SUNDAY PUZZLER

(A) Holy Orders

(Level: Easy)

***Insert Diagram 1 (with caption) here***

Morphy v. Thompson, 1859.

**No Queen for Morphy**

Paul Morphy, often considered the best American player before Fischer, had a hard time keeping his queen. It is rumored that the love of his life refused to marry him, because he was a “mere chess player.”

Can you lose your queen like Morphy?

**(B) Morphy v. Smyth, 1859**

***Insert Diagram 2 (with caption) here***

**(C) Morphy v. Bryan, 1859**

***Insert Diagram 3 (with caption) here***

**(D) Paulsen v. Morphy, 1857**

***Insert Diagram 4 (with caption) here***

**Solutions**

**(A)** 1.Qc6+! bxc6 2.Ba6#.

**(B)** 1.Qxe6! Rxe6 2.Rf8+ Kg7 3.R1f7+ Kh6 4.Rh7(or h8)#.

**(C)** 1.Qa3+ Kg8 (1...Ke8 2.Qe7#) 2.Ne7+ Kf8 3.Ng6+ Kg8 4.Qf8+! Rxf8 5.Ne7#.

**(D)** 1...Qxf3!! 2.gxf3 Rg6+ 3.Kh1 Bh3 4.Rd1 (4.Qd3 f5 5.Rd1 and White resists some) 4...Bg2+ 5.Kg1 Bxf3+ 6.Kf1 Rg2! (Morphy took longer with 6...Bg2+) 7.Qd3 Rxf2+ 8.Kg1 Rg2+ 9.Kh1 Rg1#.

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