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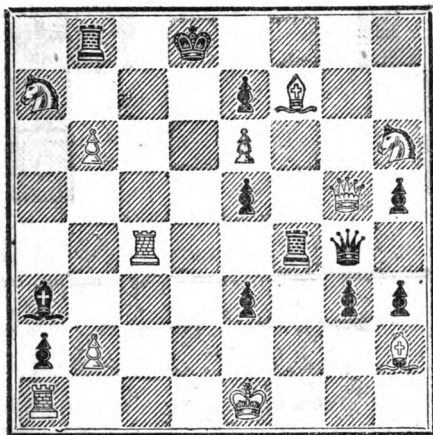




# CHESS PROBLEMS:

By THEOPHILUS A. THOMPSON.

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Either to play and mate, or compel  
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## **T. A. THOMPSON.**

T. A. Thompson (Colored) was born in Frederick City, Maryland, on the 21st. day of April, 1855. At 13 years of age he left his native city and went to live with a family in Carroll County, in the capacity of house servant. In 1870, he returned to Frederick where he has been ever since.

He saw a chess board and men used for the first time in April 1872, when he witnessed a contest between Mr. S. of Ohio, and Mr. H. of Frederick City ; although he could not understand the game and dared not ask questions for fear of annoying the players, he watched every move with the closest attention. The partie finished he went home fully determined to learn the game.

Mr. H. having heard of this ardent desire loaned him a chess board and a set of chess men, gave him some instructions, and left him a few two-move problems to solve.

Thus thanks to the kind assistance of John K. Hanshew our hero became possessed of the OPEN SESAME to Caissa's gardens of ever increasing intellectual delights.

Hearing last summer of the DUBUQUE CHESS JOURNAL, he soon became a subscriber a student and a contributor thereto, accumulating the following rich store of Chess Compositions that are offered for perusal to the general chess reader, with great pleasure and much confidence by the proprietors of the

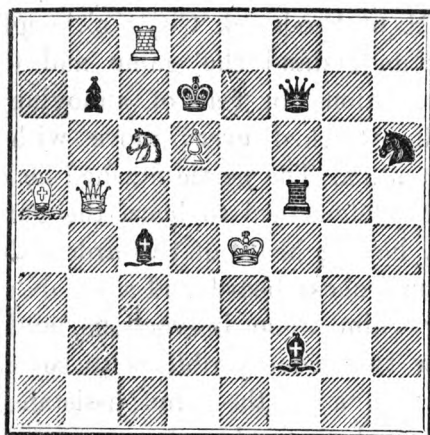
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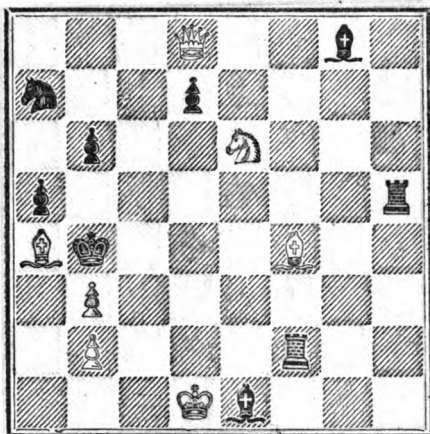
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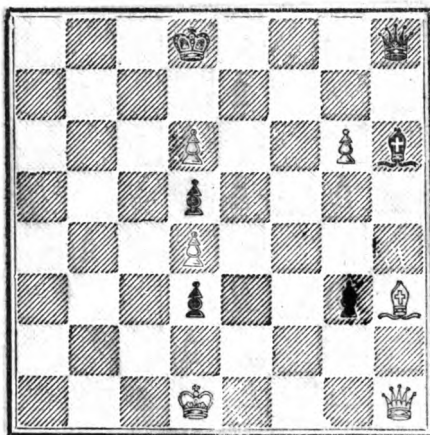


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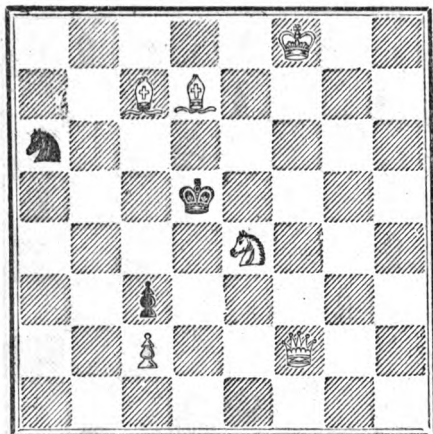
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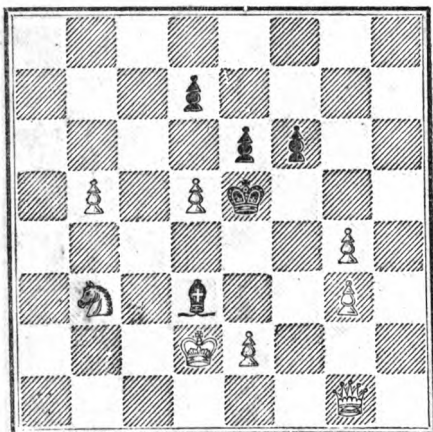
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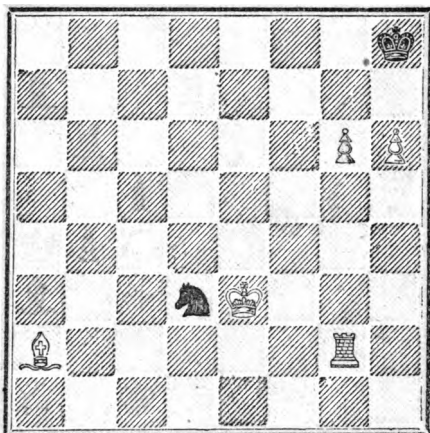


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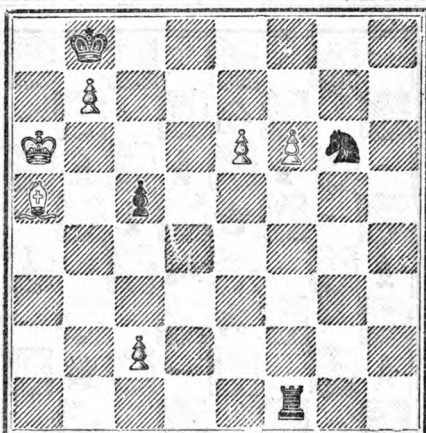


