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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.

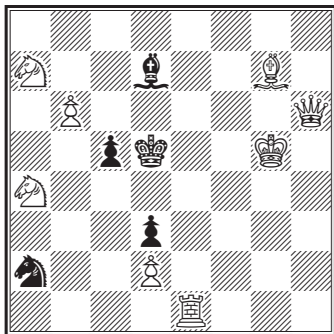
All problems have been checked by computer: Matthieu Leschemelle's *Problemiste* was used for all problems up to and including 5 moves; *Pop-eye* was used for the remaining 6-mover.

Found problems have been indicated as follows:

- [†] indicates a problem without a solution, and
- [*] indicates a problem with several key moves.

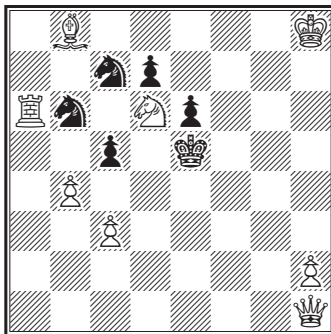
In the solutions section, found problems are documented in square brackets, with an occasional suggestion for correction.

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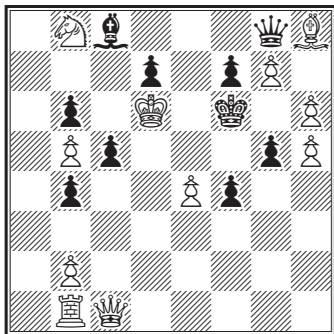
White to mate in two moves

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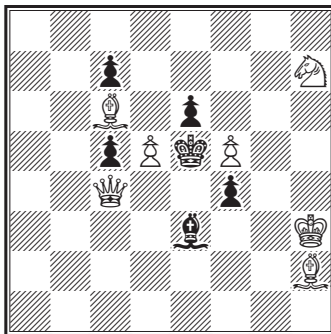
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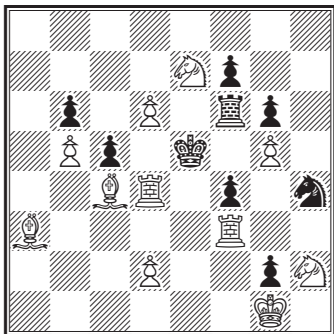
White to mate in two moves

Problem no. 4



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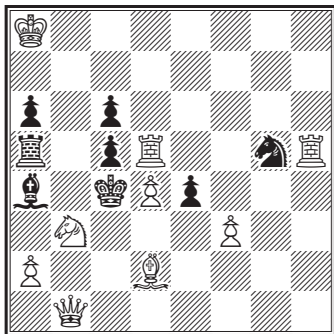
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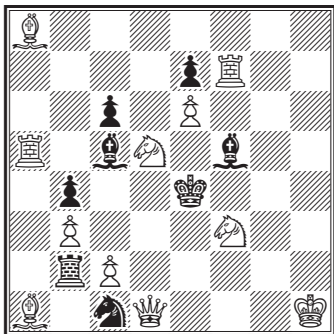
[Taylor: Chess Chips, 1878]

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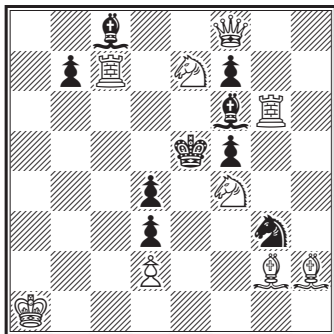
White to mate in two moves

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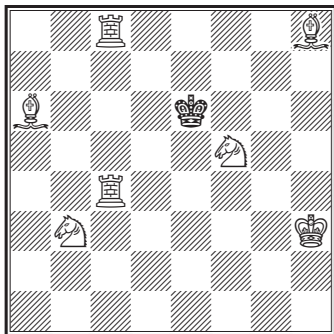
White to mate in two moves [?]

