

SEVENTY-FIVE  
CHESS PROBLEMS



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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.

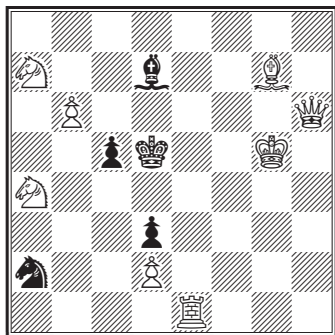
Found problems have been indicated as follows:

[†] indicates a problem without a solution, and

[\*] indicates a problem with several key moves.

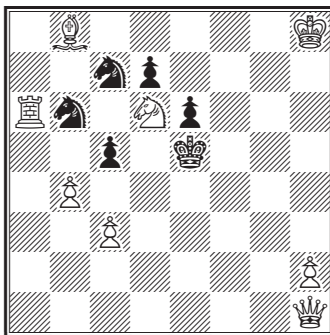
In the solutions section, found problems are documented in square brackets, with an occasional suggestion for correction.

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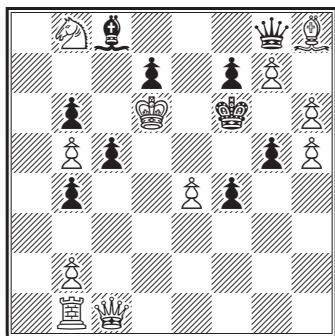
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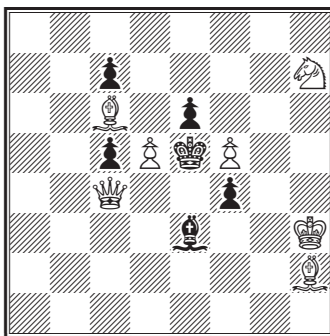
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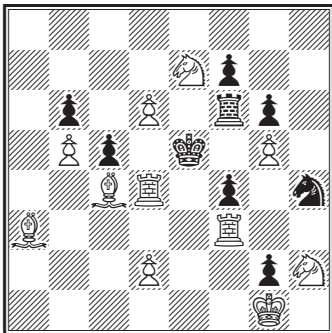
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Problem no. 4



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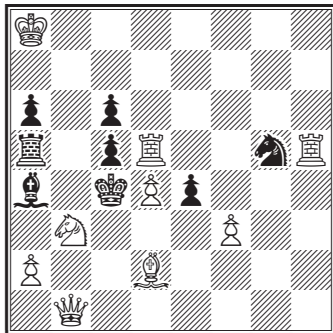
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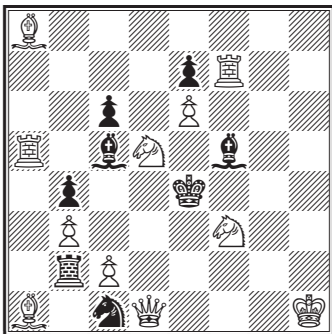
Taylor: Chess Chips, 1878

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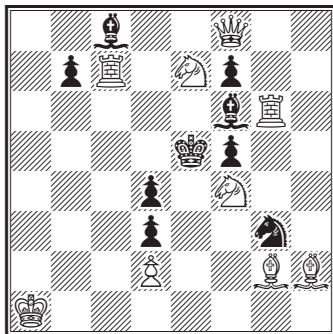
White to mate in two moves

Problem no. 7



White to mate in two moves

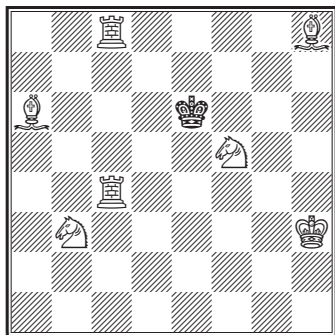
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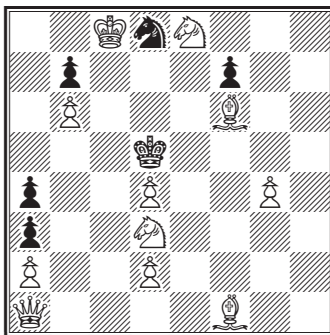