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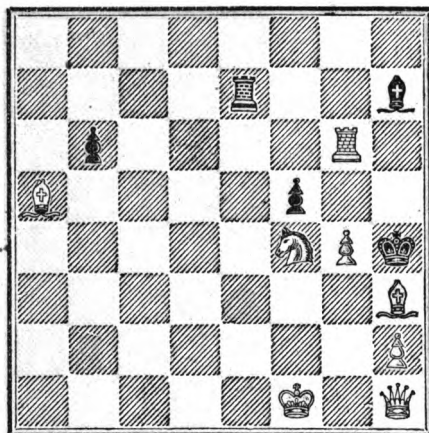
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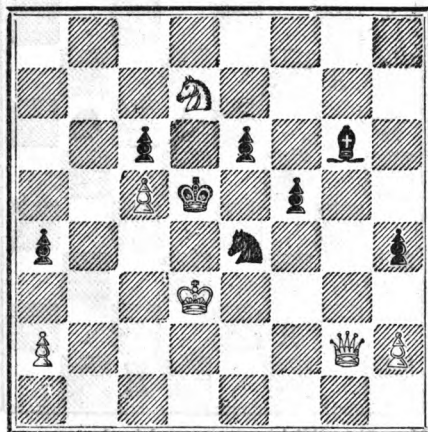
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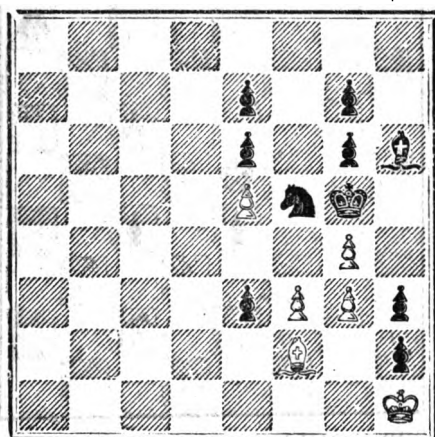
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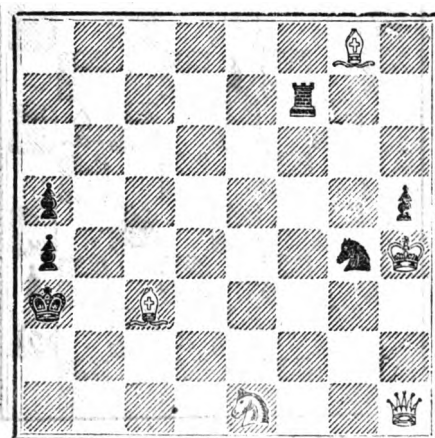
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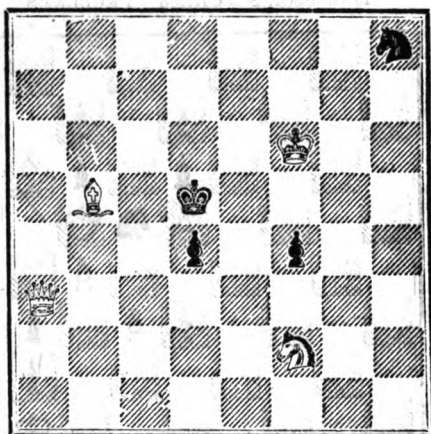
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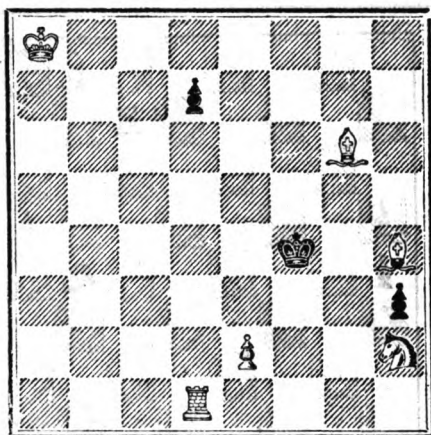
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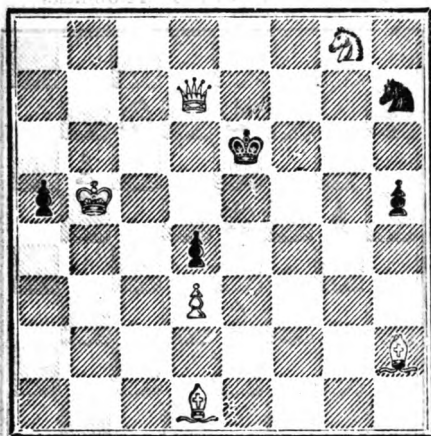
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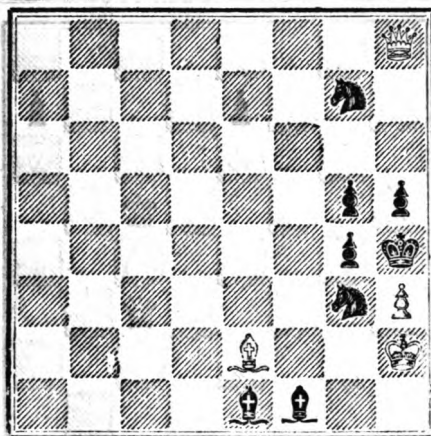
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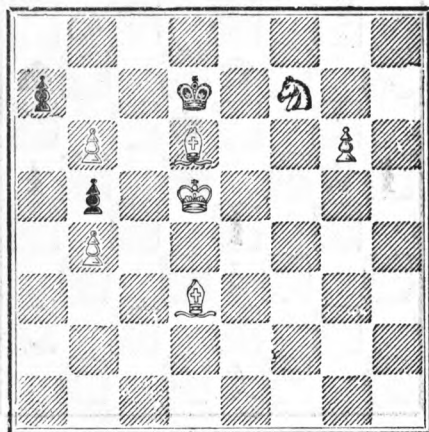


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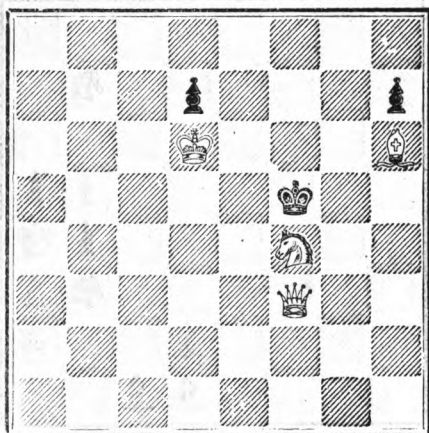


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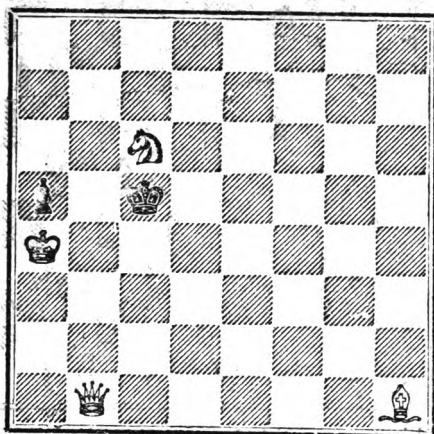




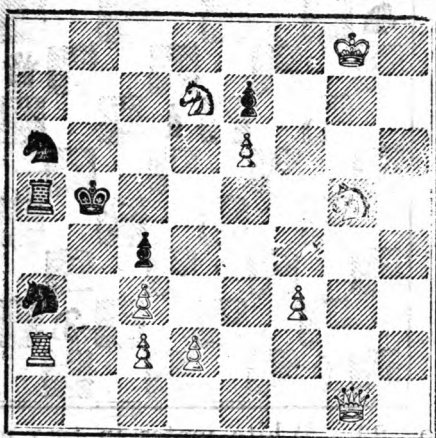
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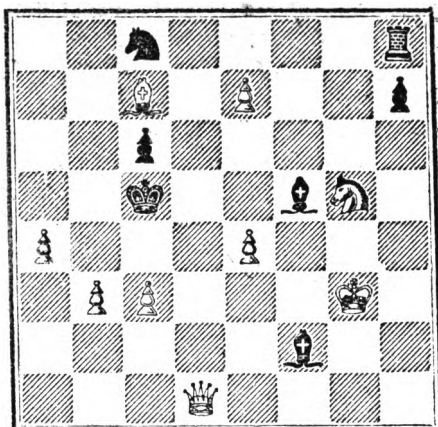
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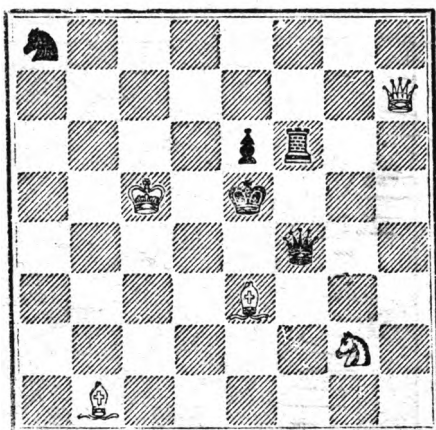
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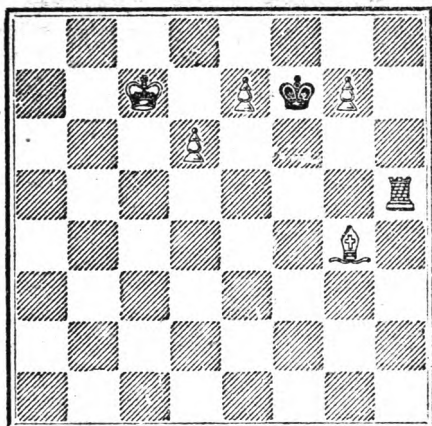
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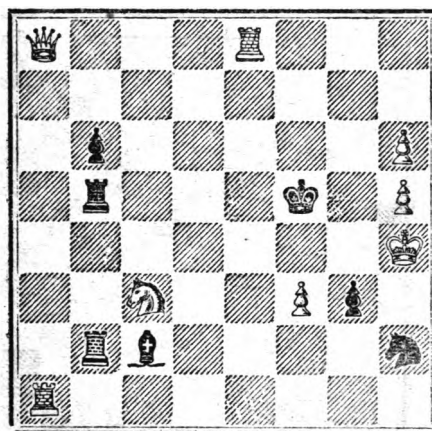
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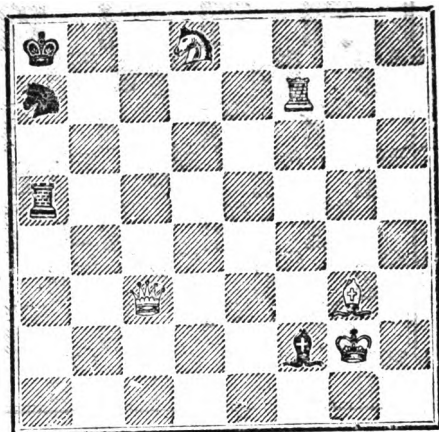
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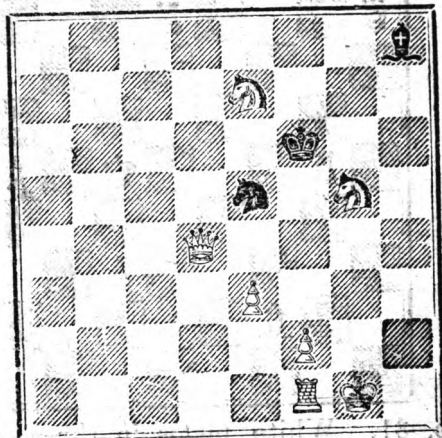
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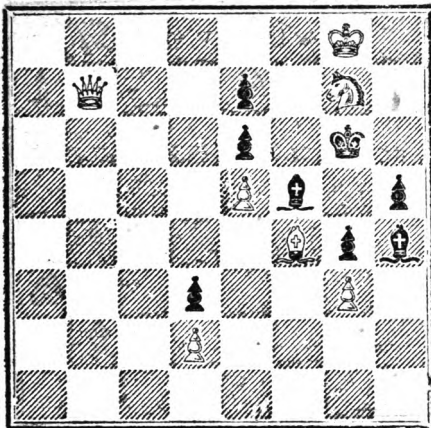


