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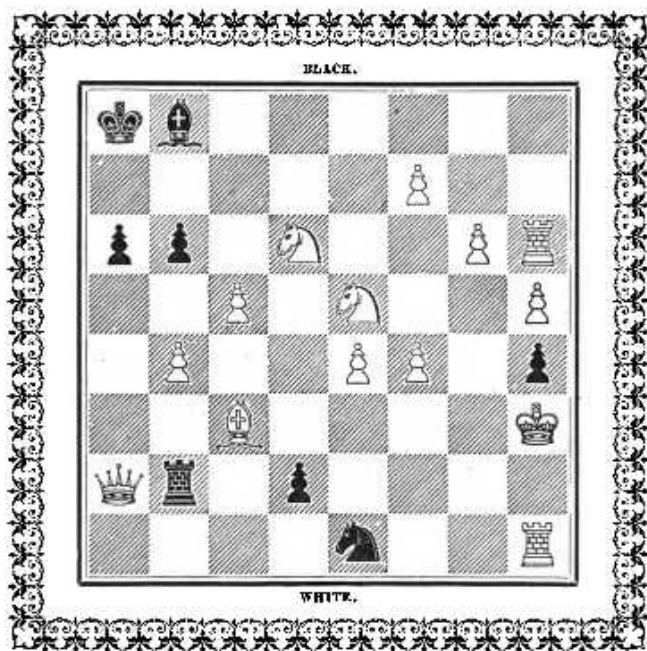
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THE CRISIS.



WHITE TO PLAY AND MATE IN EIGHT MOVES,
FOUR WAYS; OR TO COMPEL BLACK TO MATE
IN FOURTEEN MOVES.

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AND
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COLLECTOR OF CHESS GEMS, ETC.

"Non omnis moriar."

HORACE.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK:
PUBLISHED BY THE AUTHOR.
1882.

Price Four Shillings. Post Free.

TO
JOHN WATKINSON, ESQ.,
OF FAIRFIELD,
HUDDERSFIELD.

MY DEAR SIR,

It is with much diffidence that I dedicate this book to you, feeling, as I do, how little worthy it is of your acceptance; and that it affords a very inadequate expression of my esteem, and gratitude for the many kindnesses I have received from you. It is only by the favourable reception you have, at various times, accorded to my effusions, and by the request of several friends, that I have been induced to make this collection of my compositions.

About the year 1850 I began to make Chess Problems, incited thereto chiefly by my admiration of the masterpieces of the late Rev. H. Bolton. Number 1, which I have named 'Alpha,' being one of my early attempts. The Problems marked with an asterisk at foot have been made for this collection; and my best thanks are due to Mr. H. J. C. Andrews, and other friends, for their kindness in examining them for me.

The Poems were written only as fugitive pieces, and are, I fear, hardly worthy of so high a title; but though I do not aspire to be a Keats or a Byron, yet the favourable opinion of so excellent a judge as yourself emboldens me to hope that my verses may win for themselves a small corner in public estimation, and that to them may be applied Quevedo's line on old Tiber,

“Lo fugitivo permanece y dura.”

Believe me,

My dear Sir,

Ever yours truly,

J. A. MILES.

Fakenham,

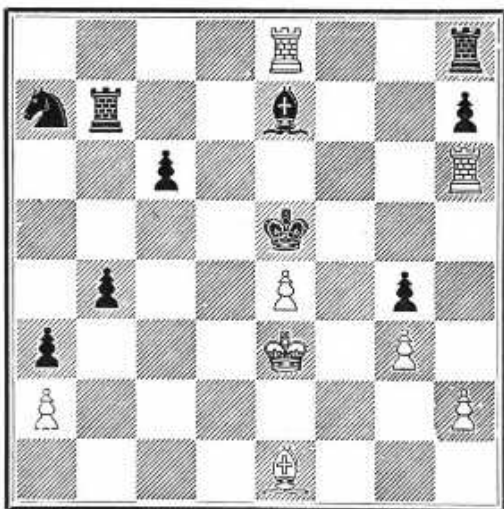
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CHESS PROBLEMS.

PROBLEM No. 1.

ALPHA.

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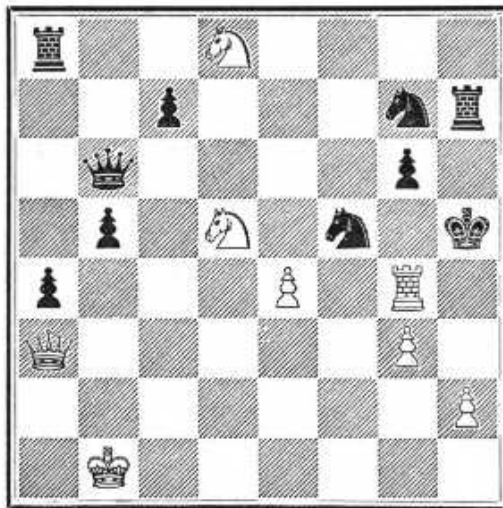


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WHITE TO PLAY AND MATE IN FIVE MOVES.

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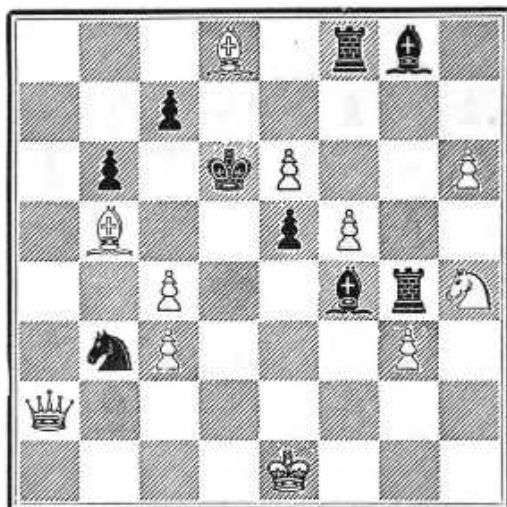


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WHITE TO PLAY AND MATE IN THREE MOVES.

PROBLEM No. 3.

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WHITE TO PLAY AND MATE IN FIVE MOVES.