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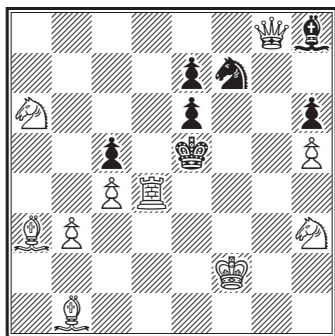
White to mate in two moves

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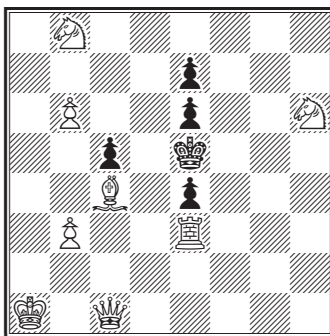
White to mate in two moves

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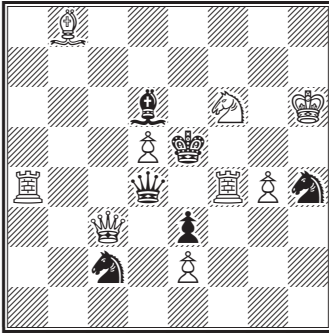
White to mate in two moves

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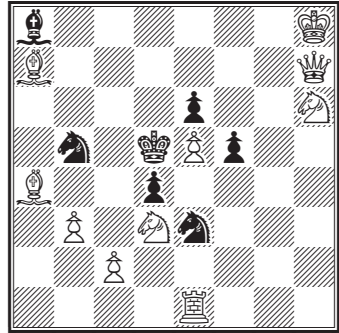
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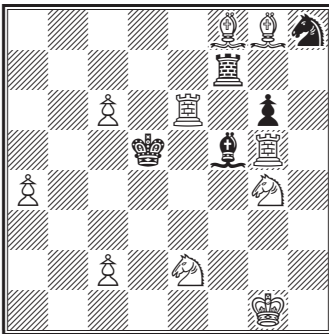
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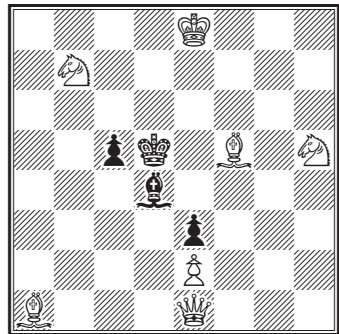
White to mate in two moves

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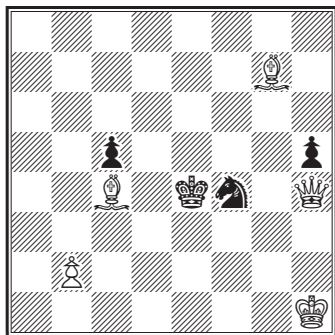
White to mate in two moves

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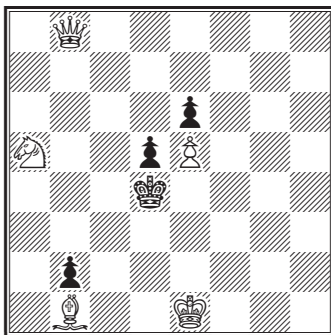
White to mate in two moves

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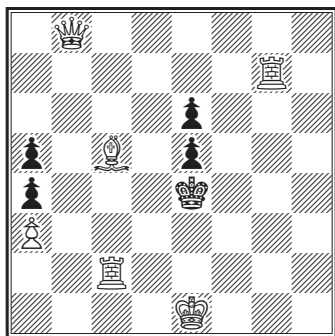
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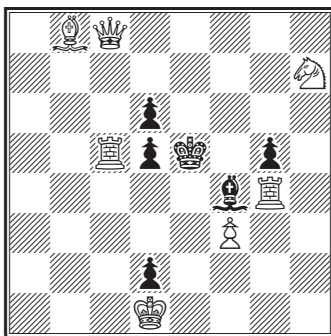
White to mate in two moves

