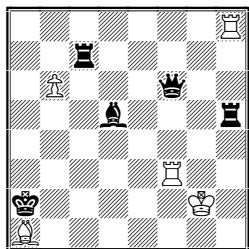A Happy and Peaceful New Year to all readers!

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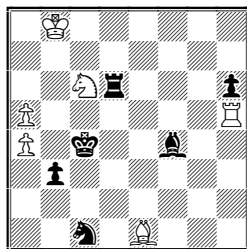
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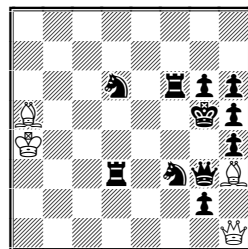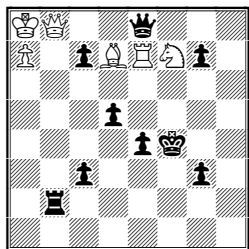
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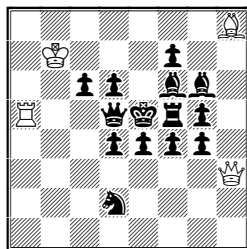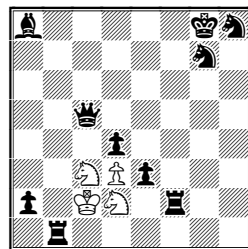h#2   5 solutions

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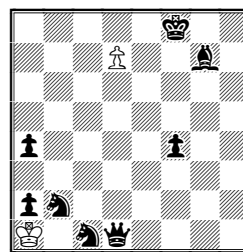h#2   3 solutions

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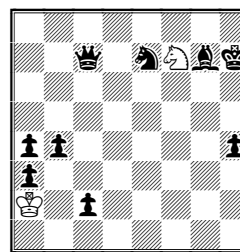
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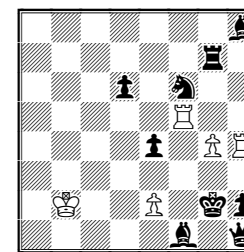
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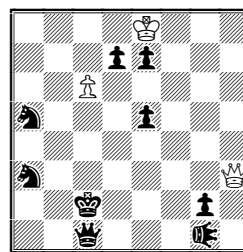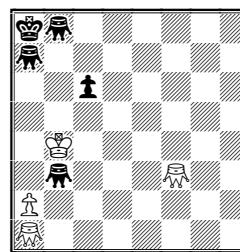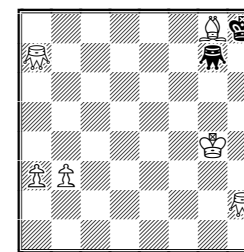h#5   b)♛d1>f1
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sh#5   2 solutions

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h#3   3 solutions

⌂ = kangaroo

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sh#8*

12.

sh#18*

SOLUTIONS TO BROODINGS 7:

1 1.Sf7 Qxf5 2.Bd5 Qc2# & 1.Rf7 Qxe5 2.Qd5 Qc7#   **2** 1.Bg5 Sxd4 2.Qxd4 e4# & 1.Bh6 Bxa3 2.Qxa3 e3# Positive and negative effects   **3** 1.Bf3 f8Q 2.Se3 Qxf3#, 1.Bg2 fxg8Q 2.Sd4 Qxg2# & 1.Bh1 fxe8Q 2.Se1 Qxe6# Hideaways with triple avoidance. An example in the current set avoids captures of the BB.   **4** 1.c6 Rb7 2.Bf2 Re7#, 1.Rc6 Rxd5 2.Bf4 Rd4# & 1.Sc6 Rb2 2.Be5 Re2# **5** a) 1.Kf8 Ke5 2.Qe8 Sf6 3.Rg8 Sh7# & 1.0-0-0 Kxf7 2.Kd7 Kxg7 3.Ke8 Sf6# This was composed to order for the WCSC.   **6** a) 1.Qc4 Rg3 2.Rf5 Rxg4 3.Rf7 Rg8# b) 1.Qb5 Rh3 2.Rc7 Sf5 3.Rf7 Rh8# c) 1.Qc5 Re3 2.Bc4 Re7 3.Bg8 Sg6# Finding three different mates was enormously difficult. **7** a) 1.Kxd5 fxe6 2.Kc6 e7 3.d5 exd8Q 4.Re6 Qc8# b) 1.exf5 e6 2.f4 exd7 3.Kf5 dxe8Q 4.Qe4 Qh5# c) 1.Sf7 exf6 2.Ke5 dxe6 3.Kxf6 exf7 4.Re5 f8Q#   **8** 1.Bc6 Sxa3 2.Qg8 Sb5 3.Qg7 hxg7 4.Bxb5 g8Q 5.Ka3 Qb3# Paradoxical switchback necessitating capture   **9** 1...Kb2 2.Ra6 Kc1 3.Qb6 axb6 4.Ra3 bxa7 5.Rg3 a8Q 6.f3 Qe4#   **10** a) 1.Kf3 Ed1 2.Gg3 Kf1 3.Ge3 Ke1 4.Kg2 Ef5 5.Kh1 Kf2 6.Gg1 Kg3# b) 1.Kh3 Kf2 2.Gh4 Ke3 3.Gh2 Eh1 4.Gg2 Ef3 5.Kg1 Ed3 6.Kh1 Kf2# **11** 1... Kd2# 1.Gd1 2.Gf1 3.Gf4 4.Gg3 5.Ge3 6.Gf2 7.Gg1 8.Gf4 Ke2# Interchange of grasshopper functions with discovered mates   **12** 1... Gb1# 1.Gb2 2.Kg2 6.Kc1 7.Gd2 8.Kb2 9.Ka1 10.Gb2 Gb1#