



BROODINGS...

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brood: to ponder morbidly
or persistently

New chess problems
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[Collins Dictionary]

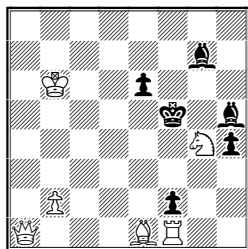
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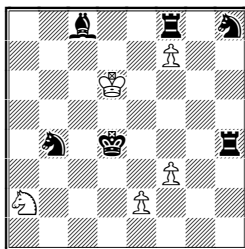
The three single-phase problems 5, 7 & 8 have no recognisable themes and few or no artistic pretensions but will, I hope, appeal to solvers. Consequently of the many versions of n°7 which I made I have selected not the lightest but the one with the greatest mobility. Some of the other versions may be given with the solution later. Conversely the joint problem with Christopher Jones shows a familiar theme. Although we find it hard to believe that this setting is not anticipated, we have found nothing. The unorthodox problems should not be hard to solve. N°10 is in TF style. As usual, all comments are most welcome.

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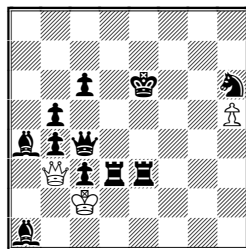
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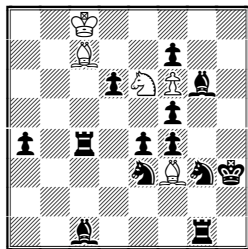
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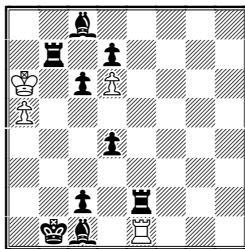
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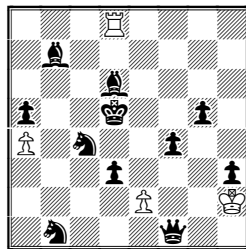
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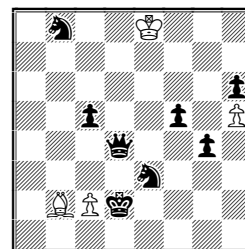
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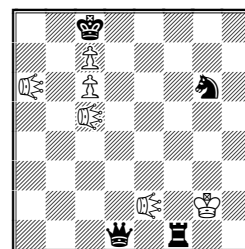
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7. dedicated to King Henry II



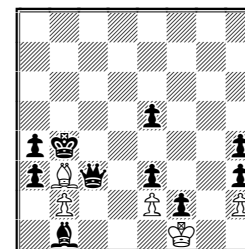
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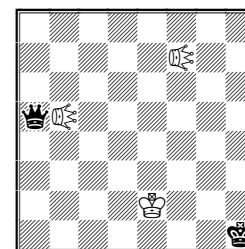
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8. **Luigi Vitale**



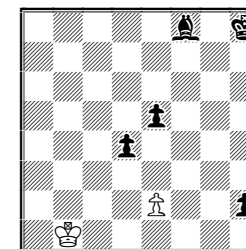
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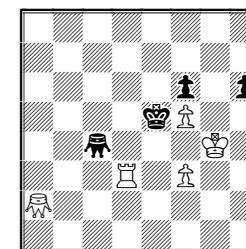
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9. jointly with
C.J.A.Jones



h#6

12.



sh#24 *

SOLUTIONS TO BROODINGS 10:

1 1.Bxe4 Sxb6 2.Bg2 Bxg2# & 1.Qxd5 Sc3 2.Qg2 Qxg2# 2 1.Rbxb6 Qa8 2.Qd2 Qe4#, 1.Rfxb6 Qf8 2.Qd3 Qf2# & 1.cxb6 Qc8 2.Qf4 Qc3# 3 1... c6 2.Qxc6 Rbb6 3.Qe8 Rf6# & 1... d6 2.Qxd6 Re2 3.Qf8 Sh6# Some commentators managed to use "original" as a term of abuse here. 4 1... Sd7? 1... Sxf5? 1... Se6 2.Sxe6 Kxb3 3.Kf8 Qf6# & 1... Sg4 2.Qxg4 Kc1 3.Kh6 Qh8# For once the tries do seem convincing, at least to me. Perhaps the asymmetry helps in that respect? 5 1.Qxe7 fxe7 2.Kxe5 e8Q 3.Kd4 Qe3# & 1.Qxg8 f7 2.Kxd5 fxg8Q 3.Kd4 Qc4# 6 a) 1.Ke4 Kb1 2.Bd4 Rf5 3.Sf4 Re5# b) 1.Kd4 Kb2 2.Qd3 Re5 3.Sd5 Re4# 7 1.f1B Rxd4 2.Rg2 Rh4 3.Rg7 hxg7 4.Bf4 g8Q 5.Kd4 Qxg1# Such switchbacks are unusual. 8 a) 1.Bf7 c4 2.Sd3 c5 3.Sc1 c6 4.e!R c7 5.Re7 c8Q# b) 1.Kd7 c8S 2.Kc6 Sb6 3.Kb5 Sxc4 4.Ka4 Kxa2 5.b5 Sb6# 9 Just an abbreviated solution for this rather boring affair: a) 1...e3 ... 6.Rb7 d8Q# b) 1...exd3 ... 6.Ka8 c8Q# c) 1...exf3 ... 6.Rh7 f8Q# d) 1...e4 ... 6.Kh3 Qh5# It was irritating to find the neat 4-solution setting 8/p7/4p3/4k3/3b1r2/3p1p2/4P3/2K5, ruined by a single dual! 10 1.Qc6 Lc4 2.Kc5 bxc8G# & 1.Qd6 Lf4 2.Ke5 b8G# Pinmates 11 1... Gd3# 1.Gd2 Gd3 2.Kf2 Gf1 3.Gc2 Gb5 4.Ge2 Kh2 5.Kf1 Kh1 6.Gf2 Gd3# 4 switchbacks; and a round trip by the WG. 12 1... c7# 1.Ge4 2.Ge6 3.Gc4 4.Ge8 5.Ge4 6.Gb4 7.Ge7 8.Gc7 d7#