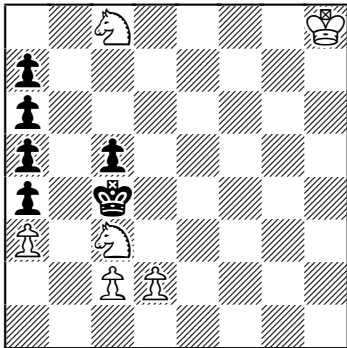


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#10√

(6+6)

Try: 1.Sxa7? Kd4 2.Sc6+ Kc4 3.Sxa5+ Kd4 4.Sc6+ Kc4 5.Kg7 a5 6.Kf6 stalemate.

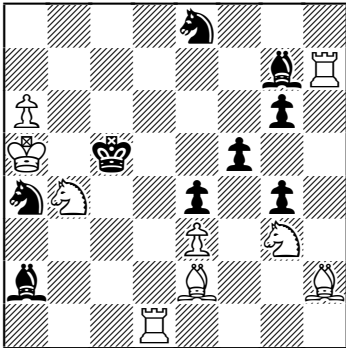
**1.Se7!** Kd4 2.Sc6+ Kc4 3.Sxa5+ Kd4 4.Sc6+ Kc4 5.Kg7 a6 6.Kf6 a6 7.Sxa5+ Kd4 8.Sc6+ Kc4 9.Ke5 a5 10.Sxa5#

White needs three black tempo moves to advance his King to e5. The try fails since one of the tempo moves vanishes. The white Knight captures a5-Pawn three times via pendulum movement.

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#4

(9+9)

**1.Rd7!** (2.Se4+ fxe4 3.Bd6+ Sxd6 4.Rc7#)

1...Be5 2.Se4+ fxe4 3.Bxe5! & 4.Bd4#

1...Sc3 2.Se4+ Sxe4 3.Bb8! & 4.Ba7#

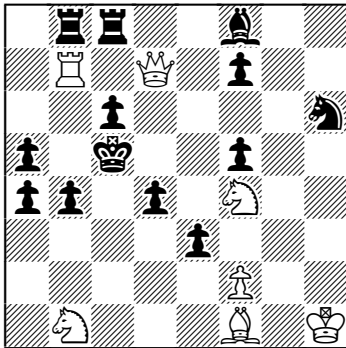
1...Bf8 2.Se4+ fxe4 3.Rc7+ Sxc7 4.Rxc7# (2.Rc7+? Kd6!)

Lincoln Theme in a moreover (done for the first time?). The move 2.Se4+ is shown four times.  
In two variations, White makes a quiet third move.

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#5

(8+13)

Main Plan: 1.Sd3+? Kc4 2.Sb2+ Kc5 3.Sxa4#, 1...Kb3!  
Immediate 1.Sc3? bxc3 2.Sd3+ Kc4 3.Sb2+ Kc5 4.Sxa4#  
is refuted by 1...dxc3/e2!  
The key: **1.fxe3!** (2.Qxd4/exd4#) dxe3 allows 2.Sc3! bxc3 with the Main Plan  
to follow: 3.Sd3+ Kc4 4.Sb2 Kc5 5.Sxa4#  
2...Bd6 3.Sxa4+ Kd4 4.Qxd6+ Ke4 5.Bg2# an ambush mate.

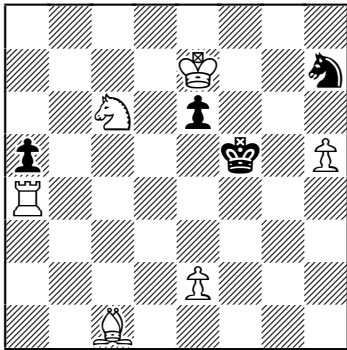
Also:

1...Bd6 2.exd4+ Kxd4 3.Qxd6+ Ke3 4.Sg2+ Kf2/Kf3 5.Qf4#  
4...Ke4 5.Sd2#  
3...Ke4 4.Bg2+ Ke3 5.Qd2#

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#6√

(6+4)

1.Rh4? (2.e4#) Sf6!

**1.Bh6!** (2.Rf4#) e5 2.Rh4! (3.e4#) Sg5  
 3.Sxa5! zz e4 4.Sc4 e3 5.Sxe3+ Ke5 6.Bg7#  
 4...Se6 5.e3! zz S~ 6.Rf4#  
 2...Sg5 transposes into the same variation.

Two critical moves by the white Bishop and Rook.