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Chess Mazes

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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.

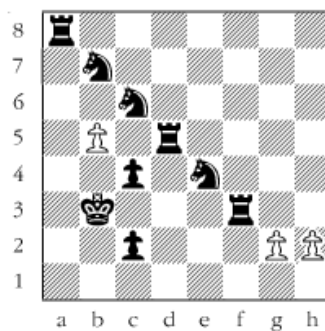
The concept is simple enough: the object is to place the black king in check in the shortest number of moves. The one restriction is that the white piece may not put itself *en prise*, i.e., on a square where it can be captured.

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

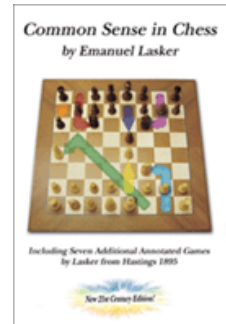
The three white pawns mate the king. Use your promotion skills but recall that promoted pawns may not move. And don't let any pawns get taken.

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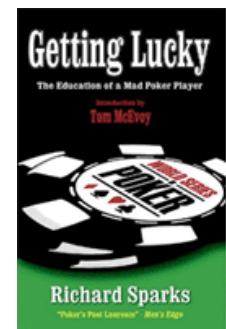


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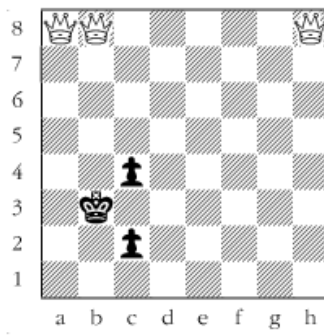


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1 b6 2 gxf3 3 fxe4 4 exd5 5 dxc6 6 cxb7 7 bxa8/Q 8 h4 9 h5 10 h6 11 h7 12 h8/Q 13 b7 14 b8/Q#.

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