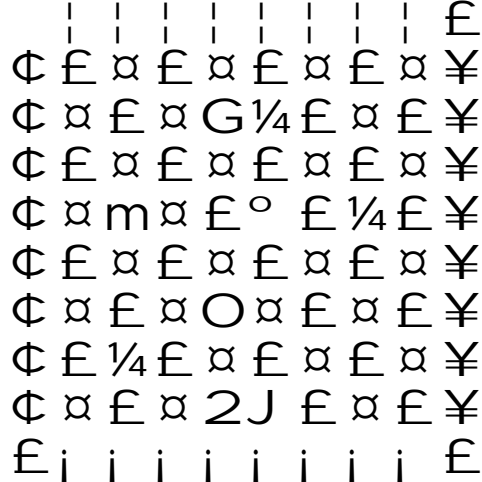


1. Richard Becker, richard-becker@comcast.net

2nd prize, ChessStar.com 2013, Section for #n>6

ChessStar.com, Diagram 648, 09.11.2013



White: Kd3, Qd7, Bb5, e5 (4). Black: Kd1, Qe1, b2, e7, g5 (5).

#19

(4+5)

- 1.Ba4+ Kc1 2.Qc6+ Kb1 3.Bc2+ Kc1 4.Bb3+ Kb1 5.Qg2 g4 (5...Ka1 6.Qa8+ Kb1 7.Ba2+ Ka1
8.Bf7+(Bg8+)) 6.e6 zz g3 7.Qf3 Ka1 8.Qa8+ Kb1 9.Ba2+ Ka1 10.Bd5+ (Bristol clearance) Kb1
11.Qa2+ Kc1 12.Qc4+ Kb1 13.Qc2+ Ka1 14.Qa4+ Kb1 15.Ba2+ Ka1 16.Bb3+ Kb1 17.Bc2+
(Turton doubling) Kc1 18.Qf4+ Qe3+ 19.Qxe3#

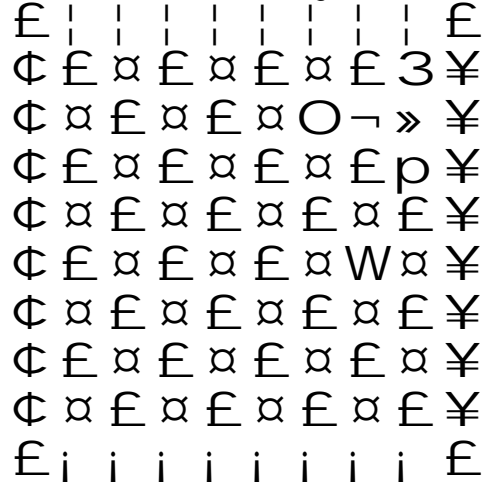
Maneuvers of white Queen and Bishop include Bristol clearance and Turton doubling.

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2. Richard Becker, richard-becker@comcast.net

2nd prize, Seven Chess Notes 2014

Seven Chess Notes no.100, Diagram 4898, 05.2014



White: Kf7, Rg4 (2). Black: Kh8, Bh6, Sg7, h7 (4).

#6

(2+4)

1.Re4? Bg5!

1.Rg3? Be3!

1.Rg2? Bd2!

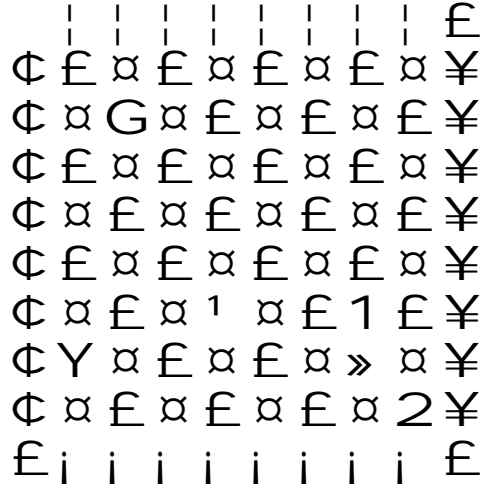
1.Rg1! zz Bf4 2.Ra1 Bb8 3.Ra8 h5 4.Kg6 Se8 5.Rxb8 Kg8 6.Rxe8#

3. Richard Becker, richard-becker@comcast.net

1st honorable mention, Maroc Echecs 4th Ty.

Maroc Echecs website, 25.10.2014

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White: Kg3, Qa8, d3 (3). Black: Kh1, Ra2, g2 (3).

#6

(3+3)

1.Qa8? Rxa8!

1.Qf3?(Qd5?) Rd2!

