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EDITORIAL

This year has seen the longest gap in my twenty five years of chess problem editing. It was originally intended that we should move from Mansfield to Loughborough on 5th Jan., but owing to a combination of unfortunate circumstances, this did not take place until 18th May. Things are now sufficiently sorted out at my new house to make the publication of a new issue possible, but I must apologise to readers for the long delay, and thank them for the patience they have shown.

When they have heard the reasons, I hope readers will not think it unreasonable for me to ask them to pay a subscription of 72p (home) or 66p (overseas) for 1979, as several have already done. There was a considerable deficit for 1978, and it seems that the subscription was already too low. Moreover, the cost of production is now going to be much more than it was before. I shall do everything I can to keep the costs and subscription down, but economies such as cutting out prizes would make the magazine less attractive for subscribers and contributors.

SOLUTIONS (NOVEMBER)

D314 (R.Notaro) 0-0-0, waiting. A marvellous find, if original (D.A. Smedley). Enquiries suggest that this surprisingly is original (G.E. Schoen). Cleverly contrived star flights (R.F.Bradley).

D315 (C.J.Ling) B-e4, waiting. Most enjoyable (G.P.Jelliss). Very neat, but key-piece obvious (R.C.McWilliam). Excellent for first problem (J.K.Hetherington). Nice Meredith (E.Stevenson).

D316 (E.W.Beal) Q-g5, thr. 2.B-e3. Spectacular change after 1... Pxc4 (R.C.McW.). Difficult because one expects play to centre on the c4 captures (D.A.S.). Unexpected key, especially in view of set play (JKH).

D317 (E.W.Beal) P-h4, thr. 2.Rxe5ch. 1...B-c3; 2.Q-g2: 1...B-d6; 2.B-c2ch. Brilliant; quiet continuation after 1...B-c3 not at all obvious (J.K.H.). Two fine strategic variations from B.B. (D.A.S.). Good work (G.E.S.).

0318 (G.E.Schoen) P-e6, B-f5; 2.K-f4, K-f2; 3.P-e5, S-e6. Very helpful co-operation (J.K.H.). However, there are cooks starting K-d6 or K-d4.

0319 (P.Michael) 10.Kxb2; 11.K-a1; 13.P-b1=B; 14.Bxf5; 15.B-b1; 20.P-f1=B; 22.fB-a2, B-d4. Tidy task (G.P.Jelliss). Graves on d8 or h8 take too long to dig (Dr.C.C.L.Sells). Neat but unspectacular (D.A.S.).

0320 (N.A.Macleod) (a) R-a1, R-b3; 2.R-e1, R-b2. (b) Q-a8, B-c8; 2.Q-f3, B-a6. Excellent twinning (R.F.B.). Very pleasant construction (Dr.C.C.L.S.). Splendid white clearances (D.A.S.).

0321 (M.Persson) Sxc2, B-b1; 2.K-d3, Rxd4. Sxf4, B-h2; 2.K-e5, R-e6. However, several cooks followed by 1...P-c3,4; 2.K-d3. A pity - reflected chameleon echo pin-mates are very rare (Dr.C.C.L.S.).

0322 (L.Riczu) 1-15.Kxf8; 16-21.Kxf2; 22-32.Kxa7; 33-51.K-c5, R-d5. But there are numerous cook short solutions, including one in 3 found by G.P.Jelliss - Kxa5; 2.K-a4; 3.K-a3, R-a6.

COMPOSER'S CORRECTION

0259 (F.M.Mihalek). The 5th and 7th rank problems have proved to be anticipated. The composer substitutes:- 5th rank: G1B2K1k (K-h6, B-f8ch; 2.K-h7, G-g5; 3.K-h8, K-g6; 4.K-g8, K-h6). 7th rank: 1Sk2K1G (K-d7, K-g6; 2.K-e7, G-d7; 3.K-f8, S-d6; 4.K-g8; G-d5).

SOLVING LADDER

	July	Sept.	Nov.	1978	Total
<u>Direct mates</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>82</u>	
E.Stevenson	14	16	10	76	IX 158
G.R.Jones	6	14	6	48	IX 146
R.C.McWilliam	14	12	6	58	I 146
Per Lea, Norway	6	12	6	50	134
J.K.Hetherington	14	18	8	73	VIII 128
G.Yacoubian, France	14	18	10	72	I 127
P.Michael, W.Germany	6	18	6	60	I 115
Dr.M.Harington	14	18	10	68	VIII 105
A.T.Horden	6	10	6	52	V 97
G.E.Schoen, W.Germany	14	10	10	67	I 96
Dr.J.C.Hutchinson	6	8	4	42	III 94
P.R.Kings	6	-	-	36	90
G.P.Jelliss	-	-	4	4	62
D.A.Smedley	12	14	10	72	II 54
R.F.Bradley	-	-	6	34	VI 9
<u>Other types</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>166</u>	
G.P.Jelliss	26	14	28	68	I 183
D.A.Smedley	36	22	28	146	II 167
Dr.J.C.Hutchinson	20	14	38	116	II 139
G.R.Jones	4	14	26	64	II 139
J.K.Hetherington	36	14	38	140	IV 130
G.Yacoubian, France	30	14	32	126	II 128
Dr.C.C.L.Sells	36	22	36	152	IV 116
P.Michael, W.Germany	24	10	40	122	II 115
P.R.Kings	4	-	-	38	84
R.F.Bradley	-	-	16	30	I 62
Per Lea, Norway	-	14	18	46	56

Ascents. An unusually high number this time. Direct mates: E.Stevenson, G.R.Jones X; J.K.Hetherington IX; R.C.McWilliam, G.Yacoubian II; Per Lea I. Other types: J.K.Hetherington V; D.A.Smedley, Dr.J.C.Hutchinson, G.R.Jones, G.Yacoubian III; G.P.Jelliss II.

1978 SOLVING TOURNEY

E.Stevenson wins the direct mate tourney, with J.K.Hetherington second, and D.A.Smedley and G.Yacoubian a close equal third. In the other types, Dr.C.C.L.Sells is first, D.A.Smedley second and J.K.Hetherington third. Congratulations to the successful solvers.

1979-80 TOURNEYS

As there will be only half a year of issues this year, it seems best to combine this year with next for tourney purposes. The number of prizes in the composing tourneys will be increased in number by one in each case, and the solving prizes will be increased in amount.

Composing Tourneys. (1) For direct mates in 2 or more moves. 4 prizes of £1.30, 90p, 65p and 50p. (2) For all other types. 3 prizes of £1.30, 90p and 65p. Judges to be announced.

Solving Tourneys. Prizes of 90p for the highest individual scores in the direct and other types sections.