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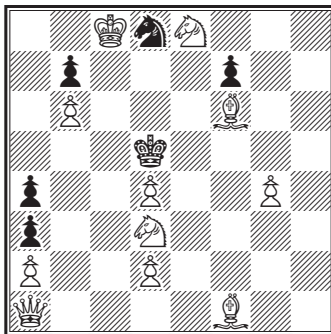
White to mate in two moves

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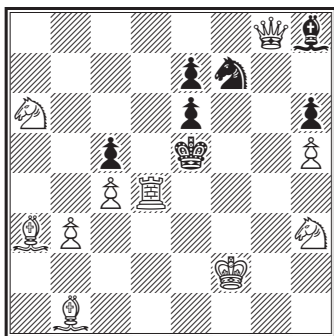
White to mate in two moves

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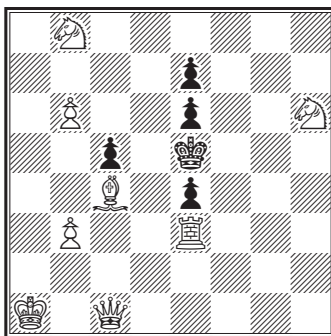
White to mate in two moves

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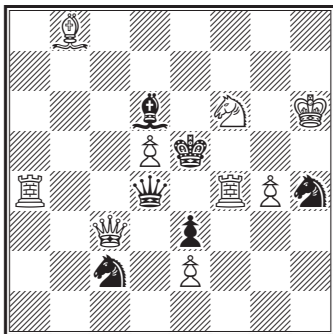
White to mate in two moves

Problem no. 12



White to mate in two moves

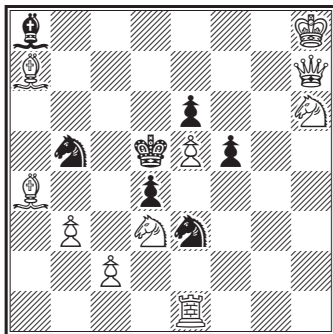
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White to mate in two moves

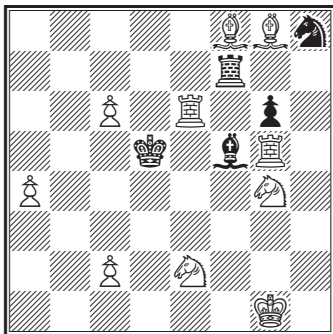
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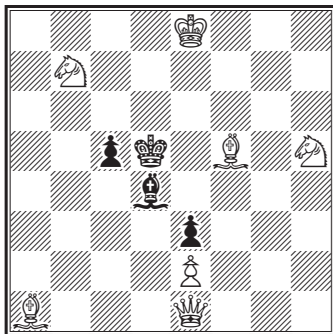
White to mate in two moves

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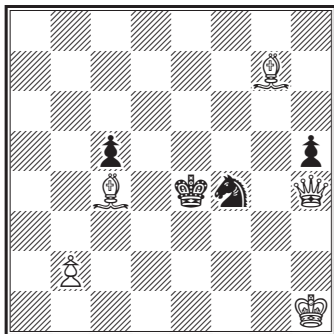
White to mate in two moves

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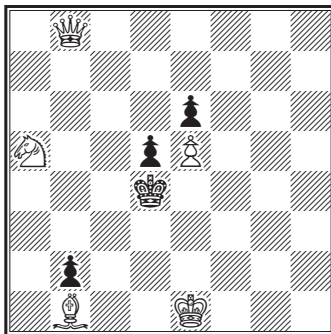
White to mate in two moves

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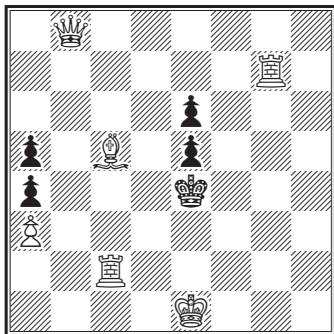
White to mate in two moves
[+]

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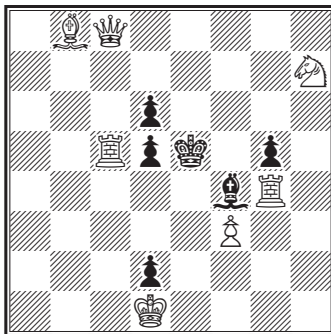
White to mate in two moves

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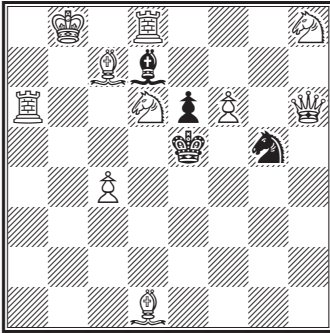
White to mate in two moves

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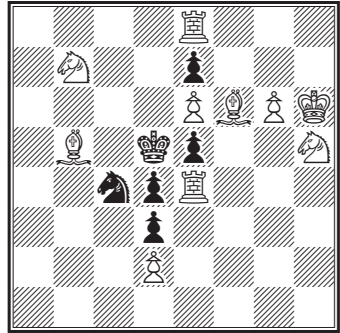
White to mate in two moves

