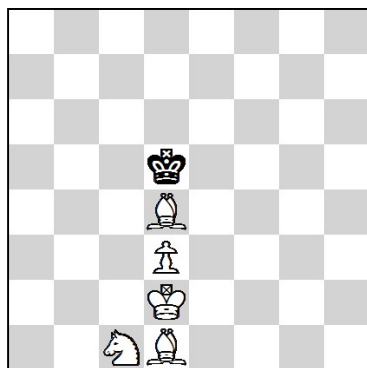


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Josef Haas, feenschach 1974, 1. HM.

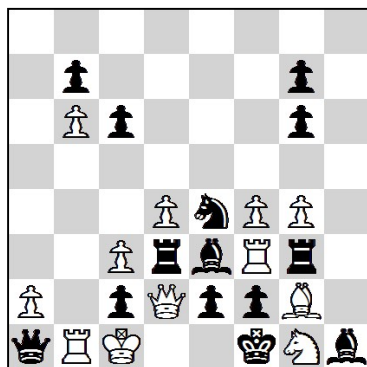
add ♔ ♕ ♖ ♗ to a7 c7 e7 g7 [1]

and ♙ ♚ ♛ ♜ to a2 b2 b3 e2 [4]

The position of the white pieces proofs that ♔ d4 is promoted but the black pawns make this necessary promotion impossible.

Add 5 + 1
to an illegal cluster

2.



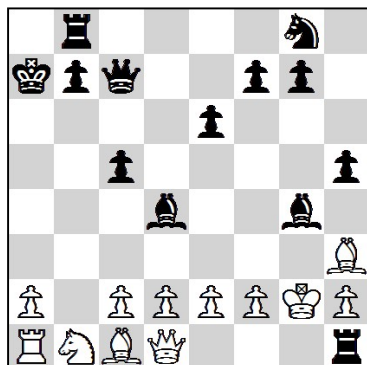
Gerald Ettl, The Problemist 2009

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|----------------|----------|----------------|-------------|
| -1. ♔ h3x ♘ g2 | ♘ d6-e4 | -2. b5-b6 | ♘ c4-d6 |
| -3. b4-b5 | ♘ a3-c4 | -4. ♖ b3-b1 | ♘ b1-a3+ |
| -5. ♖ a3-b3 | c7-c6 | -6. ♖ a8x ♙ a3 | [1] a4-a3 |
| -7. ♖ h8-a8 | a5-a4 | -8. h7-h8 ♖ | [1] a6-a5 |
| -9. h6-h7 | h7x ♘ g6 | -10. ♘ h4-g6 | [1] ♘ e1-g2 |
| -11. ♘ g2-h4+ | a7-a6 | -12. ♙ d1-d2 | ♖ d2-d3+ |
| -13. d3-d4 | [1] | | |

12 + 14

Last 25 single moves?

3.



Gerd Wilts, Die Schwalbe 2003, 4. Pr.
dedic. to Thierry LeGleuher

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|----------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 1. b4 | h5 | 2. b5 | ♖ h6 | 3. b6 | ♖ g6 |
| 4. bxa7 | ♖ xg2 | 5. axb8 ♘ | [1] ♖ xg1 | 6. ♘ xd7 | ♖ xh1 |
| 7. ♘ e5 | ♘ g4 | 8. ♘ f3 | e6 | 9. ♘ g1 | [1] ♘ c5 |
| 10. ♔ h3 | ♘ d4 | 11. ♔ f1 | c5 | 12. ♔ g2 | [1] ♔ c7 |
| 13. ♘ f3 | 0-0-0 | 14. ♘ e5 | [1] ♔ b8 | 15. ♘ d7+ | ♔ a7 |
| 16. ♘ b8 | ♖ xb8 | [1] | | | |

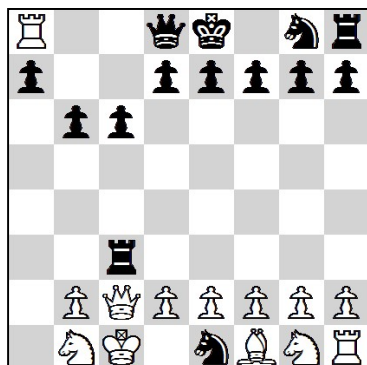
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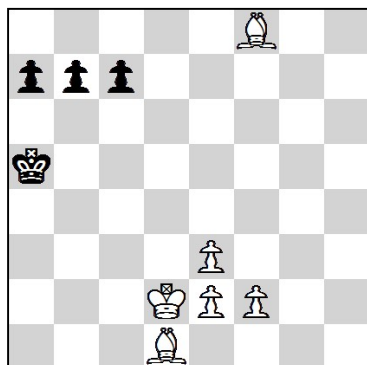
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13 + 14

Christoph Fieberg, Original

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|----------|-----|----------|-----|---------|------|
| 1.c4 | ♘a6 | 2.c5 | ♖b8 | 3.c6 | bxc6 |
| 4.a4 | ♜b3 | 5.a5 | ♘b4 | 6.a6 | ♙b7 |
| 7.axb7 | ♚a8 | 8. ♜a6 | ♚d8 | 9. ♜b6 | cxb6 |
| 10.b8 ♜+ | ♚c7 | 11. ♜xf8 | ♘a2 | 12. ♜b8 | ♘xc1 |
| 13. ♜b7+ | ♚d8 | 14. ♙c2 | ♚e8 | 15. ♚d1 | ♚d8 |
| 16. ♜b8 | ♘d3 | 17. ♜a8 | ♘e1 | 18. ♚c1 | ♜c3 |

5.



. -b & -w, then #1 6 + 4

Help Retractor

Duplex

Gümther Weeth, Problem Forum 2005

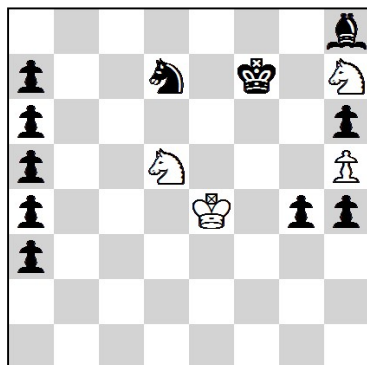
black starts to retract:

- 1. ♚a4x♘a5 ♘b3x♜a5+ & 1. ♘d4‡ [2.5]

white starts to retract:

- 1. ♚e1x♚d2 ♚d5x♜d2+ & 1. ♚h1‡ [2.5]

6.



. -4, then #1 4 + 11

Proca Retractor

Bruno Sommer, Die Schwalbe 1960

- 1. ♘f6x♙h7 [1] ♙g8-h7+ -2. ♘h7x♘f6 [1] ♘e8-f6+
 -3. ♘f8x♚h7 [1] ♚g7-h7+ -4. ♘e6x♜f8 &
 1. ♘d8 ‡ [2]