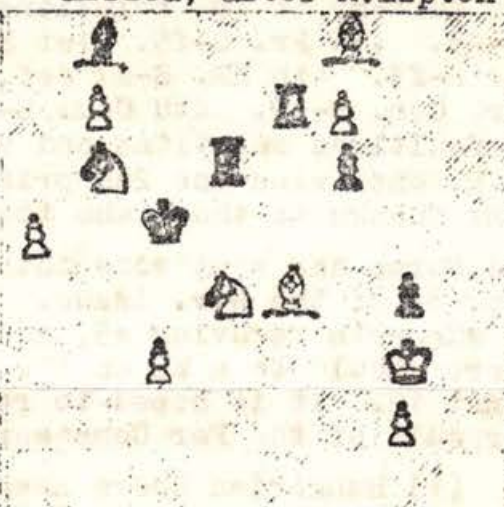
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Belated but sincere thanks to all readers for their good wishes.

D323. J.Coombe-Tennant



(7+4)

D324. J.van D.Strydom, S.
Africa, after M.Lipton

(11+5)

D325. D.A.Smedley



(9+7)

White to play and mate in 2 moves

D326. R.C.McWilliam



(13+10)

2 moves

D327. V.Pypa, USSR



(3+11)

3 moves

0328. F.M.Mihalek, USA



(5+4)

Help-stalemate in 3

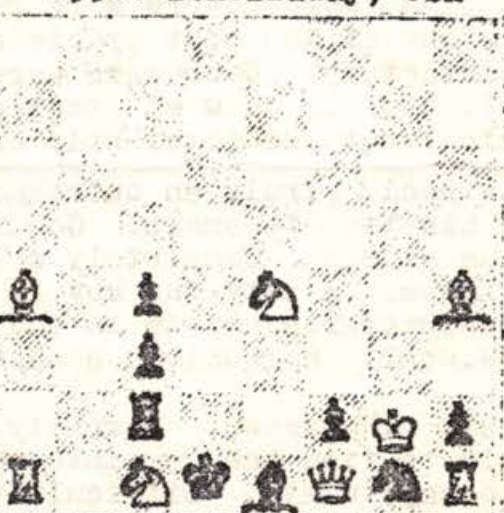
0329. E.W.Beal



(5+8)

gaf reveals
Blundermate in 2
B. makes helpful move
W. mates in 2

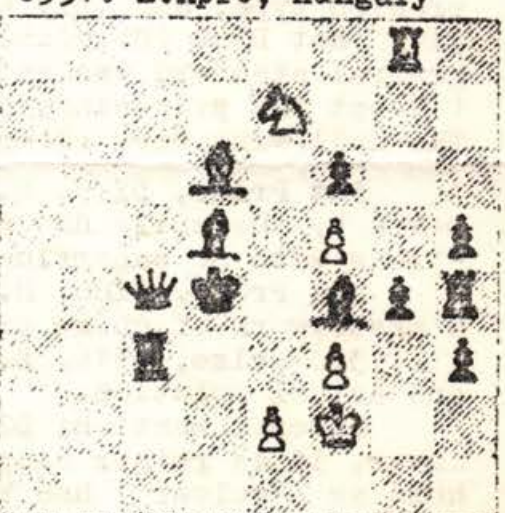
0330. E.Holladay, USA



(8+8)

Stalemate in 2

0331. L.Apro, Hungary



(7+10)

Helpmate in 2 (2 sols.)

MISCELLANEA

Key Stipulation Tourney No. 20 Solving Competition. Shortage of space necessitates a mere summary of the solutions:- 1st Pr. S-b5. 2nd Pr. S-b5. 3rd Pr. S-g3. 4th Pr. S-f5. 1st HM. S-f5. 2nd HM. S-f4, cook Kxf8. 3rd HM. B-f3. 4th HM. S-d7 def. by f3-e5. 1st Com. B-d7. 2nd Com. Pxd6. 3rd Com. R-c2. 4th Com. S-b6. J.K.Hetherington is congratulated for his faultless solutions and valuable comments: he wins the first prize. G.R.Jones wins the 2nd prize, and Dr.J.C. Hutchinson came third. My thanks to those who took part.

Two-move Tasks. C.J.Morse has sent some interesting comments on some of the problems on p. 34 of the Nov. issue. No. 108: to eliminate the ugly capture key, he suggests removing e5, adding WP h5 and starting WQ from h2. No. 110: there should be a WR on f1. No. 112: apparently shows 11 BQ variations, not 10. It is hoped to renew this feature in the next issue with the result of the For Composers 1 Competition.

Composing Tourneys. (1) Hungarian Chess Association. 2 movers, Judge G.Bakcsi. Helpmate in 4 or more moves, Judge J.Kele. Diagrams with full solutions by 31.X.79 to G.Koder, Budapest, Hunyadi ter 10 - H-1067 (2 movers), and J.Szoghy, Budapest, Romer Floris u. 46. H-1024 (helpmates). (2) "Nice-Matin-Echecs". Francois Michel Memorial. 2 movers with the following theme: in a number of tries, the black refutations involve self-blocks, but these are nullified by checks on the WK; after the key, the self-blocks make mate possible; the thematic variations must be unified by a mechanism such as black correction; e.g. Michel/Monreal, 1978: 8; b1Q1K3; 1P2p3; 3pP2S; 3SkP2; 2P5; 2PP2sR; 5rr1: K-e8. Two diagrams of each problem with full solution by 1.IX.79 to G.Balbo, 27 Av. Rene-Damous, 94500 Champigny, France. Judge P.Monreal.

Review. Chessics 5, 6 and 7. Published by G.P.Jelliss, 283A Clifton Road, Rugby CV21 3QY, Warwickshire. Price 30p per issue, post free, £1.20 for the four issues in a year. If overseas subscriptions are paid in cash, this must be sterling, but exchanges of books or journals in lieu of cash are welcome (in fact preferred). This excellent fairy chess periodical continues with a series of informative and clearly presented articles. The last issue also contains six problems in a "Quasi-Orthodox Corner." All back numbers are available at the same price as the current issue.

1978 DIRECT MATE TOURNEY REPORT BY G.E.SCHOEN

27 originals and 3 corrected problems appeared; 2 cooked problems were not corrected in time. The 2 mover continues to be the favourite problem type, and only 6 3 and more movers were published: it was a pity that D309 (Strydom), one of the best problems, was cooked. The general standard was satisfactory. Composers were not very creative (except the prizewinners), but all show an excellent composing technique. The following were pleasing, but insufficiently original: D290/297/298.

1st Prize, D279, E.W.Beal. Truly an outstanding work. Correction moves by the agile BB on his two diagonals. Good sophisticated variations with no superfluous pieces. Completely satisfying.

2nd Prize, D280, H.Ahues. A pity the key is so weak. Otherwise, a masterwork of chess problemcraftsmanship in the interference theme.

3rd Prize, D316, E.W.Beal. Harmonious connection of set play and actual solution.

Special Mention, D291, M.Hanazawa. Normally, in this type of more mover, it is rather simple to find the way into the BK's castle, but here as a solver I had to capitulate. Difficult to integrate with other problems, so a special mention seems the best solution.

Commended. D270 (Tomson) Most economical setting of 11 Q checks. D271 (McWilliam) Surprising key, freeing the pinned R. D306 (Mihalek) Best problem of the old-fashioned style. D314 (Notaro) Seems original(!). Sincere thanks to the Judge, and congratulations to the composers.