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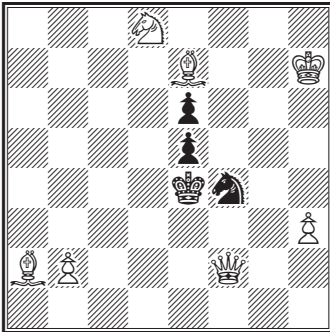
White to mate in two moves

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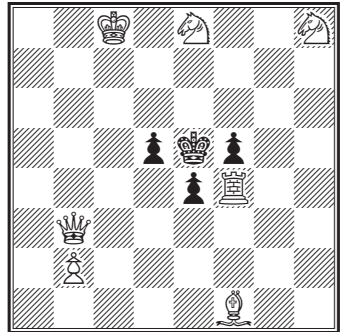
White to mate in two moves

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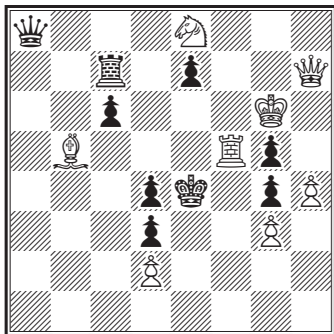
White to mate in two moves

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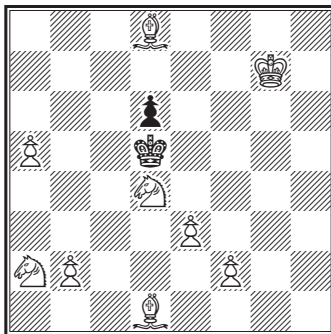
White to mate in two moves
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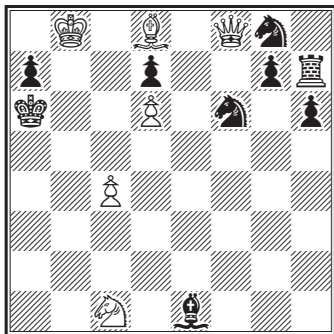
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[+]

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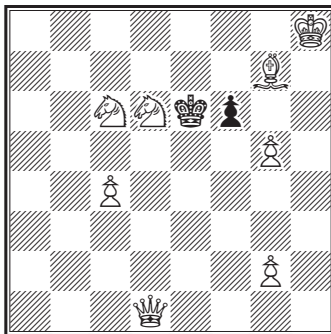
White to mate in three moves

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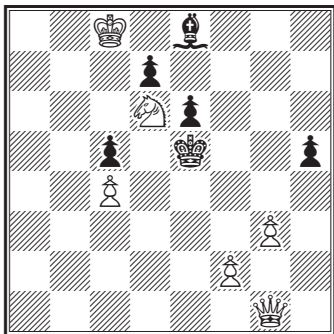
White to mate in three moves

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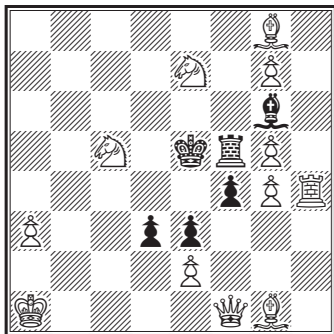
White to mate in three moves

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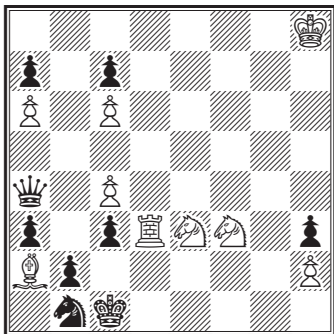
White to mate in three moves
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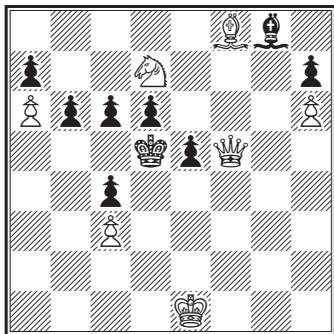
White to mate in three moves

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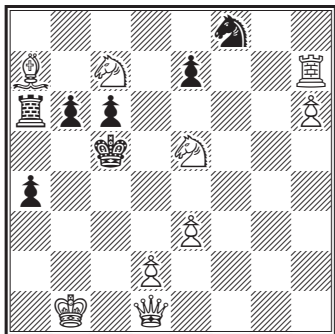
White to mate in three moves

