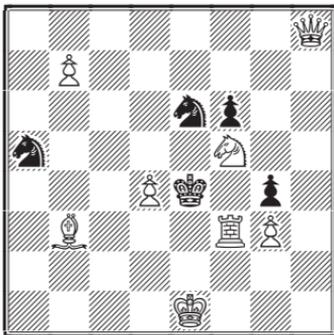
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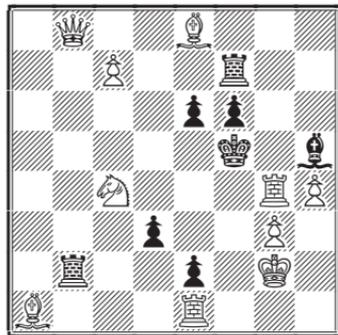
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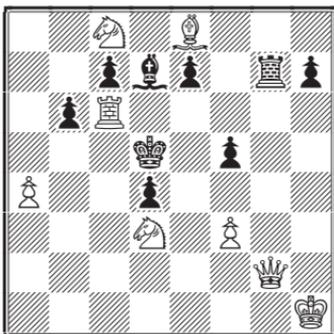
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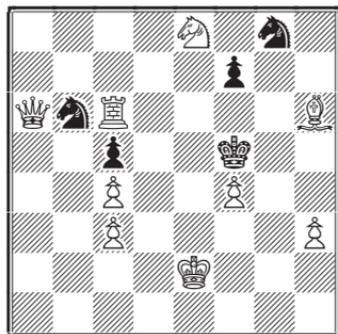
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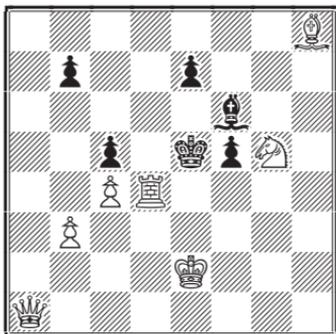
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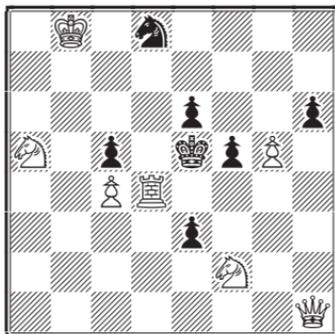
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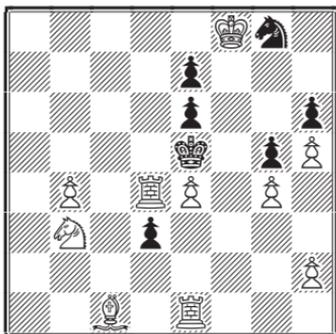
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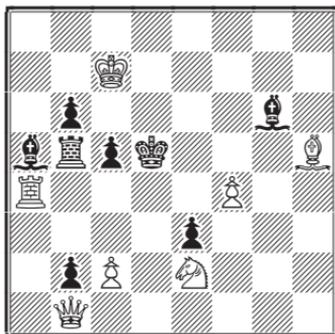
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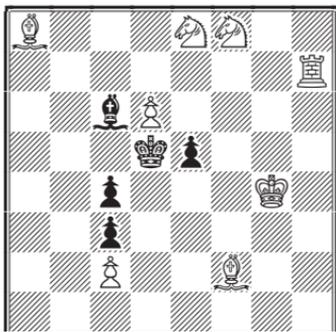
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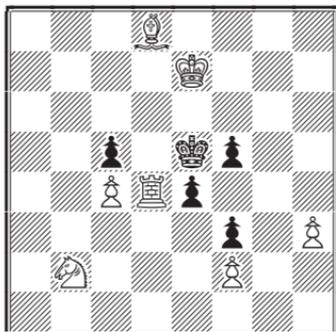
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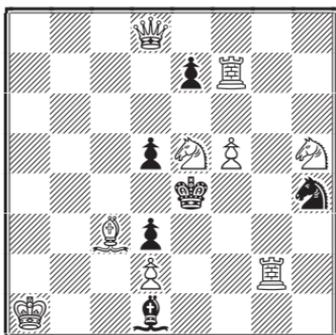
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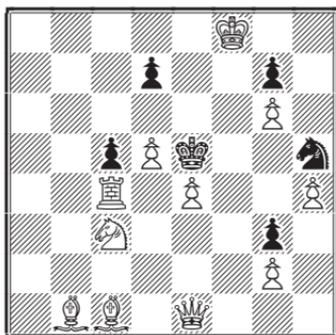
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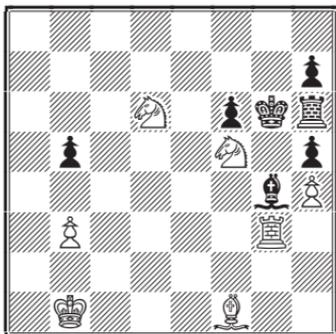
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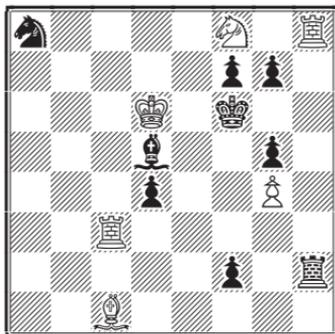
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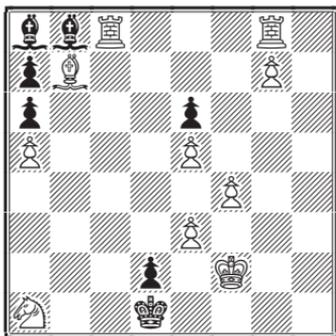
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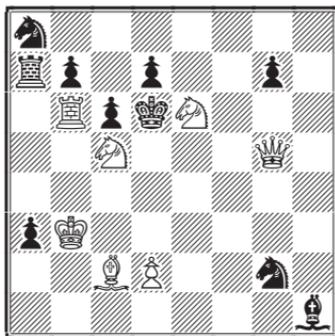
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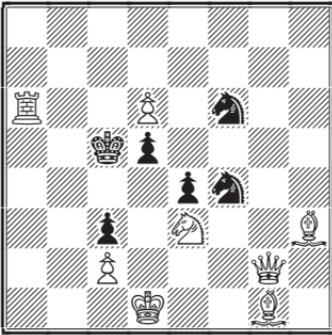
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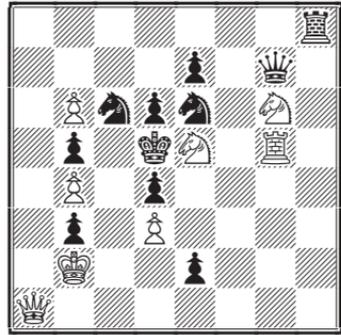
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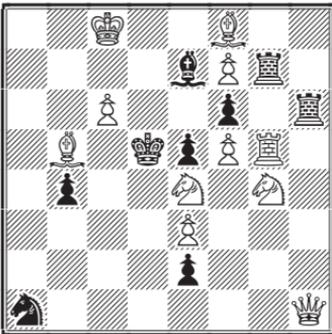