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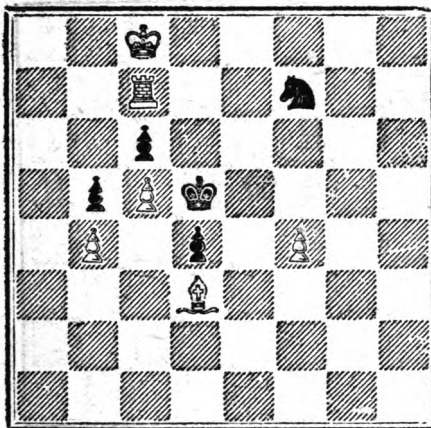


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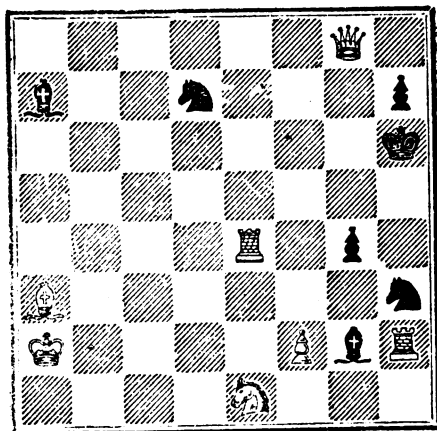




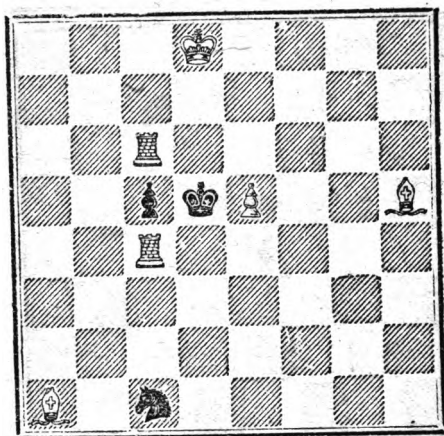
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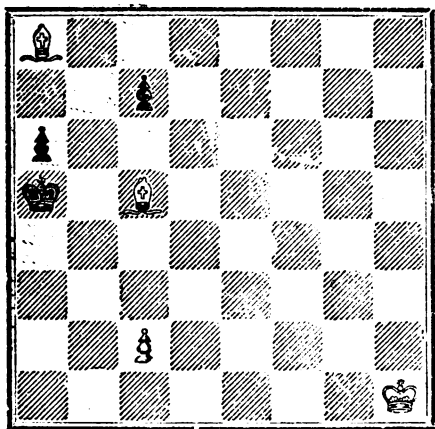
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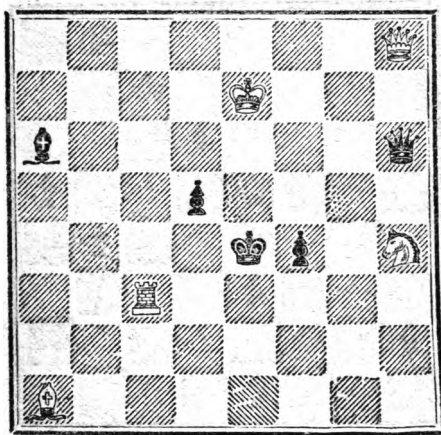
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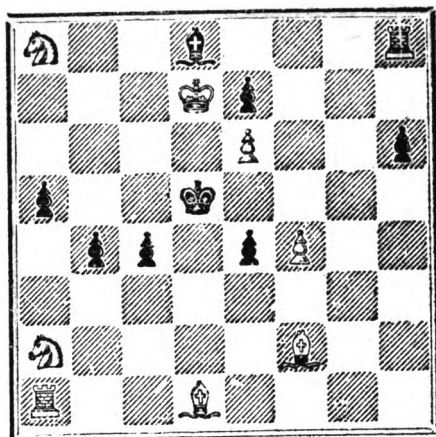
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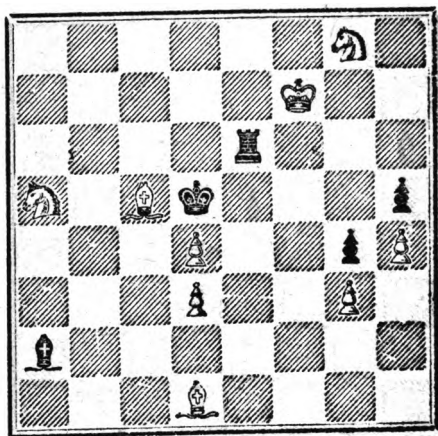
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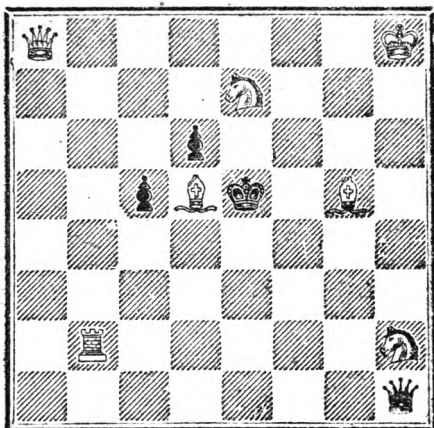
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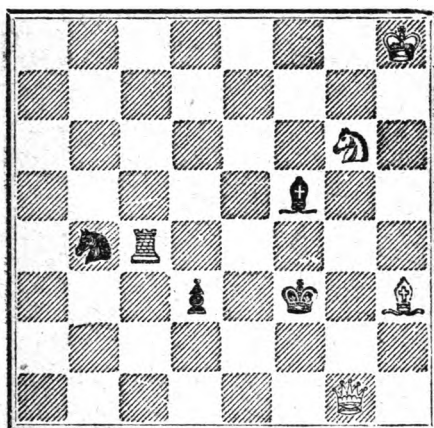
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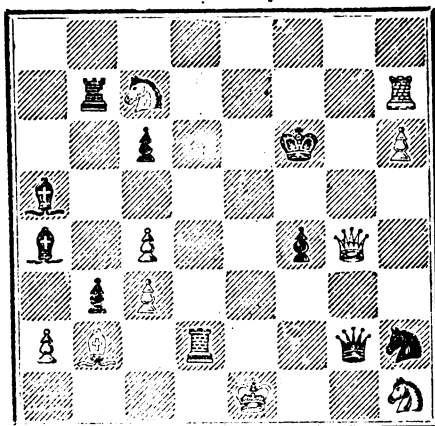


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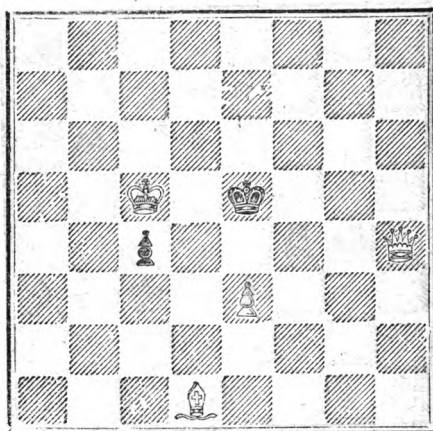


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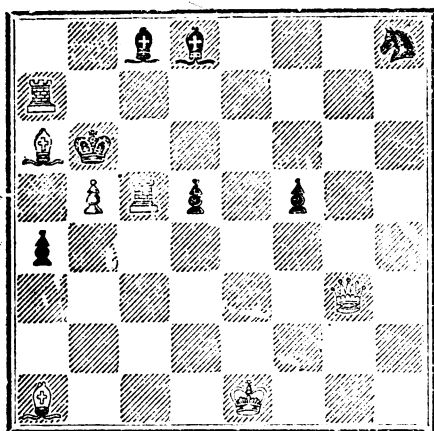




