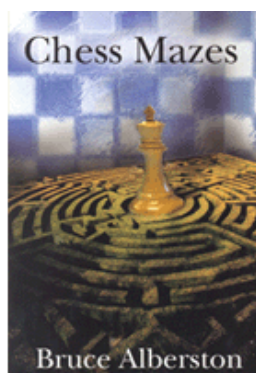




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In the fall of 2004, popular chess author Bruce Alberston released a book called [Chess Mazes](#), designed to help students to develop their visualization and planning skills. *Chess Mazes* was an instant success and [ChessCafe.com](#) was delighted when Bruce agreed to offer a new *Chess Maze* puzzle each week.

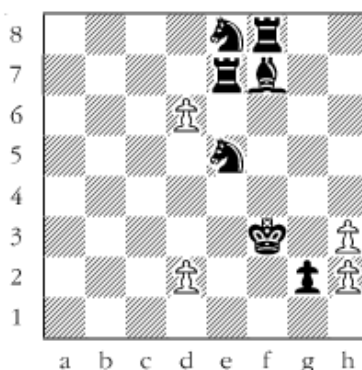
The concept is simple enough: the object is to place the black king in check in the shortest number of moves. The one restriction is that the white piece may not put itself *en prise*, i.e., on a square where it can be captured.

For those who may be interested in a more detailed introduction and overview to these puzzles, we invite you to take a look at the introduction from Bruce's book. Click [here](#) to read more, otherwise, we hope you enjoy this week's *Chess Maze* puzzle...

A Pawn Maze

Only the white pawns can move and their object is to checkmate the enemy king. Pawns may not be put *en prise* and promoted pawns are frozen on the promotion squares. The only solution is also the shortest one.

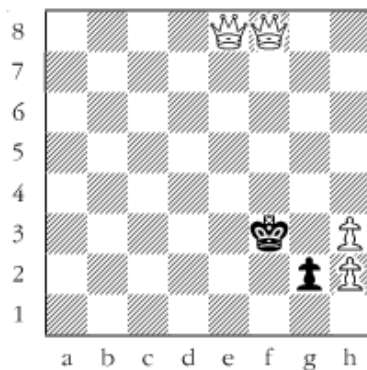
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1 dxe7 2 exf8/Q 3 d4 4 dxe5 5 e6 6 exf7 7 fxe8/Q#.

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