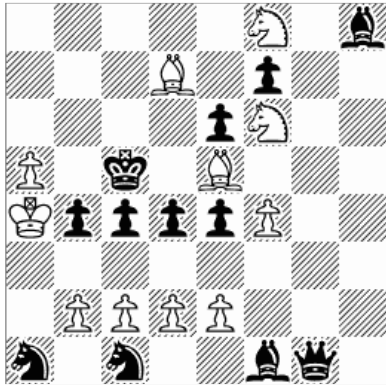


No. 1



Mate in 9 moves (11+12)

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Solution:

1.Bb5! (~ 2.S8d7#) **B:f6 2.Sd7+ Kd5 3.S:f6+ Kc5**

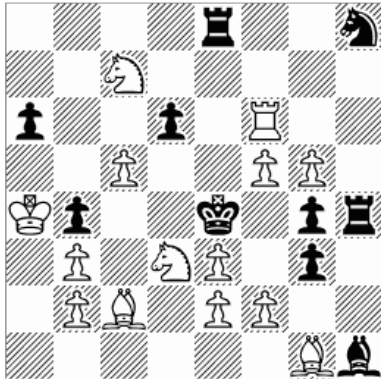
4.S:e4+ Kd5 5.Sf6+ Kc5

6.e4! (~ 7.Sd7#/Se4#) **d:e3 e.p. 7.d4+! c:d3 e.p.**

8.c4! (~ 9.Sd7#/Se4#) **b:c3 e.p. 9.b4#.**

«3x e.p. with systematic motions of white and black pawns»

No. 2



Mate in 4 moves (14+10)

Schweizerische Schachzeitung 1/2020, p.38, №15216

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Tries:

1.S:b4+? (~ 2.Sc6#) Ke5 2.Sc6+ B:c6!

1.f4? (~ 2.Sd3~+) g:f3 e.p.! 2.S:b4+ Ke5 3.Sc6#?

(white Sb4 is pinned by black Rh4)

(1.c6? – Rh7!, 1.Ka5? – g:f2!, 1.Bh2? – g:h2!)

Solution:

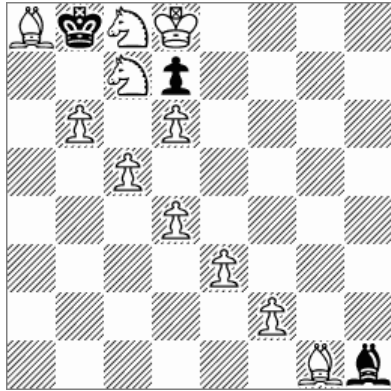
1.c:d6! (~ 2.Sc5+ Ke5 3.Sd7#) g:f2 2.B:f2 (~ 3.Sd3~+ Ke5
4.Bg3#) g3 (2. – Rh3) 3.Sc5+ Ke5 4.Sd7#

1. – Rh7! 2.S:b4+! Ke5 3.f4+! g:f3 e.p 4.Sc6#

(1. – Re7 2.d:e7/Sc5+)

«Der wPc5 räumt für seinen Sd3, der in der Drohung und den Abspielen sehr aktiv wird!» - comment in Schweizerische Schachzeitung 3/2020, p.30

No. 3



Mate in 6 moves (11+3)

The Problemist, Vol.27, No.9, May 2020, p.347
№C11835

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Solution:

1.f3! B:f3 (the black bishop must keep capturing, 1...Bg2 leads to 2.Sa6+ K:a8 3.c6 d:c6 4.Kc7 and 5.b7#)

2.e4! (~ 3.Sa6+ K:a8 4.c6 d:c6 5.Kc7 and 6.b7#, also: 2.b7, 2.d5, etc., but not 2.b7? – B:b7!, 2.c6? -B:c6!, 2.d5? – B:d5!)

