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Chess Camp

Volume 2: Simple Checkmates



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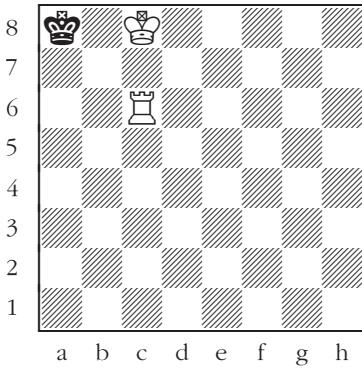
The ability to deliver mate is the foundation of the art of chess. But in the mass of chess literature little attention is usually paid to this extremely important stage of learning – problems where you give checkmate in just one move. Books that do include exercises on this theme have three faults: a) the positions aren't classified; b) in the descriptions they tell you which piece will deliver mate, a circumstance which doesn't correspond to the reality of a chess game; and c) there are less than 300 problems, which isn't enough to acquire the skill of checkmating.

Our collection doesn't have those deficiencies. It contains 540 precisely-structured three-, four-, and five-piece positions that cover the typical mating setups for that particular number of pieces. There is also a practice section in the book (54 five-piece positions) and a section of entertaining puzzles (24 positions). After solving all 618 problems, the beginning chessplayer will master the typical mating patterns and gain a solid basis for further improvement.

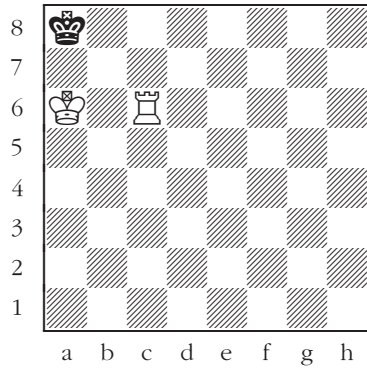
Positions with Three Pieces

King + rook vs. king

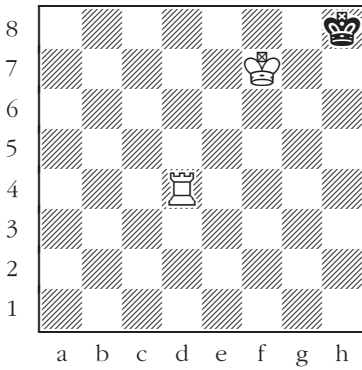
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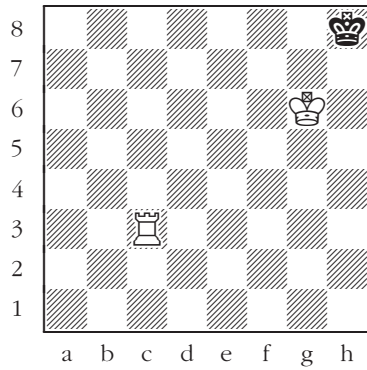
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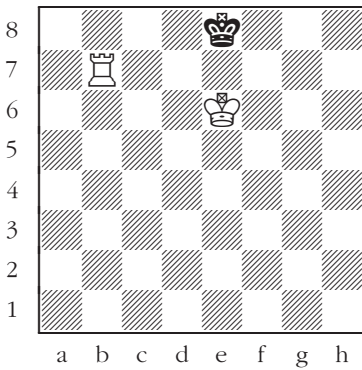
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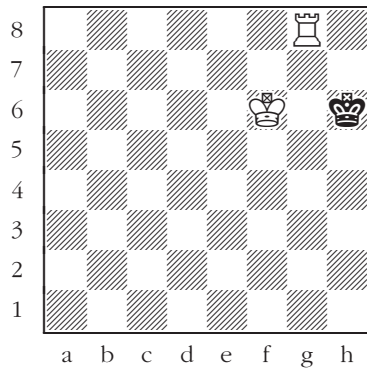
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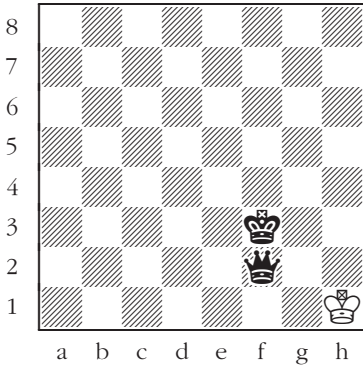
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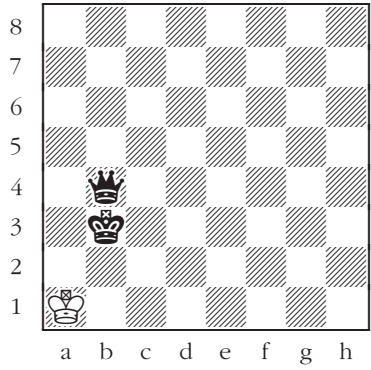
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King + queen vs. king