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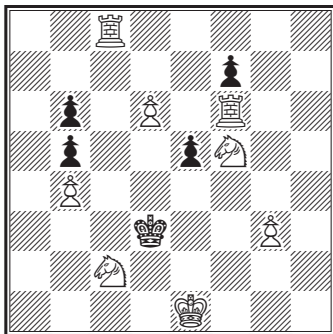
White to mate in three moves

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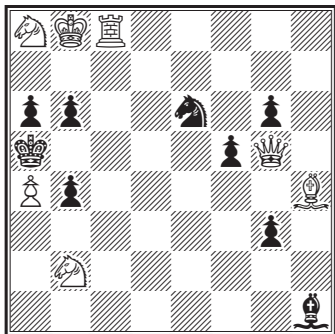
White to mate in three moves

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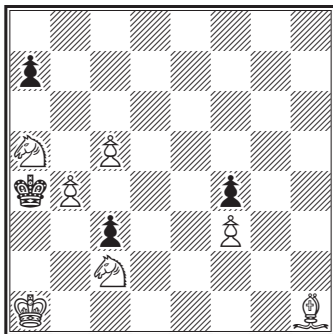
White to mate in three moves

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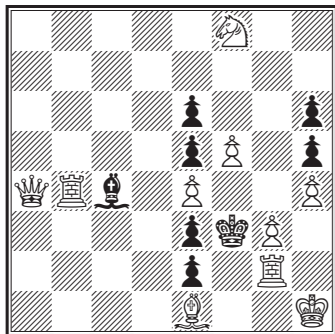
White to mate in three moves
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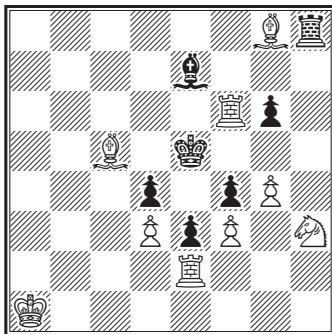
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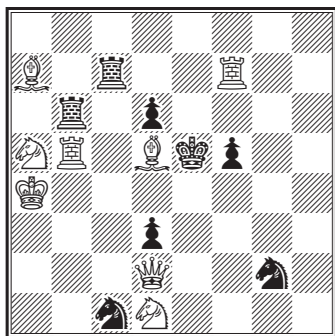
White to mate in three moves

Problem no. 42



White to mate in three moves

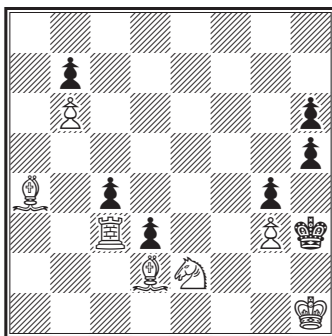
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White to mate in three moves

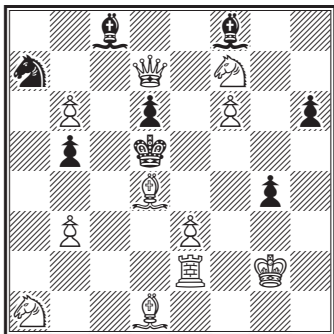
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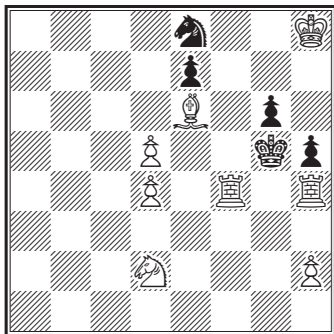
White to mate in three moves

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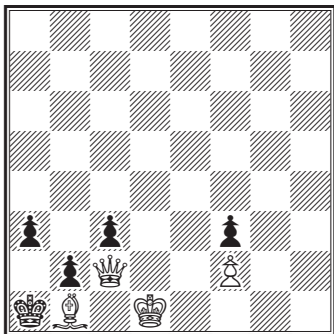
White to mate in three moves

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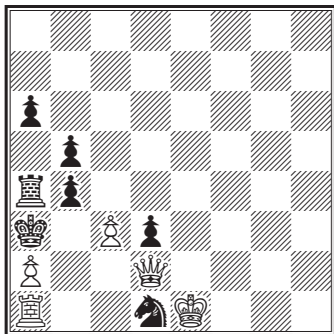
White to mate in three moves

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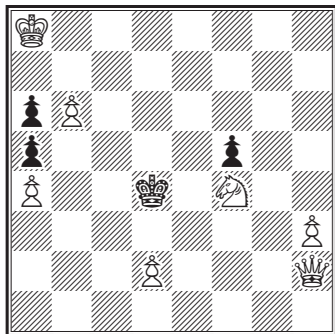
White to mate in three moves