PROBLEM OBSERVER

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EDITORIAL

The welcome which the re-appearance of the magazine received was much appreciated. I am still trying to keep down the cost of production, so the subscription rates above reflect merely the recent increase in postal charges. Partly because of the long gap in publication, the stock of originals grew considerably, so the present issue contains nine of each type: to help solvers, solutions may be sent to reach me by 15th November.

SOLUTIONS (JULY)

D323 (J.Coombe-Tennant) R-h6, waiting. Delightful, with good key and variety, including double self-pin after BK flight (J.K.Hetherington). Every black man moves (G.P.Jelliss). Elegant construction (E.W.Beal).

D324 (J.van D.Strydom) B-d3, waiting. Nice mutate (E.Stevenson). Neat changes (D.A.Smedley). Very attractive, with subtle key (R.C.McWilliam).

D325 (D.A.Smedley) S-e1, thr. 2.Qxe5. Clever construction, with strong try S-e7 (G.E.Schoen). Good B.S. Correction (E.W.B.). Excellent for testing solvers (E.S.).

D326 (R.C.McWilliam) Sxf3, thr. 2.S-e5. Excellent (A.T.Horden). Fine self-pins and cross-checks (J.K.H.). Superb (R.F.Bradley).

D327 (V.Pypa) Q-b6, thr. 2. R-b3ch. 1...R-a7, S-c5; 2.Rxb2: 1...B-b4, c7; 2.Qxe6. Economical white force (R.F.B.). White under threat of mate in 2 moves! (R.C.McW.). Very good (G.E.S.). 2.Rxb2 as a threat seems to be dealt with by 2...R-f2.

O328 (F.M.Mihalek) d2=R, h7=S; 2.R-d8, Pxd8=Q; 3.a2=B, K-b1. G.Yacoubian writes that this was published in "Tribune de Geneve", Oct. 1978, which he edits. The misunderstanding probably arose from the delay in publication.

✓ O329 (E.W.Beal) B-g3, followed by B-a7. Four self-blocks (G.P.J.). Difficult to find the blundering piece and its move (J.K.H.). First move akin to Roman strategy - B-f6 replaced by B-e5 (Dr.C.C.L.Sells).

O330 (E.Holladay) Qxf2, waiting. Magnificent key, WB h4 the only clue (Dr.C.C.L.S.). Completely thematic key and two fine variations (D.A.S.). Difficult (J.K.H.).

O331 (L.Apro) (a) B-e4, Rxc4; B-d3, P-e3. (b) Bxd6, R-d8; B-c5, S-c6. Good solving (D.A.S.). (a), without the capture at move 1, curiously more difficult (Dr.C.C.L.S.). Cooks Q-a2, b4, d3, a6, c7 (G.Yacoubian).

1979-80 COMPOSING & SOLVING TOURNEYS

R.C.McWilliam has, with great generosity, doubled all the prizes listed on p.2 of the July issue. I am sure all readers will want me to thank Mr.McWilliam very warmly for this valuable donation.

In all diagrams white moves up the board, and the figures under each diagram refer to the number of pieces, white first, black second. In the problems with "D" before the number, white plays first and mates in the specified number of moves. In "help" problems, black plays first and helps white to achieve the required result in the specified number of moves. Double stalemate is where both white and black are stalemated. Circe chess: a captured piece is immediately replaced on its starting square; a captured S or R is replaced on the starting square of the same colour as its present one; a P is replaced on the starting square of the file on which it has been captured. Duplex: both white and black can fulfil the conditions of the problem. In a selfmate, white moves first and forces black to mate him; in 0347, white makes a series of 12 moves, and black is then forced to mate him on the move.

RESULT OF FOR COMPOSERS 1 COMPETITION

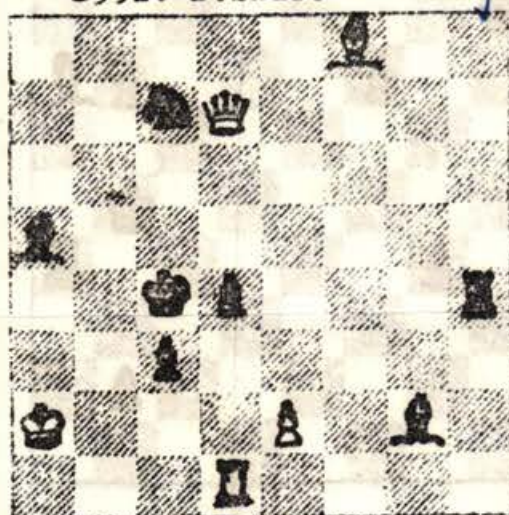
Composers were invited to reduce the number of pieces used in showing the different aspects of the **Pickaninny task**. 4-0, 5-0, 6-0, 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 have never been achieved in any form, 5-1 and 5-4 only with two W.Q.'s. Of the remaining 42 possible aspects, the following reductions were achieved:-