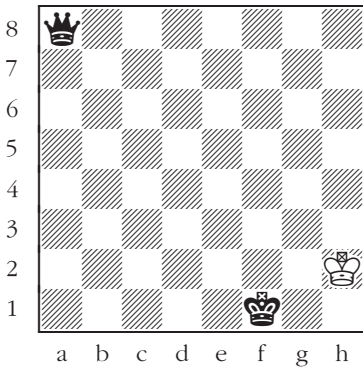
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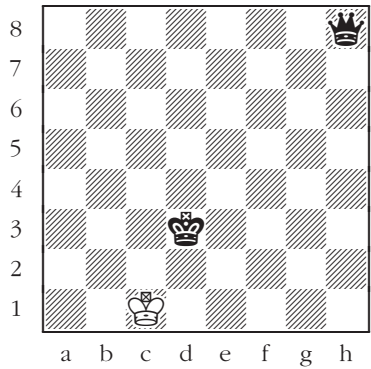
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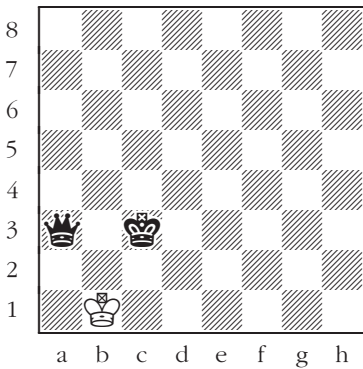
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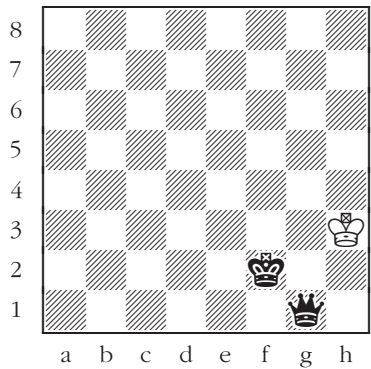
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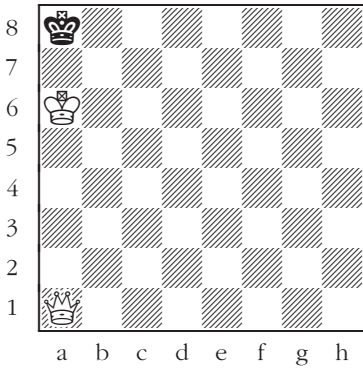
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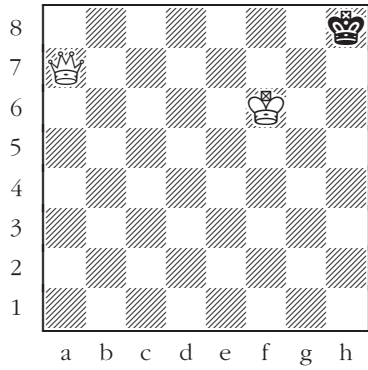
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King + queen vs. king