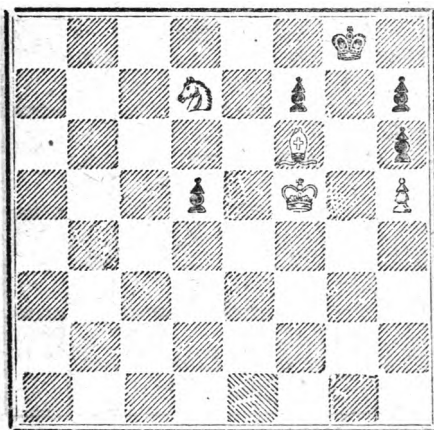
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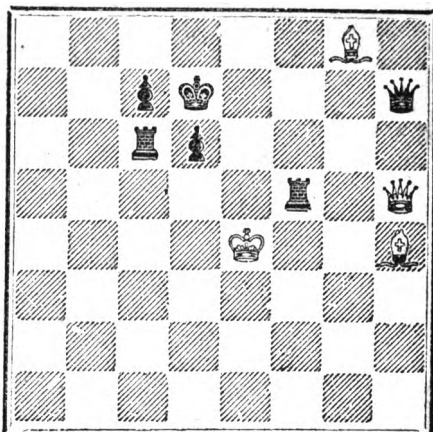
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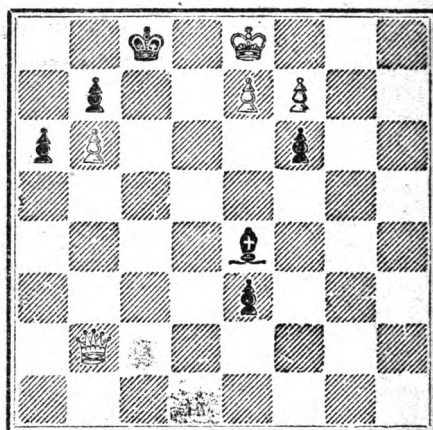
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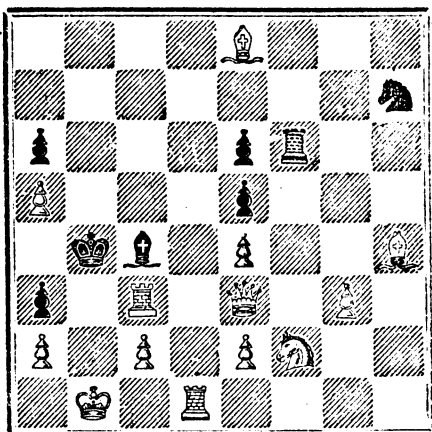
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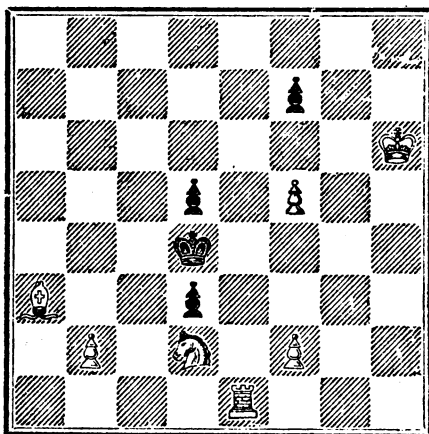
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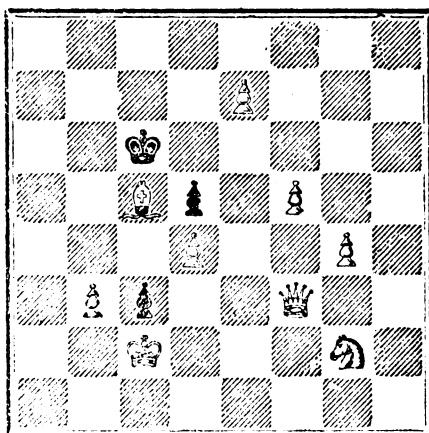
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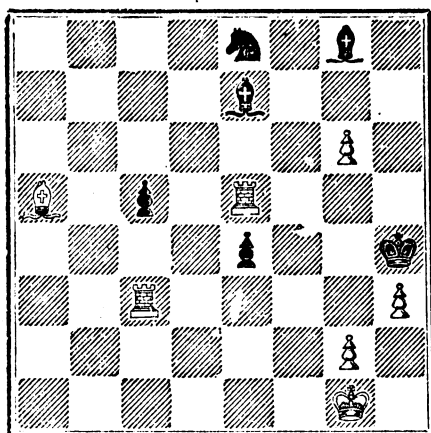
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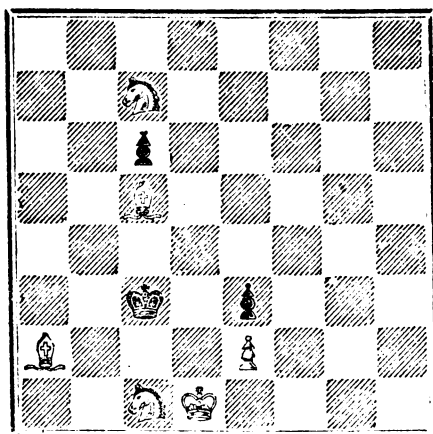
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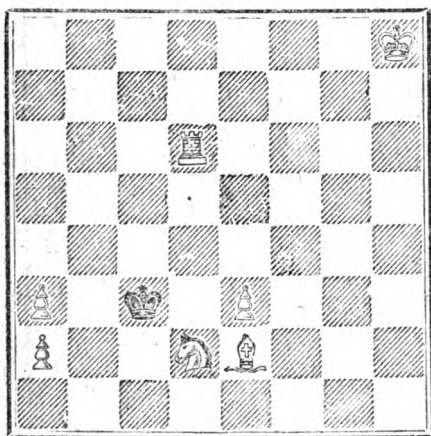


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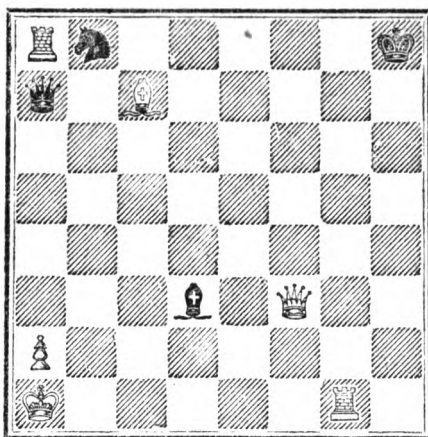


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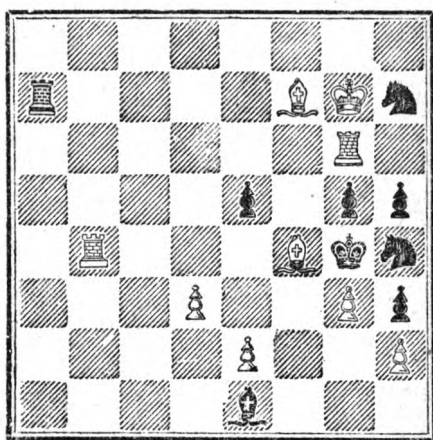
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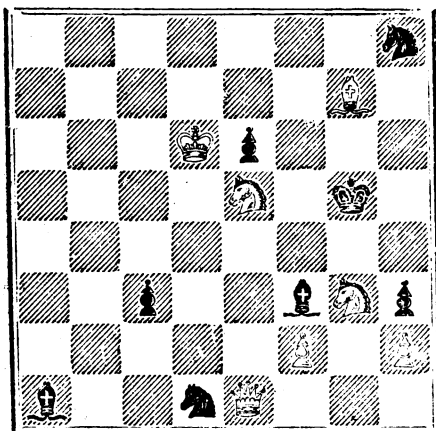
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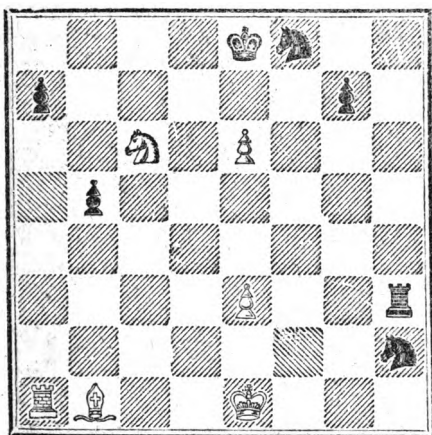
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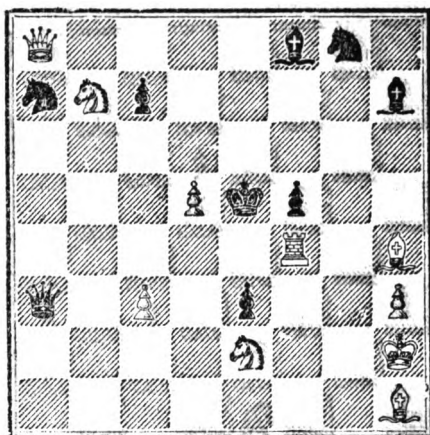


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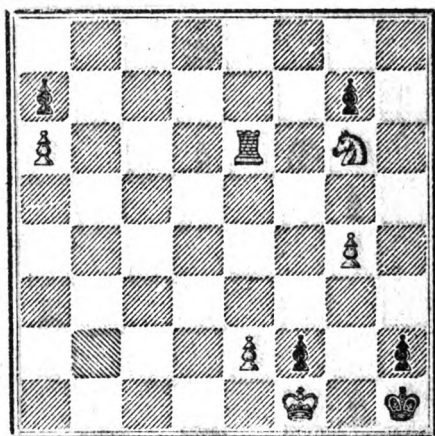


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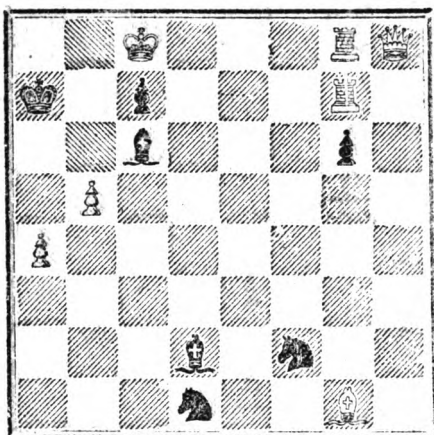