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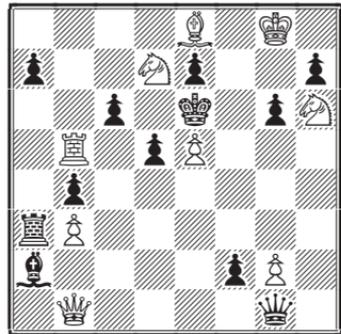
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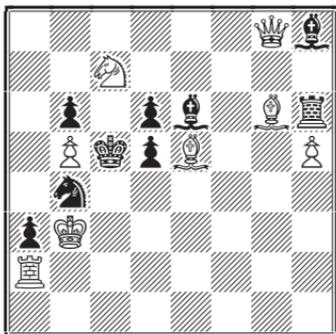
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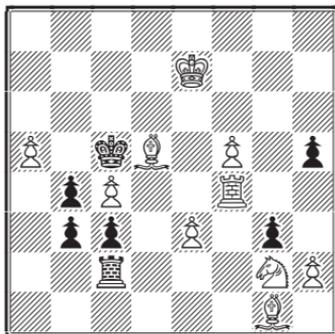
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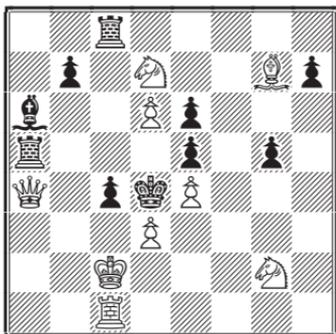
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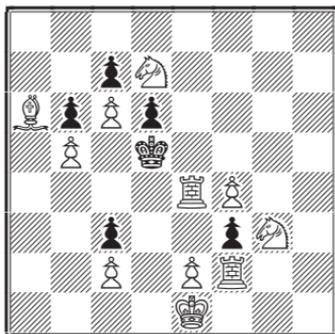
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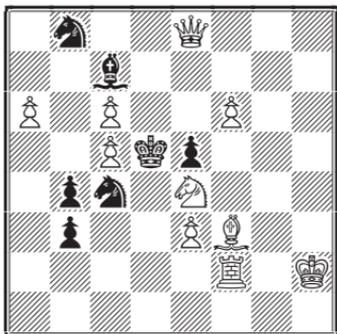
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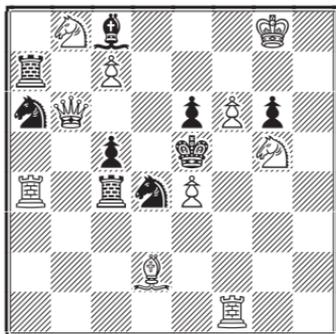
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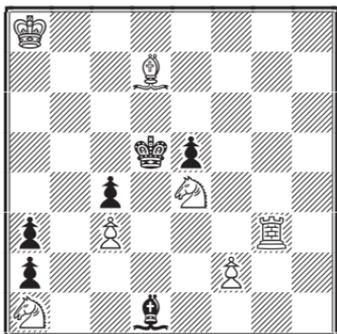
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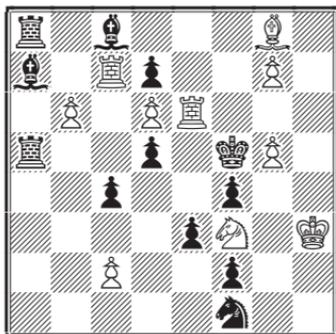
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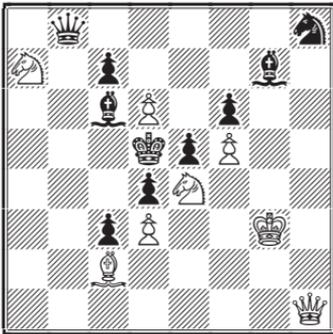
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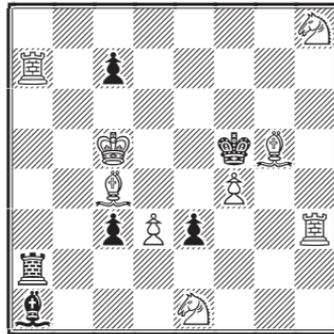
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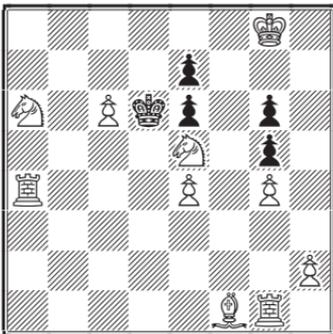
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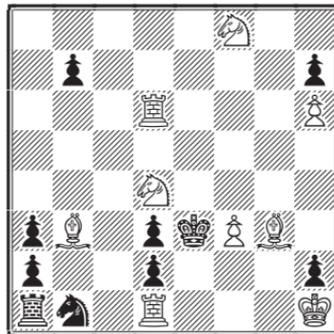
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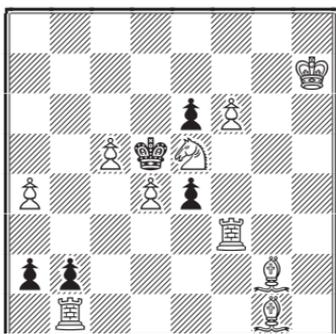
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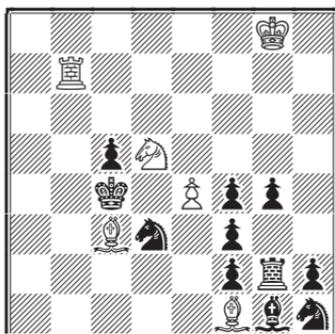
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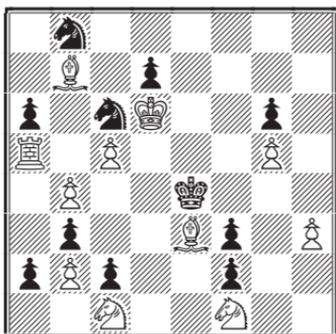
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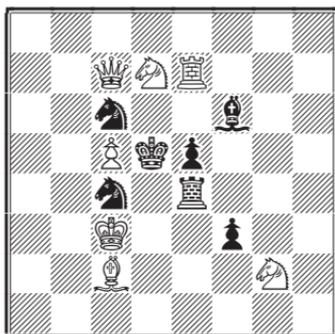
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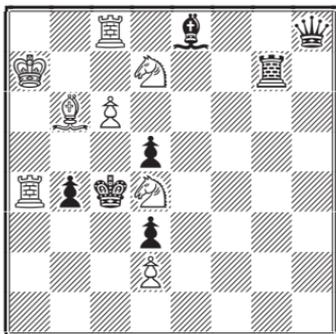