- 0-1+, C.J.Morse. 3k2r1; 2Spp3; 4B3; 2Q5; 1S2KB2; 24. 10 men.
- 0-3, C.J.Morse. 5S2; 5p1s; 6R1; 3BP3; 3RPk2; 5S2; 5K2; 8. 11 men.
- 0-4, C.J.Morse. 1R6; 2p5; 1Q1R4; pKB5; B7; 2k5; 16. 9 men.
- 0-5, C.J.Morse. 1R6; 2p5; 1Q1R4; 1KS5; 16; BSk5; 2r5. 10 men.
- 0-6, C.J.Morse. 1R6; 2p4B; 1Q1R4; 1K6; 8; 2S2S2; 8; 2k5. 9 men.
- 1-5, C.J.Morse. 8; 5p2; 2B1Q1P1; 3qR2K; 8; 6Bp; 6kS; 4sR2. 13 men.
- 2-0, C.J.M. after H.W.Bettmann. 8; 1Kp1k3; 1B1S4; 3P4; B7; QR6; 16. 9 men.
- 2-1+, C.J.Morse. 1KB1kS2; 1Sp1P3; 1P1B4; 1q6; 8; 2Q2R2; 16. 12 men.
- 2-2, C.J.Morse. 8; 5p2; 4p1Sp; 2RBK2k; 4Q3; 24. 9 men.
- 2-3, C.J.Morse. 3BQ3; 5p2; 4s1B1; 6S1; 3RP2k; 8; 5K2; 8. 10 men.
- 2-4, C.J.Morse. 4BQ2; 5p2; 4R1RK; 16; 5S1k; 16. 8 men.
- 2-5, C.J.M., after F.Janet. 2BQR2r; 4p3; 3p1PR1; 6K1; 7B; 7S; 6kS; 7b. 14 men.
- 2-6, C.J.M., after J.F.L. B2r1R2; B4p2; 4Q1PR; 3r2pK; 6S1; 8; 6S1; 7k. 14 men.
- 3-0, C.J.Morse. 5QS1; 3qp2k; 3P1B2; r6P; 4R3; 3B1S2; p7; 1K6. 14 men.
- 3-1, C.J.Morse. 1SQ1B3; r1p2p2; 1R1S1k2; 5P1K; b3R3; 24. 13 men.
- 3-2, C.J.Morse. R7; 4p3; 3Q1B1p; R2K3k; 32. 8 men.
- 3-3, C.J.Morse. 3B4; 1B2p3; 3P1R2; 2KR4; 5P1k; 7p; 5P2; 8. 11 men.
- 3-4, C.J.Morse. 1QB1R3; 4p3; 3p1B2; 8; 6SS; 1K5k; 16. 10 men.
- 3-5, C.J.Morse. 3BQ3; 4p3; 3R1P2; 6K1; 8; 5B1p; 4S2k; 8. 10 men.
- " J.Hartong, Holland. 3Q1BB1; 3p4; 2S1P3; 4B3; K7; 1S6; k7; 8. 10 men.
- 4-1+, C.J.Morse. RS3k2; 1pP4K; P1P5; q1R5; 8; 3Q4; 16. 11 men.
- 4-2, C.J.Morse. 8; 3p4; 2Q1P3; R1K1S2k; 5R1S; 24. 9 men.
- 4-3, C.J.Morse. 8; Q1Bp4; 2P1B3; 1K6; R2S3k; 5PS1; 16. 11 men.
- 4-4, C.J.Morse. 3R2K1; 2Bp4; 2Q5; 3B4; 6R1; 7k; 4p3; 5b2. 10 men.
- 5-1+, C.J.Morse. QS4k1; 1pPS4; P1P5; q1R5; 3B2K1; 4R3; 16. 13 men.
- 5-2, C.J.Morse. K2B3S; 2p5; 1Q1R3p; 1R2P2k; 4S3; 5q2; 4B2P; 7b. 15 men.
- 5-3, C.J.Morse. 8; 2p5; 1P1Q1B2; K3S1q1; R1S4k; 8; 1P1P4; R2B4. 14 men, but including obtrusive W.B. 2B5; 2p5; 1P1RR3; K3S2q; Q1S4k; P7; 1P5P; 2B5. 15 men, without obtrusive W.B.
- 5-5, C.J.Morse. 2R4K; 1Bp2s2; 1Q1B4; 8; 6pS; 6R1; 7k; 6S1. 12 men.
- 6-1+, C.J.Morse. RS4Sk; 1pPB4; P1P3K1; q1R5; 32. 12 men.
- 6-2, C.J.Morse. 2B4S; 1pp5; Q1RB3p; R2K3k; 3PP3; 24. 13 men.

The competition was purely for the maximum reduction in the number of pieces. In 3-1, C.J.Morse reduced 20 pieces to 13 (35%), and in 2-4 and 3-2, 13 pieces to 8 (38%). The prize is awarded to him, with congratulations on the most important contribution to the task since Good Companions days. Send solutions by 1.I.1980. Solving prize offered.

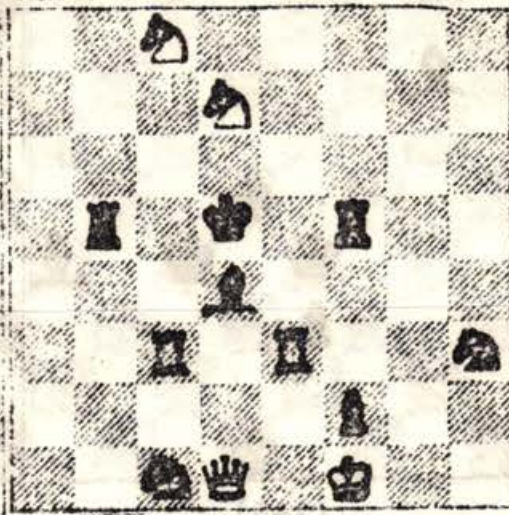
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D332. D.Shire



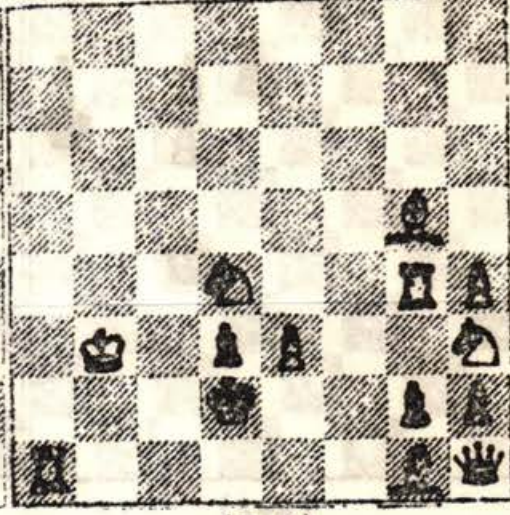
(5+7)

D333. H.Hermanson, Sweden



(6+7)

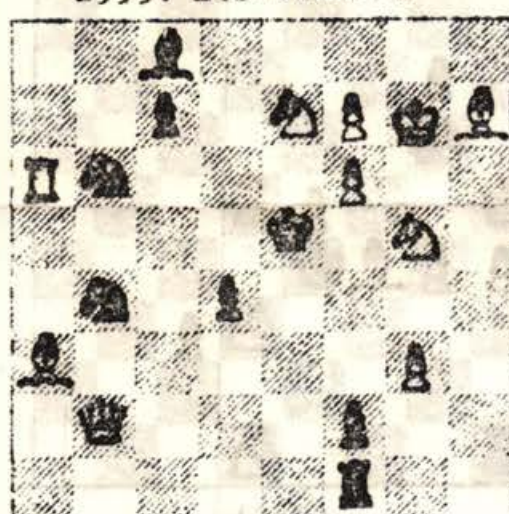
D334. G.Doukhan, France



(8+6)

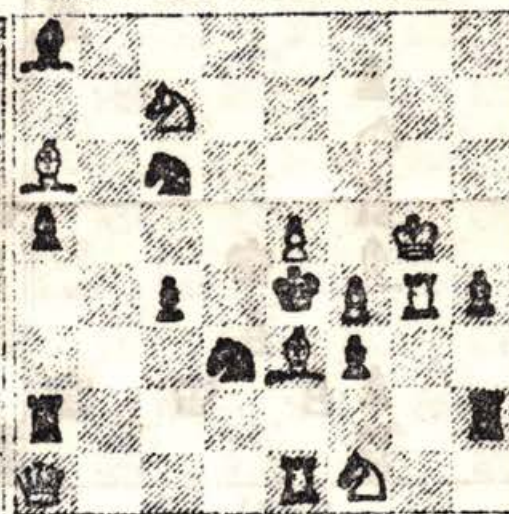
White to play and mate in 2 moves

D335. E.Stevenson



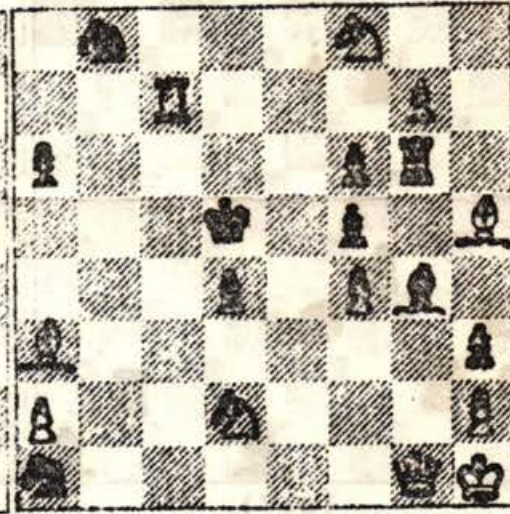
(10+8)