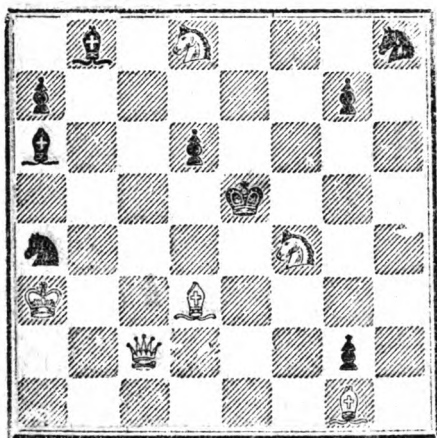
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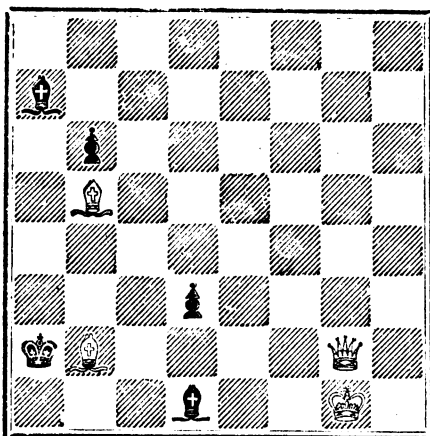
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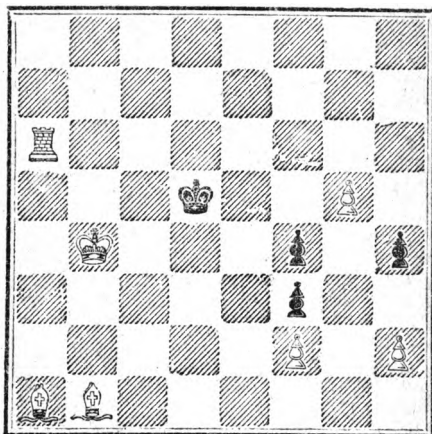
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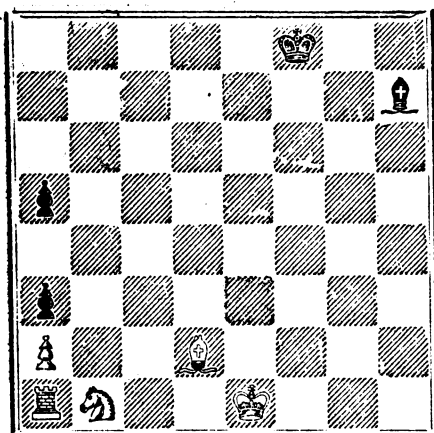
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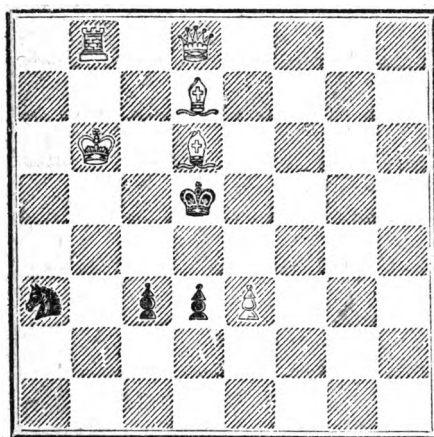


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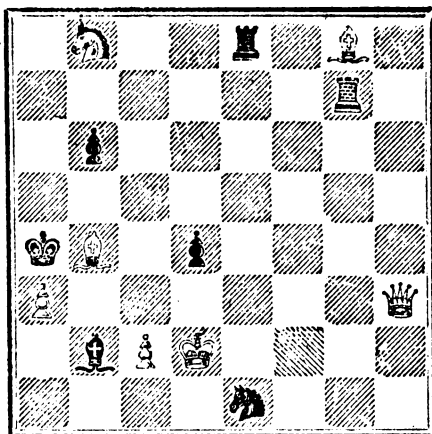


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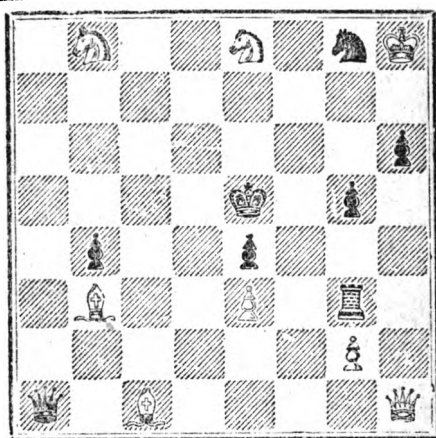
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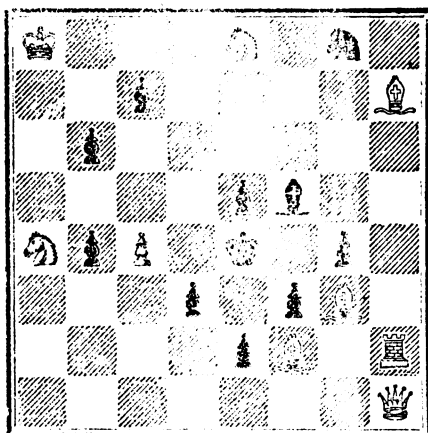
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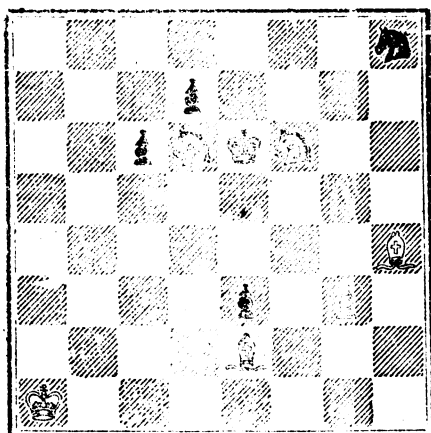
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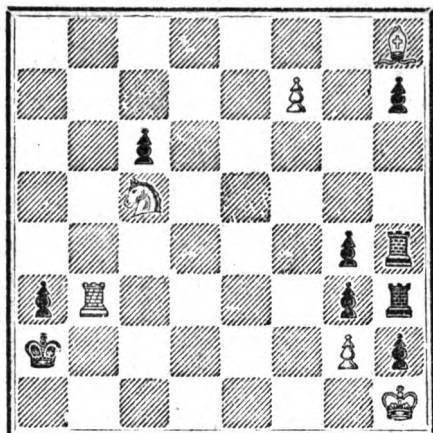
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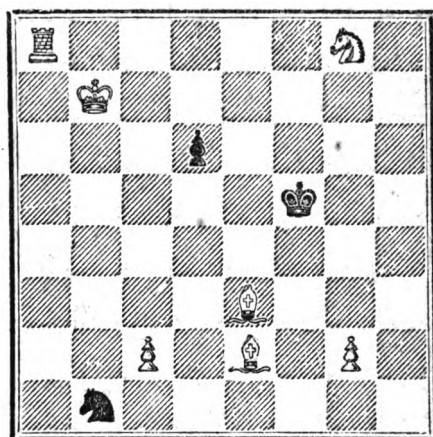


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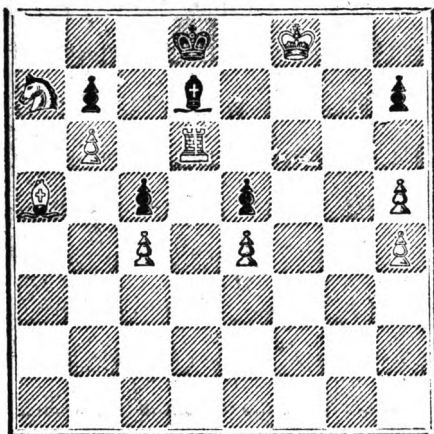


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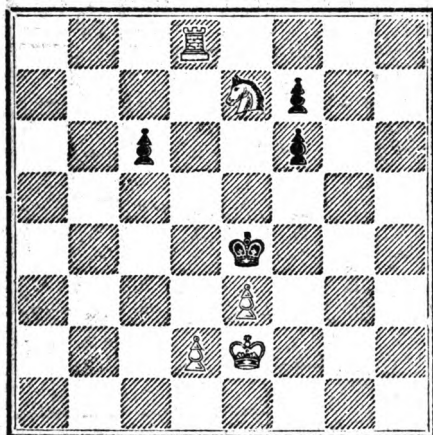
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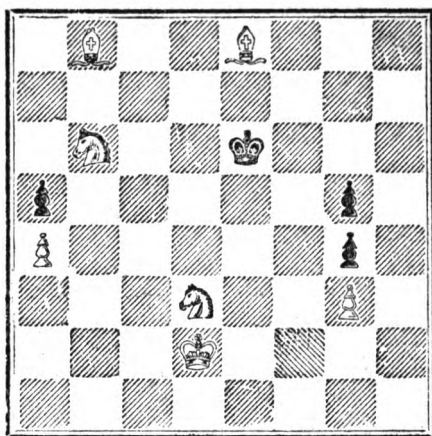