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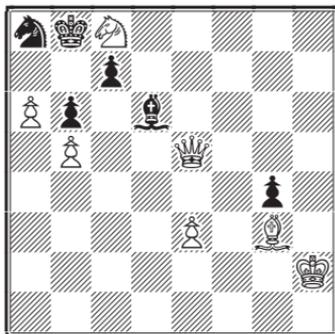
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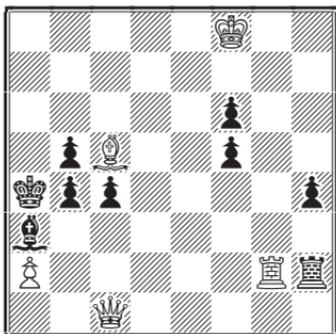
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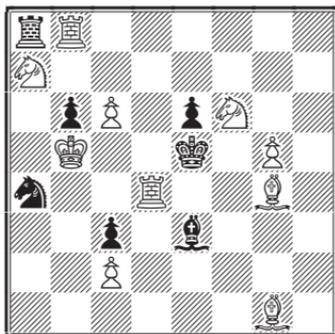
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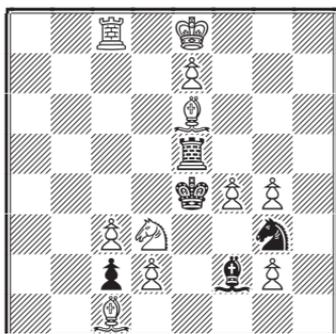
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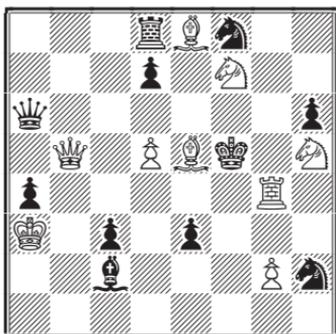
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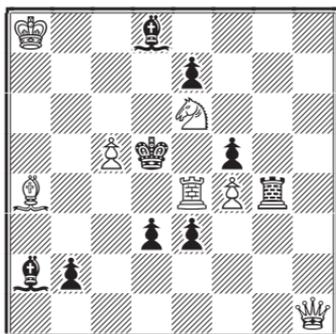
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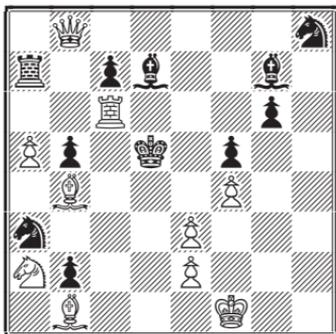
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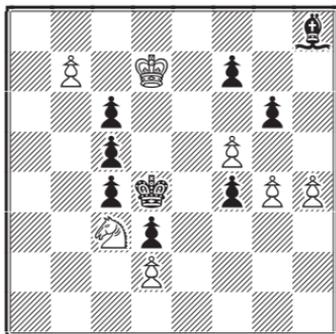
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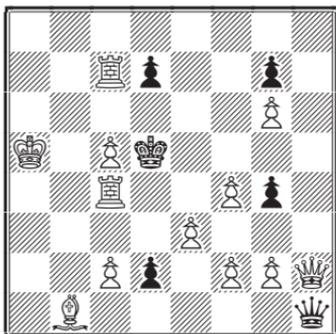
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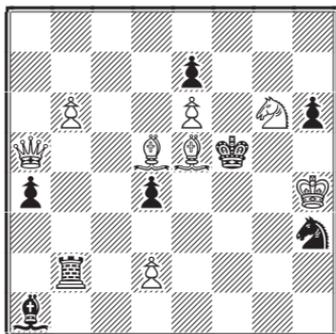
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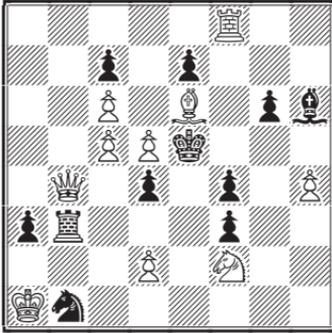
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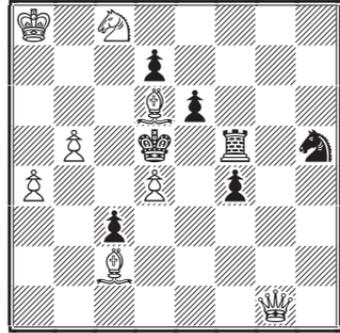
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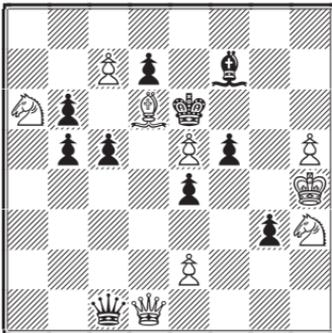
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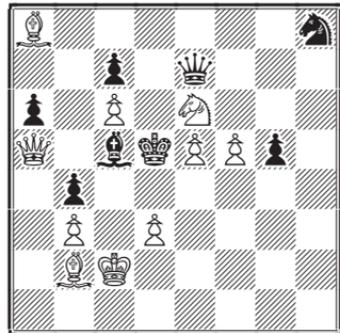
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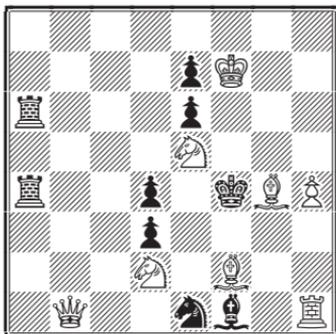
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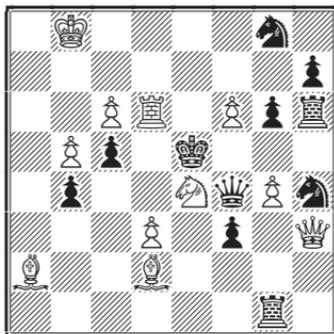
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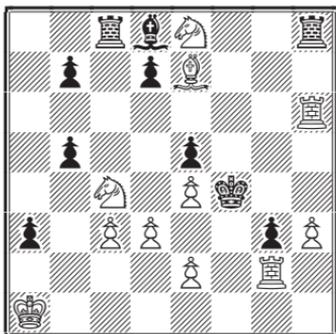
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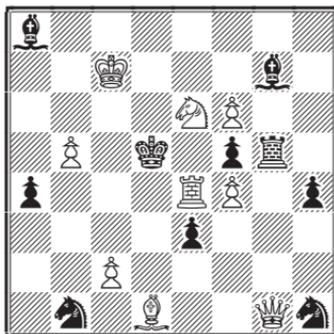
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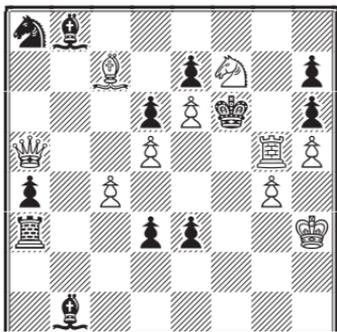
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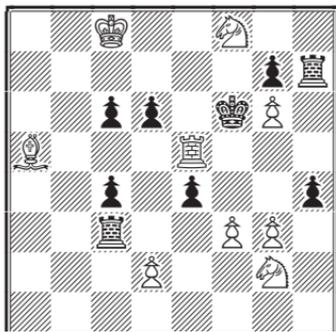
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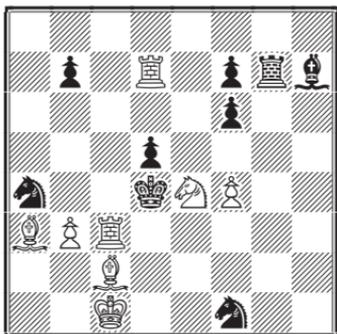
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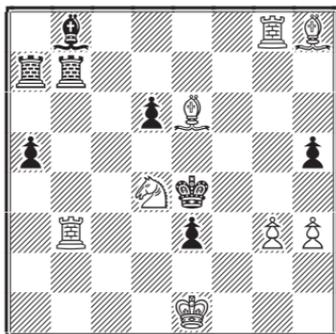
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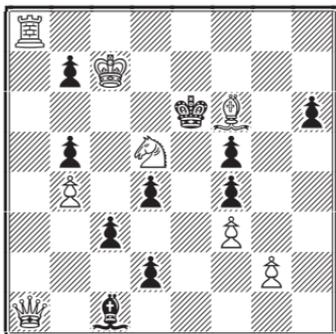
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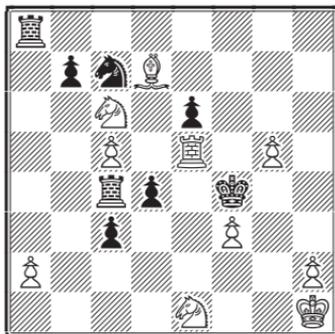
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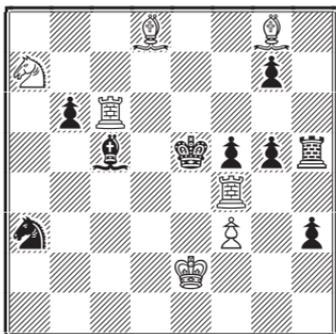
Mate in 3 moves