1.Qc6! Rc2 2.Qa8! Ra2 3.Qh8+ Kg1 4.Qf6 zz Rb2 5.Qxb2 Kf1 6.Qf2#

Kh1 6.Qxg2#

Kh1 5.Qh6+ Kg1 6.Qc1#

Ra3 5.Qf2+ Kh1 6.Qxg2#

Rc2 5.Qa1+ Rc1 6.Qxc1#

2.Qh6+? Kg1 3.Qf6 Ra2! zz 4.Qf4 Rc2

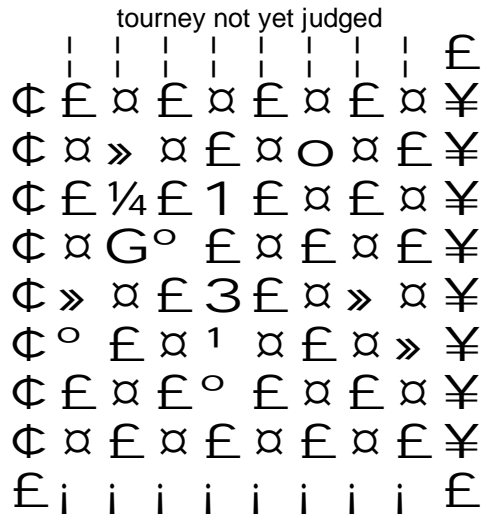
3.Qf4 Kh1

Logical miniature with duel of white Queen and black Rook.

4. Richard Becker, richard-becker@comcast.net

ChessStar.com, Diagram 919, 01.02.2015

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White: Kd6, Qb5, a3, c5, d2, d3 (6). Black: Kd4, Bf7, a4, b6, b7, g4, h3 (7).

#9

(6+7)

1.Qb1!

1.cxb6? h2! 2.Qf5 h1Q

1.c6? bxc6! 2.Qf5 Bd5 3.Qf1 Bf3

1...Bb3

1...Bg6 2.Qf1 bxc5 3.Qe2 Bxd3 4.Qe5+ Kc4 5.Qd5+(Qc3+) Kb5 6.Qxc5+ Ka6 7.Kc7

2.Qf1!

2.cxb6? h2! 3.Qf1 h1Q

2.c6? bxc6! 3.Qf1 Bd1 4.Qf5 Bf3

2...Bd1 3.Qf5!

3.cxb6? h2! 4.Qf5 h1Q

3...Bf3 4.cxb6 Bc6

4...h2 5.Qb5 (completing the counter-clockwise Rundlauf of wQ) 5...Bd5 / ~ 6.Qxd5# / Qc4#

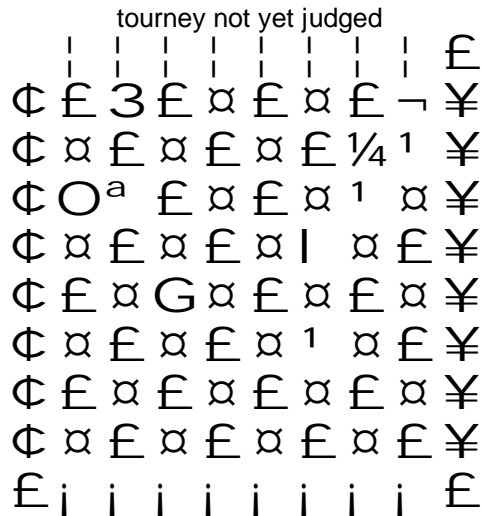
5.Qf1 Bf3 6.Qb1 Bd1 7.Qb5 Bb3 8.Qf5 Bd5 / ~ 9.Qxd5# / 9.Qe4#

Logical problem with counter-clockwise and clockwise Rundlaufs of white Queen and corresponding movements of black Bishop.

5. Richard Becker, richard-becker@comcast.net

harmonie-aktiv no.125, Diagram 2201, 05.2015

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White: Ka6, Qc4, Sb6, f3, g6, h7 (6). Black: Kb8, Qf5 Sh8, g7 (4).

#10

(6+4)

1.Qc6? Qd3+ 2.Sc4 Qxg6! 3.Sd6 Qd3+ 4.Sb5 Qg6

1.Qc3! Qe6 2.Qc2 Qh3 3.Qc1 Qf5 4.Qc4 zz Sxg6 5.Qc6 Qd3+ 6.Sc4 Qb3 7.Qd6+ Kc8

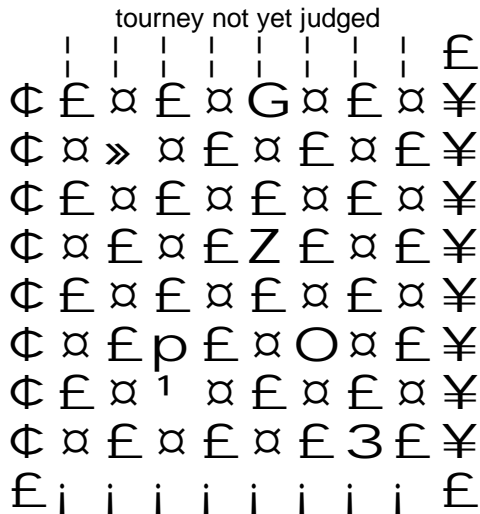
8.Sb6+ Qxb6+ 9.Kxb6 ~ 10.Qc7#

Logical problem with tempo duel of white and black Queens.