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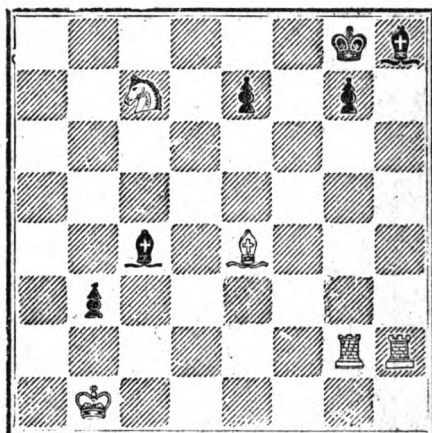


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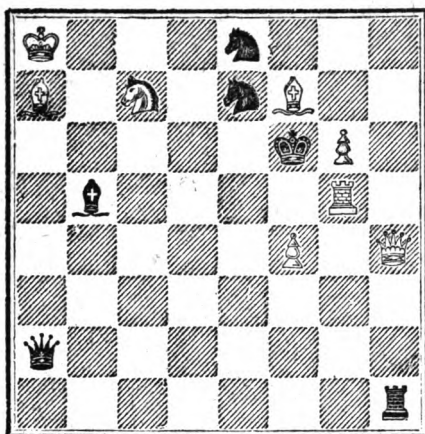




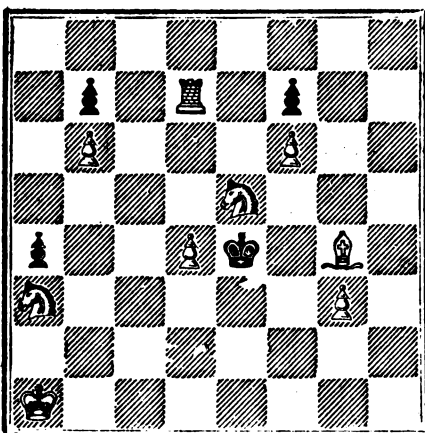
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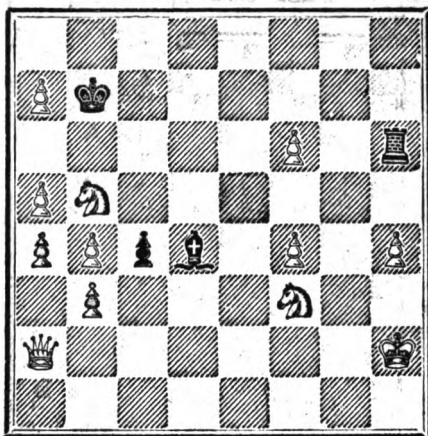
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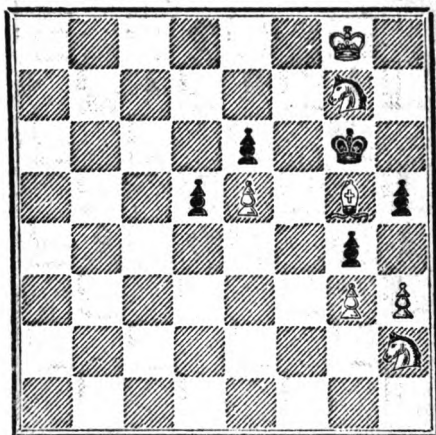
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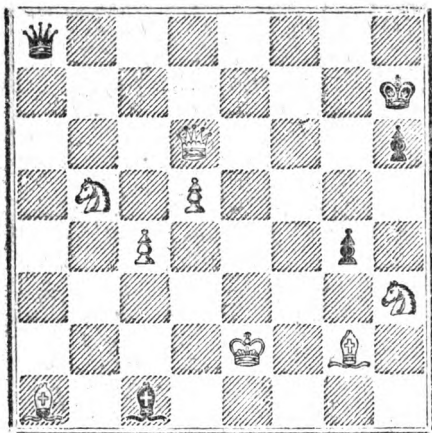
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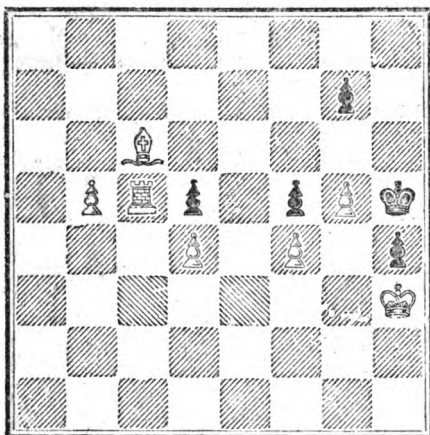


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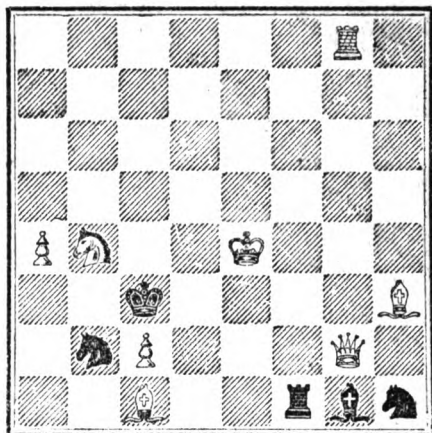


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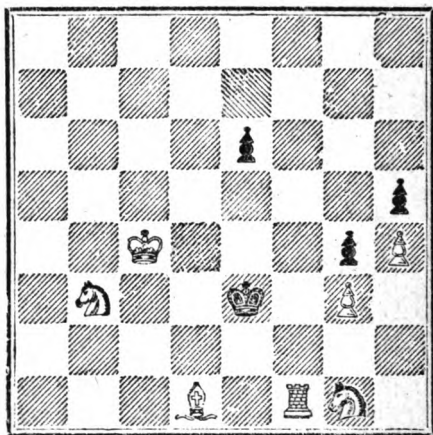
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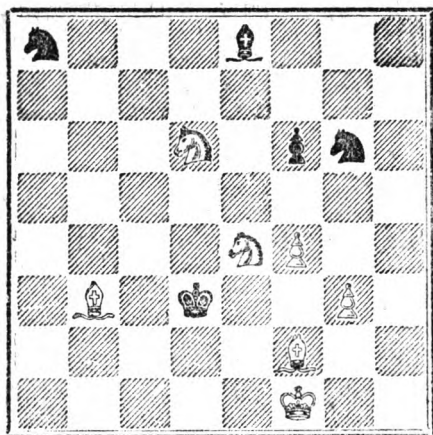
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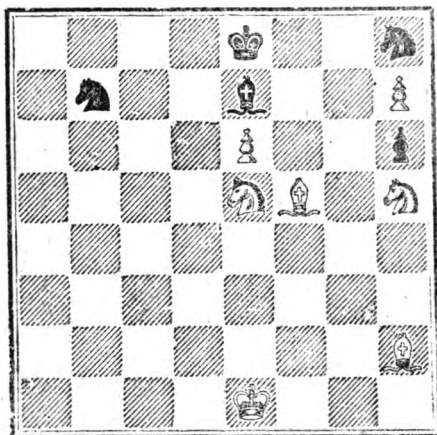
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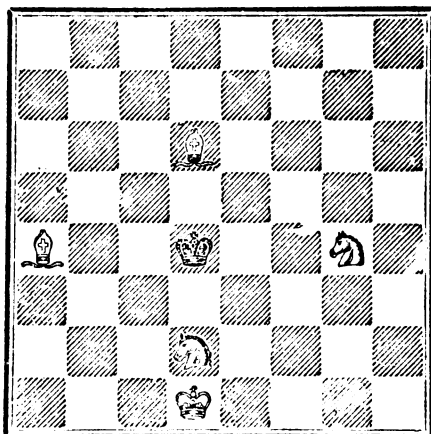
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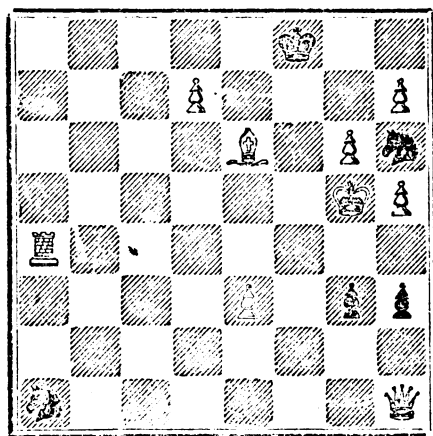
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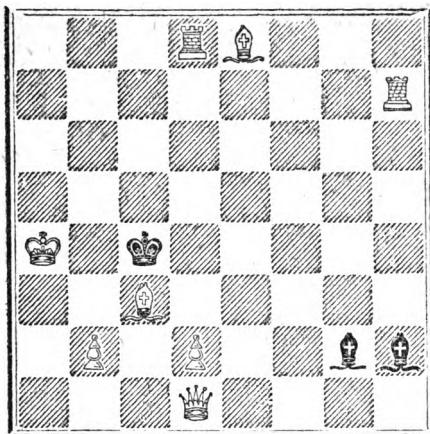
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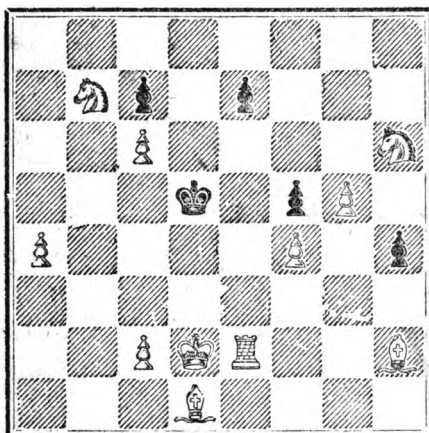
No. 88 White mates in five moves.