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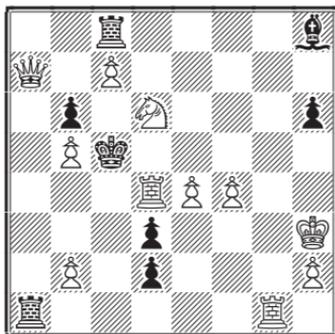
Mate in 3 moves

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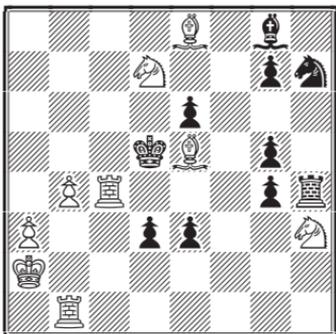
Mate in 3 moves

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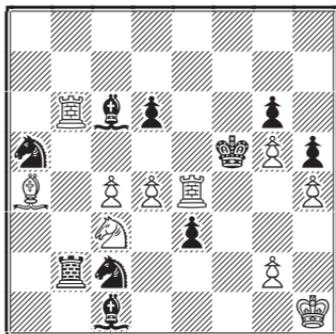
Mate in 3 moves

69.



Mate in 3 moves

70.

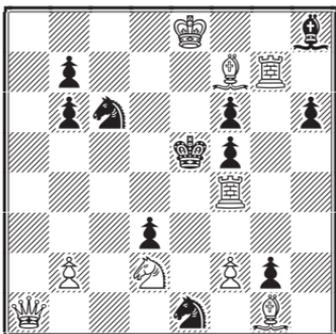


Mate in 3 moves

Motto "The Vacated Chair"

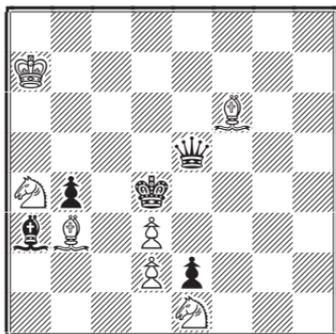
Awarded third prize in *Holloway Press*, Lowenthal Tourney

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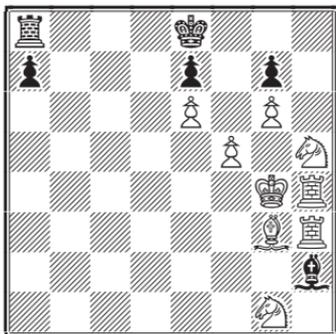
Mate in 3 moves

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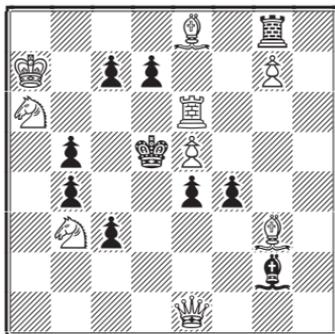
Mate in 3 moves

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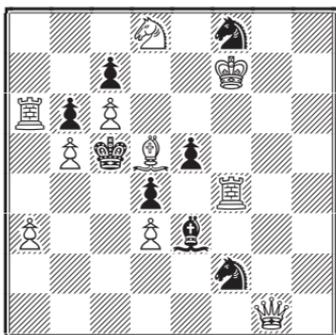
Mate in 3 moves

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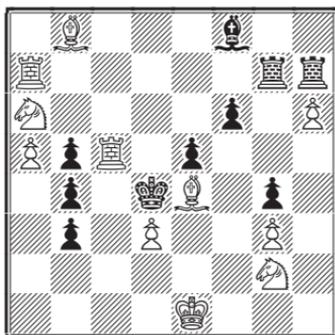
Mate in 3 moves

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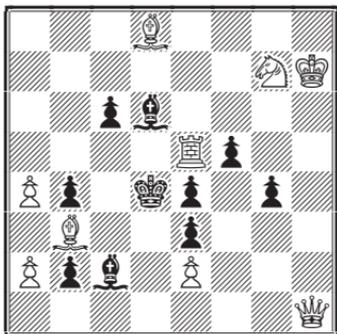
Mate in 3 moves

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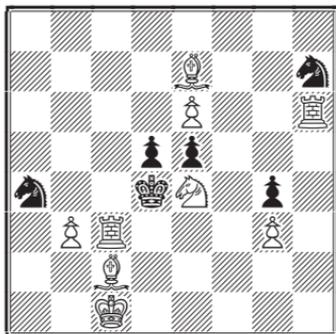
Mate in 3 moves

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Mate in 3 moves

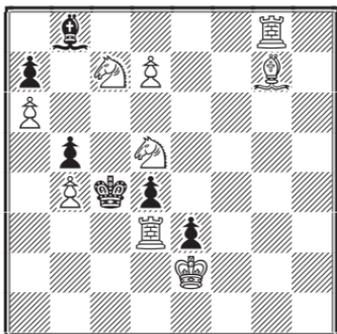
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Mate in 3 moves

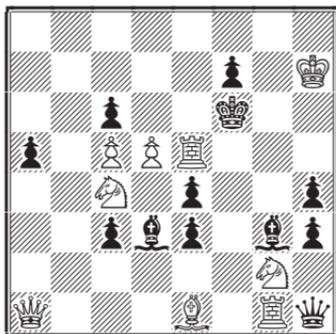
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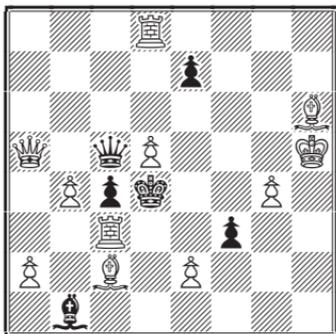
Mate in 3 moves

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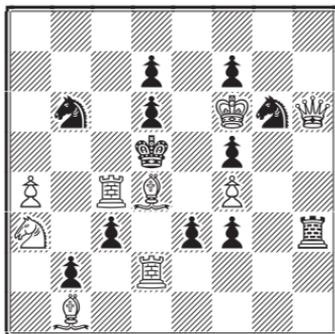
Mate in 3 moves [†]

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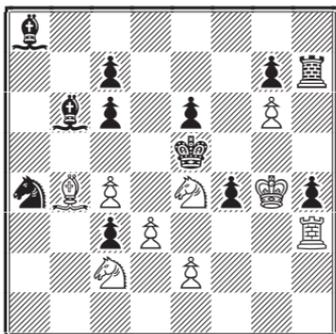
Mate in 3 moves