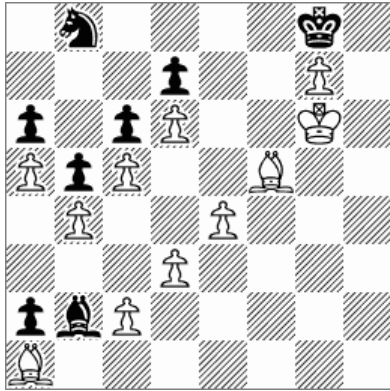
2...**B:e4 3.d5!** (~ 4.b7, 4.c6) **B:d5 4.c6!** (~ 5.Sa6+, 5.b7)

4...B:c6 5.b7! B:b7 6.Ba7#!

4.- d:c6 5.b7 c5 6.Sa6#

«A curious motif of slow pressing by wPs against possible quick motion of bB.» - comment in Vol.27, No.12, Nov. 2020 p.477

No. 4



Mate in 9 moves (11+8)

Die Schwalbe, Heft 302, BAND XXXIV, April 2020,
p.506, №18121

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Try:

1.Bc2?

«How can Bf5 get to field c2? Bishop fails because of the obstructive masses of white pawns c3, d3 and e4. (1...B :g7 2.?)»

Solution:

1.c3! (~ 2.Bg4 ~ 3.Bd1 ~ 4.Bb3#) **B:c3** (1...B:a1 2.Kh6 Bb2 (B:c3) 3.Bh7+ Kf7 4.g8Q+ Kf6 5.Qg5/Qg7+, 1...Bc1 2.Bg4 Bh6 3.K:h6 Kf7 4.e5 Kg8 5.e6)
2.d4! B:d4 3.e5! B:e5 4.Bc2! B:g7 5.Bb3+ Kf8 6.B:g7+ Ke8 7.Bf6 a1Q 8.Bf7+ Kf8 9.Be7#

(1.c3 d4 3.Bc2? & 1.c3 2.e5 3.Bc2? & 1.d4 2.e5 3.Bc2?)

«Interesting clearing of lines for the white Bishop.»

No. 5



Mate in 10 moves (7+14)

64 – Шахматное обозрение (Shakhmatnoje obozrenije), 10/2021, p.96, №89

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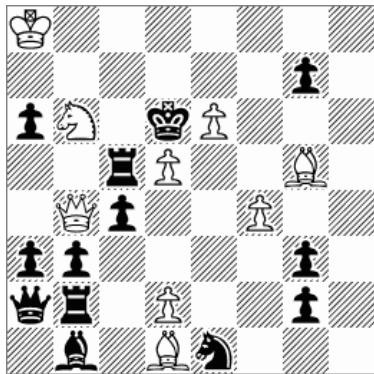
Try:

1.Qd2-e2? - Ra4-a2!

Solution:

1.Qd2-d3! Ra4-a2+ 2.Kh2-g1 Ra2-a1+ 3.Kg1-f2 Ra1-a2+
4.Kf2-e1 Ra2-a1+ 5.Ke1-d2 Ra1-a2+ 6.Kd2-c1 Ra2-a1+
7.Kc1-b2 Ra1-a2+ 8.Kb2-b1! Ra2-a1+
9.Kb1:a1 ~ 10.Dd3-a6#, 9...Rg8:b8 10.c7-c8S# (MM)
8...Ra2-b2+ 9.Kb1:b2 Rg8:b8 10.c7-c8S# (MM)

No. 6



Mate in 4 moves (9+13)

Československý šach, 8/2021, p.220, №70

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Tries:

1.e6-e7? ~ 2.e7-e8S#, but 1...Bb1-g6!

1.d2-d4?, but 1...c4:d3 e.p.! / 1...Se1-d3!

Solution:

1.Bd1-c2! ~ 2.e6-e7 and 3.e7-e8S#

1...Bb1:c2 2.d2-d4! ~ 3.Qb4:c5#

2...Se1-d3 3.e6-e7! Kd6-c7 4.e7-e8S# „MM“

2...c4:d3 e.p. 3.e6-e7 and 4.e7-e8S#

1...Se1-d3 2.e6-e7 Sd3:f4 3.e7-e8S+! Kd6-e5 4.Qb4-c3#

1...g2-g1Q 2.e6-e7 Qg1-e3 3.d2:e3 and 4.e7-e8S#

1...Se1-f3 2.e6-e7 Sf3:g5 3.e7-e8Q Sg5-f7 4.Qe8-d7#