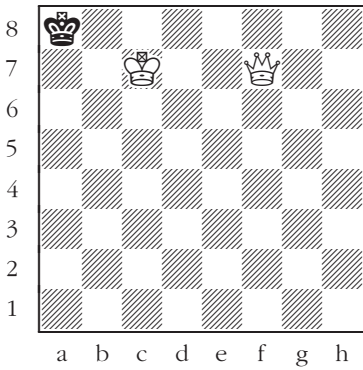
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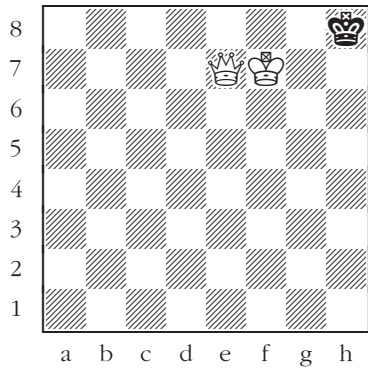
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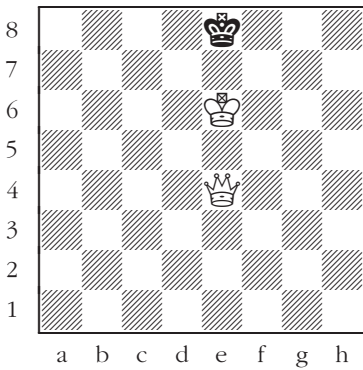
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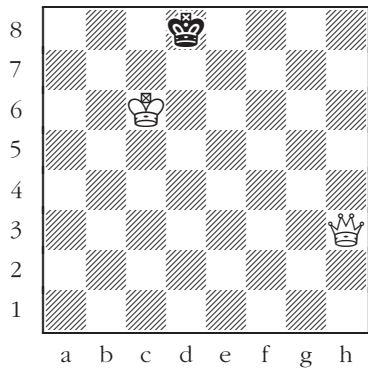
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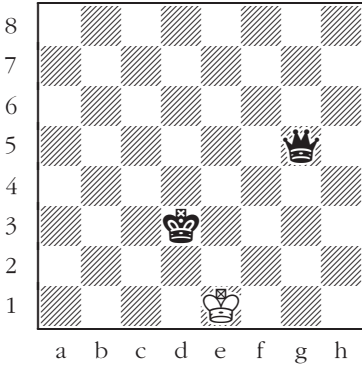
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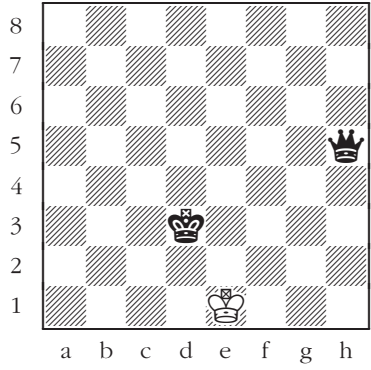
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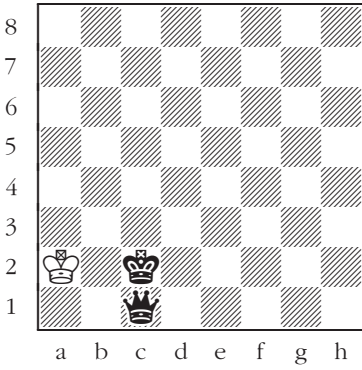
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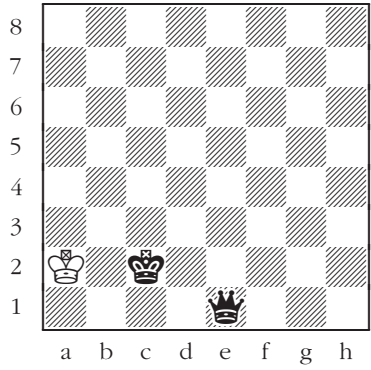
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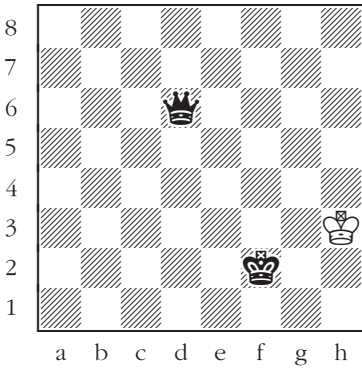
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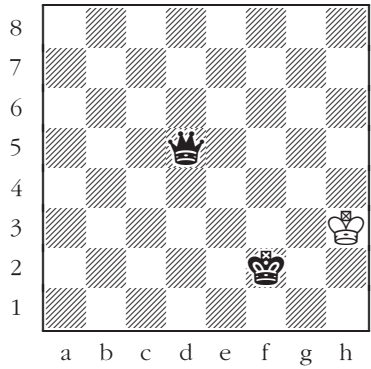
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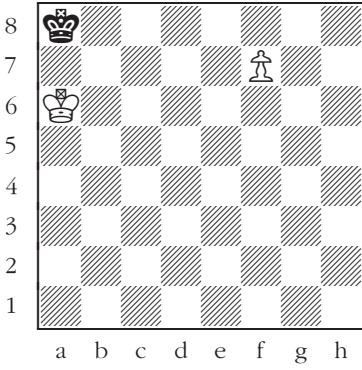
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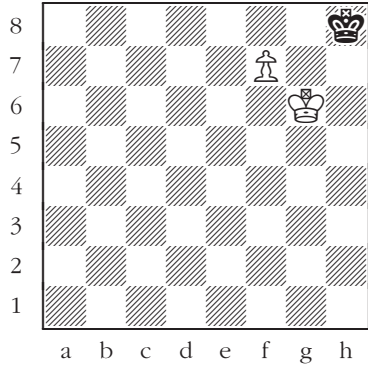
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King + pawn vs. king

