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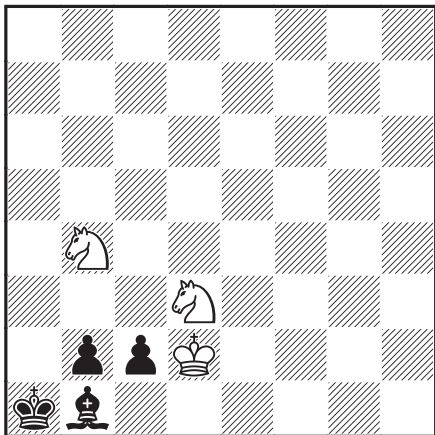
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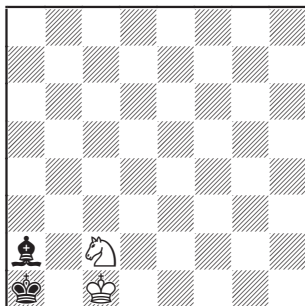
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*White to move and win*

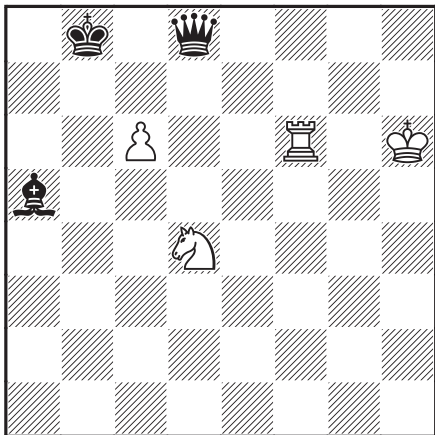
1. ♘c1!! bc♔+. Black cannot save himself with  
1... ♖a2 2. ♘xc2+ ♔b1 3. ♘e2! ♖b3 4. ♘c3# and  
mate by two knights.

2. ♔xc1 ♖a2 3. ♘xc2#.



Author A. Troitsky, 1898

No. 2



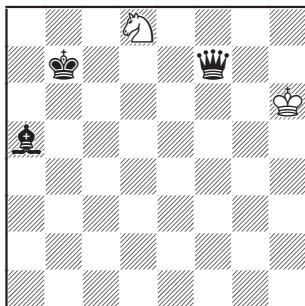
*White to move and draw*

**1.c7+!** Attacking the best-protected square!

**1...♔xc7**. Otherwise white forks the enemy: 1...♔xc7 2.♘e6+.

**2.♘c6+!** But not 2.♖f8+? ♔b7! and black wins.

**2...♔a8(c8)** **3.♖f8+ ♔b7** **4.♖f7! ♕xf7** (4...♔d2+ 5.♔g6) **5.♘d8+!** Beat that!



**5...♔xd8.** Stalemate.

Author H. Rinck, 1903