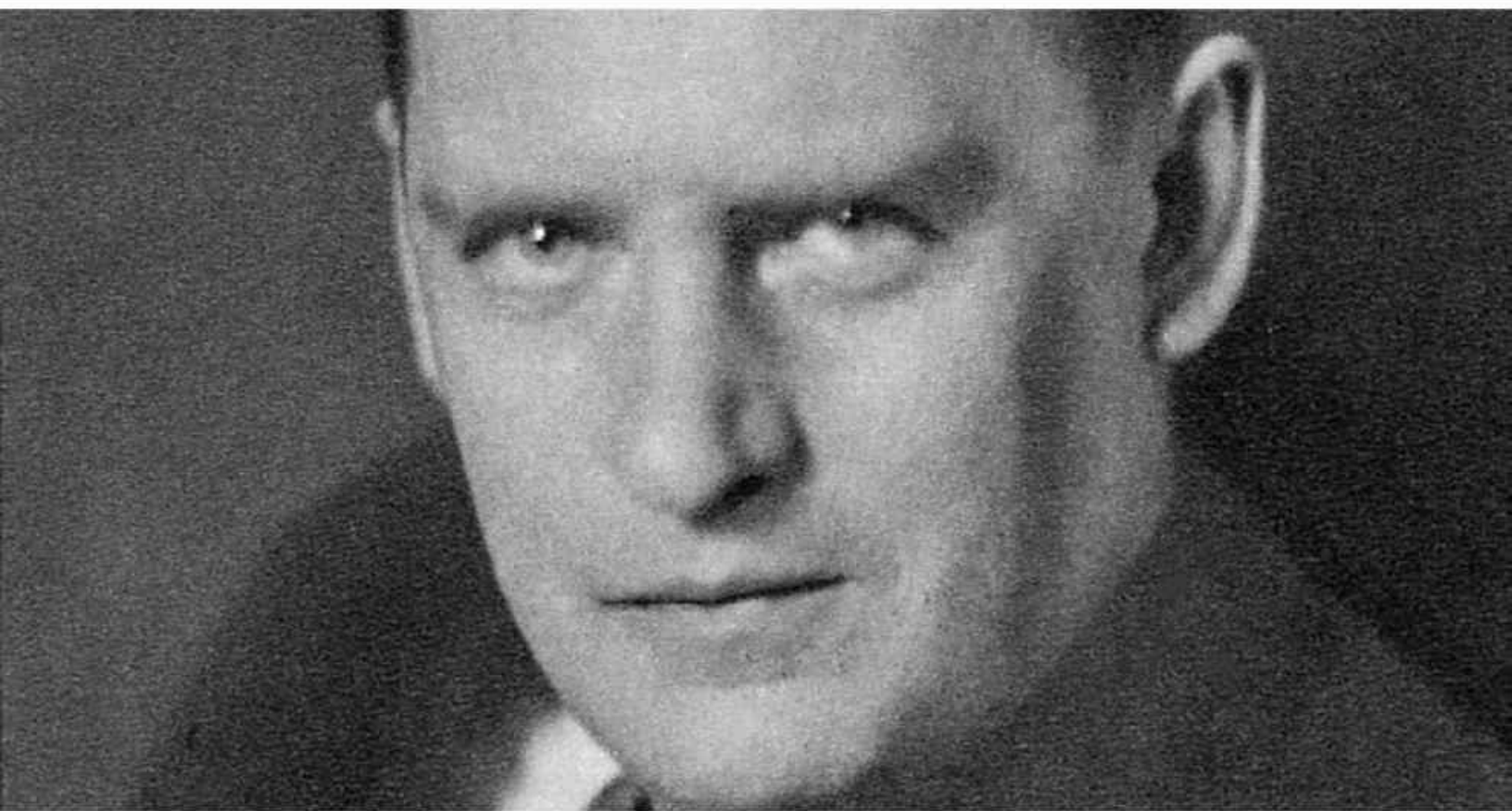
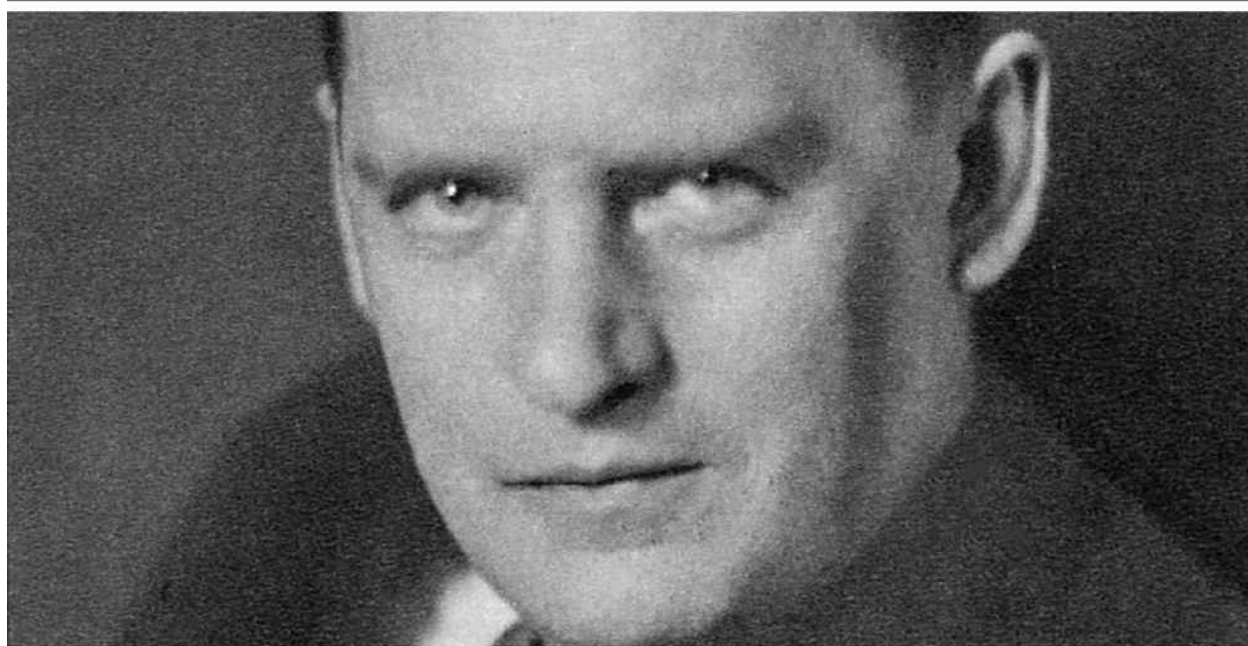


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How to improve your Chess with Alexander Alekhine and become a Chess Tactics Master

Alexander Alekhine (1892-1946) was the 4th World Champion in the history of chess. In 1927 he defeated Jose Raul Capablanca in a World Championship Match by 18,5 - 15,5 (the winner was the first to win six games). Apart from a short intermission - in 1935-37 he lost his world title to the Dutchman Max Euwe - Alekhine held his title until his death in 1946.

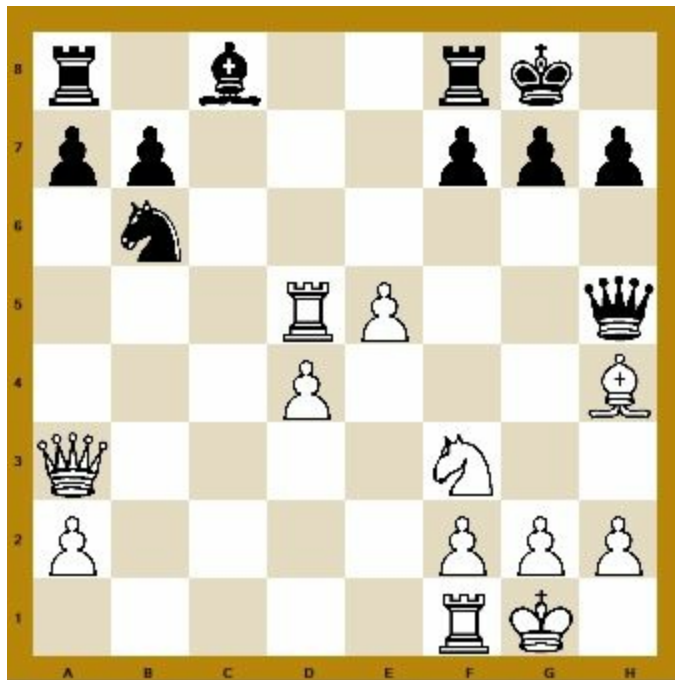
Alekhine was one of the greatest attacking players and for mere mortals it seemed he could produce combinations out of nowhere. The man of the 'complex combinations' was known for his dynamic play and produced many beautiful games. Alekhine was quite clear about his tactical skills: 'I have had to work long and hard to eradicate the dangerous delusion that, in a bad position, I could always, or nearly always, conjure up some unexpected combination to extricate me from my difficulties.'

Even in this age of computer chess, many of his ideas are still alive. Besides being a tactical genius, Alekhine showed wonderful opening preparation, incredible imagination and positional understanding.

Do you want to adopt Alekhine-like thought processes in your own games? In this tactics training book you will get the opportunity to play the same good moves as the former World Champion did. This book offers you one hundred training exercises, in which Alekhine turned the game in his favour. The puzzles start at a moderate level and gradually get more difficult. Are

you up for the challenge?

Exercise 1



White to move

Solution 1



Alexander Alekhine - Russian Tennis Club

Paris simul 1932

20. ♔xf8+! ♚xf8 21. ♖d8#

Excercise 2



White to move

Solution 2



Alexander Alekhine - Paul Saladin Leonhardt

Hamburg 1910

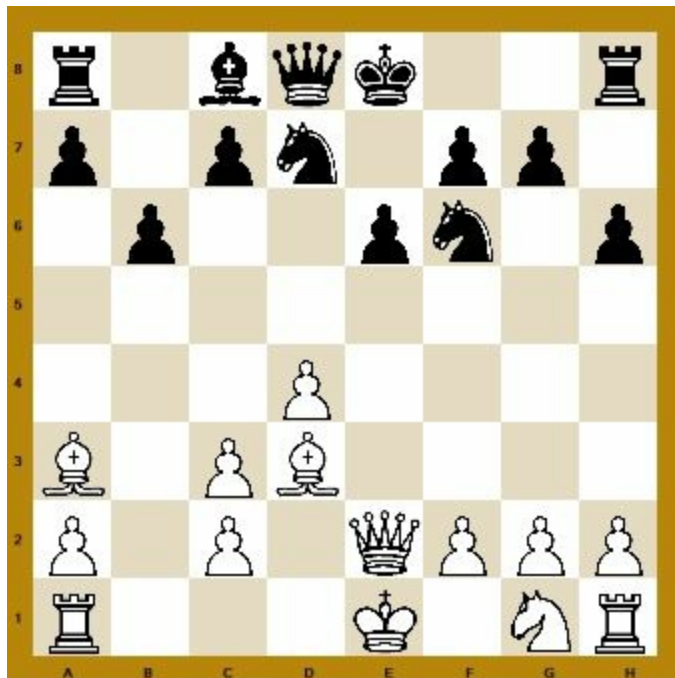
27. ♔xh7+! ♚xh7 28. ♖h4#

Exercise 3



White to move

Solution 3



Alexander Alekhine - Vasic

Banja Luka simul 1938

10. ♔xe6+! fxe6 11. ♖g6#

Excercise 4



White to move

Solution 4



Alexander Alekhine - A. Evenson

Kiev 1918

14. ♔xc6+! bxc6 15. ♖d8#

Excercise 5



White to move

Solution 5



Alexander Alekhine - Erich Gottlieb Eliskases

Podebrady 1936

25. ♖xd4!

25. ♖xd4! cxd4 (25... ♕xh5 26. ♖xd8#) 26. ♕xf5 White wins

Excercise 6



White to move

Solution 6



Alexander Alekhine - Geza Maroczy

Bled 1931

28.f6+

Black resigned here.

28... ♔d8 29. ♙xe8+ ♔xe8 30. ♖c8#

Exercise 7



White to move

Solution 7



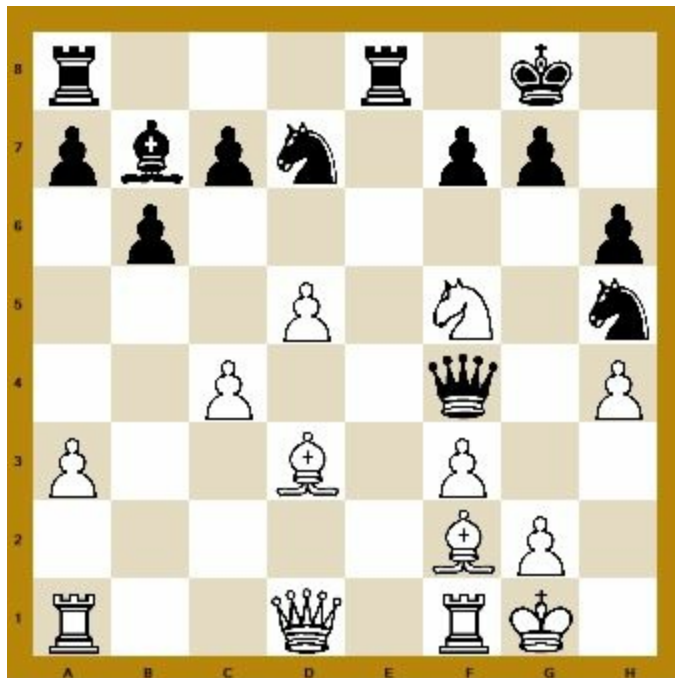
Alexander Alekhine - Ricondo

Santander simul blindfold 1945

14. ♖h6+!

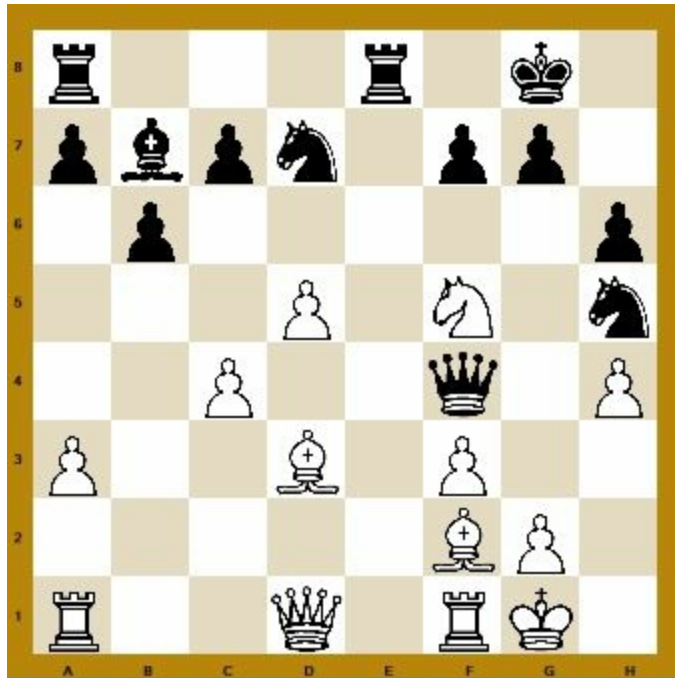
14. ♖h6+! gxh6 (14... ♔h8 15. ♖xf7+ ♔g8 16. ♖xd8 White wins)
15. ♕xf6 ♚d7 16. ♚g3+ White wins

Exercise 8



White to move

Solution 8



Alexander Alekhine - Karl Berndtsson Kullberg

♠rebro 1935

19.g3!

19.g3! ♔e5 20. ♘d4 (and Black resigned. 20.f4 is also good)

Exercise 9



White to move

Solution 9



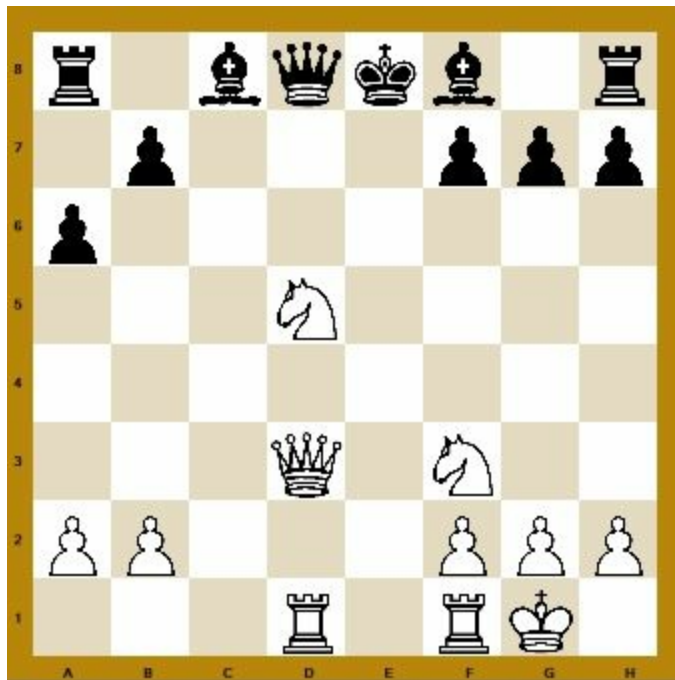
Alexander Alekhine - Forrester

Great Britain simul 1923

12.e6! ♔f6 13. ♕xd7+

13. ♕xd7+ ♔d8 14. ♕c6+ ♔xd4 15.e7# happened in the game.

Excercise 10



White to move

Solution 10



Alexander Alekhine - Arkadij Strazdins

Riga simul 1935

15. ♖f6+!

Black resigned here.

15... ♜xf6 16. ♔fe1+ ♙e6

16... ♙e7 17. ♕d8#

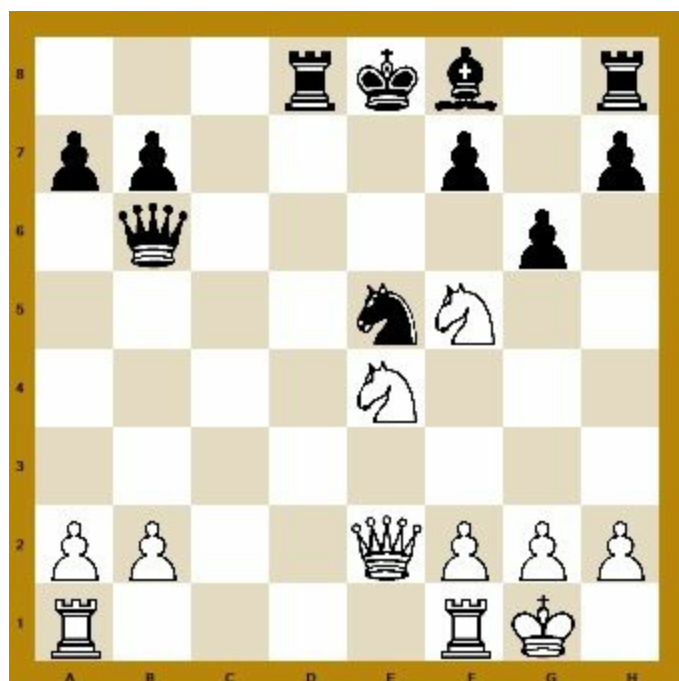
17. ♕d7#

Excercise 11



White to move

Solution 11



Alexander Alekhine - Leon Kussman

New York simul 1924

16. ♔b5+! ♕xb5

16... ♘d7 was played in the game 17. ♖fe1 ♙b4 18. ♘f6+ ♔f8 19. ♘xd7+ ♖xd7 20. ♗e5 and Black resigned

17. ♘f6#

Exercise 12



White to move

Solution 12



Alexander Alekhine - B. Lopez Esnaola

Vitoria 1941

12.b4! cxd4 13.c5 ♗xc5 14.bxc5

and White won.

Exercise 13



White to move

Solution 13



Alexander Alekhine - Max Euwe

The Hague 1921

18. ♖g5! f6 19. ♙xe5! fxg5 20. ♙c4+

20. ♙c4+ ♙e6 21. ♙xe6+ ♚xe6 22. ♚g7#

Exercise 14



White to move

Solution 14



Alexander Alekhine - Jobbahazai

Vienna simul 1936

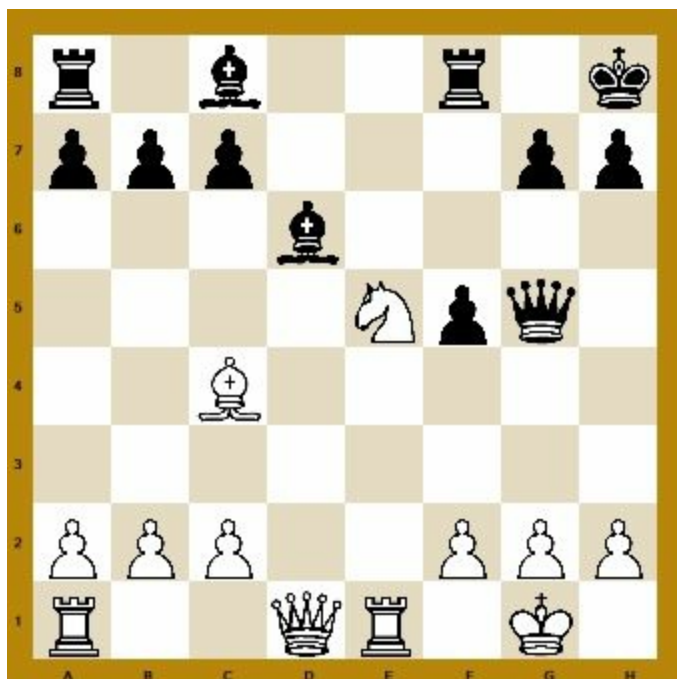
20. ♖d8+! ♜f8 21. ♛xf6 ♜xd8 22. ♛xe5

Exercise 15



White to move

Solution 15



Alexander Alekhine - Friedrich Koehnlein

Düsseldorf 1908

16. ♔xd6! cxd6

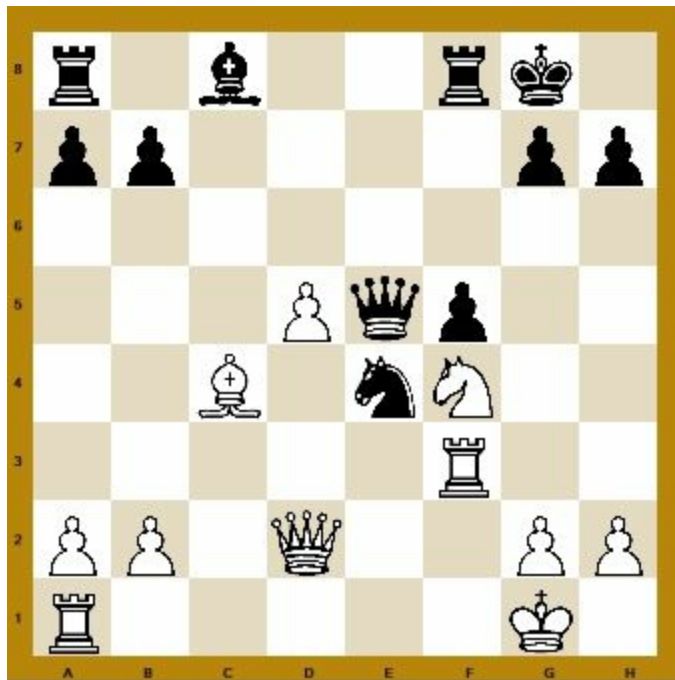
16... ♕xg2+ 17. ♔xg2 cxd6 18. ♖f7+ ♔g8 19. ♖xd6+ ♔h8 20. ♖f7+ ♔g8
21. ♗e7 ♘e6 and Black resigned

17. ♖f7+ ♗xf7

17... ♔g8 18. ♖xg5+ White wins

18. ♗e8+ ♗f8 19. ♗xf8#

Excercise 16



White to move

Solution 16

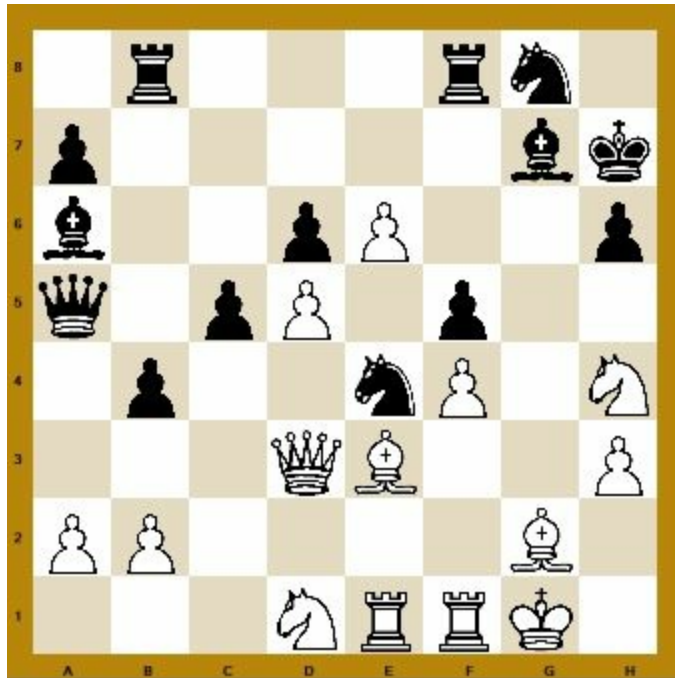


Alexander Alekhine - Anna Stephan

Czechoslovakia simul 1925

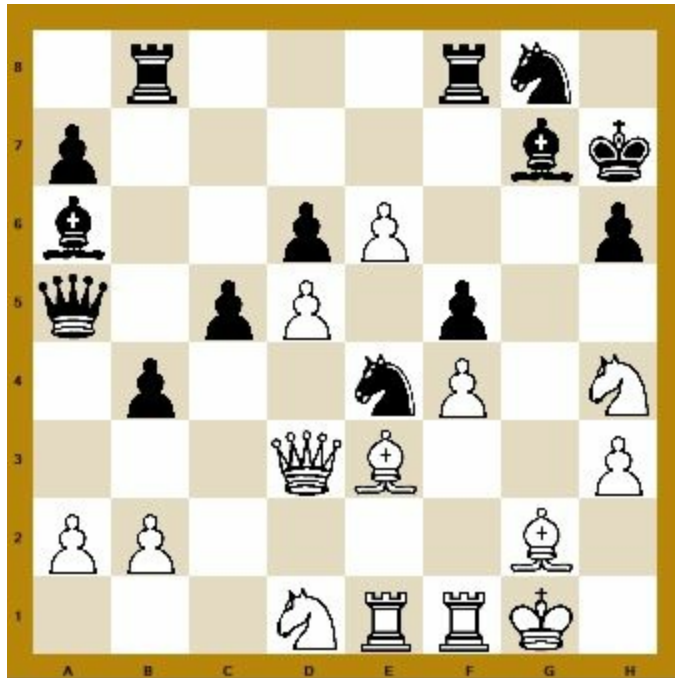
19.d6+! ♔h8 20.♘g6+! hxg6 21.♖h3#

Excercise 17



White to move

Solution 17



Alexander Alekhine - A. Fletcher

London simul 1928

26. ♔xe4! fxe4 27. ♕xe4+ ♔h8 28. ♖g6+ ♔h7 29. ♖xf8+ ♔h8 30. ♖g6+ ♔h7 31. ♖e5+ ♔h8 32. ♖f7#

Exercise 18



White to move

Solution 18



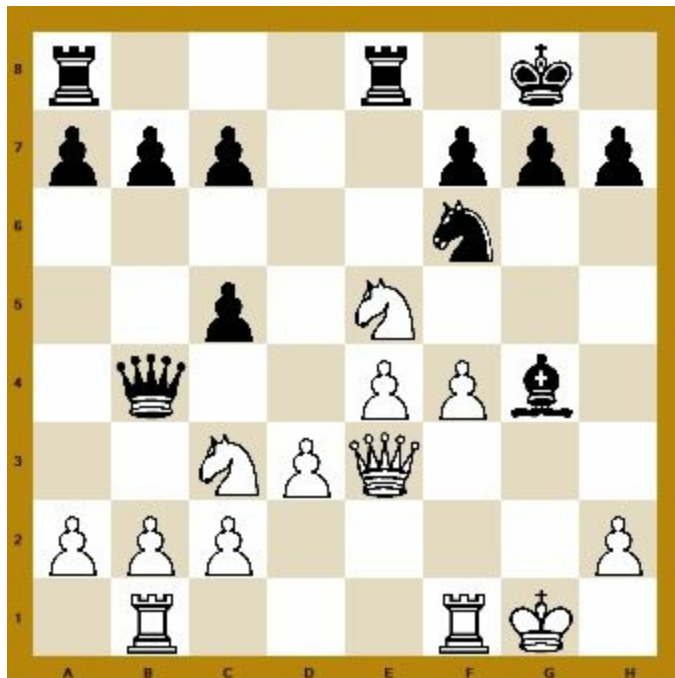
Alexander Alekhine - Rowena Bruce

Plymouth 1938

11. ♖xf7! ♔xf7 12. ♕xe6+

12. ♕xe6+ ♔g7 13. ♕f7#

Excercise 19



White to move

Solution 19



Alexander Alekhine - Nikolay Dmitrievich Grigoriev

Moscow 1919

17. ♖c4! ♘xe4

17...b5 18.a3 White wins

18. ♖xe4

Exercice 20



White to move

Solution 20



Alexander Alekhine - Isaac Kashdan

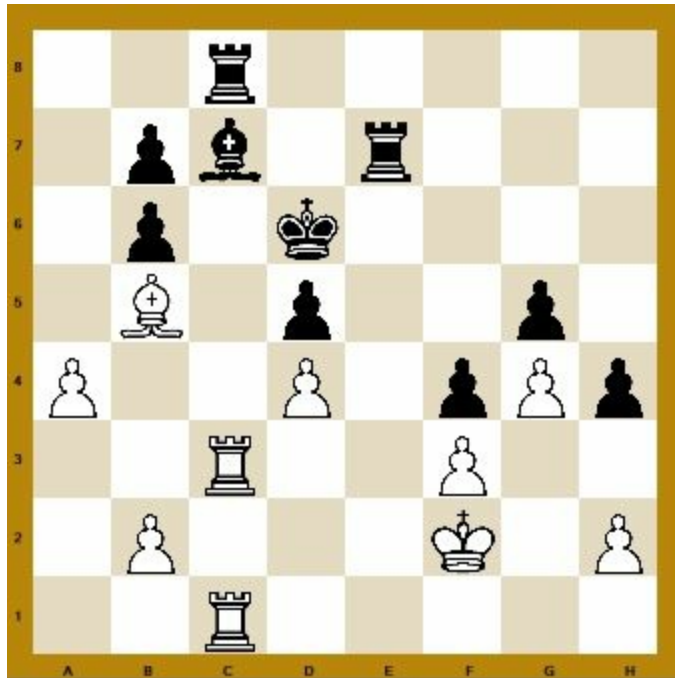
New York simul 1929

19. ♖xa5! ♜xa5

19...f6 was played in the game 20.exf6 ♘xf6 21. ♙xb5 and Black resigned

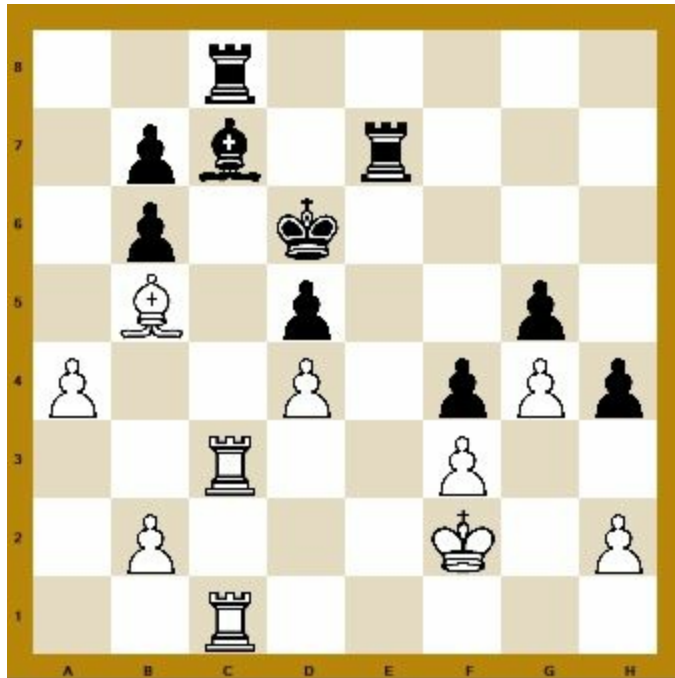
20. ♘b4+ ♚e8 21. ♙xg7 White wins

Excercise 21



White to move

Solution 21



Alexander Alekhine - J. Lacasa

Zaragoza simul 1944

1. ♖c6+ bxc6 2. ♖xc6+

2. ♖xc6+ ♔d7 3. ♖h6+ ♔d8 4. ♖h8+ ♖e8 5. ♖xe8# happened in the game.

Excercise 22



White to move

Solution 22



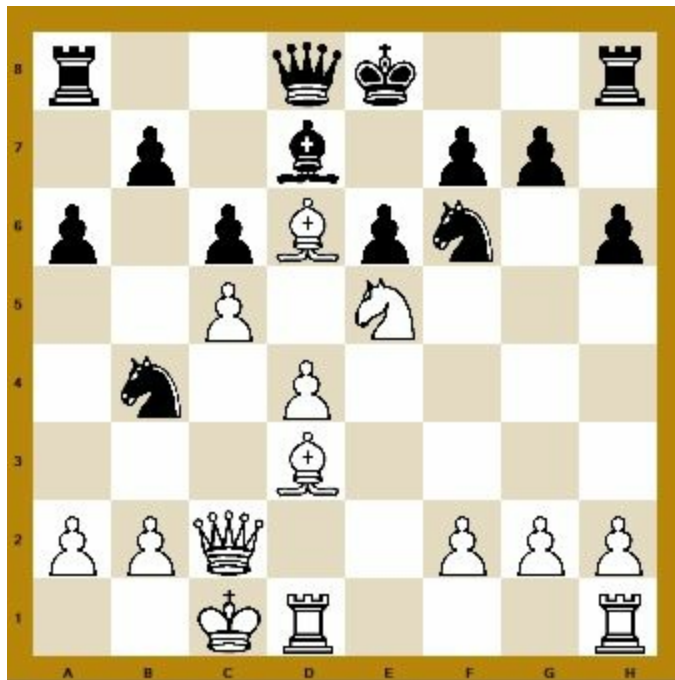
Alexander Alekhine - R. Mikulka

Olomouc simul blindfold 1925

18. ♖xf7!

18. ♖xf7 ♗xf7 19. ♗h6 White wins

Exercise 23



White to move

Solution 23



Alexander Alekhine - Rumjancev

Sarajevo simul 1931

19. ♖g6! ♜f8

19... ♜xc2 20. ♖xf7#

20. ♖xf7+ ♜xf7 21. ♜g6

Excercise 24



White to move

Solution 24



Alexander Alekhine - Jakob Adolf Seitz

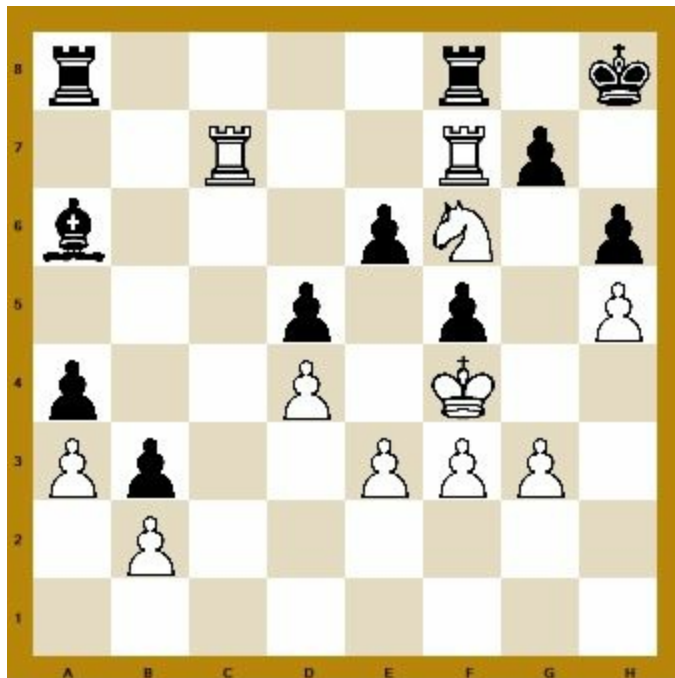
Hastings 1925

20. ♖e5+!

Black resigned here.

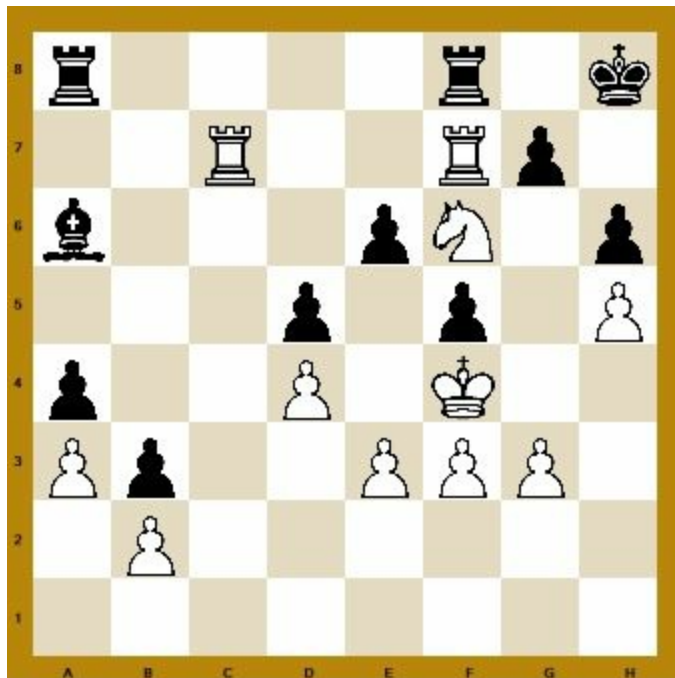
20... ♗xe5 21. ♖xf8+ ♔g7 22. ♖g8+! ♔f6 23. gxh3 White wins

Excercise 25



White to move

Solution 25



Alexander Alekhine - Yates

London 1922

37. ♖xg7! ♜xf6 38. ♔e5

Excercise 26



White to move

Solution 26



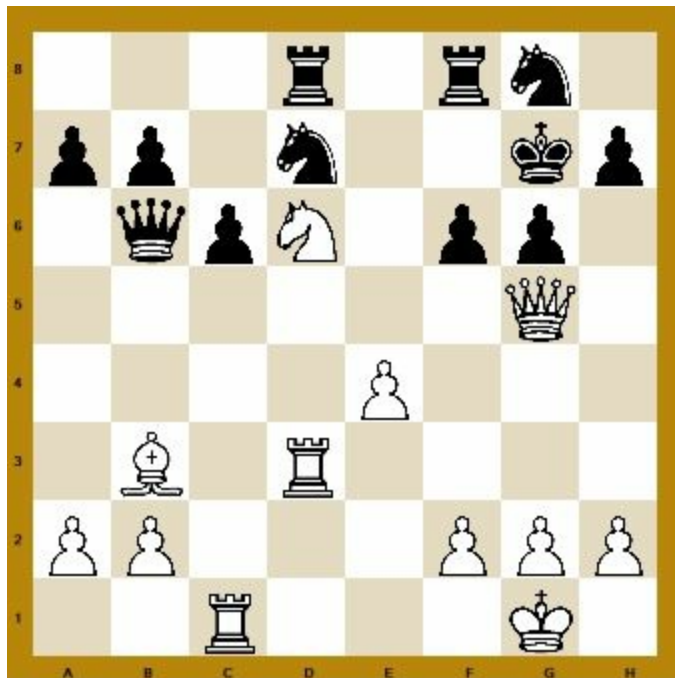
Alexander Alekhine - Edgard Colle

Paris 1925

30. ♔xd7! ♖xd7 31. ♖e8+ ♔h7 32. ♖cc8 ♖d8 33. ♖exd8

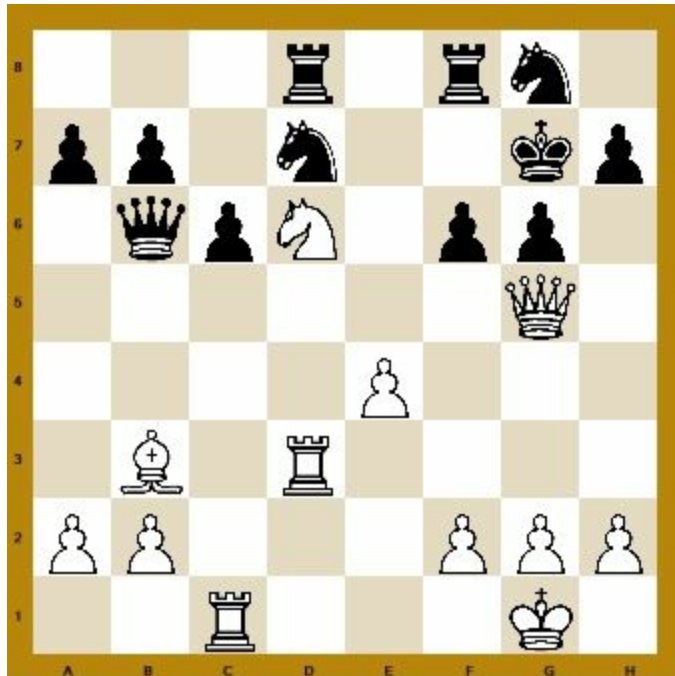
33. ♖cxd8? ♔c1+ 34. ♔g2 g5

Exercise 27



White to move

Solution 27



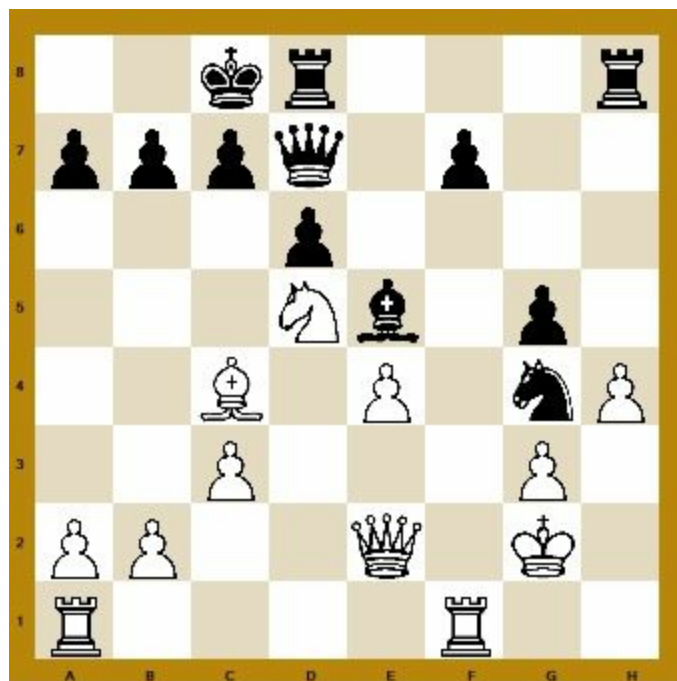
Alexander Alekhine - Emanuel Lasker

Zurich 1934

25. ♖f5+! ♔h8 26. ♕xg6!

26. ♕xg6! hxg6 27. ♖h3+ ♕h6 28. ♖xh6#

Excercise 28



White to move

Solution 28



Alexander Alekhine - Krotky

Tula simul 1910

20. ♖xf7! ♜xf7 21. ♘b6+ axb6 22. ♙xf7

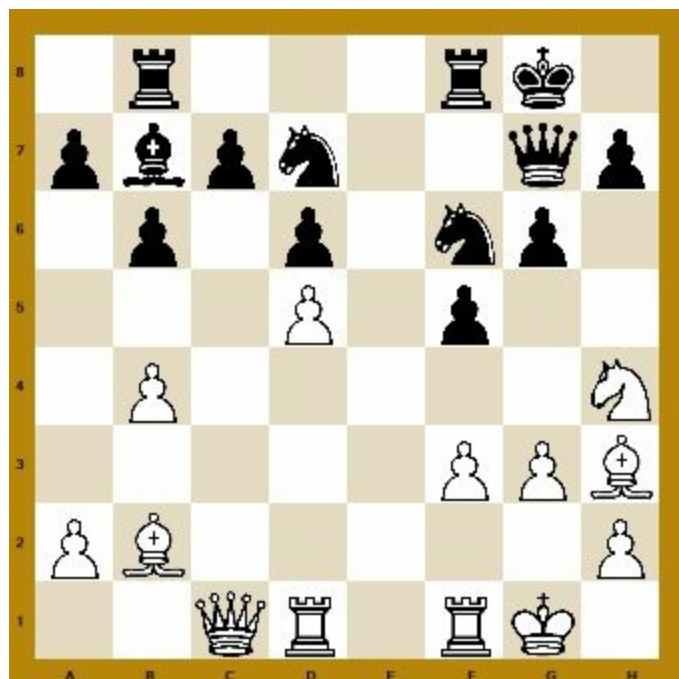
and White won.

Excercise 29



White to move

Solution 29



Alexander Alekhine - Conel Hughes Alexander

Nottingham 1936

22. ♖xf5! gxf5

22... ♔h8 was played in the game 23. ♕e6 ♖a6 24. ♜fe1 ♘e5 25. f4 ♙d3
26. ♜xd3 ♕xd3 27. g4 and Black resigned

23. ♘xf5 ♙g6

23... ♙f7 24. ♘h6+ White wins

24. ♘e7+ White wins

Excercise 30



White to move

Solution 30



Alexander Alekhine - Janos Gajdos

Dusseldorf 1908

32. ♖xe7! ♜xe7 33. ♘xd5+ ♔f8 34. ♘xa8

and White won.

Excercise 31



White to move

Solution 31



Alexander Alekhine - Martin Fischer

Tarnopol blindfold 1917

15. ♖f7!

15. ♖f7! ♔xf7 16. ♕xe6+! (16. ♖g5+ is also good) 16... ♔g6 (and Black resigned because of 16... ♕xe6 17. ♖g5#) (16... ♔f8 17. ♖g5 White wins) 17.g4! ♕e4 18. ♖h4#

Exercise 32



White to move

Solution 32



Alexander Alekhine - Supico

Lisbon simul 1941

20. ♔g6!

20. ♔g6! fxg6 21. ♖xg6+ hxg6 22. ♖h3+ ♔h4 23. ♖xh4#

Excercise 33



White to move

Solution 33



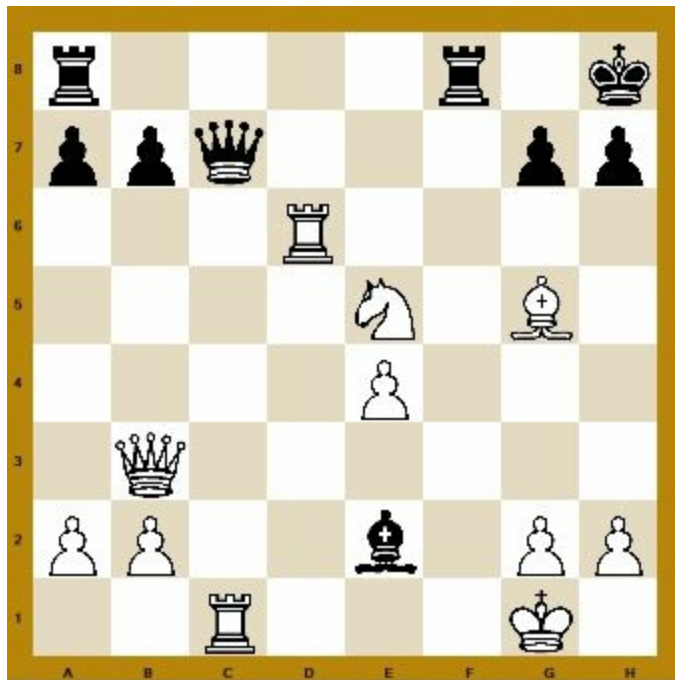
Alexander Alekhine - Efim Bogoljubow

Rastatt match blindfold 1914

19.d6! ♖e6 20.♖xe6 ♜xf8 21.dxc7

21.dxc7 ♜d6 22.♜xf8+ ♜xf8 23.♜xf8+ ♜xf8 24.c8=♔

Exercise 34



White to move

Solution 34



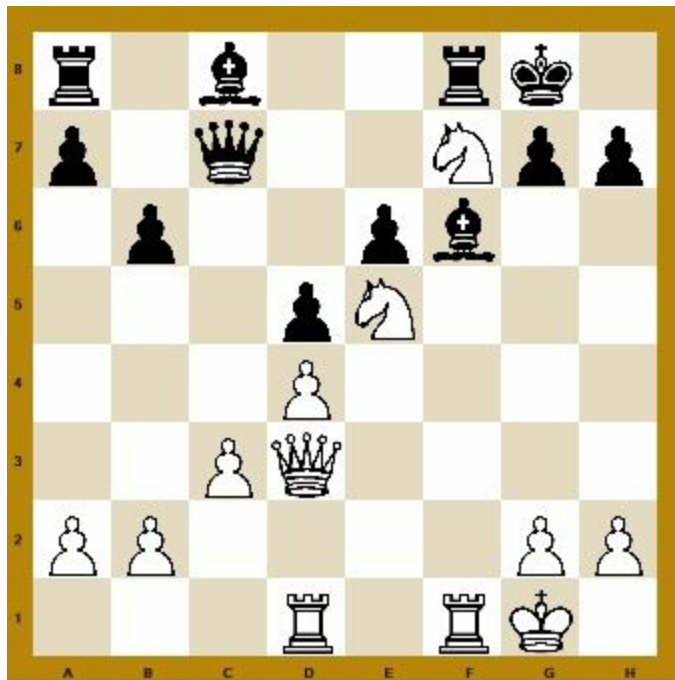
Alexander Alekhine - B. Verlinsky

Odessa 1918

24. ♔d1!

24. ♖xc7?? ♖f1#

Excercise 35



White to move

Solution 35



Alexander Alekhine - Rold Castiarena

Buenos Aires simul 1926

20. ♖xf6! ♔e7

20...gxf6 21. ♔g3#

21. ♖h6 gxh6

21...g6 22. ♖xg6+ hxg6 23. ♔xg6#

22. ♔g3+

Excercise 36



White to move

Solution 36



Alexander Alekhine - Harry Borochoff

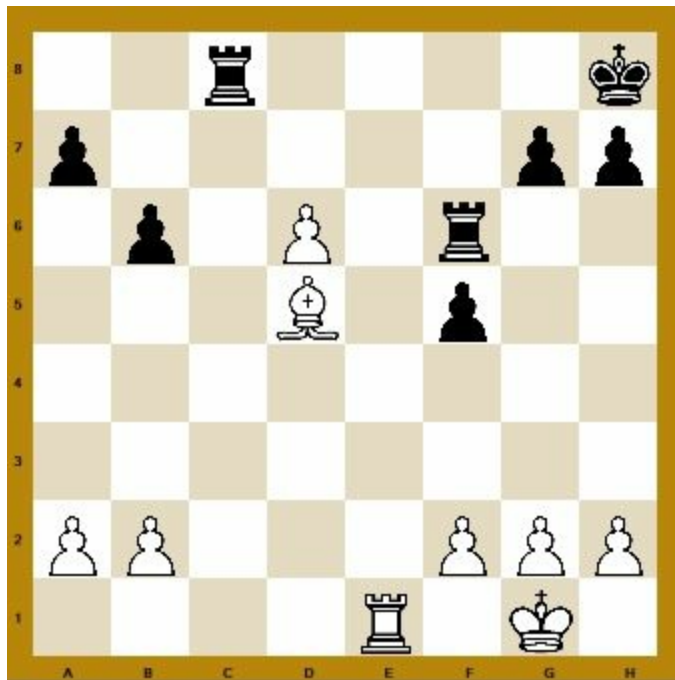
Hollywood simul 1932

24. ♖e6!

Black resigned here.

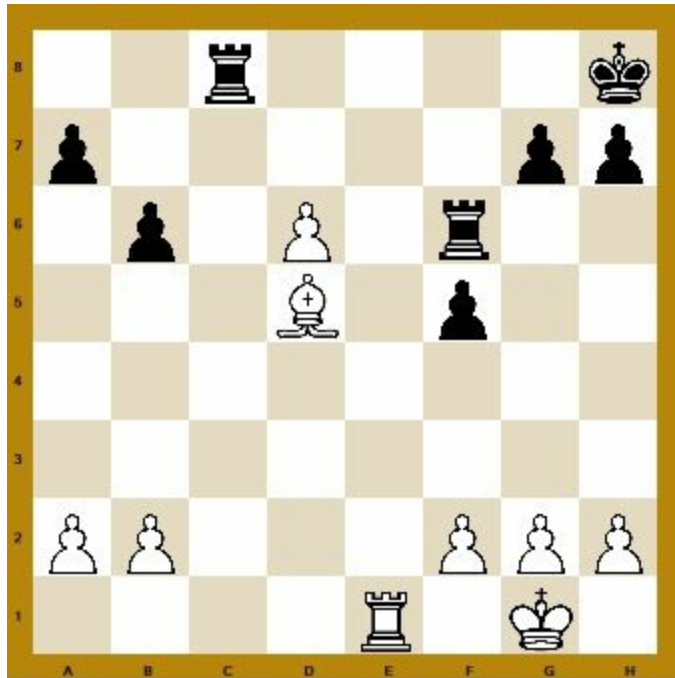
24... ♙xe6 25. ♜xh7+ ♚xh7 26. ♖h3+ ♙h4 27. ♖hxh4#

Excercise 37



White to move

Solution 37



Alexander Alekhine - Pen

Odessa simul 1918

25.d7! ♖d8 26.♖e8+ ♜f8 27.♕f7!

27.♕f7! g6 28.♖xf8+ ♜xf8 29.♕e8 White wins

Exercise 38



White to move

Solution 38



Alexander Alekhine - A. Frieman

New York simul 1924

22. ♖xf6! ♔xf6

22...gxf6 23. ♕h6 ♕f8 24. ♖e8 ♕xe8 25. ♕g7#

23. ♖e8+ ♗f8 24. ♗h6+ ♕xh6 25. ♖xf8+ ♔xf8 26. ♕d8#

Excercise 39



White to move

Solution 39



Alexander Alekhine - Manfred Schroeder

New York simul blindfold 1924

12.d5! ♚b6 13. ♘c4! ♚b4

13... ♚a6 14. ♘d6+ White wins

13... ♚c5 14. ♙e3 ♚b4 15.a3 White wins

14.a3

14.a3 ♚c5 15. ♙e3 (and Black resigned. 15.b4 is also good)

Excercise 40



White to move

Solution 40



Alexander Alekhine - Saviely Tartakower

Hamburg 1910

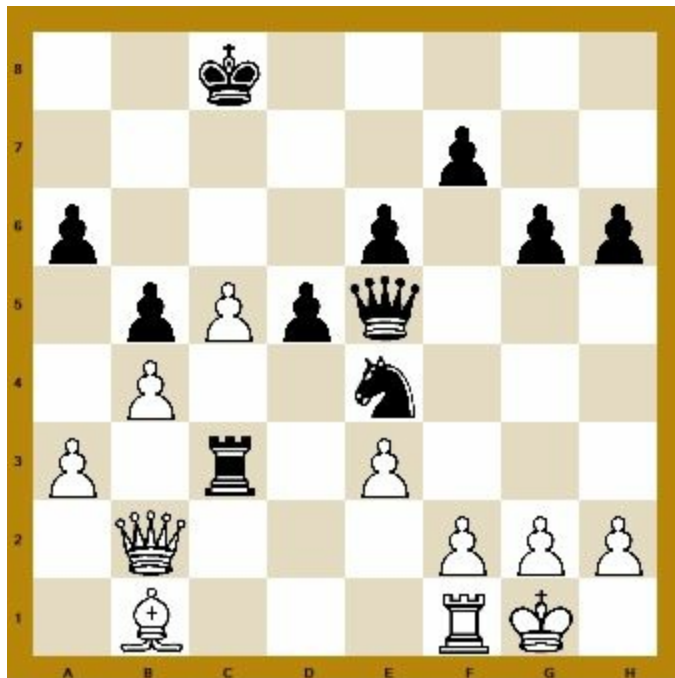
21. ♖d5+! ♔e8

21...exd5 22. ♖ae1+ ♔d6 23. ♖xf8 White wins

22. ♗xc7+ ♔e7 23. ♗d5+!

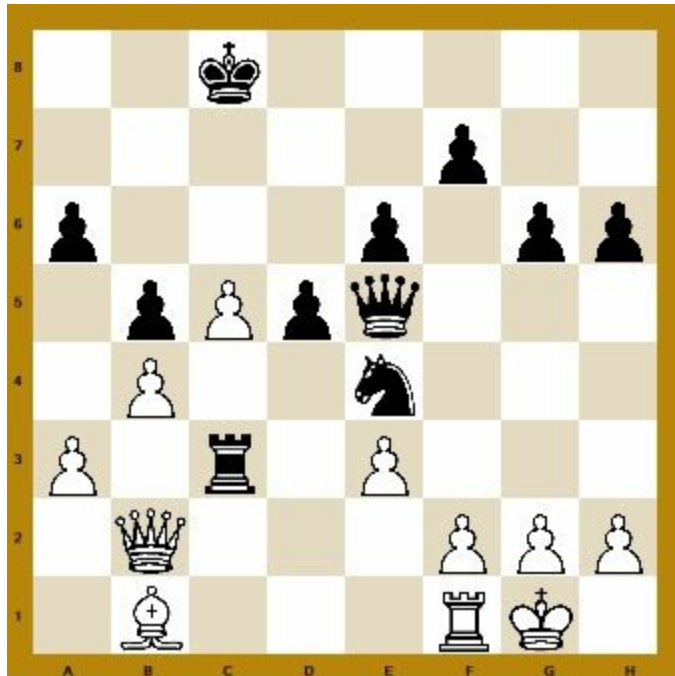
and White won.

Excercise 41



White to move

Solution 41



Alexander Alekhine - Jose Raul Capablanca

Buenos Aires Wch 1927 (12)

37.f4! ♔g7

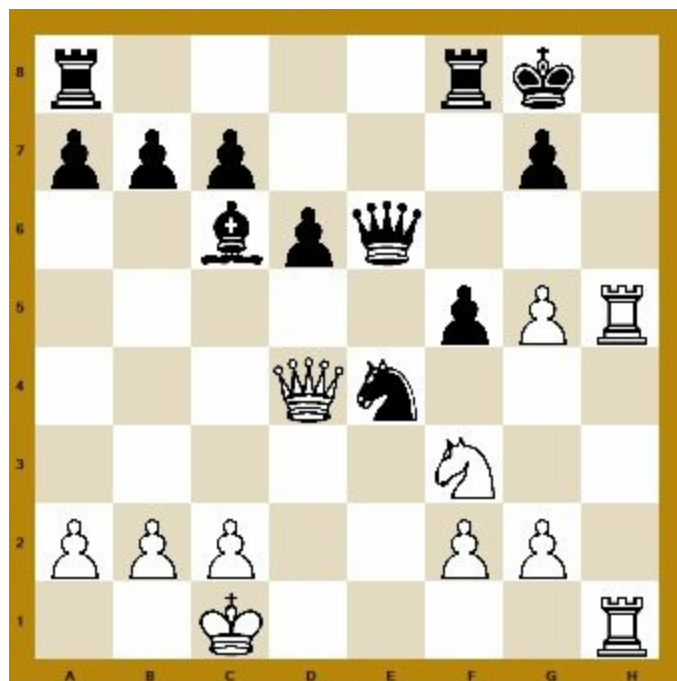
37... ♕f6 38. ♖xe4 dxe4 39. ♖f2 ♔c7 40. ♖c2 White wins

38. ♖xe4 dxe4 39. ♖f2

39. ♖f2 was played in the game 39... ♕f6 40.g3 g5 41. ♖c1 and Black resigned because of 41...gxf4 42. ♖xc3! (42. ♕xc3 fxg3+ 43. ♖xg3 ♕f3+ 44. ♖h4 ♕f2+) (42.exf4?? ♖f3+ Black wins) 42...fxg3+ 43. ♖g1! (43. ♖e1? gxh2 Black wins) (43. ♖xg3 ♕f3+ 44. ♖h4 ♕f6+) 43...gxh2+ 44. ♖xh2 ♕h4+ 45. ♖g2 ♕g4+ 46. ♖f1 ♕f3+ 47. ♖e1 ♕h1+ 48. ♖d2 White wins Alekhine

39... ♔c7 40. ♖c2 White wins

Excercise 42



White to move

Solution 42



Alexander Alekhine - Hulscher

Amsterdam simul 1933

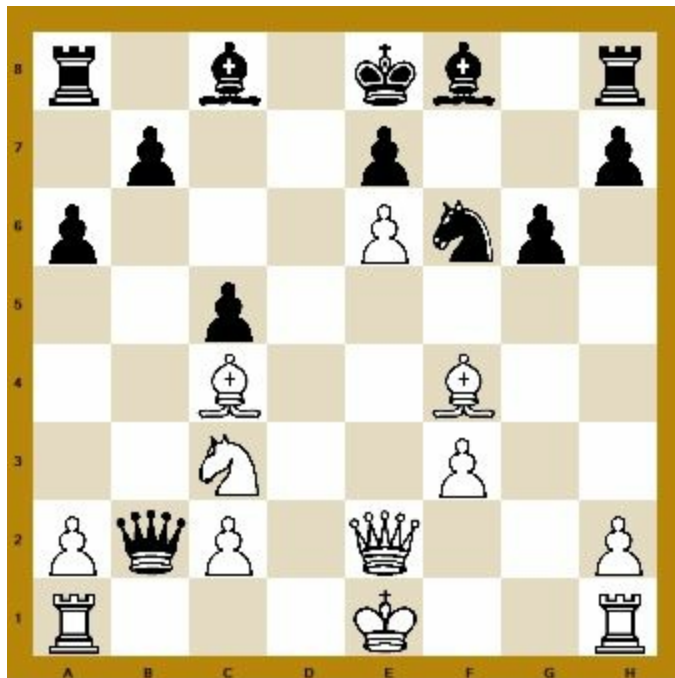
16. ♘e5! dxe5

16... ♙xe5 17.g6 White wins

17.g6!

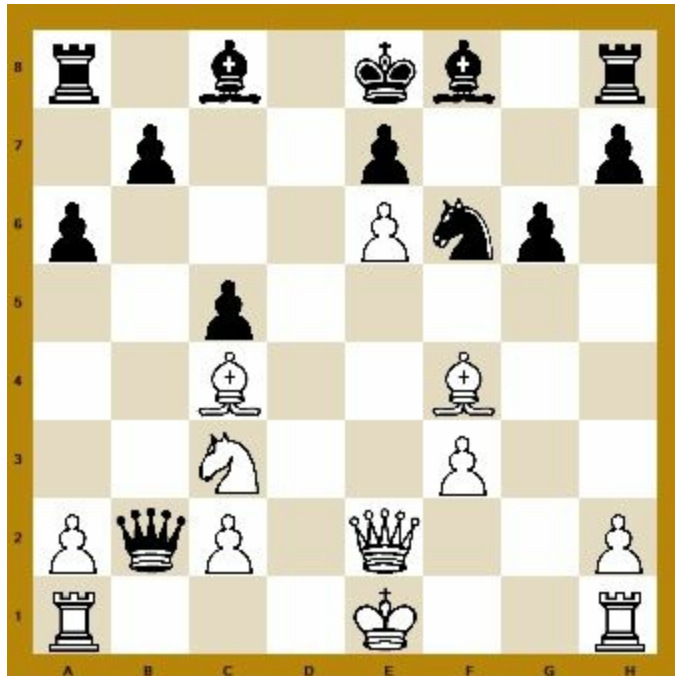
17.g6! ♙xg6 18. ♙c4+ ♖f7 19. ♖h8#

Excercise 43



White to move

Solution 43



Alexander Alekhine - Grigory Levenfish

St Petersburg 1912

15. ♖b5! ♜xa1+

15...axb5 16. ♙xb5+ ♚d8 17. ♖d1+ ♙d7 18. ♙e5 ♜b4+ 19.c3 White wins

16. ♚f2 ♜xh1 17. ♙c7+

17. ♙c7+ ♚d8 18. ♜d2+ ♙d7 19.exd7 and Black resigned. 19...e5 (19... ♙xd7 20. ♙e6 White wins) 20. ♙e6+ ♜e7 21.d8=♜+ ♜xd8 22. ♜xd8+ ♜f7 23. ♙xf8+ (23. ♙c7+ is also good 23... ♜g7 24. ♜d7+ ♙xd7 25. ♙e8#) 23... ♜g7 24. ♜e7#

Excercise 44



White to move

Solution 44



Alexander Alekhine - Vasily Rozanov

Moscow 1908

14. ♖xh4! ♜xh4 15. ♘g5 ♜h1+ 16. ♔d2

16. ♔e2? ♜h5+ Black wins

16... ♜xg2 17. ♘f6 ♜xg5+ 18. ♘xg5

and White won.

Excercise 45



White to move

Solution 45



Alexander Alekhine - J. Prat

Paris simul 1913

22. ♔h5+!

Black resigned here.

22... ♖xh5 23. fxe6+ ♔g6 24. ♙c2+ ♔g5 25. ♜f5+ ♔g6 26. ♜f6+ ♔g5
27. ♜g6+ ♔h4 28. ♜e4+

28. ♜e4+ ♖f4 29. ♜xf4+ (29. g3+ is also good) 29... ♔h5 30. g3 (30. ♜g3 is also good 30... ♜xe6 (30... ♙xe6 31. ♙g6#) 31. ♙d1#) 30... a3 31. ♜h4#

Excercise 46



White to move

Solution 46



Alexander Alekhine - Akiba Rubinstein

Karlsbad 1923

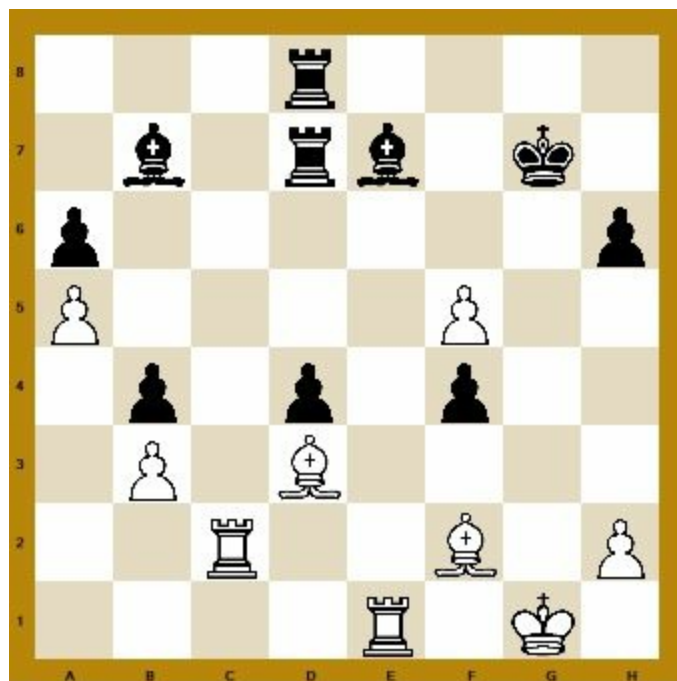
25. ♕g6! ♔e5

25...fxg6 26. ♔e4 (26. ♕g2 is also good) 26...♖d6 27. ♕h4+ ♔g8
28. ♕h7+ ♔f8 29. ♕h8+ ♔e7 30. ♕xg7+ ♔e8 31. ♕g8+ ♖f8 32. ♕xg6+
♔e7 33. ♕xe6#

26. ♖xf7+ ♖xf7 27. ♖xf7

27. ♖xf7 ♕f5 28. ♖fd1 ♖xd1+ 29. ♖xd1 ♕xf7 30. ♕xc8 ♔h7 31. ♕xa6
♕f3 32. ♕d3+ and Black resigned.

Excercise 47



White to move

Solution 47



Alexander Alekhine - Efim Bogoljubow

Villingen Wch 1934 (4)

52. ♖xe7+! ♜xe7 53. ♙h4! ♚f7

53... ♜ed7 54. ♙xd8 ♜xd8 55. ♜c7+ White wins

53... ♜de8 54.f6+ White wins

54. ♙xe7 ♚xe7 55. ♜c7+ ♜d7 56.f6+ ♚e8

56... ♚d6 57.f7 White wins

56... ♚e6 57. ♙f5+ White wins (57.f7 ♜xf7 58. ♙c4+ White wins)

57. ♙g6+!

57.f7+ ♜xf7 58. ♙g6 ♙d5

57...♔d8 58.f7 ♔xc7 59.f8=♖

59.f8=♖ f3 60.♖xb4 ♖d6 61.♙d3 and Black resigned.

Excercise 48



White to move

Solution 48



Alexander Alekhine - Efim Bogoljubow

Baden-Baden Wch 1934 (2)

33.h4+! ♔ f4

33... ♔ g4 34. ♕ xg6+ ♔ f4 35. ♖ xf5+ ♖ xf5 36. ♕ xf5#

33... ♕ xh4 34. ♕ xh4+ ♔ xh4 35. ♖ xe5 White wins

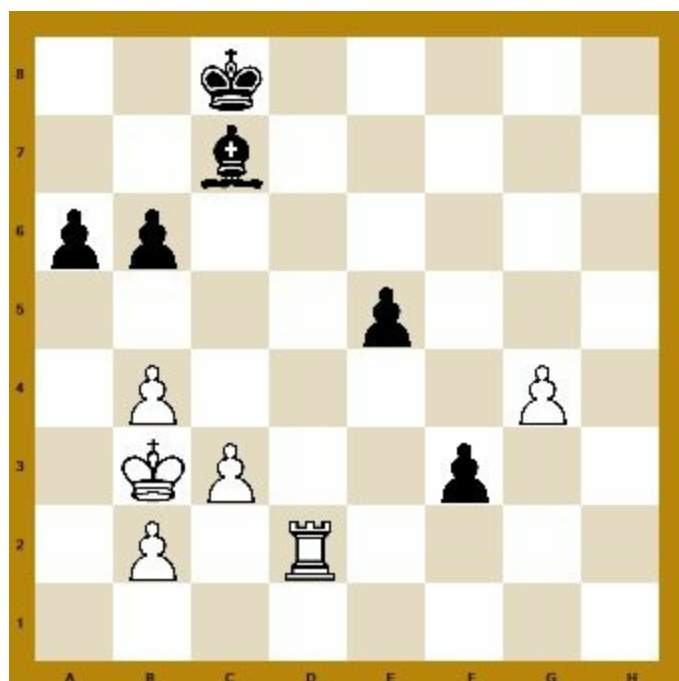
34. ♕ h6+ g5

34... ♔ g4 35. ♕ g5#

35. ♖ xf5+ ♖ xf5 36. ♕ d6+ ♔ g4 37. ♖ xf5+

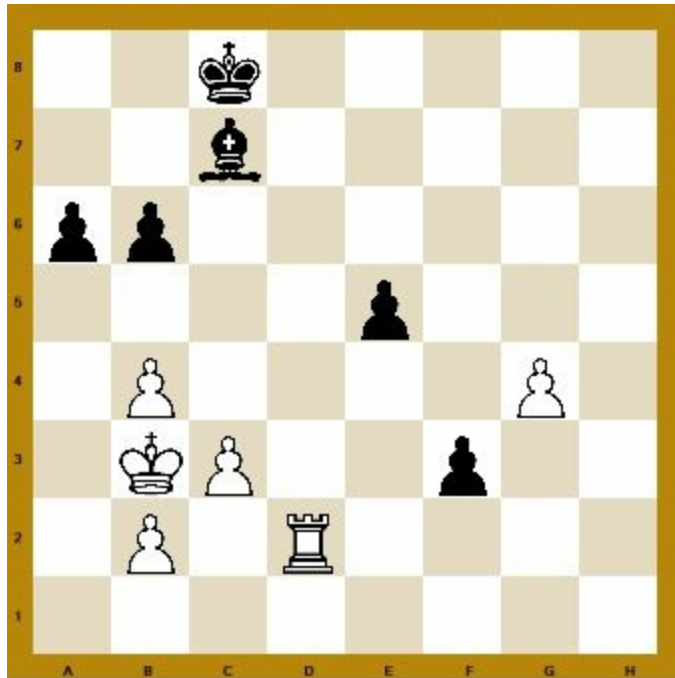
37. ♖ xf5+ ♔ xf5 38. ♕ e6+ ♔ f4 39. ♕ f6+ (39. ♕ e5+ ♔ g4 40. ♕ xg5#)
39... ♔ g4 40. ♕ xg5#

Excercise 49



White to move

Solution 49



Alexander Alekhine - S. Tartakower

Vienna 1922

36. ♖d5! e4

36...f2 37. ♖d1 White wins

37. ♖f5 ♙g3 38.g5

and White won.

Exercise 50



White to move

Solution 50



Alexander Alekhine - Oldrich Duras

St Petersburg 1913

22.g4! ♙d6 23. ♘xf7 ♖xf7 24. ♙f5! g6 25. ♙e6 ♔g7 26. ♙xf7+

26. ♙xf7+ ