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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.

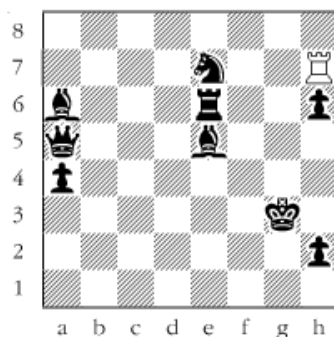
The concept is simple enough: the object is to place the black king in check in the shortest number of moves. The one restriction is that the white piece may not put itself *en prise*, i.e., on a square where it can be captured.

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 Rook Maze

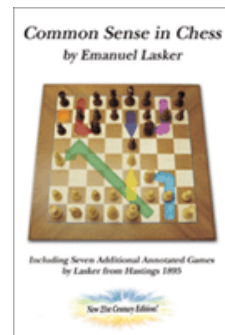
Use the white maze rook to check the king. Stay off squares controlled by black forces and use the quickest route.

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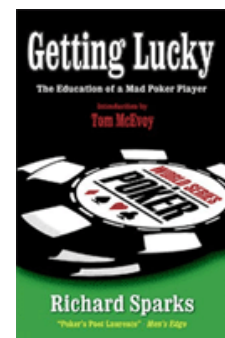
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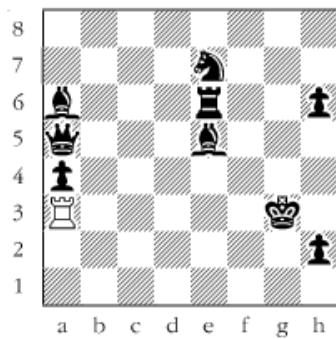
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1 Rf7 2 Rf8 3 Ra8 4 Ra7 5 Rd7 6 Rd1 7 Rc1 8 Rc2 9 Ra2 10 Ra3+.

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