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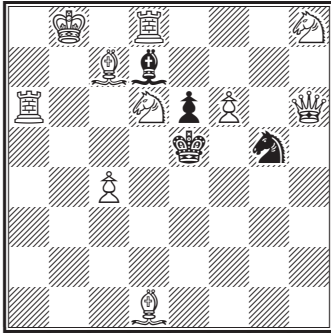
White to mate in two moves

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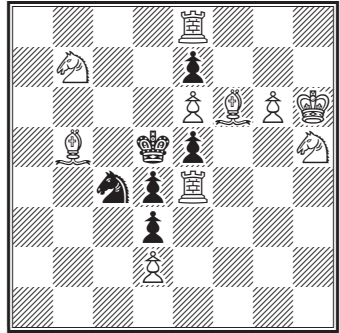
White to mate in two moves

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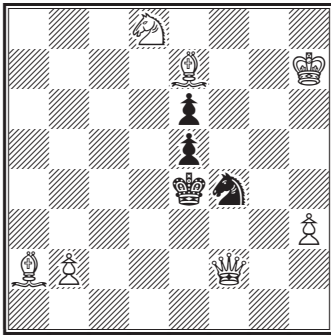
White to mate in two moves

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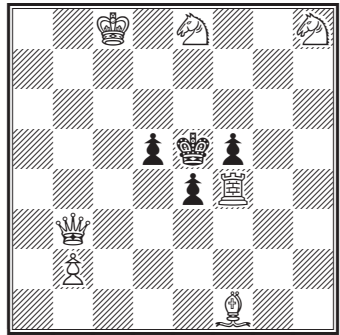
White to mate in two moves

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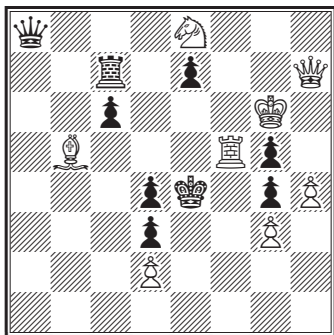


White to mate in two moves

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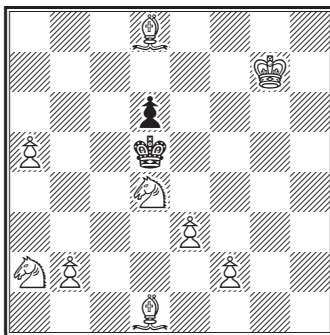
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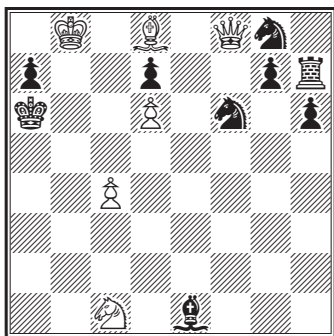
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[+]

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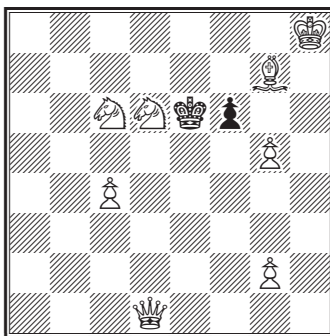
White to mate in three moves

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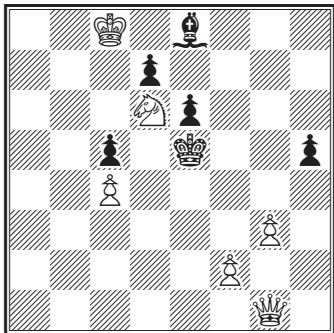
White to mate in three moves

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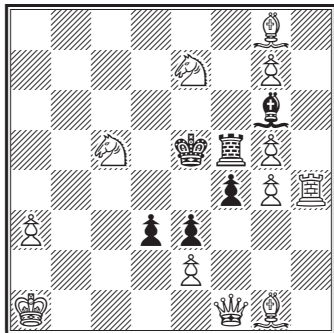
White to mate in three moves