6. Richard Becker, richard-becker@comcast.net

ChessStar.com, Diagram 982, 03.07.2015

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White: Kf3, Qe8, c2 (3). Black: Kg1, Re5, Bc3, b7 (4).

#14

(3+4)

Try 1.Qd7? b6! zz 2.Qd3 Re6 3.Qxc3 Rg6 4.Qe5 Rg2 5.Qe1+ Kh2 6.c4 Ra2 7.Qh4+ Kg1 8.Qg5+ Kh2 9.Qh6+ Kg1 10.Qg6+ Kh2 11.Qh7+ Kg1 12.Qb1+ Kh2 13.Qxa2+ Kh3

Try 1.Qg6+? Kf1 2.Qd3+ Kg1! zz

Try 1.Qc8? Rg5! 2.Qxc3 Rf5+ 3.Ke3 Rf7 4.Qd4 Rf2 5.Qd1+ Rf1 6.Qg4+ Kh2 7.Ke2 Rf8 8.Qg7 Rf4 9.Qe5 Kg3 10.ke3 Kg4 11.Qxf4+ Kh5

1.Qg8+! Kf1 2.Qc4+ Kg1 3.Qd3! zz

A) 3...b6 4.Qd7! zz b5 5.Qa7+ [5.Qd3? Re7! 6.Qxc3 Rf7+ 7.Kg3 Kf1] 5...Kh1 6.Qb7! [Try 6.Qh7+? Kg1 7.Qd7 b4! zz] 6...Kh2 7.Qc7 b4 [7...Kh1 8.Qc6 Kg1 9.Qb6+ Kh1 10.Qg6 Re3+ 11.Kxe3 Bd2+ 12.Kf3 Bg5 13.Qxg5 ~ 14.Qg2#] 8.Qd6 Bd4 [8...Kg1 9.Qb6+ Kh1 10.Qg6 Re3+ 11.Kxe3 Be1 12.Kf3 Bg3 13.Qxg3 b3 14.Qg2#] 9.Qh6+ Kg1 10.Qc1+ Kh2 11.Qd2+ Re2 12.Qxe2+ Bf2 [12...Kh3 13.Qg2+ Kh4 14.Qg4#] 13.Qxf2+ Kh3 [13...Kh1 14.Qg2#] 14.Qg3#

B) 3...b5 [3...Re7 4.Qxc3 Rf7+ 5.Kg3 Kf1 6.Qc4+ Ke1 7.Qxf7] 4.Qd7! b4 5.Qa7+ Kh1 6.Qh7+! [Try 6.Qb7? Kh2! 7.Qc7 b3 8.cxb3 Kh1 9.Qh7+ (9.Qc6 Kg1 10.Qb6+ Kh1 11.Qg6 Re3+(Re2)) 9...Kg1 10.Qc2 (10.Qb1+ Kh2 11.Qc2+ Bd2 12.Qxd2+ Re2 13.Qxe2+ Kh3) 10...Bd2 11.Qxd2 Rf5+ 12.Kg3 Rg5+ 13.Qxg5 Kf1] 6...Kg1 7.Qd7! zz b3 [7...Rg5 8.Qd1+ Kh2 9.Qd6+ Kg1 (9...Re5 10.Qg6 Re3+ 11.Kxe3 Be1 12.Kf3 Bg3 13.Qxg3+ Kh1 14.Qg2#) 10.Qb6+ Bd4 (10...Kh1 11.Qh6+ Kg1 12.Qxg5+ Kf1 13.Qg2+ Ke1 14.Qe2#) 11.Qxd4+ Kh1 12.Qh4+ Kg1 13.Qxg5+ Kf1 (13...Kh1 14.Qg2#) 14.Qc1#] 8.cxb3 Kf1 [8...Rg5 9.Qd1+ Kh2 10.Qc2+ Kh1 11.Qc1+ Be1 12.Qxg5 Bg3 13.Kxg3 Kg1 14.Qc1# ; 8...Re4 9.Qh3 Rf4+ 10.Kxf4] 9.Qd1+ Be1 10.Qd3+ Kg1 11.Qg6+ Rg5 12.Qxg5+ Bg3 13.Qxg3+ Kf1 [13...Kh1 14.Qg2#] 14.Qf2#

Strategic miniature with many full-length variations, echo mates, tries, and complex zugzwang positions.