D336. E.Petite, Spain



(10+10)

D337. A.Thorsson, Sweden



(10+11)

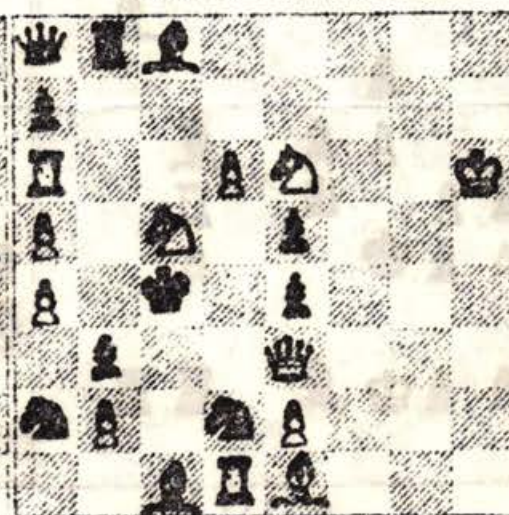
White to play and mate in 2 moves

D338. E.Holladay, USA



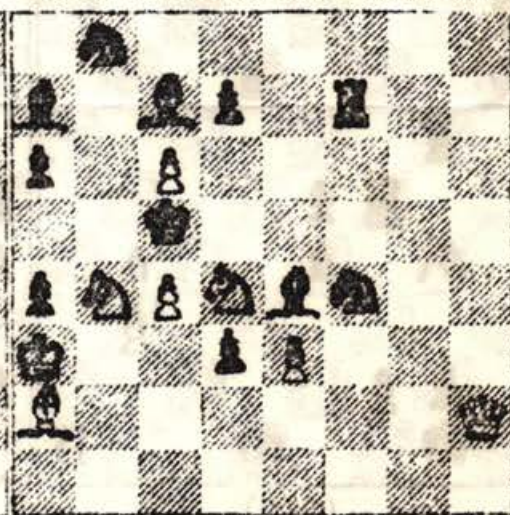
(11+11)
2 moves

D339. D.Shire



(12+11)
2 moves

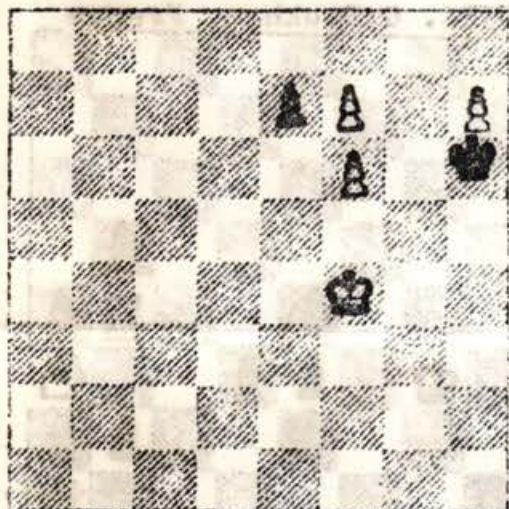
D340. M.Keller, Germany



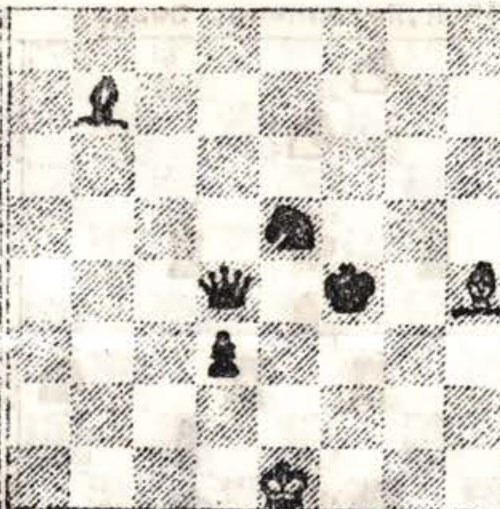
(9+10)
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0341. C.P.Swindley, Sweden 0342. P.Michael, Germany

0343. W.B.Trumper

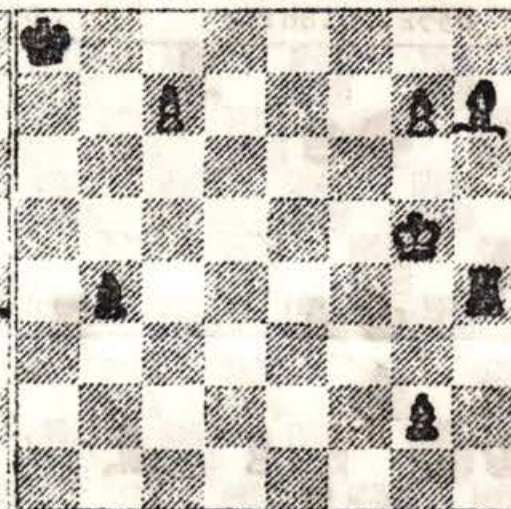


(4+2)

Helpdoublestalemate in 7
(Circe)

(2+5)

Helpmate in 4



(3+5)

Helpmate in 2 (Duplex)

0344. I.Persa, Hungary

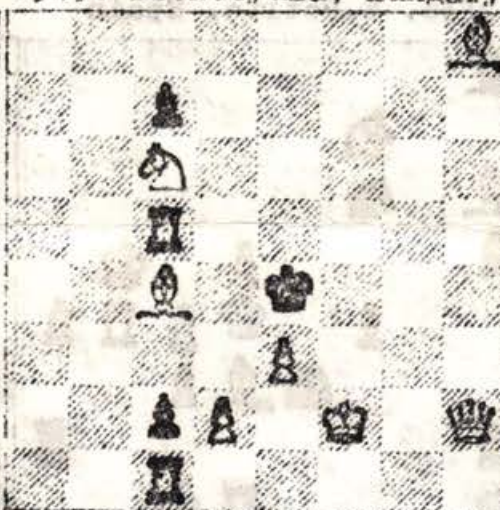
0345. Dr.N.Gyula, Hungary

0346. T.Garai, USA



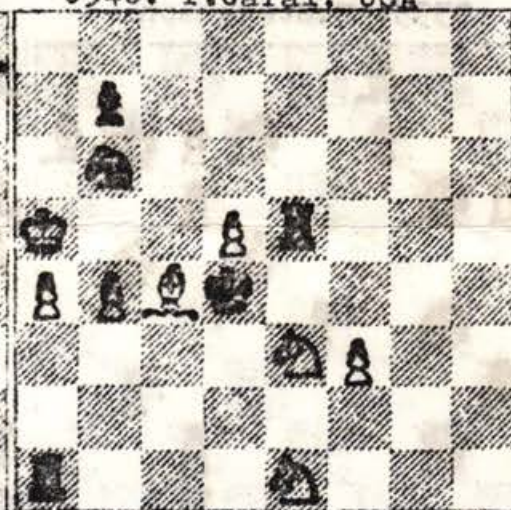
(4+7)

Helpmate in 2

(a) Diag. (b) a3 to a4
Africa

(9+3)

Selfmate in 6



(8+5)

Helpmate in 2 (2 sols.)

