



BROODINGS... No.8: October 2002

brood: to ponder morbidly
or persistently

[Collins Dictionary]

New chess problems
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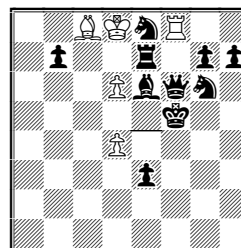
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This time we have some improved settings of familiar themes. Thus for example the idea of no.1 has not previously found so light a setting without BK twinning, and no.3 is a purer version of an idea I have shown before. So far as I can tell, the grasshopper problems are easy, except for one part of no.10.

Broodings is dedicated to the refutation of the statement (which you may have read in the recent WCCI booklet) that "most chess composers... are competitive individuals". Mankind will not survive unless that kind of thinking is jettisoned.

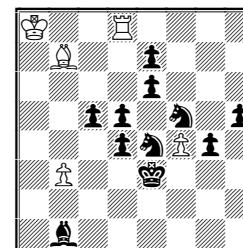
Comments are welcome, as always, but all you have to do in order to receive the next issue is to acknowledge this one. Best wishes to all friends near and far.

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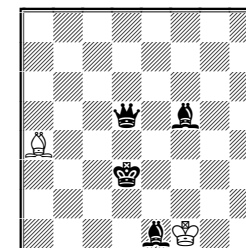
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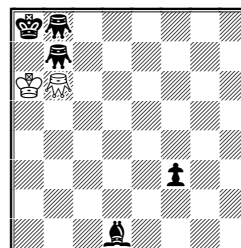
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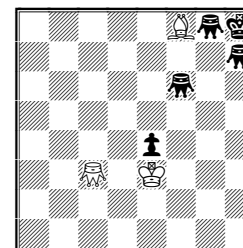
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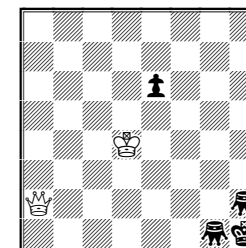
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b)-d) f3=>♞/♖/♗

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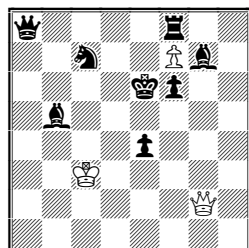
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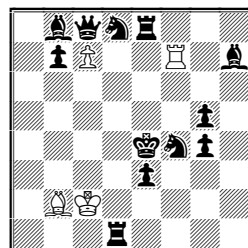
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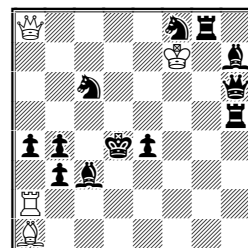
h#2 b)-d) ♖>e2/d2/b8

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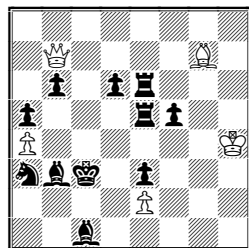
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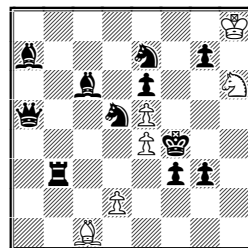
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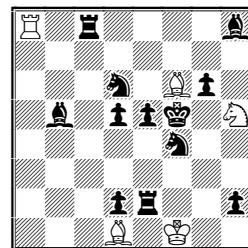
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SOLUTIONS TO BROODINGS 6:

1 a)1.f3 gxf3 2.Kd3 Qd2# & 1.Rh3 g4 2.Rd3 Qb2# b)1.Sh3 Qb3 2.Kd2 gxxh3# & 1.Rh4 g3 2.Rd4 Qc2# TF-form Albino 2 1.Rh5 Kb4 2.Rg5 Sg2#, 1.Rd5 Kc6 2.Rg5 Sd3# & 1.Qc5 Ka4 2.Qg5 e3#
3 1.Sd2 Re7 2.Qc5 Qe6#, 1.h5g5 Re5 2.Qc7 Qd5# & 1.Sf4 Rd3 2.Ke7 Qf7# Triple avoidance at W1
4 1.Ke4 Sxg1 2.Qxe1 Qf3# & 1.Kf2 dxe5 2.Qxc5 Qg3# Much praise for this one – thank you!
5 1.Qb7 Bc5 2.b4 Qxc4# & 1.Qa6 Bd6 2.c5 Bd5# Dual avoidance at W1 6 a) 1.Rc5 d7 2.Rg4 d8Q
3.Kf4 Qf6# b) 1.Bb2 dxc7 2.Bf3 c8Q 3.Ke4 Qe6# Creation of indirect black batteries, with dual avoidance at B1 7 1.Bc2 Be1 2.Bd1 Bf2 3.Kd2 Bd4 4.Ke1 Bc3# 1... Bxe5 2.e1S Kf1 3.Kd2 Bc3 4.Kc1 Ke2 5.Sc2 Bd2# 8 1.Be4 Qd6 2.Kg2 Qxa6 3.Kg3 Kb8 4.Kf4 Kc7 5.Ke5 Qd6# & 1.Qf2 Kb7 2.Bg6 Qxg6 3.Bg3 Kc6 4.Kg2 Kd5 5.Kf3 Qe4# Already quoted in a book and on the internet – amazing!
9 a)1.Sd6 Gc2 2.Gc6 Gxd5 3.Ka4 Gb3# b)1.Se5 Gb2 2.Gf5 Gxe6 3.Kb4 Gb3# Well done Hans Gruber! – the only solver, as far as I know. 10 a)1.Kxf2 Gf1 2.Ke3 Kg2 3.Kf4 Gh3 4.Kg4 Gh5 5.Kh4 Kf3 6.Kxh3 Gh4# b)1.Gxb4 Kb1 2.Gb2 Kc2 3.Ka2 Gd1 4.Ka1 Kb3 5.Kb1 Ka3 6.Ka1 Gb1# Pierre was a very good friend in my early composing days. 11 1... Qa2# 1.Gb4 5.Kc4 6.Gd4 7.Kc3 8.Cb2 11.Ka1 Qa7# 12 1... Ch8# 1.Ga5 2.Ga8 3.Kc8 5.Cb8 8.Kxb5 11.Ka8 12.Ga7 Gh8#