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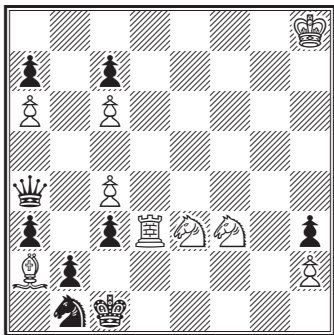
White to mate in three moves  
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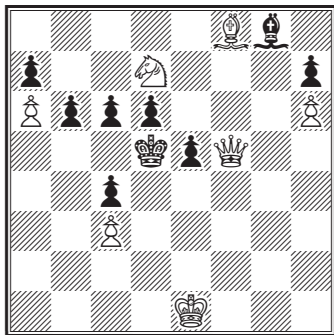
White to mate in three moves

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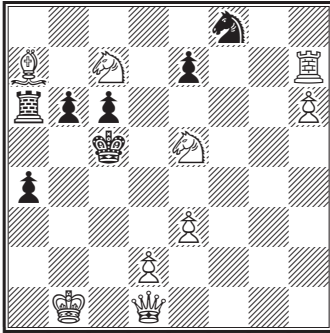
White to mate in three moves

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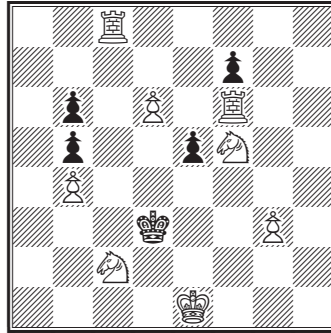
White to mate in three moves

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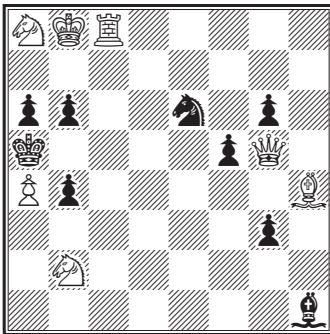
White to mate in three moves

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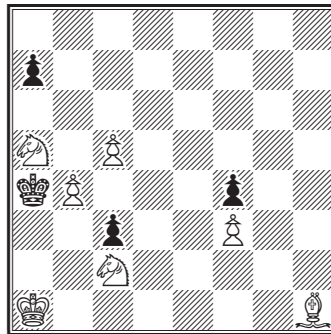
White to mate in three moves

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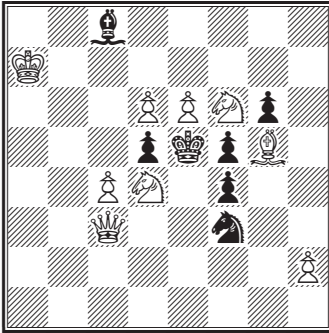
White to mate in three moves  
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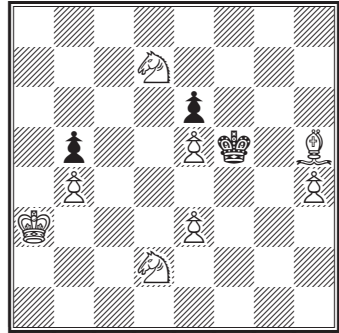
White to mate in three moves

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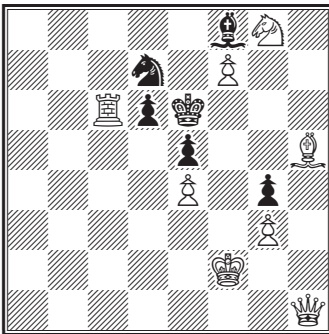
White to mate in three moves

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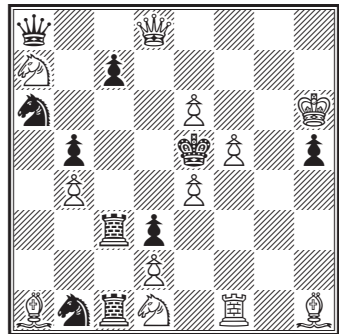
White to mate in three moves

