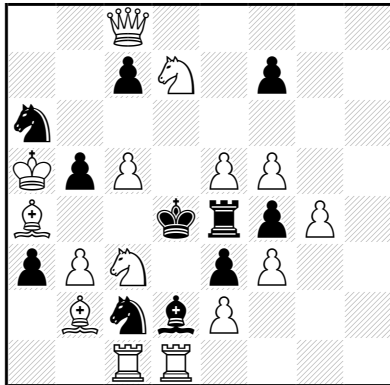


No. 1



Mate in 3 moves (15+11)

SG 73, 2016, Strategems, Jan-March 2016, vol.19, p.18
No. M1366

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Solution:

1.Qd8! ~ 2.Sb8+ Kxc5 3.Qd5x, 2. – Kxe5 3.Sc6x

1. - Sab4 2.Sxb5+ Kd5 3.Sxc7x

1. - Scb4 2.Sxb5+ Kd5 3.Sb8x

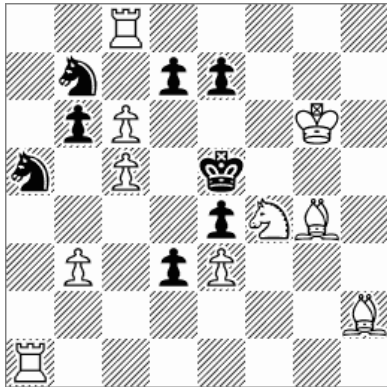
1. - Sxc5 2.Sxc5+ Kxe5 3.Sd3x, 2. – Kxc5 3.Qd5x

1. - axb2 2.Sb8+ Kxc3 3.Qd3x, 2. – Kxc5 3.Qd5x, 2. – Kxe5 3.Sc6x

1. – Rxe5 2.Qf6 and 3.Qxe5x

“An interesting topic is presented here. Black is prevented from threatening by attacking the field c6 in variants after 1... Sab4 and 1 ... Sab4. At the same time, it is damaged as it unpins Sc3. Up to now the inefficient battery Bb2-Sc3 is reviving, and because the black has been damaged in addition by unguarding of the field c7 (after 1 ... Sab4), or by opening the line of Rc1 (after 1 ... Scb4), the white knights finally will mat of the black king on c7/b8.”

No. 2



Mate in 3 moves (10+8)

PZSach, 22/11/2016, No.1038, 3. Price, 2016

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Tries:

1.Rh8? ~ 2.Rh5x, but 1. – bxc5!

1. – Sxc5 2.Sd3+ Kd5 3.Sb4x

1. – Sd6 2.Rh5+ Sf5 3.Rxf5x

1.cxb7? ~ 2.Sxd3+ Kd5 3.Sb4x, 2.Se2+ Kd5 3.Sc3x, but 1. – Sc6!

1. – Sxb3 2.Bxd7 and 3.b8Qx

Solution:

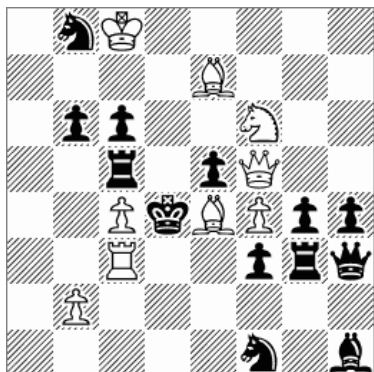
1.Rc1! ~ 2.Sxd3+! Kd5 3.Sb4x

1. – bxc5! 2.Se2+! Kd5 3.Sc3x

1. – Sxc6! 2.Se6+! Kd5 3.Sc7x

“Interesting play of white Sf4 and composed square – blocks of black kings fields.”

No. 3



Mate in 3 moves (9+13)

Yub. Tourney “Rossomacho 80”, 8. Price, 2017

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Tries:

1.Bb1?, Bc2? ~ 2.Qd3x, Qe4x, but 1. – f2!

1.Bxf3? ~ 2.Qd3x, Qe4x, but 1. – gxf3!

1.Bd5? ~ 2.Qd3x, Qe4x, but 1. – cxd5+!

1.Sd7? ~ 2.Bxc5+, Sxc5, Sf8, but 1. – Sxd7!