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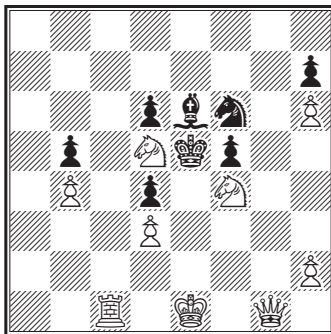
White to mate in three moves

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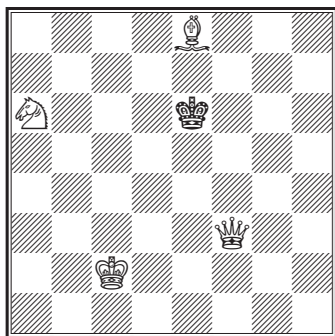
White to mate in three moves

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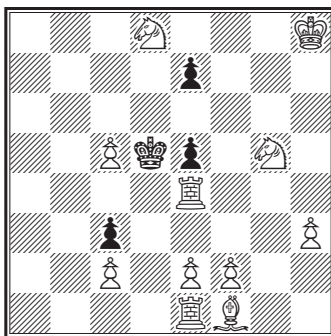
White to mate in three moves

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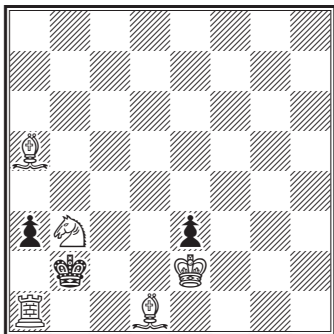
White to mate in three moves

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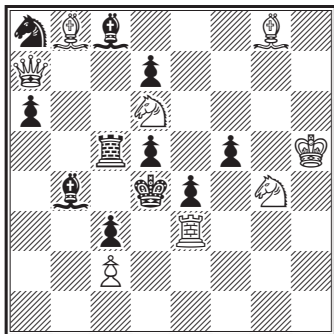
White to mate in three moves

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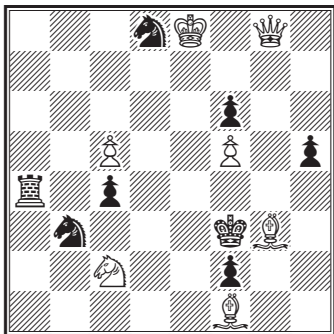
White to mate in three moves

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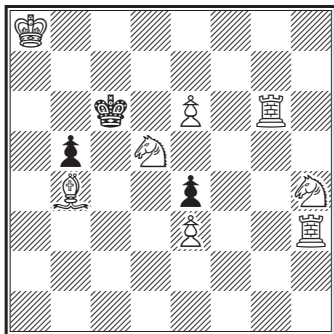
White to mate in three moves

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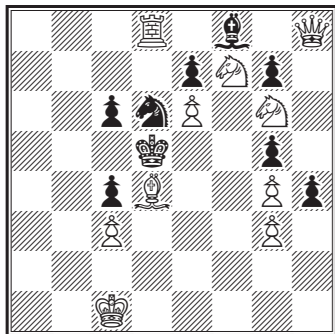
White to mate in three moves

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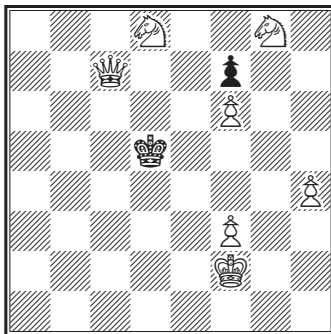
White to mate in three moves

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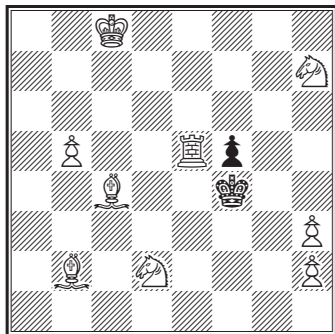
White to mate in three moves

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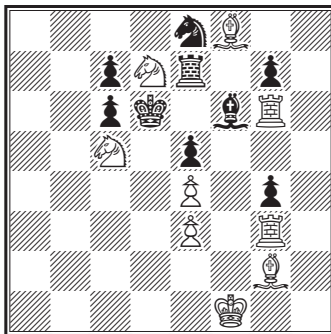
White to mate in three moves