Problem no. 39



White to mate in three moves

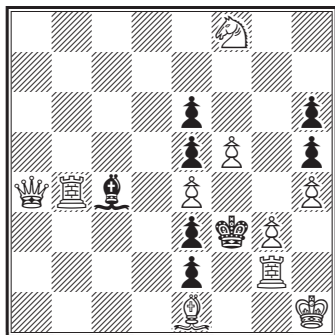
Problem no. 40



White to mate in three moves

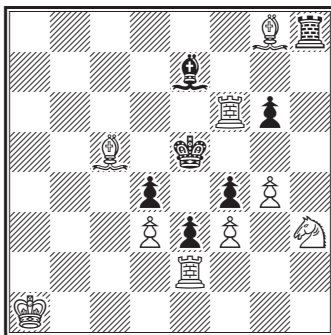


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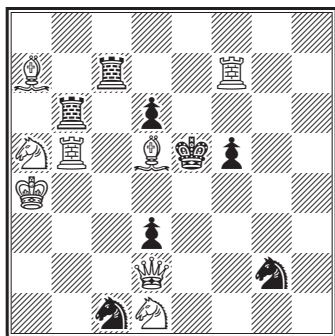
White to mate in three moves

Problem no. 42



White to mate in three moves

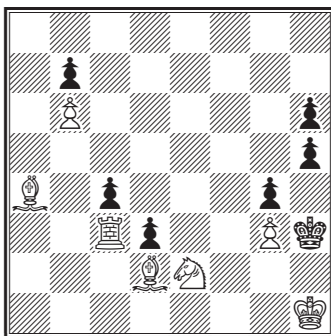
Problem no. 43



White to mate in three moves

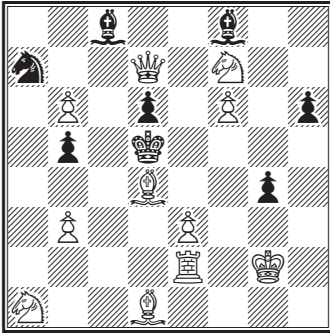
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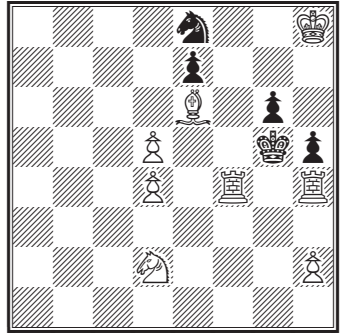
White to mate in three moves

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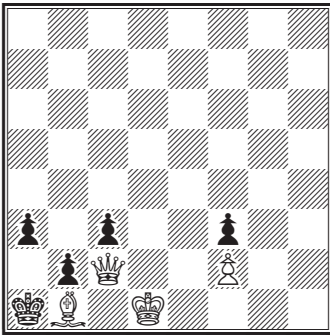
White to mate in three moves

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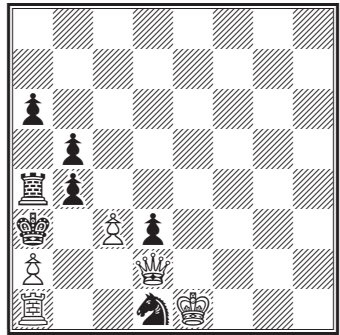
White to mate in three moves

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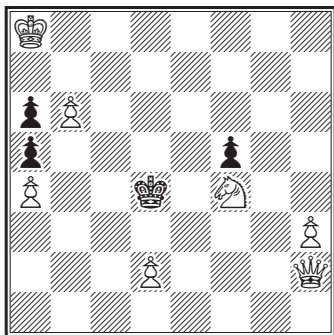
White to mate in three moves

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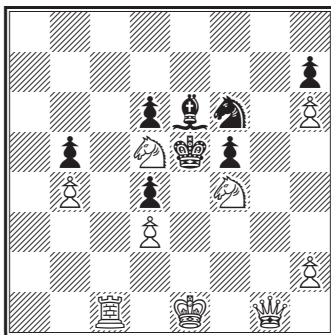
White to mate in three moves

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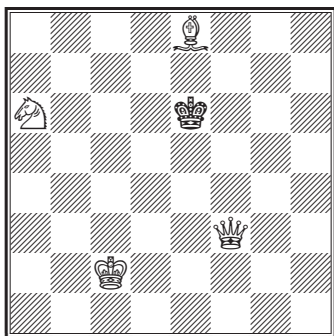
White to mate in three moves

