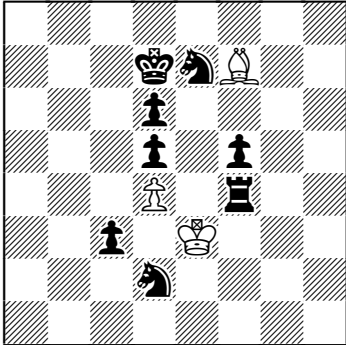


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h#3½ b) Pd5→e6 (3+11)

a) 1...Bxd5 2.Sc6 Bf3 3.Ke6 Bh5 4.Kd5 Bf7#

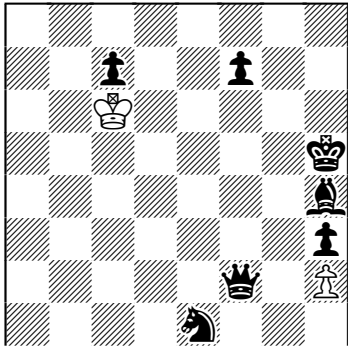
b) 1...Bxe6+ 2.Kc6 Bd7+ (Bxf5?) 3.Kd5 Be8 4.Sc6 Bf7#

Two Bishop Rundlaufs in opposite directions with Kniest in one variation and line opening in the other. Two different paths of the black King.

N°2

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h#5 2 solutions (2+6)

1.Qf3+ Kxc7 2.Bf2 Kd6 3.Kh4 Ke5 4.Qh5+ Kf4 5.Bg3 hxg3#

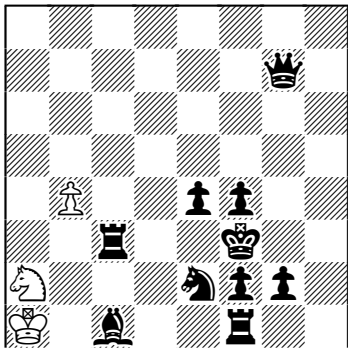
1.Qg3 hxg3 2.h2 Kd5 3.h1Q+ Ke5 4.Qc6 Kf5 5.Qh6 g4#

Black Queen phoenix, double black piece sacrifice, a double Umnov, chameleon-echo.

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h#3 b) -Pf2 (3+10)

a) 1.Re3+! Sc3! 2.Qg4 Sb5 3.Sg3 Sd4#

Try: 1.Be3+? Sc1 2.R~?* Sd3 3.Qg3 Se5??

*Rook cannot leave the first rank

b) 1.Be3+! Sc1 2.Rf2 Sd3 3.Qg3 Se5#

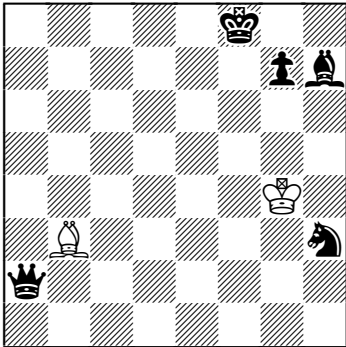
Try: 1.Re3+? Sc3 2.Qg3 Sb5 3.Rf2 Sd4+? 4.Sxd4!

Chernous Theme. Black-White Umnovs in both variations.
Both mates are model. Good harmony. Simple twin. Dual avoidance. wPb4 is a cookstoper in both solutions.

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h#5 2 solutions (2+5)

1.Bb1 Bc2 2.Qg8 Kf5 3.Qh8 Ke6 4.Kg8 Bb3 5.Bh7 Ke7#

Klasinc, two switchbacks, creation and firing of K/B (Indian) battery, black Umnov, model mate.

1.Bg8 Kxh3 2.Qh2+ Kg4! 3.Qh8 Kf5 4.Bh7! Ke6 5.Kg8 Ke7#

Two switchbacks, two line openings for the black Queen, line closing (4...Ke6), black Umnov, model mate.

Miniature