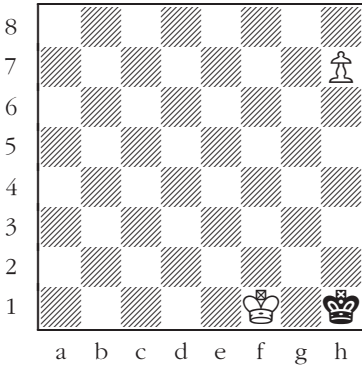
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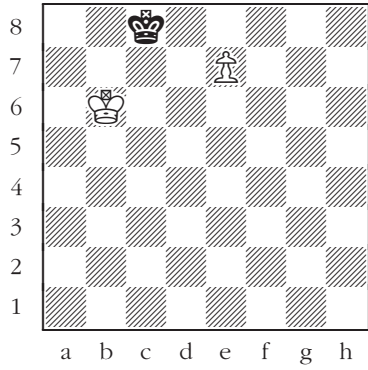
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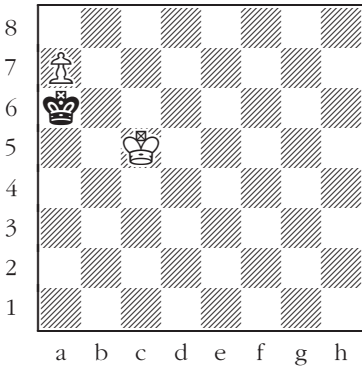
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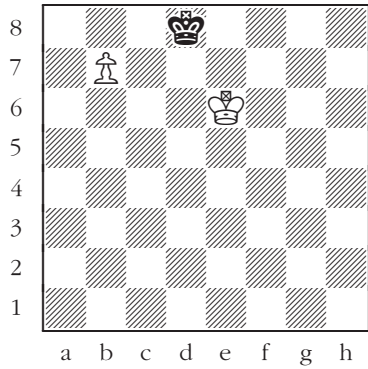
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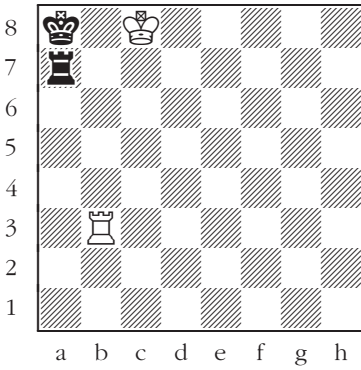


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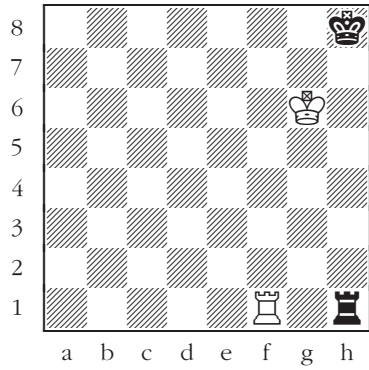
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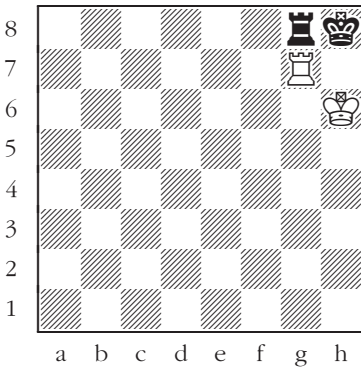
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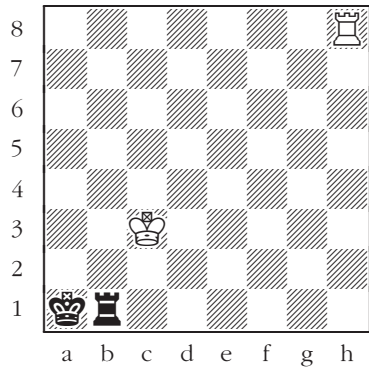
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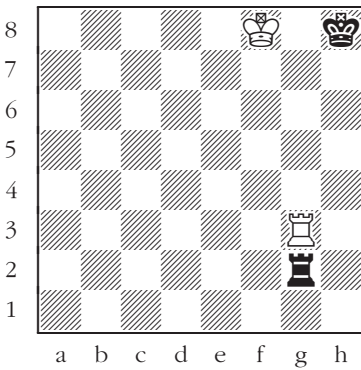
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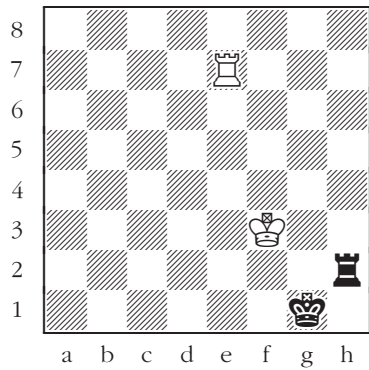
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