He retracts his last move & sui-± in six moves.

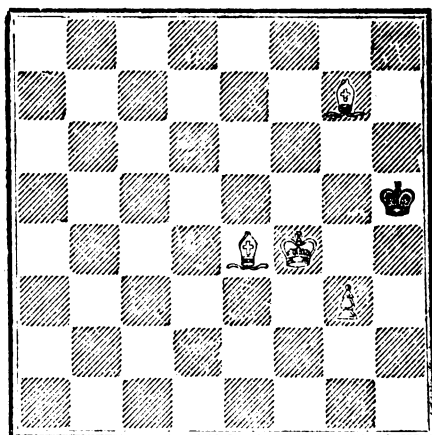


No. 90. White sui-mates in six moves.

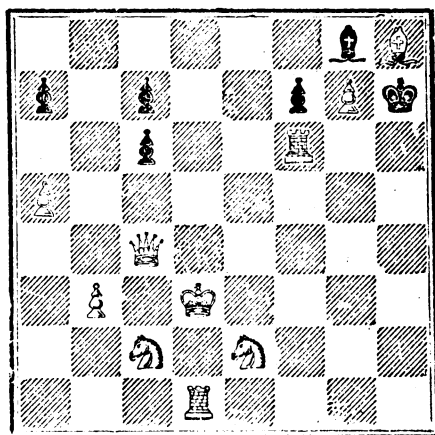


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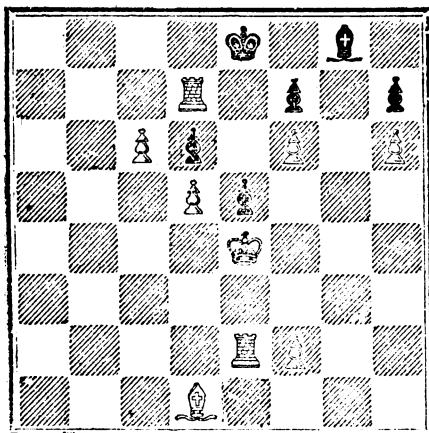




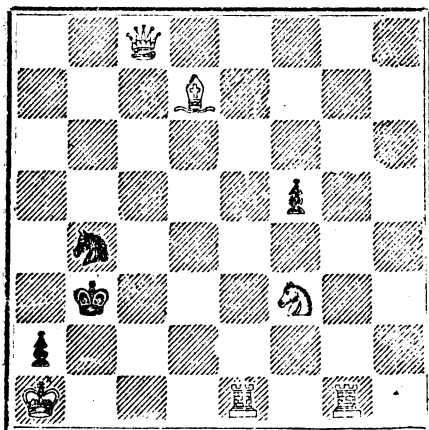
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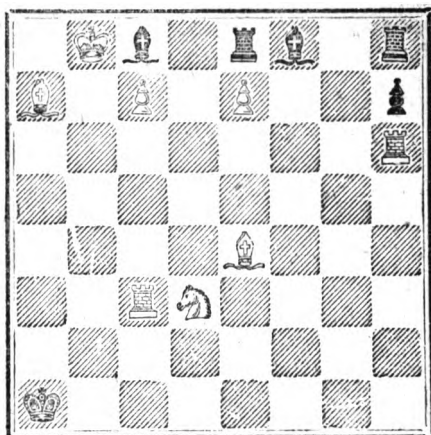
93. White sai-stalemates in eleven moves.



No. 94 White sui-mates in six moves.

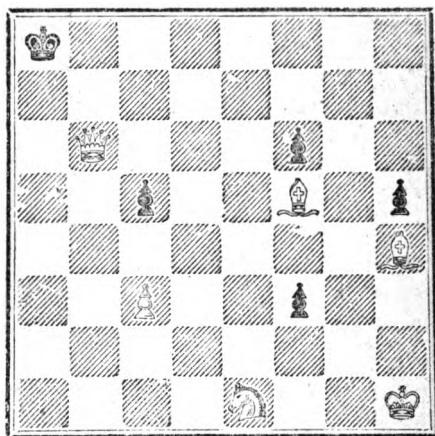


No. 95 White sui mates in seven moves.

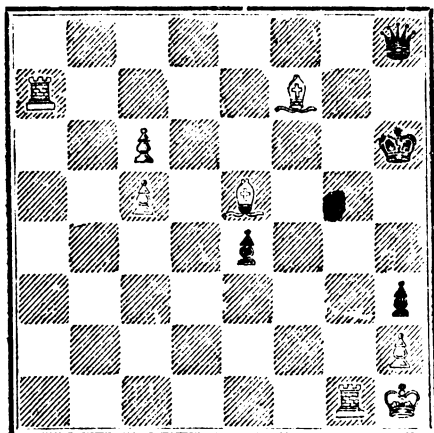


No. 96. White sui-mates in seven moves.

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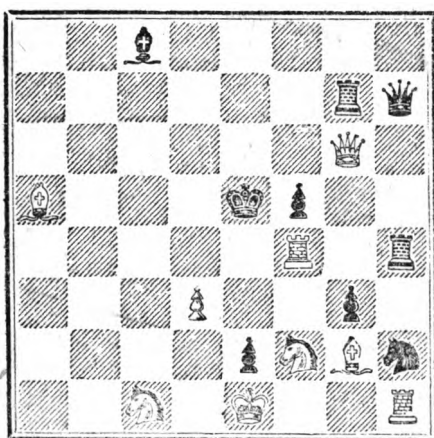


No. 97. White sui-mates in seven moves.



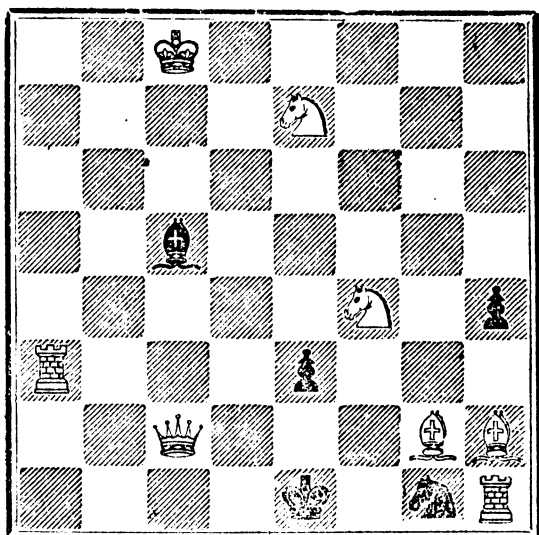
**No. 98** White sui mates in nine moves.

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**99.** White mates in six moves with a Rook.

## PROBLEM NO. 100.



White to play and capture the Black Bishop with the King: In how few moves can this be effected? and in what manner?

## SOLUTIONS:

## FRONTISPIECE.

WHITE TO MATE.

1	$\frac{S \times Q}{B \times S \checkmark +}$	2	$\frac{K \ K \ 2}{R \times S}$	3	$\frac{R \ Q \ B \ 7}{\quad}$	4	$\frac{\text{mates}}{\quad}$
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			S × R	Q S 8 ±
		RB 7 +		
		K × R	K × P	Q ±
	RB 8 +	PK 7 +		
WHITE TO SUIT-MATE				
1	QS 8 +	0-0-0 +	RQB 8 +	SQB 6 +
	Q × Q	RQ 5	R × R	R × S ±
BLACK TO MATE				
1	R B 8 +	QKB 6 +	QB 7 +	Q ±
	K × R	K —	K —	— —
BLACK TO SUIT-MATE				
1	BS 5 +	B × R +	B B 8 +	Q QS +
	R —	P × B	K × R	R × Q ±
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1	1	S QS 8 + +	Q K 8 +	
		K × R	Q × Q ±	
			Q K 5 +	
		K × P or K K 3	R × Q mates	

