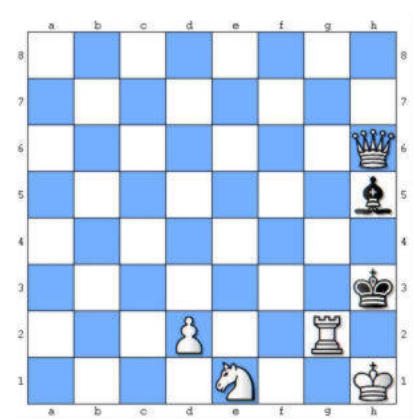




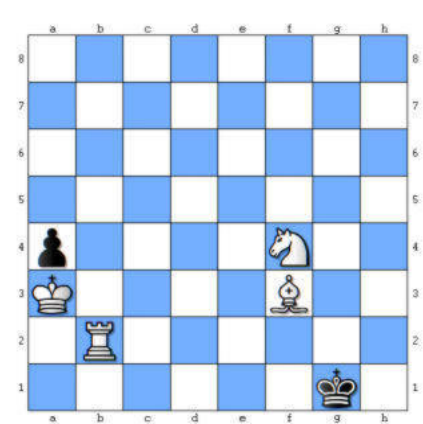
Bèla Majoros

S#12 (C+ - Brute Force tested)

1st Special Honorable Mention

Few pieces, much to admire. The simple and charming harmony of this miniature immediately mesmerized me at first sight.

Solution: 1. **d3!** [*Festina Lente*] Kh4 2. d4 Kh3 3. d5 Kh4 4. d6 Kh3 5. d7 Kh4 6. d8=Q+ Kh3 7. Qd1 Kh4 8. Nf3+ Kh3 9. Ng1+ Kh4 10. Rh2+ Kg3 11. Qf3+ Bxf3 12. Rg2+ [*Switchback*] **Bxg2#**



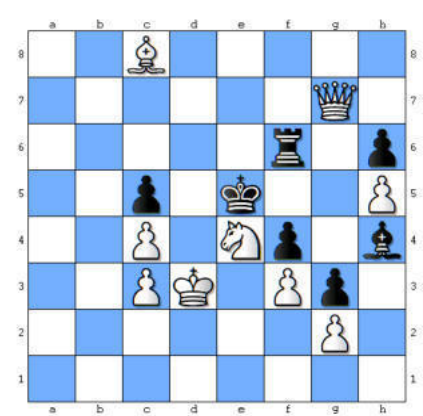
Bèla Majoros

S#10 (C+ - Brute Force tested)

2nd Special Honorable Mention

Another exquisite miniature with perfect pieces coordination and the always attractive King's march, and also a model mate, always appreciated as the icing on the cake. But what impresses me the most is the remarkable realization with such small material.

Solution: 1. **Bd5!** Kf1 2. Rg2 Ke1 3. Bc4 Kd1 4. Re2 Kc1 5. Ba2 Kc1 6. Kb2 a3+ 7. Ka1 Kc1 8. Nd5 Kd1 9. Nc3+ Kc1 10. Rb2 **axb2#**



Daniel Novomesky

S#11 (C+ - Brute Force tested)

After Avournin Jacques - S#12 [Cooked]

Europa Echecs, 1965 – 2nd HM.

3rd Special Honorable Mention

A correction of the cooked original version. A long King march is always fascinating, and in this specific case, I found this a lovely problem.

And thanks to the Author who spent time to find a working correction for this amusing construction.

Solution: 1. **Kc2!** Bg5 2. Kb3 Bh4 3. Ka4 Bg5 4. Kb5 Bh4 5. Kxc5 Bg5 6. Nd6 Bh4 7. Kc6 Bg5 8. Kc7 Bh4 9. Ne8 Bg5 10. Kd8 Bh4 Qc7+ **Rd6#**