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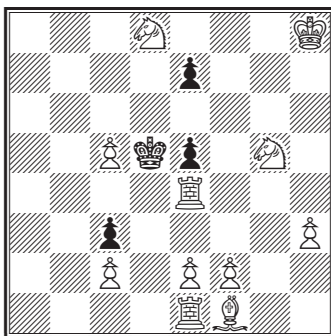
White to mate in three moves

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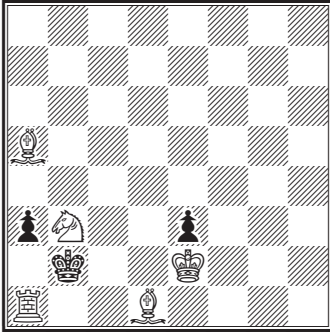
White to mate in three moves

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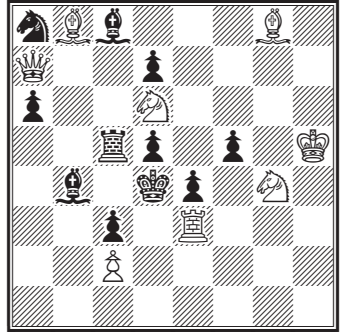
White to mate in three moves

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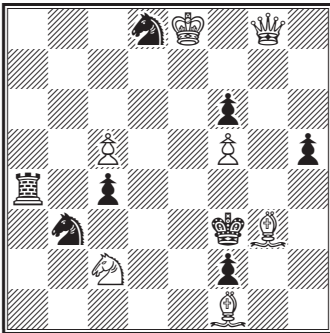
White to mate in three moves

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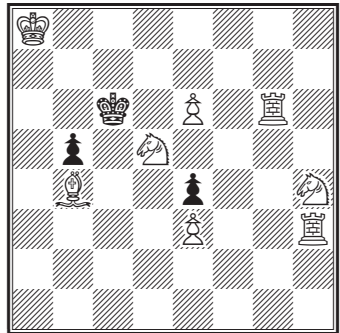
White to mate in three moves

Problem no. 55



White to mate in three moves

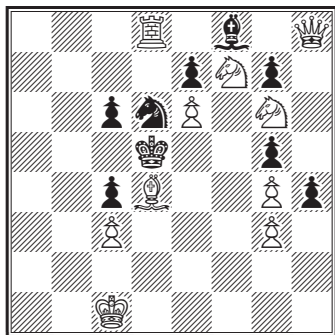
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White to mate in three moves

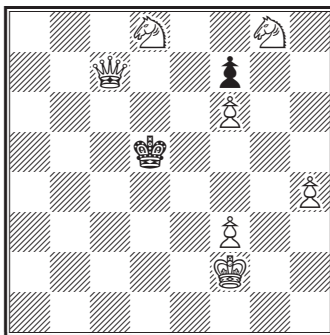
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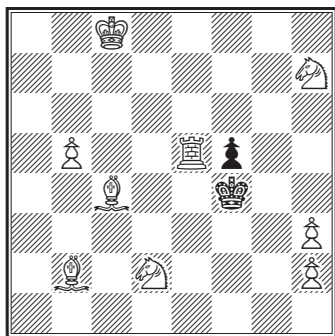
White to mate in three moves

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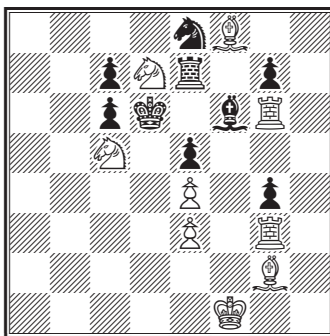
White to mate in three moves

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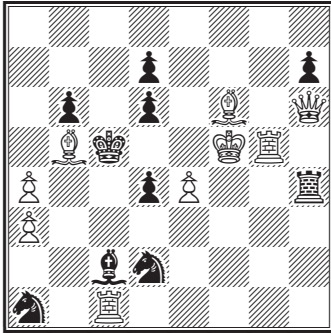
White to mate in three moves

Problem no. 60



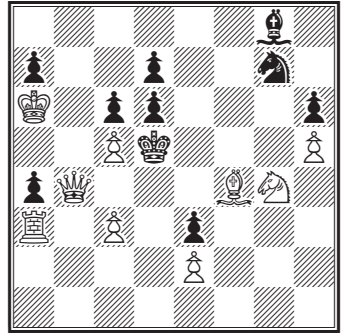
White to mate in three moves

Problem no. 61



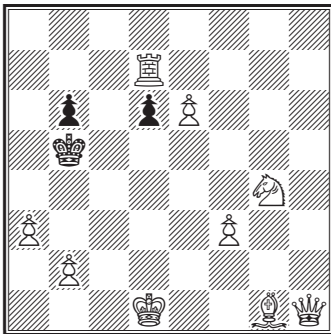
White to mate in three moves

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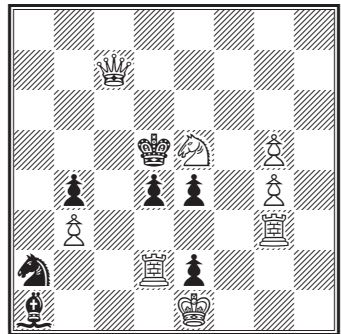
White to mate in three moves

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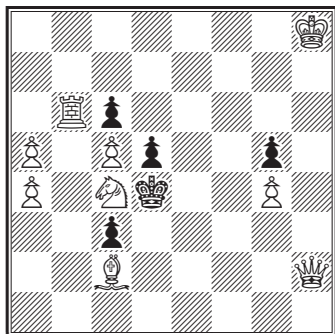
White to mate in three moves

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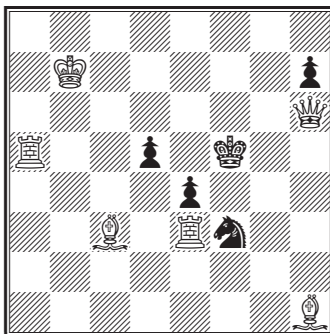
White to mate in three moves

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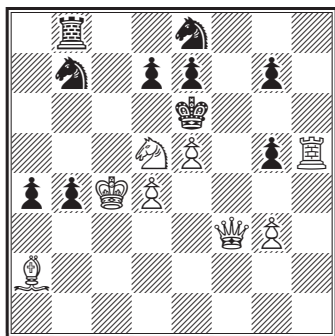
White to mate in three moves

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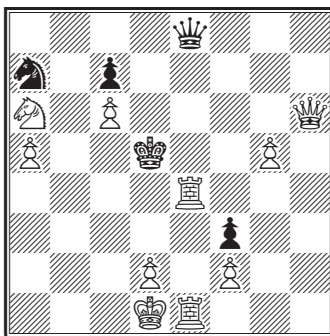
White to mate in three moves

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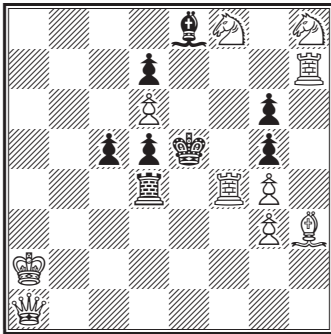
White to mate in four moves

Problem no. 68



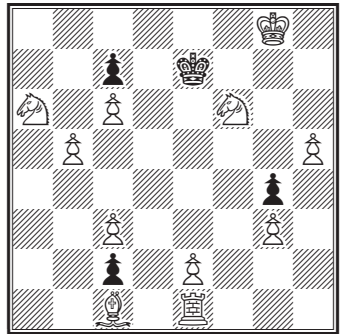
White to mate in four moves  
[\*]

Problem no. 69



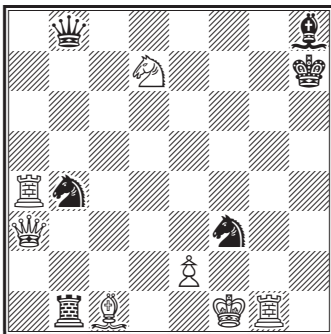
White to mate in four moves

Problem no. 70



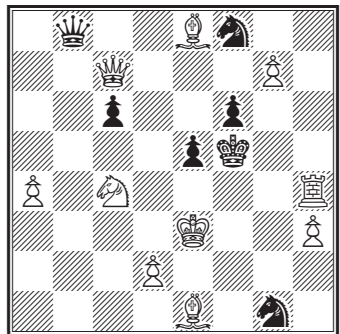
White to mate in four moves

Problem no. 71



White to sui-mate in four moves

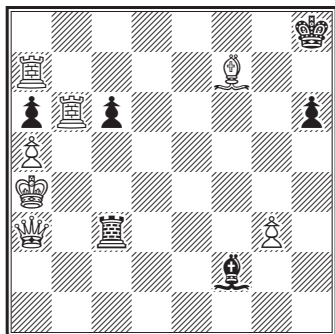
Problem no. 72



White to sui-mate in five moves

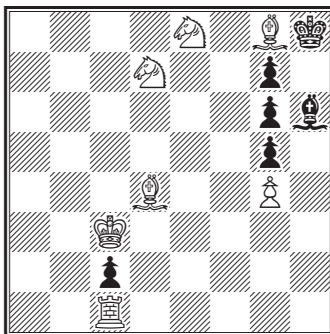


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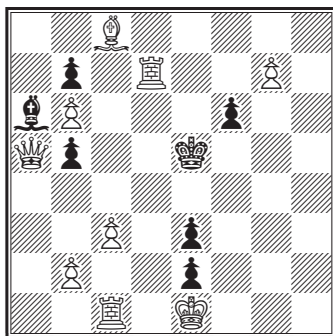
White to sui-mate in six moves

Problem no. 74



White to sui-mate in six moves

Problem no. 75



White to sui-mate in five moves



## SOLUTIONS

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

33.	1. Qf3	Kd6 Kb4 Sxh7, ~	2. Qxf8 any 2. Qxc6 any 2. Qxc6† Kb4	3. Q † 3. Q † 3. Qc3‡	
34.	1. Sfe3	Ke4	2. Sd1	Kd3/d5	3. Sf2/c3‡
35.	1. Qd8	Bxa8 Sxd8	2. Qxb6† 2. Rc5†	Kxb6 bxc5	3. Sc4‡ 3. Bxd8‡
	[ <i>but: 1. ... Sc7!</i> ]				
36.	1. Bg2	Kb5	2. Bh3	Ka4/a6, a6	3. B †
37.	1. cxd5	Kxd6 Sxd4† B~	2. Qc7† 2. Bxf4† 2. Sb5†	Kxc7 Kxf4/xf6 Sd4	3. Se8‡ 3. Q † 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 Sc5/xb4 Qd5/xe4	2. Sc6† 2. Qxc7† 2. Sc6†	any any Qxc6	3. † 3. † 3. Sxd3 †
41.	1. Qe8	Kg4 Kxe4 exf5	2. Qxh5† 2. Qc6† 2. Qxe5	K~ K~ any	3. † 3. Q † 3. Q †
42.	1. Ba2	Bxf6	2. Rxe3†	dxe3 fxe3	3. d4‡ 3. f4‡
43.	1. Qf2	Rxf7	2. Qd4†	Kxd4	3. Sc6‡
	[ <i>1. Bxg2‡; 1. Qg5</i> ]				
44.	1. Be1	dxe2	2. Bd7	h4	3. gxh4‡
45.	1. Sc2	Bxd7 Ke4	2. e4† 2. Sb4	Kc6/e6 any	3. Sd8‡ 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 Kc5	2. Qc3† 2. Qc3†	K~ K~	3. Q † 3. Q, S †
50.	1. Qg7	Bxd5	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	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 exf3	2. Se5 2. e4	Kxe5 f2	3. Rh5‡ 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 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†  
K×c5 2. R×c6† K~ 3. Q ‡  
K×e4 2. R×d5 K×d5 3. Qc6†
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. Saxc7†, 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†