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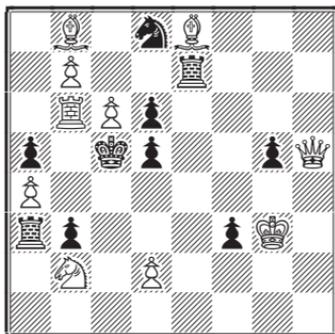
Mate in 3 moves

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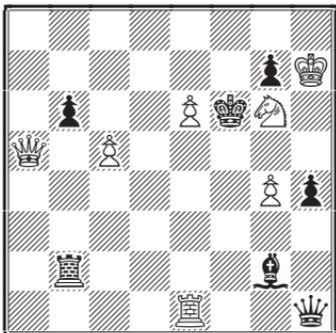
Mate in 3 moves

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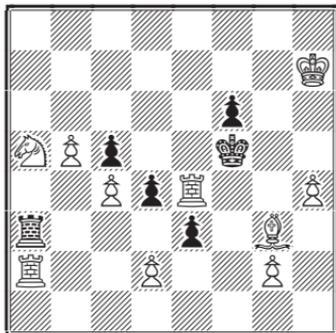
Mate in 3 moves

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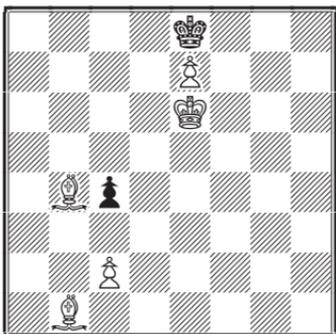
Mate in 3 moves

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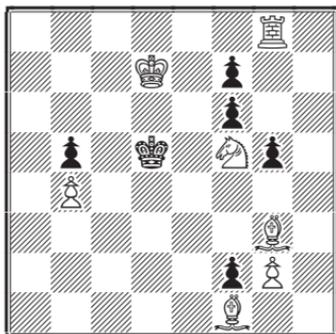
Mate in 3 moves

87.



Mate in 4 moves

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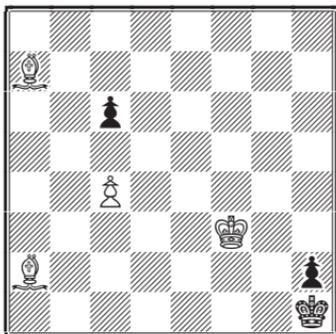


Mate in 4 moves

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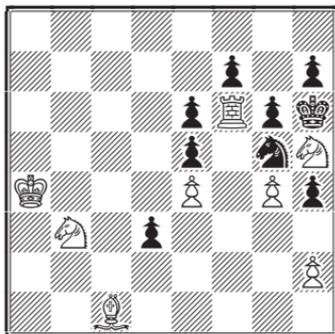
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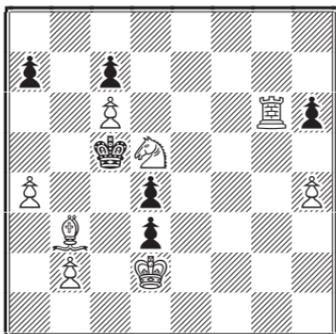
Mate in 4 moves

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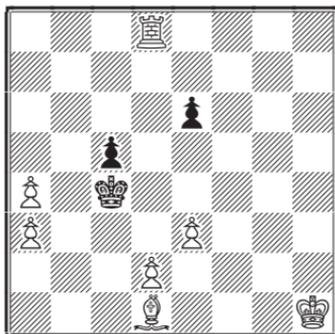
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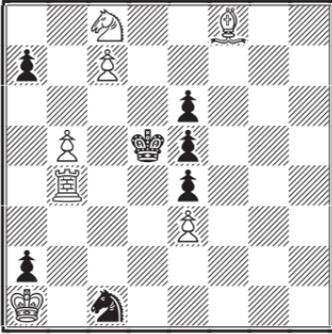
Mate in 4 moves

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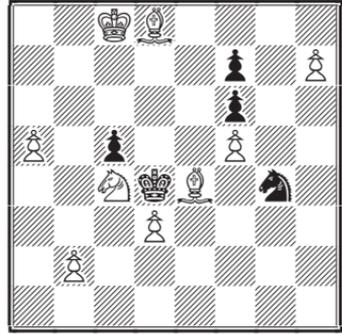
Mate in 4 moves

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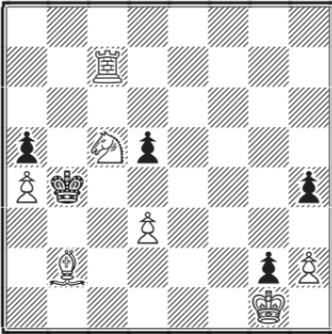
Mate in 4 moves

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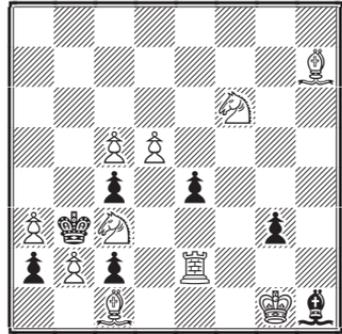
Mate in 4 moves

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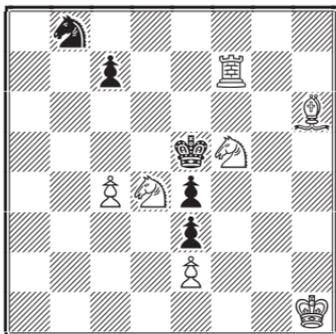
Mate in 4 moves

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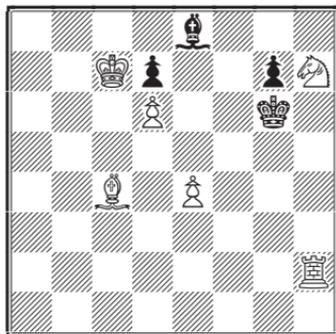
Mate in 4 moves

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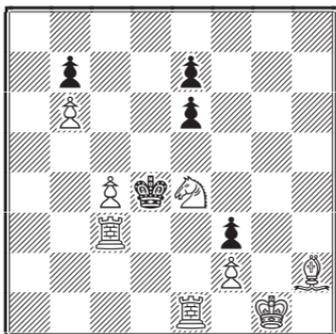
Mate in 4 moves

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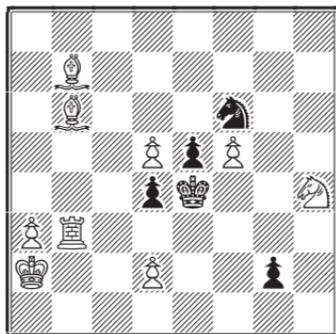
Mate in 4 moves

99.



Mate in 4 moves

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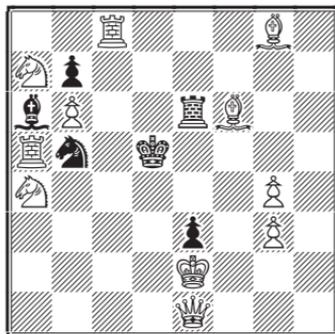
Mate in 4 moves

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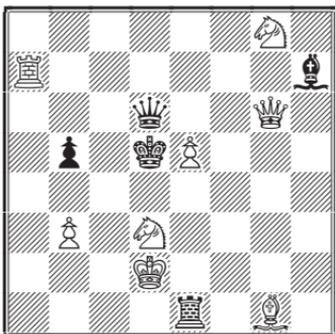
Retract White's last move, then  
White to play, and Mate in One  
move

102.