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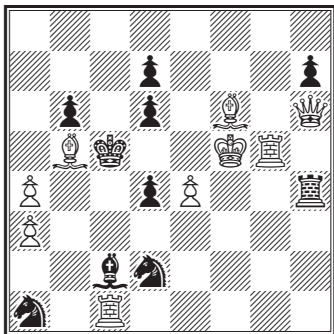
White to mate in three moves

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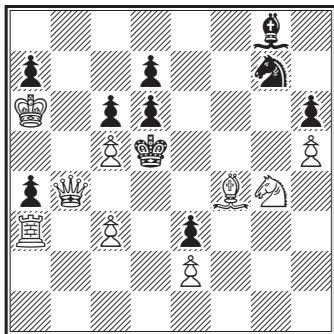
White to mate in three moves

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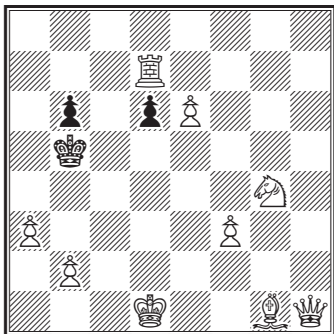
White to mate in three moves

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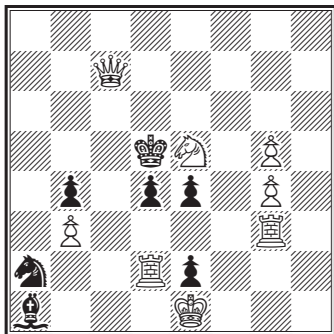
White to mate in three moves

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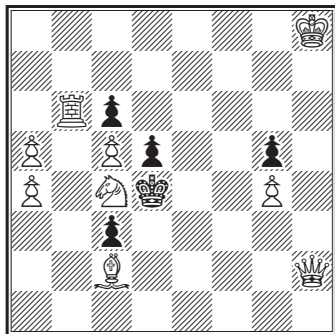
White to mate in three moves

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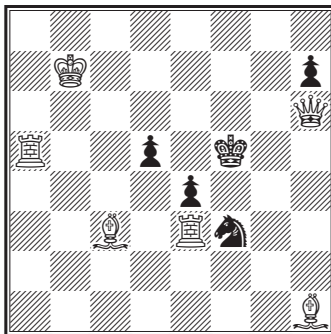
White to mate in three moves

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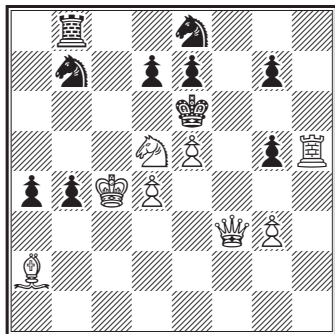
White to mate in three moves

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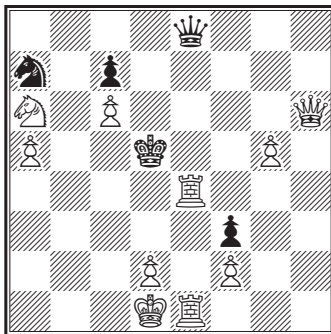
White to mate in three moves

Problem no. 67



White to mate in four moves

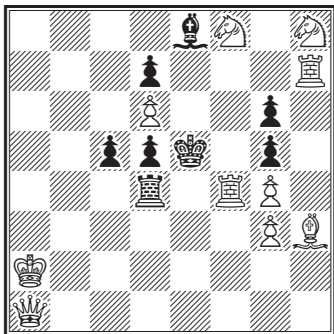
Problem no. 68



White to mate in four moves

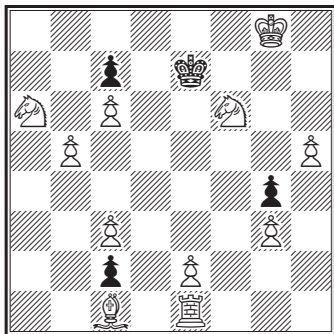
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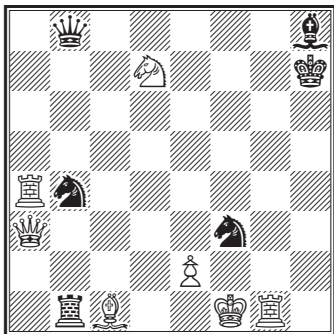
White to mate in four moves