1. – Se3 2.Bxc5+ bxc5 3.Qxe5x

Solution:

1.Bd6! ~ 2.Bxe5+ Rxe5 3.Qxe5x

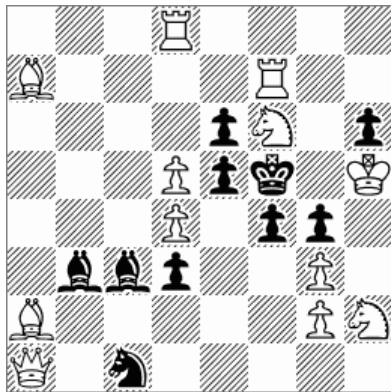
1. – Ra5 (Rb5, Rd5) 2.Bd5! f2 3.Qxe5x

1. – exf4 2.Qxf4 Rf5, Re5 3.Bxf5x, Qxe5x

1. – Sd7! 2.Bxf3! ~ 3.Qd3x, Qe4x, 2. – Bxf3 3.Qd3x, 2. – Rxf3 3.Qe4x

“Естественная попытка решить задачу ходом слона 1.Bb1(c2)? наталкивается на изящное возражение 1. – f2! С включением черных фигур по двум линиям, белые корректируют свои попытки ходами того же слона, но и они опровергаются из-за слабостей в этих попытках. В решении черные, защищаясь, допускают свои ослабления, и теперь уже белые реализуют в вариантах ранее неудавшиеся попытки. Добротная логическая задача. - A natural attempt to solve the problem with the bishop's move 1.Bb1 (c2)? comes up with an elegant refusal 1. - f2! With the line-opening inclusion of black pieces on two lines, white corrects his attempts with the moves of the same bishop, but they, too, are refuted because of the weaknesses in these attempts. In the solution, black, defending himself, admits his weaknesses, and now white is implementing in his versions previously failed attempts. Good logical task.”- from judge comments

No. 4



Mate in 3 moves (12+10)

**MT Rudenko – 2016, 8. Honourable Mention
Problemist of Ukraine, №15, 2017, p.28**

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Tries:

1.S2xg4? ~ 2.Sxh6x, but 1. – fxc3!

1.Se8+?, 1.Sd7+, but 1. – Ke4!

Solution is:

1.Sf1! ~ 2.Sxg4+! Ke4 3.Sf2x

1. – Bd1! 2.Se8+! Ke4 3.Sd6x

1. – Be1! 2.Sd7+! Ke4 3.Sc5x

1. – exd5! 2.Sxd5+! Ke6, Ke4 3.Rf6x, Sxc3x

1. – fxc3 2.Sxg4+! Ke4 3.Sxg3x

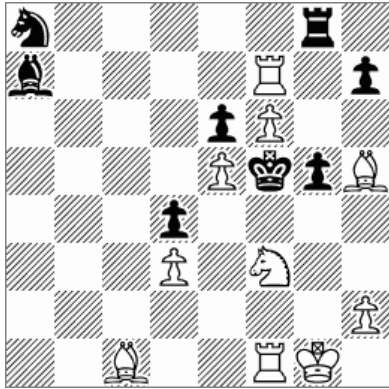
1. – Bxd4 2.Sxg4+! Ke4 3.Sd2x

1. – exd4 2.Sxg4+! Ke4 3.Rxf4x

“The Siers battery is playing in all variants, including the threat. It doesn't go: 1.S2:g4+? with a threat 2.S:h6x because 1 ... f:g3!, nor 1.Se8+?/Sd7+? because 1 ... Ke4! The solution is: 1. Sf1! etc.”

«There are two variants with the Somov's theme, stretched to three moves, and two white figures are used for lines opening – closing to d4 and d5 fields. In this way, the full potential of white figures and pawns is used for the threat and two thematic variants, which justifies the use of white Q and B.» - from judge comments

No. 5



Mate in 3 moves (10+8)

The Problemist, Nov. 2018, p.485, No. C11706

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Solution:

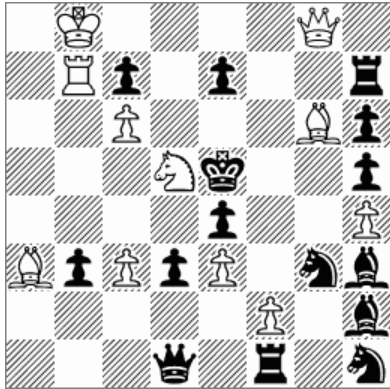
1.Rd7! ~ 2.Sd2+ Kxe5 3.Sc4x

1. – Sb6 2.Sxd4+! Kxe5 3.Sc6x

1. – Rc8 2.Sxg5+! Kxe5 3.Sf7x

1. – g4! 2.Jg5+! Kxe5 3.Sf7x

No. 6



Mate in 3 moves (11+15)

50 Yub. Tourney "Z. Gavrilovski", 6 Commendation, 2018

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Solution:

1.Rb5! ~ 2.Sxc7+ Kf6 3.Se8x

1.- Se2 2.Sf4+ Kf6 3.Sxh5x

1.- Sf5 2.Sb6+ Kf6 3.Sd7x

1.- Bd7 2.Sb6+ Kf6 3.Sxd7x

(1.- Rg7 2.Qxg7+ Ke6 3.Qxe7x)

«Bivalve defences by the Sg3, with simultaneous opening of the black half-battery and closing a black line: 1...Se2 closes the d1-h5 line, 1...Sf5 closes the h3-d7 line.» - judge comment