

Week after week for years and years Miss Rosa Jefferson included an endgame problem within her *COMMERCIAL APPEAL* chess column. Here's her advice--dated October 30, 1904 --on how to solve such problems:

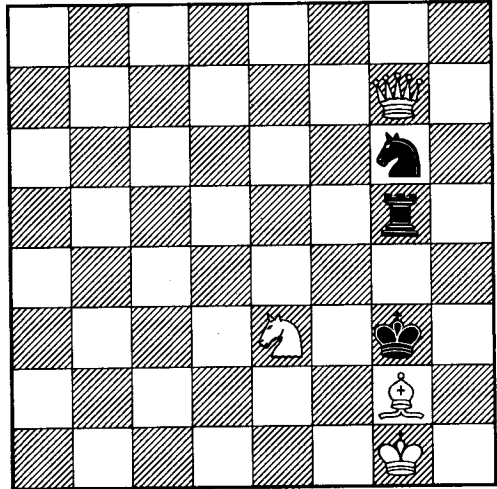
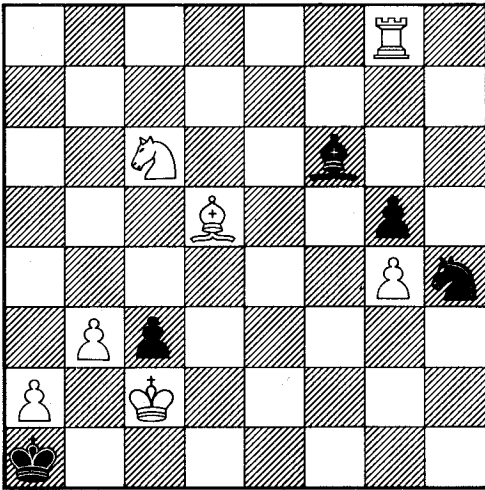
"The study of problems forming end games won or drawn by masterly moves has always been considered by the best chess players and writers as eminently useful if not absolutely necessary toward forming the finished player. Well-constructed problems display the numberless resources of the game, and, what is more important, they habituate the player to calculate several moves in advance. To attain the latter, however, the student is earnestly recommended to endeavor to solve the problems from the diagrams alone, and if from the board, without touching the men, until he is persuaded he has discovered the solution.

"There can be no doubt, so an authority on this subject states, that those who discover the method of winning from the diagram alone, are entitled to the praise of having fairly solved the problem; but the like praise cannot be given to those who, placing the pieces on the board, try first this, then that move, until they have hit on the right one."

Now try your hand at applying the above advice to these two problems. The solutions are given on page 28. In problem #1, the composer--Rev. Gilbert Dobbs of New Orleans --wants White to mate in four. Otto Wuerzurg of Grand Rapids, Michigan composed problem #2 where White mates in three moves.

#1

#2



USCF President George Koltanowski contributes the following anecdote:*

Two professors checked on Pillsbury's fantastic memory and wanted him to prove same on things not connected with chess, so they gave him the following 30 words, at which Pillsbury looked for two minutes, and then blindfolded repeated all 30 words forwards and then backwards! Here are the words: antiphogistine, perosteum, takadiastase, plasmon, ambrosia, threikeld, streptococcus, staphylococcus, micrococcus, plasmodium, Mississippi, freedom, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, athletics, no war, etchenberg, American, Russian, philosophy, piet potgelters, roastbeek, salamagundi, commissillecootsi, banmamvate, Schlechter's neck, manzinyama, theosophy, catechism, madjesoomalops.

* Courtesy of *The Pennswoodpusher*, June, 1977.