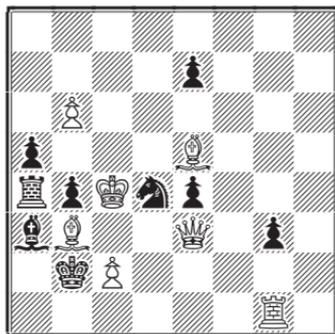
Selfmate in 2 moves

103.



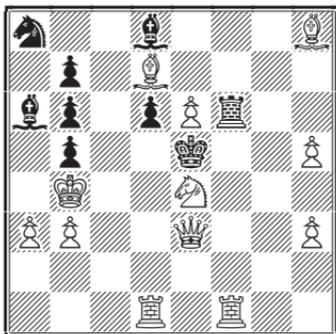
Selfmate in 3 moves

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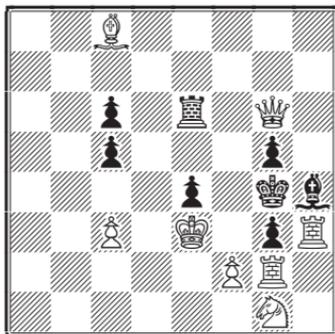
Selfmate in 3 moves

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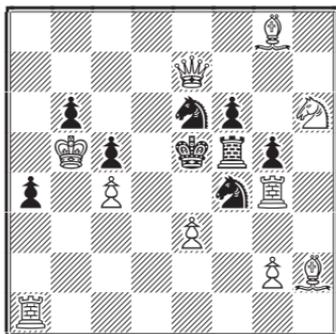
Selfmate in 3 moves

106.



Selfmate in 4 moves [\*]

107.



Selfmate in 6 moves



## SOLUTIONS

- |            |                                         |                                              |                               |
|------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>1.</b>  | 1. Qg3, ~<br>[ 1. Sb3† ]                | 2. Q/S †                                     |                               |
| <b>2.</b>  | 1. Sg6, ~                               | 2. Q/R/B †                                   |                               |
| <b>3.</b>  | 1. Qa1, ~                               | 2. Q/S/P †                                   |                               |
| <b>4.</b>  | 1. Qb7, ~                               | 2. Q/R/S †                                   |                               |
| <b>5.</b>  | 1. Qc8, ~                               | 2. Q/R/B †                                   |                               |
| <b>6.</b>  | 1. Qb3, ~                               | 2. Q/R/S †                                   |                               |
| <b>7.</b>  | 1. Bg6, ~<br>[ 1. B×d7 ]                | 2. Q/B/S †                                   |                               |
| <b>8.</b>  | 1. Qb7, ~                               | 2. Q/R/S †                                   |                               |
| <b>9.</b>  | 1. Qa8, ~                               | 2. Q/R/B/S †                                 |                               |
| <b>10.</b> | 1. Qb7, ~                               | 2. Q/S †                                     |                               |
| <b>11.</b> | 1. Sd2, ~                               | 2. †                                         |                               |
| <b>12.</b> | 1. Re4, ~                               | 2. †                                         |                               |
| <b>13.</b> | 1. Rb7, ~                               | 2. R/B/S †                                   |                               |
| <b>14.</b> | 1. Kf7, ~                               | 2. R/B/S †                                   |                               |
| <b>15.</b> | 1. Sf3, ~                               | 2. Q/R/S †                                   |                               |
| <b>16.</b> | 1. Bb2, ~<br>[ 1. Sb5 ]                 | 2. †                                         |                               |
| <b>17.</b> | 1. Rg1, b4                              | 2. Bg2, B~                                   | 3. B †                        |
| <b>18.</b> | 1. Bb2, g6<br>1 ... f1Q                 | 2. Rc7, Bc4<br>2. Rf3†, Q×f3                 | 3. B×d4†<br>3. B×d4†          |
| <b>19.</b> | 1. Rc6, B×b7<br>1 ... B×e5              | 2. R×b8, B~<br>2. Rh8, ~                     | 3. Rb1†<br>3. Rh1†            |
| <b>20.</b> | 1. Bh7, d×e6<br>1 ... Sg2~<br>1 ... Ra4 | 2. Qd8†, K~<br>2. Qf4†, K~<br>2. S×b7†, K×e6 | 3. S/P †<br>3. Q †<br>3. Bg8† |
| <b>21.</b> | 1. Qg7, Kd4<br>1 ... Kb5                | 2. Ra5, ~<br>2. Qb7†, Kc5                    | 3. R/S †<br>3. Qb6 †          |

22. 1. Sd7†, S~ 2. Sb8, ~ 3. †  
 1. ..., Q~ 2. Qa3, ~ 3. †
23. 1. c7, b3/ Bxf8 2. Qxa1, ~ 3. Q/S †  
 1. ... R×h1 2. Sg×f6†, B×f6 3. S×f6†  
 1. ... f×g5 2. Sef6†, K~ 3. Q †
24. 1. Qf1, Q×g2 2. Qa1, ~ 3. S †  
 1. ... Qh2 2. Qe2, ~ 3. Q/S †  
 1. ... R×b3 2. Qc4, ~ 3. Q/S †  
 1. ... c×b5 2. Q×b5, ~ 3. Q/B †  
 1. ... Q×f1/B×b3/c5  
 2. Rb7, ~ 3. B †
25. 1. Qa8, Bf5 2. Q×a3, ~ 3. Q/R †  
 1. ... d4† 2. S×e6†, K×b5 3. Qa4†  
 1. ... d×e5 2. Qf8†, Kd4 3. Qf2†
26. 1. Rg4, Rd2 2. Rg8, R×d5 3. Rc8†  
 1. ... Ra2 2. Sf4, ~ 3. †
27. 1. Rh1, Rb5 2. Qb4, ~ 3. Q/B †  
 1. ... Rc7 2. Qa1†, ~ 3. Q/B †  
 1. ... Rcc5 2. Sf8, ~ 3. S×e6†
28. 1. Bc8, f×e2 2. Sf5, K×e4 3. Sf6†
29. 1. Bg2, S×e3 2. Qe6†, ~ 3. R/S †  
 1. ... Bd6 2. Qf7†, K×c6 3. Qb7†  
 1. ... Sd6 2. Rd2†, Kc4 3. Bf1†
30. 1. Ba5, R×c7 2. Q×c7†, S×c7 3. B×c7†  
 1. ... Sc6 2. Qb2†, ~ 3. Q/S †  
 1. ... Sf5 2. Qd6†, ~ 3. S †
31. 1. f3, B×f3 2. R×f3, K×e4 3. Bc6†  
 1. ... Ba4 2. Rg6, ~ 3. †
32. 1. Rc5, B×b6 2. Rf6†, Ke4 3. B×d5†  
 1. ... Bb7 2. Kh4, ~ 3. †
33. 1. Q×h8, B×h8 2. Sc8, ~ 3. †  
 1. ... Ba4 2. B×a4, ~ 3. †
34. 1. Sc2, R×c2 2. Ba6, ~ 3. Bc8†  
 1. ... Ra5† 2. R×a5, ~ 3. B/S †
35. 1. Bg2, K×e5 2. Re1, ~ 3. e5†

36. 1. Rb6, Kxd4 2. Bf4, ~ 3. B/S ♯  
 1. ... Sc3 2. Re6†, ~ 3. ♯
37. 1. Rb3, a1B 2. Rf3, ~ 3. Rf4♯  
 1. ... ~Q 2. Rb6, ~ 3. R ♯
38. 1. Ba1, g3 2. Rb2, Kd4 3. Rb4♯  
 1. ... Sg3 2. Rb1, Sxe4 3. Sb6♯
39. 1. Ra3, a1Q 2. Rxb3, ~ 3. Sg3♯  
 1. ... a1S 2. Ra5, Kf5 3. Sg3♯
40. 1. Qc8, Sd6 2. Qg8†, Sf7 3. Qxf7♯  
 1. ... Re3† 2. Sxe3†, Sxe3 3. Qg8♯  
 1. ... Rg4 2. Be4†, ~ 3. ♯
41. 1. Bc5, Rxd7† 2. cxd7, Qxd4 3. Rxb4♯  
 1. ... Bxd7 2. Bxb4, B-† 3. Be7♯
42. 1. Qe7, Be5 2. Qxe5, Kxc8 3. Qe8♯  
 1. ... Bf4 2. exf4, ~ 3. Q ♯  
 1. ... Bc5 2. Qe4, ~ 3. Q ♯
43. 1. Qb2, Bxb2 2. Rg7, ~ 3. Ra7♯  
 1. ... Rxc2 2. Qxc2, ~ 3. Qa8♯
44. 1. Re8, Rxe8 2. c7, ~ 3. ♯  
 1. ... Kxd4 2. Rxe6, ~ 3. ♯  
 1. ... Sc5 2. Rd5†, Kf4 3. Bh2♯  
 1. ... Bxg1 2. Rxe6†, Kxd4 3. Re4♯
45. 1. Rd7, Bxa5 2. Be4, Bxe1 3. Rg5♯  
 1. ... Bxd7 2. Sc4, ~ 3. B/S ♯  
 1. ... Sg6 2. Sc4, ~ 3. S ♯
46. 1. Bd5†, Kxd5 2. Sb4†, K~ 3. R/P ♯  
 1. ... Kxd3 2. Bc4†, Ke4 3. d3♯  
 1. ... Rxd5 2. Sxf2†, Kxf4 3. d4♯
47. 1. Qe2, Qxe2 2. Bf6, ~ 3. S ♯  
 1. ... Sxg4 2. Qxc2†, Qd3 3. Qxd3♯  
 1. ... Qd6† 2. Bxd6, ~ 3. ♯
48. 1. Qb1, Bxb1 2. Kb7, ~ 3. ♯  
 1. ... Kxe4 2. Qh1†, Rg2 3. Qxg2♯
49. 1. Be7, Bc3 2. Qxh8, ~ 3. Q/S ♯  
 1. ... Sc2 2. Qxb5†, Ke4 3. Qd3♯  
 1. ... Bxc6 2. Qg8†, Sf7 3. Qxf7♯

50. 1. f6, Bxf6      2. b8S, g5      3. Sxc6‡  
 1. ... ~      2. b8Q, ~      3. Q ‡
51. 1. Qh7, Qxh7      2. Re4, ~      3. c4‡  
 1. ... Kxc4      2. Qg8†, ~      3. ‡  
 1. ... Ke6      2. Qxg7, ~      3. Q ‡
52. 1. Qc3, dxc3      2. d4, ~      3. ‡  
 1. ... Rb3      2. Qc7, ~      3. ‡
53. 1. Qb8, Rxb8      2. d3, ~      3. Sg4‡  
 1. ... d3      2. Rxf4, ~      3. Q/S ‡
54. 1. Qg6, Kxd4      2. Qg1†, K~      3. Q/S ‡  
 1. ... Sg3      2. Bc5, ~      3. B/S ‡  
 1. ... Sf6      2. Bc5, e5      3. Qf7‡  
 1. ... Kc4      2. Sb6†, Kxd4      3. Qg1‡
55. 1. Sb4, Qd2      2. e3, ~      3. Q/S ‡  
 1. ... cxb4      2. Qb3†, Qc4      3. Sf4‡  
 1. ... f4      2. Qd5†, Kf5      3. Qxf7‡
56. 1. Bd4, Sf7      2. Bxc5, ~      3. ‡  
 1. ... Qf8      2. Qa1, ~      3. ‡
57. 1. Qb7, Rc6      2. Bxe6, ~      3. Q/B/S ‡  
 1. Qb7, Bg2      2. Bh3, ~      3. ‡
- Note: The white rook on h1 prevents a second solution.
58. 1. Qg3, Sg2      2. Sg5, ~      3. S ‡  
 1. ... Qxg3      2. Bxg8, ~      3. Rd5‡  
 1. ... Rxg3      2. d4†, ~      3. R/B ‡
59. 1. Sc7, Bxe7      2. Rg6, ~      3. ‡  
 1. ... Bxc7      2. Se3, ~      3. B/S ‡  
 1. ... Rxc7      2. Bxa3, ~      3. Bc1‡
60. 1. Bh5, Rxh5      2. Qxb1, ~      3. Q/P ‡  
 1. ... Rxg1      2. Rd4†, Kxe6      3. Rd6‡  
 1. ... Bxf6      2. c4†, Kxe4      3. Qxb1‡  
 1. ... fxe4      2. Qxg5†, K~      3. Q ‡  
 1. ... Kxe4      2. Qxh1†, Rg2      3. Qxg2‡
61. 1. Qd2, exd2      2. Sxd6, ~      3. B/S ‡  
 1. ... hxg5      2. Qb2†, Rc3      3. Qxc3‡
62. 1. d4, dxe5      2. Bd8†, Kf5      3. g4‡  
 1. ... Pxd3 e.p.      2. Se3, ~      3. B/S ‡

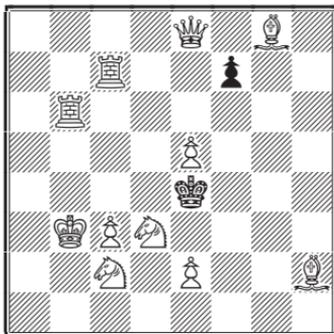
63. 1. Be7, Rg6      2. Sd6, ~      3. S †  
     1. ... Rg5      2. B×f6†, Re5      3. B×e5‡
64. 1. Rg5, Rg7      2. Sf3, ~      3. B/S †  
     1. ... R×b3      2. Bf5†, Kd5      3. Bd3‡  
     1. ... Rb5      2. S×b5, ~      3. Bd5‡
65. 1. Rh8, Kf7/d1      2. Qa8, ~      3. Q †  
     1. ... Ba3      2. Rf8, ~      3. Q/S‡
66. 1. Be8, S×e8      2. Se7, ~      3. S †  
     1. ... R×e8      2. Kg2, ~      3. S×d3‡  
     1. ... R×c5/R×a2  
                             2. Sd3†, K×f3      3. Bh5‡
67. 1. Rf6, g×f6      2. Rd4, ~      3. †  
     1. ... K×f4      2. Bc7†, Bd6      3. B×d6‡  
     1. ... Rh4      2. R6×f5†, Kd6      3. Rd5‡  
     1. ... g4      2. Re4†, f×e4      3. Sc6‡
68. 1. Rg7, R×a7      2. Rc4†, K×d6      3. Rc6‡  
     1. ... B×g7      2. Q×a1, ~      3. Q/P †
69. 1. Rf1, Bf7      2. Rf5, ~      3. B/S †  
     1. ... d2      2. Rc5†, Ke4      3. Bg6‡  
     1. ... e2      2. Sf2, ~      3. †  
     1. ... Rh6      2. Rfc1, ~      3. Rd4‡
70. 1. Rb8, R×b8      2. Se2, ~      3. B/S †  
     1. ... Rb7      2. Rf8†, Rf7      3. R×f7‡  
     1. ... Be8      2. Bd7†, B×d7      3. Rf8‡  
     1. ... B×e4      2. Bd7†, Kf4      3. Se2‡
71. 1. Qa7, Sc2      2. Q×b6, ~      3. Q/B/S †  
     1. ... B×g7      2. Rd4, ~      3. †
72. 1. Bh8, Q×h8      2. Sf3†, K×d3      3. Sc5‡  
     1. ... Bc1      2. Bc4, ~      3. B/S †
73. 1. Bc7, B×c7      2. Sg3, ~      3. Rh8‡
- Note: In this problem Black cannot castle, for either the Black K, or R, must have played on his last move.
74. 1. Qe3, K×e6      2. S×c7†, K~      3. Q/B †  
     1. ... R×e8      2. S×c7†, Kc4      3. Sa5‡  
     1. ... f×e3      2. Rc6, ~      3. B/S †

75. 1. Qd1, Sxd1    2. Bc4, ~    3. Sb7‡  
 1 ... Kxb5    2. Qb3‡, K~    3. Q/S ‡  
 1 ... Kxd5    2. Qb3‡, K~    3. Sb7‡  
 1 ... exf4    2. Sb7‡, K~    3. Q ‡
76. 1. Re7, Rxe7    2. Sh4, ~    3. S(x)f5‡  
 1 ... Bxe7    2. Sc7, ~    3. S ‡  
 Note: Other variations are obvious.
77. 1. Qb1, Bxb1    2. Rc5, ~    3. B/S ‡  
 1 ... Kc3    2. Qxc2‡, Kd4    3. Qxb2‡  
 1 ... Kxe5/ Bxe5/ Bxb3  
                         2. Qxb2‡, K~    3. ‡
78. 1. Rf6, Sxf6    2. Sd6, ~    3. B/S ‡  
 1 ... Sg5    2. Rf4, ~    3. R/B ‡  
 1 ... dxe4    2. Rc4‡, K~    3. ‡
79. 1. Rc8, Bxc7    2. d8S, Kxd5    3. Rxd4‡
80. 1. Qb1, Bxb1    2. Scxe3, ~    3. B/S ‡  
 1 ... Bxe5    2. Bxh4‡, Kf5    3. Scxe3‡  
 1 ... Bxc4    2. Qxe4, ~    3. ‡  
 1 ... Qxg2/ hxg2  
                         2. Qb8, ~    3. Q/B ‡  
 [ 1 ... Qh2! ]
81. 1. Qa7, Qxa7    2. Bg7‡, e5    3. dxe6‡  
 1 ... Kxc3    2. Qa3‡, K~    3. Q ‡  
 1 ... Ke5    2. Bg7‡, Kf4    3. Rxf3‡  
 1 ... Bxc2    2. Rxc4‡, K~    3. Q/B ‡
82. 1. Qh5, Rxh5    2. Sc2, ~    3. ‡  
 1 ... Sxc4    2. Be4‡, Kxe4    3. Qxf5‡  
 1 ... Se5    2. Bxe5‡, cxd2/exd2    3. Qxf7‡
83. 1. Re3, Bxe3    2. Se1, ~    3. S(x)f3‡  
 1 ... c5    2. Sxc5‡, ~    3. R/S ‡
84. 1. Qh8, Rg7    2. Rb4, ~    3. ‡  
 1 ... Kxb6    2. Qd4‡, Ka6    3. Qa7‡  
 Note: Other variations are obvious.
85. 1. Qd2, Rxd2    2. Re5, ~    3. g5‡  
 1 ... Qxe1    2. Qf4‡, Kxe6    3. Qf5‡

86. 1. d3, R×a2      2. Bf2, ~      3. g4‡  
 1. ... R×a5      2. Bc7, ~      3. g4‡  
 1. ... e2      2. Raxe2, R×d3      3. Rf4‡  
 1. ... R×d3      2. Sb7, ~      3. Sd6‡
87. 1. Be1, c3      2. Bd2, c×d2      3. c3/c4, d1Q      4. Bg6‡
88. 1. Re8, g4      2. Rg8, Ke4      3. Kd6, K×f5      4. Bd3‡
89. 1. Bd4, c5      2. Kf2, c×d4      3. c5, d3      4. Bd5‡
90. 1. Bd2, h3      2. Bc1, d2      3. S×d2, S~      4. S×S‡
91. 1. Ba2, a5      2. Re6, h5      3. b3, K×d5      4. b4‡
92. 1. Bc2, e5      2. Rd3, e4      3. Bb1, exd3      4. Ba2‡
93. 1. Sb6‡, a×b6      2. c8B, Sb3‡      3. R×b3, Kc4      4. B×e6‡
94. 1. B×f6‡, S×f6      2. h8R, S×e4      3. Rd8‡, Sd6‡      4. R×d6‡
95. 1. Rc8, P~      2. Rc6, d4      3. Rd6, K×c5      4. Ba3‡
96. 1. B×e4, a1S      2. Bg2, B×g2      3. Re6, B×d5      4. Rb6‡
97. 1. Bg5, Sc6      2. R×c7, S×d4      3. S×d4, K~      4. B ‡
98. 1. Rh4, Bf7      2. Be2, B~      3. Bh5‡, K×h7      4. Bf7‡
99. 1. Kh1, e5      2. Bg1, e6      3. Re2, f×e2      4. f3‡
100. 1. Rf3, d3      2. Bg1, S×d5      3. Rf2, Kd4      4. Rf4‡
101. Return the white Rook from g5 to g8, and place a black Pawn on g8. Then play h×g5 *en passant*, discovering checkmate.
- Note: Messrs. J. H. Blackburn and W. N. Potter have analysed this problem and testify that Black's last move *must* have been g7-g5, Black having lost all other men previously.
102. 1. Rc1, Ke4      2. Sc3‡, S×c3‡  
 1. ... Kd6      2. Rd1‡, Sd4‡
103. 1. Se7‡, Q×e7      2. Qc6‡, K×c6      3. Sb4‡, Q×b4‡
104. 1. Kd5, e6‡      2. Kc5, g2      3. c4, b×c3‡
105. 1. R×d6, Sc7      2. Rf5‡, K×f5      3. Rd5‡, S×d5‡  
 1. ... Bc7      2. Sc3‡, K×d6      3. Qc5‡, b×c5‡  
 1. ... Be7      2. Sc3‡, K×d6      3. Qe5‡, K×e5‡
106. 1. Rh1, c4      2. Sh3, c5      3. S×g5, B×g5‡      4. f4, exf3‡  
 [1. Rhh2!]
107. 1. Ra3, Ke4      2. Bh7, Ke5      3. Sg8, Ke4      4. S×f6‡, Ke5      5. R×a4,  
 R×f6      6. Qc7‡, S×c7‡

## SOLUTION OF THE FRONTISPIECE PUZZLE

Black's last move was Ke4-d5. For the benefit of young solvers we give the following diagram showing the possibility of the position:



1. Bh7†, f5
2. exf e.p.†, Kd5

bringing us to the original position.