0347. J.van D.Strydom, S.

0348. O.Dragoescu, Romania

0349. E.A.Petrov, USSR



(6+9)

Series selfmate in 12

(a) Diag. (b) e7 to c6,
d5 to c4

(8+11)

Helpmate in 2

(a) Diag. (b) f6 to c3



(9+12)

Helpmate in 2 (2 sols.)

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SOLUTIONS (SEPTEMBER)

D332 (D.Shire) P-e4, thr. 2.Q-c6 or Rxd4. Good control by only 5 white pieces (R.C.McWilliam). Neat Meredith Nowotny (E.Stevenson).

D333 (H.Hermanson) Q-a4, thr. 2.Q-c4. Nice line-openings (J.K.Hetherington). Try Q-g4 with similar play (D.A.Smedley).

D334 (G.Doukhan) R-f4, waiting. The composer reports that this was inadvertently published elsewhere.

D335 (E.Stevenson) Q-d2, thr. 2.Q-f4. Good key, followed by line-openings (G.E.Schoen). Attractive combination of strategy (R.C.McW.).

D336 (E.Petite) Bxc4, thr. 2.B-d5. B-c8 a good try (R.F.Bradley). Good B.S. correction play (D.A.S.).

D337 (A.Thorsson) Q-b1, waiting. Lovely waiter with 8 mates (J.K.H.). An amusing and quite difficult waiter (G.E.S.).

D338 (E.Holladay) R-e8, waiting. 2 nice W.Q. unpins, but obvious key (E.S.). Good additional variations (R.C.McW.).

D339 (D.Shire). S-b7, thr. 2.Q-c5. Reciprocal change of pin-mates after flights - a fine achievement (D.A.S.). Lovely interchange of W.Q. mates (R.C.McW.).

D339 (M.Keller) Q-b2, thr. 2.Sxa6ch. 1...Pxc6; 2.Sxd3ch: 1...Bxc6; 2.S-e6ch. Splendid key, not at all obvious (J.K.H.). Clever motivation for reciprocal change of white 2nd moves following captures on c6 (D.A.S.).

0341 (C.P.Swindley) K-h5, K-f5; 2.K-h4, K-g6; 3.P-e6, K-g7; 4.K-g5, K-h8; 5.Kxf6(Pf2), P-f4; 6.K-e7, P-f5; 7.K-f8, Pxe6(Pe7). Took a long time to see this (D.A.S.). Very clever back-pedal by B.K. (Dr.C.C.L.S.).

0342 (P.Michael) B-e4, K-d2; 2.Q-d5, K-c3; 3.K-e3, K-b4; 4.K-d4, B-f2. Quite difficult manoeuvres (J.K.H.). Surprise journey by W.K. (Dr.C.C.L.S.). This problem is dedicated to Roseline Schommer.

0343 (W.B.Trumper) (B) P-g1=B, P-g8=B; 2.B-a7, B-d5. (W) P-g8=S, P-g1=S; 2.S-f6, S-f3. Neat matching of under-promotions (D.A.S.). Very piquant follow-my-leader minor promotions (J.K.H.).

0344 (I.Persa) (a) P-c6, R-g5; 2.S-b4, R-a5. (b) P-d5, R-g6; 2.R-b4, R-a6. Homogeneous strategy (Dr.C.C.L.S.). Neat unpins and interferences (J.K.H.).

0345 (Dr.N.Gyula) S-e7; 2.R-f5; 3.B-f1; 4.K-e1; 5.P-d3, Kxe3; 6.Q-d2ch, Pxd2. White men withdraw smoothly from c file (Dr.C.C.L.S.). Ingenious strict tempo strategy (J.K.H.).

0346 (T.Garai) (a) Sxa4, B-a2; 2.S-c3, S3xc2. (b) Sxd5, B-b5; 2.S-c3, e1xc2. Clever W.B. interferences on battery lines (D.A.S.). Again homogeneous strategy (Dr.C.C.L.S.).

0347 (J. van D.Strydom) (a) P-c4; 2.Pxd5; 5.P-d8=B; 6.Bxb6; 7.B-c7;

8.B-e5; 9.Bxd4; 11.B-h2; 12.O-Och, K-c1. (b) P-c3; 2.Pxd4; 4.Pxc6; 6.P-c8=S; 7.Sxb6; 8.Sxc4; 11.S-h2; 12.O-Och, R-c1. Ingenious under-promotion and castling theme (J.K.H.). Dual at move 9 in (b) by S-e3 or e5 (Dr.C.C.L.S.). Much enjoyed (Rev.P.R.Kings).

0348 (O.Dragoescu) (a) K-c5, K-d1; 2.Q-e5, B-e3. (b) Rxf4, R-f7; 2.Q-c5, Rxf4. First solution very fine; second not its equal (D.A.S.). I found (b) a lot more difficult (Dr.C.C.L.S.).

0349 (E.A.Petrov) (a) hxe5ch, K-d4; 2.R-e3, Q-c2. (b) Bxf2ch, K-e2; 2.B-e3, S-d3. Surprise brutal checking keys leading to Grimshaw unpins of W.Q. and W.S. (J.K.H.). Outstanding (D.A.S.).

PROBLEMS FOR SOLVING (pp. 11 & 12)

I am trying to improve the quality of the diagrams, but until they are better, a forsyth notation check seems advisable:-

- D350. 3S2B1; b4q1r; 8; 2Pk3r; R6p; 3P4; 5Q2; B2R1K2.
 D351. 3ss2Q; 2P1kP2; 1b1hP1b1; 8; B4r1p; B1r2p2; 8; 3R3K.
 D352. 8; 4Q3; bp3KP1; b3p3; S3BPp1; 8; 2Rpk2S; 5R2.
 D353. b1RR3b; 4p1B1; 1pp5; 1PkP4; P2rPp2; K2B4; 1SpSPQp1; s1r3q1.
 D354. 1RR1B1b1; 4b3; 4q3; rppS4; 1pkP2pp; 8; 1Bf1p1Q1; 2S1K3.
 D355. k1B5; 2K5; 1P2Sp2; 2s2P2; 32.
 0356. 24; K3s3; 2S5; 2k5; 16.
 0357. 24; 3K1kbq; 8; 3Kb1kb; 16.
 0358. 77G; 1g5Q; 16; 6k1; p7; p1G5; k5b.
 0359. 7B; 4p3; 4K3; 8; 2kbB2R; 2p1p3; 2b5; 8.
 0360. 7B; 3K4; 1r3p2; 2kP1R2; 2p5; 8; B2s4; 8.

Send solutions to reach me by 15.I.1980.

TWO-MOVE TASKS

The Black Pieces. III. Blends. BS6+BS6: No. 115 (p.12). B-c6.

BK4+BP4: No. 116. Q-d8. No source is given in the White-Hume Collection for this problem.

BQ14+BP2: No. 117. Pxe8=Q.

BR10+BP2: No. 118. Pxd8=S. Also BR8+BP4 Ing.V.Bartilovic, 46th T.T., Problem, 1967. 4S3; 4pp1Q; 3P1P2; 2R2Pp1; 1p2k1K1; 1Pr3P1; 2P3P1; 1BR1S2. d1-d5.

BB7+BP4: No. 119. P-c8=Q.

BS8+BP3: No. 120. B-c6.

BP4+BP4: No. 121. Q-b4.

MISCELLANEA

Pickaninny Problems (Sept., p.6). The 4th rank downwards should read PKB5.

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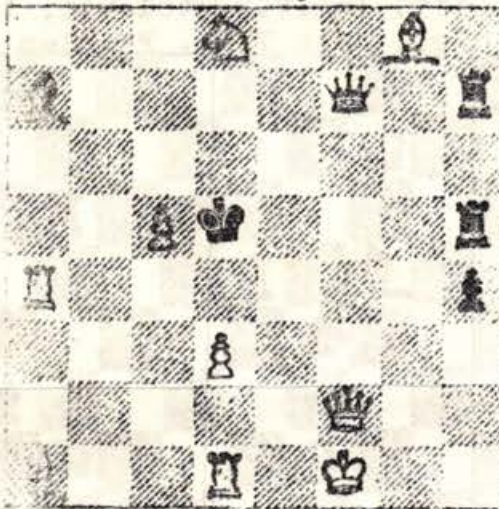
Testing. I am extremely grateful to two readers - P.Michael, W. Germany, and another who prefers to remain anonymous - for testing the other types and direct mates respectively.

Book Review. "Weisse Linienkombinationen mit thematischen Verführungen" by Herbert Ahues, Die Schwalbe, 10 DM + postage. A finely produced booklet on white line combination mechanisms with harmonising try play - a special field of study of this distinguished composer. There are 48 pages, and 160 problems, mostly by the author himself, and all repay careful study. Copies may be obtained from Dr.W.Speckmann, Lisenkamp 4, D-4700 Hamm 1, W.Germany.

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D350. C.P.Sydenham

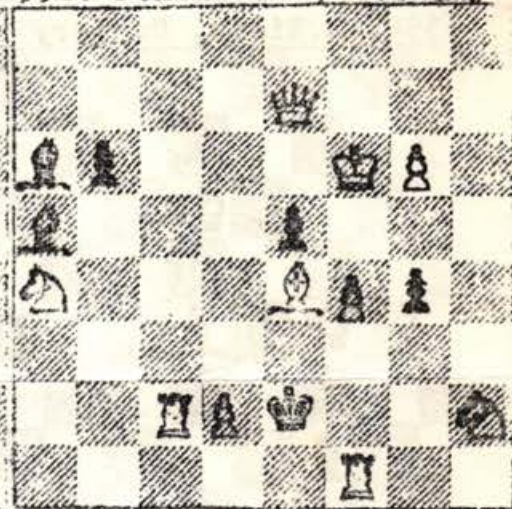
D351. V.Lider, U.S.S.R. D352. F.Hoffmann, Germany



(9+6)



(9+9)



(10+6)

White to play and mate in 2 moves

D353. G.Bakcsi, Hungary

D354. D.Shire

D355. F.M.Nihalek, U.S.A.



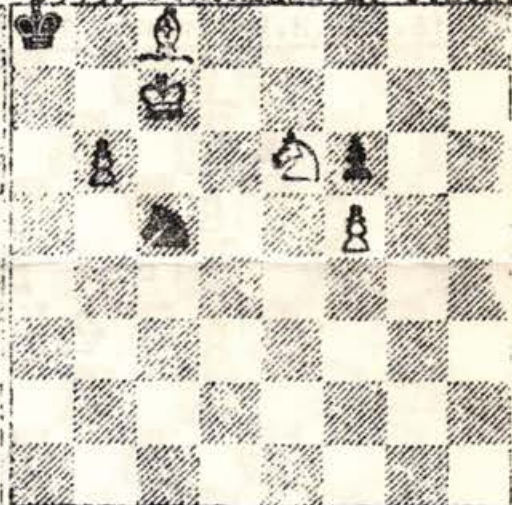
(13+13)

2 moves



(10+11)

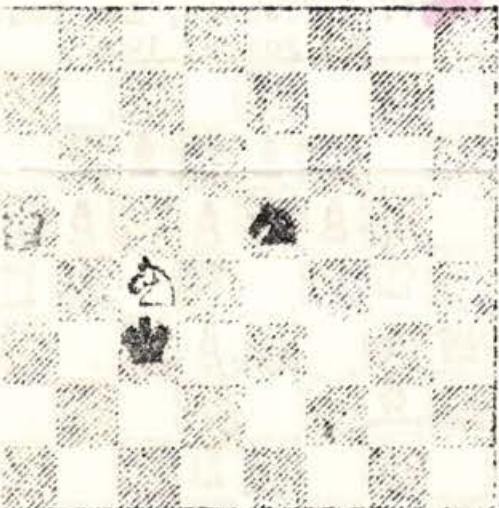
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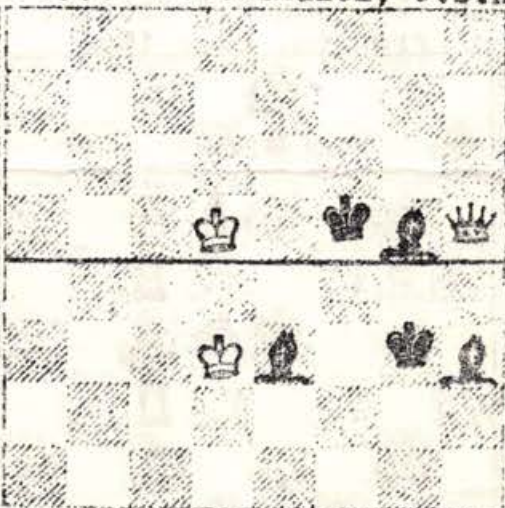
(5+3)

