

## CHECK MATE

*Not very impressive ?  
But that was my first move.  
I could have charged forward, like my gallant knight;  
Did not dare, preferred to move a foolish pawn.  
No rapid moves, nothing extraordinary ...*

*A long drawn game brings forth great joy.  
Only the vast battlefield unnerves me.  
With time I should improve my strategies,  
I am sure to deliver the checkmate;  
Fear of losing should not deter me from  
my next move, which I now contemplate ...*

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