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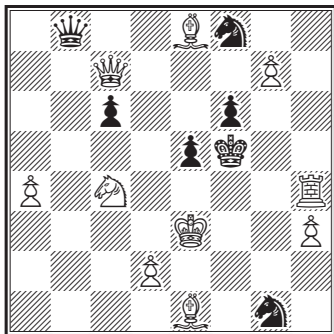
White to mate in four moves

Problem no. 71



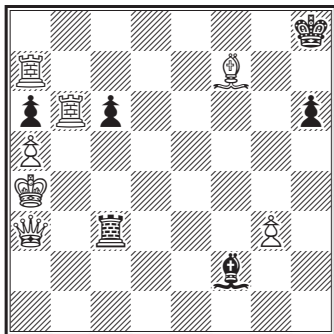
White to sui-mate in four moves

Problem no. 72



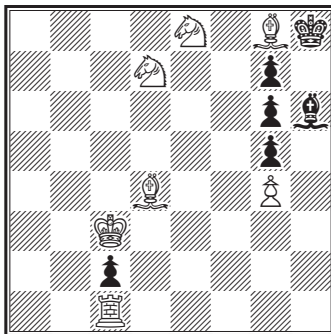
White to sui-mate in five moves

Problem no. 73



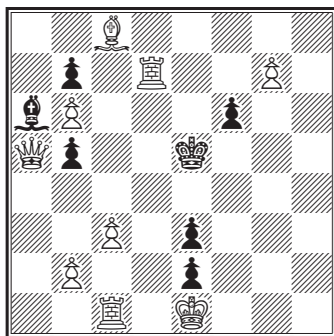
White to sui-mate in six moves

Problem no. 74



White to sui-mate in six moves

Problem no. 75



White to sui-mate in five moves

SOLUTIONS

- | | | | | |
|-----|---|-----------|------|----------------------------|
| 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. d×c5 | | 18. | 1. Qf8 |
| 7. | 1. Qd2 [<i>original sol. is Qe2
but fails.</i>] | | 19. | 1. Qb1 |
| 8. | 1. R×b7 | | 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>1. Bc7</i>] | | | [<i>1. ... K×f4!</i>] |
| 25. | 1. h×g5 Qa1 | 2. Q×e7† | R×e7 | 3. B×c6‡ |
| | [<i>1. Q×e7†!</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. B×f6† | K~ | 3. Q, S † |
| 29. | 1. Qc1 Kf6/×d6 | 2. Qf4† | K~ | 3. Q † |
| | [<i>cook: 2. ... Ke7 and no solution.</i>] | | | |
| 30. | 1. Qf3 R×g5 | 2. Q×f4† | K×f4 | 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. Q×e5† | d×e5 | 3. Sf6‡ |
| | Bf7 | 2. Q×f7† | Ke4 | 3. Qf3‡ |
| | c5 | 2. Sf6† | Kc6 | 3. Qd7‡ |
| | b5 | 2. Sf6† | Kc5 | 3. Qf2‡ |