3 moves

D356. J.Mortensen, Denmark D357. F.M.Nihalek, U.S.A. D358. F.Hoffmann, W.Germ-

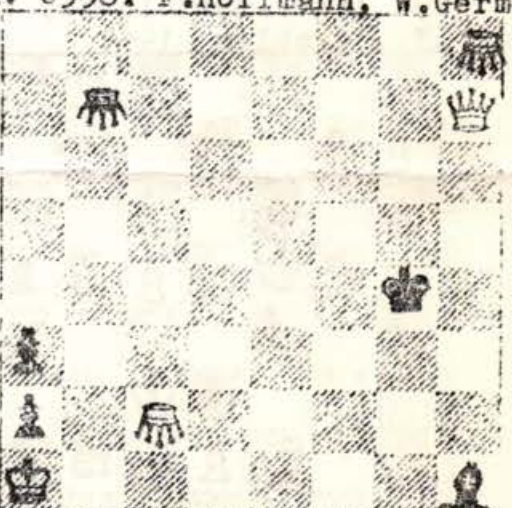


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(1+3/1+3)

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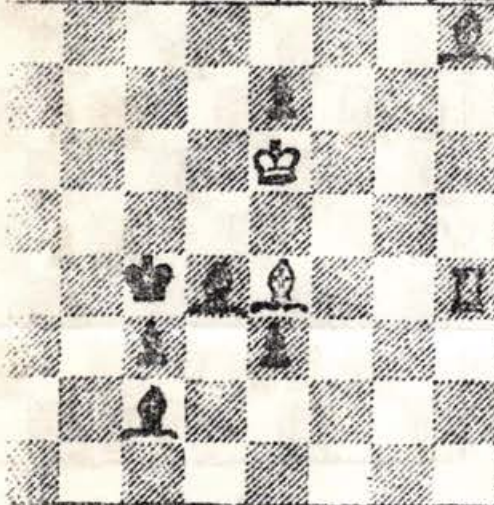


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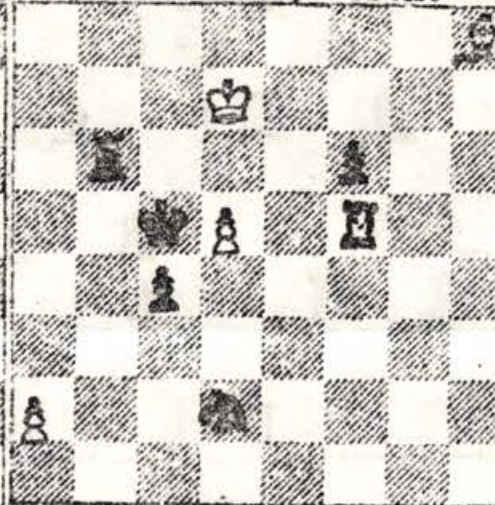
Helpmate in 5. (b) c4 to d3 Top Helpstalemate in 2 Bottom " " 3 Selfmate in 6 (Maximum) (continued on p.12)

0359. L.Riczu, Hungary

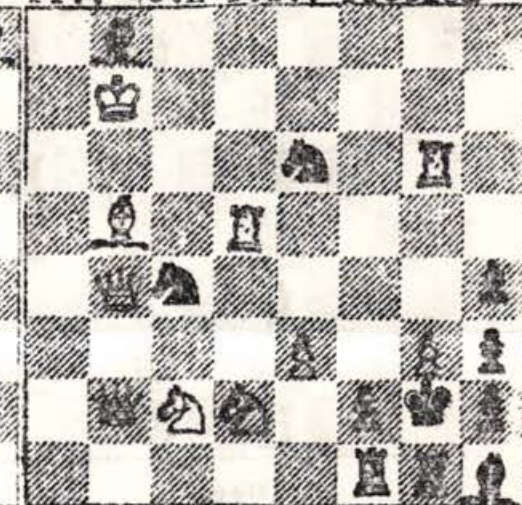
0360. P.Jada, U.S.A.

115. Ing.V.Bartolevic, 1st
Pr., 46th T.T., Problem

(4+6)



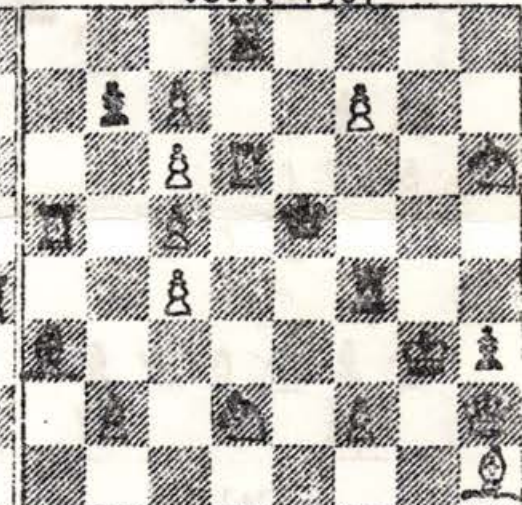
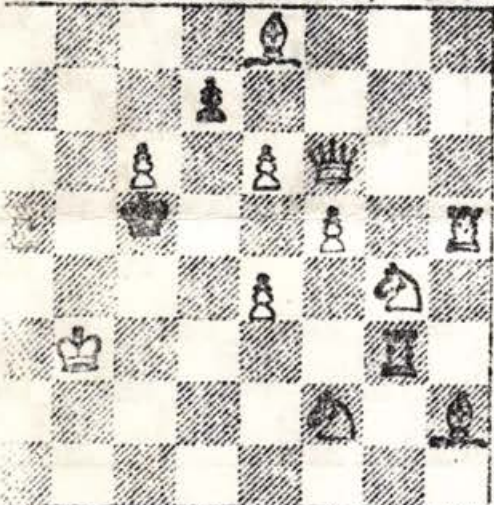
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Helpmate in 2 (set play) Helpmate in 2. (b) WP f6

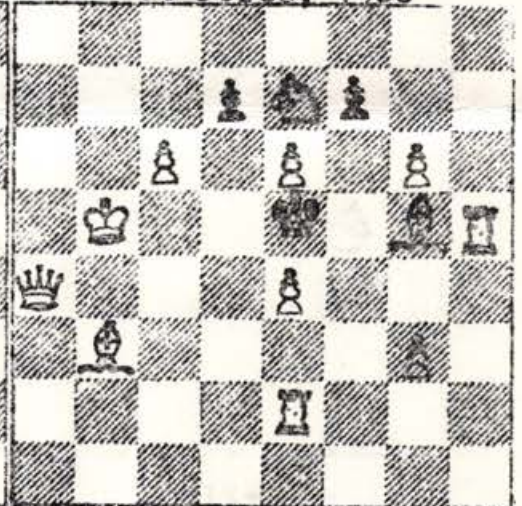
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116. Dr.H.Bettmann, 1915

117. A.Dobrila, Problem,
Oct. 1967118. A.Dobrila, Problem,
Oct., 1967

White to play and mate in 2 moves

119. Ing.V.Bartolevic, 46th T.T., Problem. 1967

120. Ing.N.Petrovic,
Problem, June 1966121. A.C.White, Les Tours
de Force, 1906

White to play and mate in 2 moves