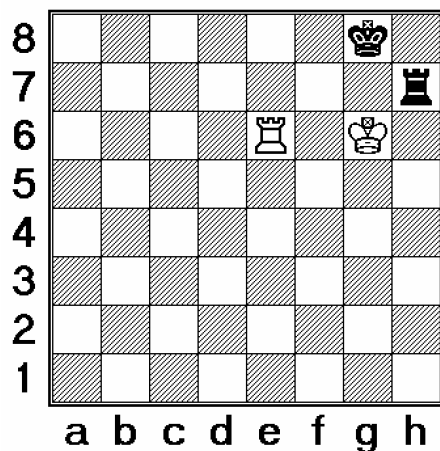


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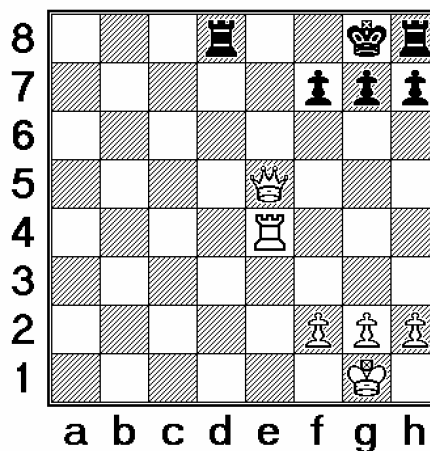
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BOOK ONE

WHITE MATES IN ONE MOVE



WHITE MATES IN TWO MOVES



*PINS - FORKS - SKEWERS
DISCOVERED ATTACKS
BATTERIES - DECOYS
REMOVING THE GUARD!*

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INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents' and Coaches,

I have been teaching chess in Atlanta area elementary schools for over ten years. Knowing that learning good fundamentals improves chess playing skills and enjoyment of the game, I focused upon teaching the chess principles and basic tactics proven by grandmasters,

This workbook was created for children who already know how the pieces move, castling rules, the concept of checkmate, en passant and chess notation. The idea here is to teach the fundamentals of winning chess by using five basic chess tactics, the Pin, the Fork, the Skewer, Discovered attack and Undermining, (Removing the Guard). Included also are some thoughts on Opening Principles, Strategy and End Game techniques.

There are many similar children's chess books and most of them are progressively formatted. At first glance this method seems to be the best way to teach anyone how to improve. I agree with this concept for teaching adults, those who are really dedicated to chess and child prodigies; however, one must be very careful not to overpower the average child.

Learning chess is similar to climbing ascending plateaus. Many players eventually arrive at a plateau that requires more work to reach than they are willing to commit to, so they stop studying and their chess skills never increase. Most grade school children, after learning chess basics, resist study and only want to play the game with their friends and classmates.

While there is nothing wrong with children having a good time, it does little to teach the skills necessary to become better players. Most children had rather play chess than study chess. School *homework* is something that is a necessary evil to most that is only done to satisfy teachers and parents. Chess *homework*? FORGET IT!

This book is designed to help overcome this resistance and will motivate your student to complete the problems and practice those things that will make them better chess players. It contains 50 pages of diagramed problems that range from very easy, to a bit more difficult, but never impossible to solve. None of these diagrams are considered to be beyond the ability of a second grade student and I have used this book in my classrooms

Children expect rewards for good efforts and love to be recognized for their achievements. There are 300 chess problems in this book and if you reward the child with 10 points for each problem solved correctly, they will earn 3000 points! If they cannot solve a problem, you should let them let them look up the answer, enter it on the proper page and award 5 points for each, even though they could not solve them. They have not failed, they have learned something. There is an Achievement Certificate in the back of the book. When your student completes all the problems, regardless of their score, print the certificate and fill in the blanks and frame it. It just might become a keepsake!

Sincerely,

Roy Towns

P.S. Some of the problems are redundant!

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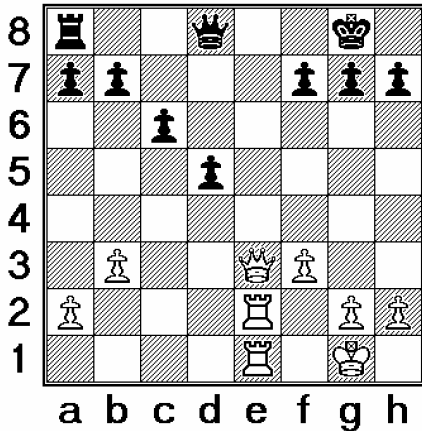


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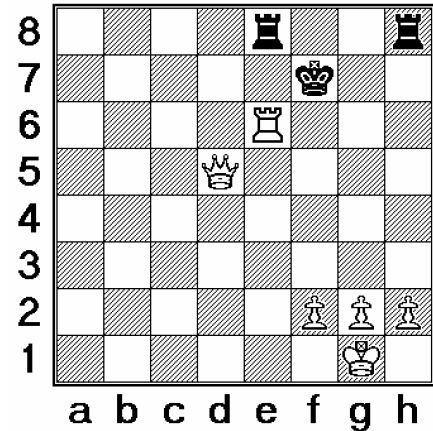


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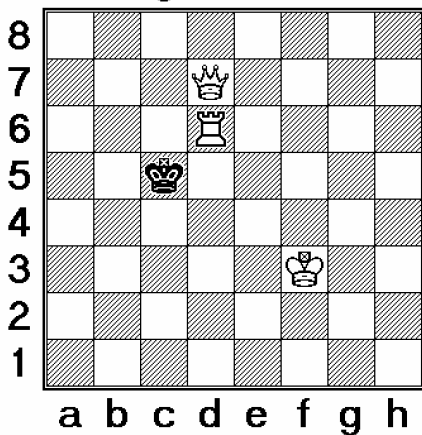


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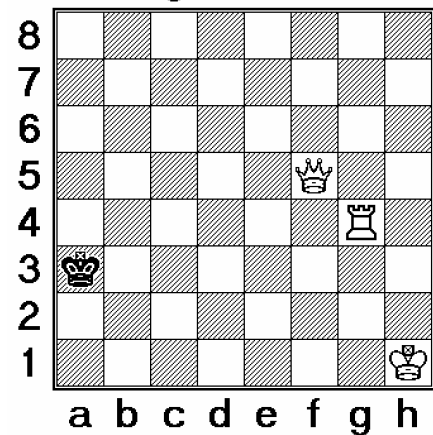


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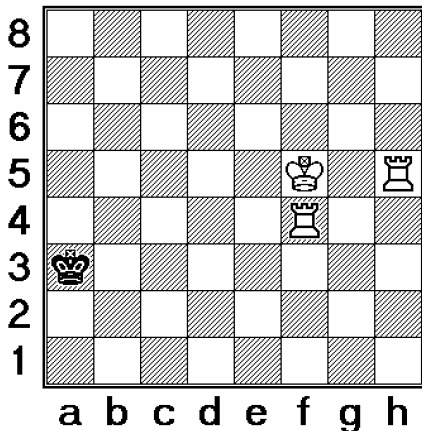


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