33.	1. Qf3	Kd6 Kb4 S×h7, ~	2. Q×f8 2. Q×c6 2. Q×c6†	any any Kb4	3. Q † 3. Q † 3. Qc3‡
34.	1. Sfe3	Ke4	2. Sd1	Kd3/d5	3. Sf2/c3‡
35.	1. Qd8	B×a8 S×d8	2. Q×b6† 2. Rc5†	K×b6 b×c5	3. Sc4‡ 3. B×d8‡
		[<i>but: 1. ... Sc7!</i>]			
36.	1. Bg2	Kb5	2. Bh3	Ka4/a6, a6	3. B †
37.	1. c×d5	K×d6 S×d4† B~	2. Qc7† 2. B×f4† 2. Sb5†	K×c7 K×f4/×f6 Sd4	3. Se8‡ 3. Q † 3. Q×d4‡
38.	1. Sfi	Ke4	2. Kb3	K~	3. S, B †
39.	1. Qd1	Sf6	2. Q×d6†	B×d6	3. f8=S‡
40.	1. Sb2	Q×d8 Sc5/×b4 Qd5/×e4	2. Sc6† 2. Q×c7† 2. Sc6†	any any Q×c6	3. † 3. † 3. S×d3 †
41.	1. Qe8	Kg4 K×e4 e×f5	2. Q×h5† 2. Qc6† 2. Q×e5	K~ K~ any	3. † 3. Q † 3. Q †
42.	1. Ba2	B×f6	2. R×e3†	d×e3 f×e3	3. d4‡ 3. f4‡
43.	1. Qf2	R×f7	2. Qd4†	K×d4	3. Sc6‡
		[<i>l. B×g2‡; l. Qg5</i>]			
44.	1. Be1	d×e2	2. Bd7	h4	3. g×h4‡
45.	1. Sc2	B×d7 Ke4	2. e4† 2. Sb4	Kc6/e6 any	3. Sd8‡ 3. †
46.	1. Kh7	Sf6†	2. R×f6	any	3. S †
47.	1. Ke1	a2	2. Qa4	any	3. Q †
48.	1. Rb1	Ra5	2. R×b4	Ra4	3. Rb3‡
49.	1. Qg3	Ke5 Kc5	2. Qc3† 2. Qc3†	K~ K~	3. Q † 3. Q, S †
50.	1. Qg7	B×d5	2. Rc5	any	3. Q †
51.	1. Bc6	Ke5 Ke7	2. Qf7 2. Qf5	Kd4/d6 Kd6/d8	3. Q † 3. Q †
52.	1. Sge6	K×e4	2. Kg7	Kd5/f5	3. e4‡
53.	1. K×e3	a2	2. Sd2	K×a1/a3	3. B, S †
54.	1. Re1	f×g4	2. R×e4†	d×e4†	3. Sf5‡
55.	1. Bd6	Ke4	2. Qd5†	K×d5	3. Bg2‡
56.	1. Sf3	K×d5 e×f3	2. Se5 2. e4	K×e5 f2	3. Rh5‡ 3. Rc3‡
57.	1. Q×h4	g×h4	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 K×e5 2. Sf3† Ke4 3. Shg5†
60. 1. Rf3 g3 2. Rf4 e×f4 3. e5†
g×f3 2. Bh3 f2 3. Sb7†
61. 1. Be7 S×e4 2. Q×d6† S×d6† 3. Kf6†
62. 1. B×d6 Sf5 2. Qe4† K×e4 3. Sf6†
Ke6 2. Qe4† Kf7 3. Q †
any 2. Qc4† K×c4 3. S×e3†
63. 1. Qh7 Kc4 2. Qd3† K×d3 3. Se5†
any 2. Qd3† any 3. R, Q †
64. 1. Re3 Ke6 2. Sd3 any 3. Sf4 †
Sc3 2. Sd3 e×d3, any 3. R, S †
d3, any 2. Qc6† K×e5/d4 3. R×e4†
65. 1. Qb8 K×c4 2. Rb4† K×c5 3. Qf8†
d×c4 2. Qg3 K×c5 3. Qe5†
Kd5 3. Qd6†
K×c5 2. R×c6† K~ 3. Q †
66. 1. R×e4 K×e4 2. R×d5 K×d5 3. Qc6†
[1. R×d5†]
67. 1. K×b4, Sa5†; 2. Sb6†, Sb3/c4; 3. d5†, K×e5; 4. Qf4†
1. ... Sbd6†; 2. Sb6†, Sc4; 3. d5†, K×e5; 4. Qf4†
68. 1. Qf6, S×c6; 2. S×c7†, Kc5; 3. Rc4†, K×c4; 4. Qc3†
1. ... Q×e4; 2. R×e4, K×e4; 3. Sb4, any; 4. d3†
1. ... Sb5; 2. Sb4†, Kc5; 3. Qf5†, any; 4. Q †
[1. R×e8]
69. 1. Qb2, g×f4; 2. S×d7†, B×d7; 3. Sf7†, K~; 4. g5/Qe2†
70. 1. Se8, Ke6; 2. Sa×c7†, Ke5/f5; 3. Bf4(†), any; 4. e4†
1. ... Kd8; 2. Bg5†, Kc8; 3. b6, any; 4. †
[1. Sd5†]
71. 1. Qd3†, S×d3; 2. Sf8, Q×f8; 3. Rh4†, S×h4†
72. 1. Rh5†, Ke6; 2. g×f8=S†, Kd5; 3. Bf7†, Kc5; 4. Qd6†, Q×d6;
5. d4, Q×d4†
73. 1. Qf8†, Kh7; 2. Bb3†, Kg6; 3. Rg7†, Kh5; 4. Bd1†, Rf3;
5. Qc5†, B×c5; 6. Rb5, P×R†
74. 1. Ba2, Kh7; 2. Kb2, Kh8; 2. Ka1, Kh7; 3. Sf8†, Kh8; 4. S×g7, B×g7; 5.
Bf6, B×f6†
75. 1. Rd4, f5; 2. g8=S, f4; 3. Ra1, f3; 4. Q×b5†, B×b5; 5. Ra5, f2†