2 Q KR 4, but if R × QSP, there is no mate in two moves

3 Q × P

4 B K 6

5 P Q 6

6 R Q 2

7 The last move was P from Q 5 × P retract that and play P × BP ✓

8 Q S 7 9 P QR 3  
10 R KB 6 11 Q Q 7  
12 B QR 8

13 The last move was B from Q S 2×B retract  
that and play B×BP

14 First 1 R×KBP any 2 ± Second  
1 B Q 7+ Q×P+ B B 8 m  
K R 4 K R 6

15 R QR 4

# PROBLEM NO. 16.

1 Q Q 5+ K×Q 2 S m  
1 S×B+ K×S 2 Q×S+ Q×P m  
1 S K 6+ 2 m  
1 B×P+ K— 2 S K 3+ S×S m

17 1 Q KS 3 2 Q KB 3+ 3 Q K 4+  
4 Q QB 7 5 Q QS 8 6 B K 4+  
7 B Q 3 8 S QS 2 9 S S 6+ 10 K S 5

18 Retract K from S 2×R and play K×RP

19 Q QS 7 20 S K 4 21 S KS 4

22 Q Q 5+ The White Queen should be at QS 7

23 Retract P (Q) and play P KR 8 (S)

24 Retract P from QR 5×P and play P QR 6

25 Q QB 3 26 Q KR 7

27 S KR 3 K QB 3 2 Q QS 6+  
K QR 5 R×S

28 Retract K from KS 2×P and play QRR 5

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|----|--|------------------|----|-------------|
| 29 | Q K R 2                                |                  | 30 | P K 8 (S)   |
| 31 | 1 R K B                                | R S 5 +          |    | 2 Q K 4 +   |
|    | —                                      | S × R            |    | Q Q B 8 +   |
|    | —                                      | R Q 4            |    | Q R 6       |
|    | —                                      | R K 4            |    | Q K 4 +     |
| 32 | R × S +                                |                  |    |             |
| 33 | Retract Castles and play R × B         |                  |    |             |
| 34 | Q K R                                  |                  | 35 | R × P       |
| 36 | P K B 4                                |                  | 37 | R Q S 4     |
| 38 | Retract B from Q B 6 took S and play P |                  |    |             |
|    | Q B 3                                  |                  |    |             |
| 39 | Q K 5 +                                |                  | 40 | B K 3       |
| 41 | B Q B 2                                |                  | 42 | Q Q R       |
| 43 | R K 4                                  |                  |    |             |
| 44 | 1 R K B 7 +                            | K × R            |    | 2 Q K 6 +   |
|    | 1 Q K 5 +                              | K × R            |    | 2 Q K 6 +   |
|    | White to sui-mate.                     |                  |    |             |
|    | 1 S K 8 +                              | K K 4            |    |             |
|    | 2 R K 7 +                              | R × R            |    |             |
|    | 3 Q B 5 +                              | K × Q dis. mate. |    |             |
|    | Black to sui-mate.                     |                  |    |             |
|    | 1 Q B 8 +                              | K × R            |    |             |
|    | 2 K B × P +                            | K × B (best)     |    |             |
|    | 3 Q Q 6 +                              | K × Q dis. mate. |    |             |
| 45 | 1 B K S 4                              | K K 5            |    | 2 Q Q 8     |
| 46 | 1 B Q 4                                | K + R            |    | 2 Q Q S 8 + |
|    | —                                      | B K R 5          |    | R Q B 6 +   |
| 47 | 1 B Q 4                                | P—               |    | 2 K × P     |
| 48 | 1 B K 6 +                              | K × B            |    | 2 Q K 8 +   |
| 49 | 1 Q K R 2                              | B B 3 +          |    | 2 K B 8     |



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50	1 R Q 8	S—	2 Q Q B 5 +
ALSO:	1 R × R P	B +	2 K × B
51	1 B Q 6	P—	2 R K 6
	3 K S 5	4 K B 4	5 P × P ±
52	1 Q × Q P +	K × Q	2 P (B)
	—	K Q S 4	P (Q)
	—	K Q B 2	B Q R 7
53	1 R K S 3	B K 3	2 R K S 4 +
ALSO:	1 R Q B 4	K K S 6	2 B K +
54	1 S R 8	K—	2 S S 6
55	1 S Q B 4	K—	2 R Q
	No. 56	1 Q K R +	B int.
		2 R × S +	Q × R
		3 B K 5 +	Q × B mates
57	1 B × K S P dis +	B × R	2 B K 7 dis +
58	1 Q K 4	B × Q	2 P B 4 +
	—	P B 7	Q B 4 +
59	1 B S 6 +	S × B	2 castles
60	1 Q × B	Q × Q	2 S Q B
	—	Q Q 3	R × P +
61	1 R Q S 6	P × R	2 P Q R 7
62	1 R × Q B P +	K R	Q K R
	—	K Q S 3	Q Q 4
63	1 S Q 5	K × S	2 Q × P +
	—	B × B	Q × B
	—	S Q B 6	Q × S +
64	1 B R 8 dis +	any	2 Q K S 7
65	1 B K R 7	any	2 R K S 6
	No. 66.	1 B S 4 +	P × B
		2 S Q 2	P S 6

- 3 castles P mates.
- 67 1 Q K R 4 S B 5 + 2 Q x S +  
 ALSO: 1 Q S 5 + K x B 2 Q B 6 +  
 No. 68. 1 B Q S 3 + K—  
 2 Q Q 7 + R x Q  
 3 P Q B 4 + P x P mates.
69. 1 Q K R 3 R x Q 2 P S 4  
 — R x K P B x R
- Problem No. 70. R K S 2
- 71 K S K 4 K— 2 B +  
 — S— B B 4 +  
 72 1 P (R) P K R 4 2 R K B 6  
 73 1 B K R 5 K— 2 R K 8 +  
 74 1 R Q P R 3 2 B Q 2  
 No. 75. 1 R Q 5 P x R  
 2 P Q 4 any  
 3 S Q B 8 — mates.
- 76 1 S Q 5 K x S 2 B Q 7 K K 5 3 B K 6  
 — K B 4 B B 7 K— S K 7  
 77 1 B R 7 + K B 2 R B 2 B— 3 R x B +  
 78 1 S x S + B x S 2 R Q R 5 K— 3 Q B 6 +  
 79 1 S B 2 P— 2 R Q 8 P— 3 B Q 7  
 80 1 Q K S 2 R x P + 2 S x R + K B 8 3 Q B 6 +  
 — B x R P 2 Q S 7 + K B 6 3 Q B 7 +  
 81 1 P R 4 P K 5 2 B Q 2 P— 3 S x P  
 82 1 Q Q 4 + K S 3 2 Q B 5 + K x Q 3 B K 4 +  
 83 1 B K 8 + 2 R Q B 4 P x R 3 B Q B 6  
 84 S R 2 R K B 8 + Q S 8 + B B + B K S 5  
 No. 85. 1 B R 2 P K 4  
 2 B K 4 K x B

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- 3 S Q 2+ — 4 K B 3
- 86 1 S S 7 K x S 2 S B 5 +
- 87 1 S S 7 + K Q 2 S B 6 + K B  
3 S x B + K— 4 S B 6 + 5 mates
- 88 1 B Q S 3 K B 6 2 S K 3 K Q 6  
3 S B 2 K— 4 B K 5 5 mates
- 89 Retract Q from Q B x Q and play:  
1 Q R 3 + K S 2 4 R R 8 + Q x R  
2 P R 8(Q) K x Q 5 Q B 8 + Q x Q +  
3 K x S S— 6 P S 7 + Q x P mates  
if 3—Q Q 8 4 P (Q)+ Q x Q  
5 Q B 8+ Q x Q+ 6 P+ Q x P mates
- 90 1 P Q S 3+ 2 P Q 4 3 B R 5 +  
4 Q K B + 5 R Q 6+ 6 B S 5 + B±
- 91 R K 6 K x R 2 P B 4 P R 6  
3 B S 4 P x B 4 P B 5 ±
- 92 P S 4 B Q 4+ B S B Q 3 B B+
- 93 1 K B 3 2 K S 2 3 K R 3  
4 S S 4 5 K R 4 6 R Q 4  
7 Q B 2 + 8 Q Q 2 9 Q Q 5  
if P (Q or B) 10 R K 6+ K x R 11 Q R 5  
—P (S) Q Q 3 + S x Q R+  
—P (R) Q K 4 + R x Q R+
- 94 1 R K 3 2 B S 4 3 P B 3  
4 B B 5 5 B x P 6 R K 7
- 95 1 S Q 4 + 2 Q Q B 5 3 R K 3 +  
4 R S 8 5 R Q S 8 6 Q R 7 + 7 S B 2 +
- 96 1 R B 2 B Q 5 3 R B 3 4 B B 6  
5 R B 5 6 B Q 7 7 B x B R x B ±
- 97 1 S x P 2 B R 3 3 B B 4 B B 2

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	5 BS	6 SR 2	7 BS 2	P × B ±
98	1 BKB 4 +	2 BKS 6 ++	3 BKR 7 +	
	4 BQ 6 +	5 BS 6 +	6 BK 7 +	
	7 BB 5 --	8 BQ 6 +	9 RR ~	
99	1 BB 7 +	2 P +	3 Q × SP +	
	4 S × P +	5 RS +	6 RS 3 ±	

No. 100.

1 BKS 3 +	P × B
2 R × P +	B × R
3 R × S +	B · R
4 QB +	KB 2
5 KQ 7	BR 7
6 KK 6	BS 8
7 KB 5	BR 7
8 KS 4	BS 8
9 SB 5	BR 7
10 QQ 2 +	KS 8
11 S × P	B × S
12 K × B	Quod erat demonstrandum.

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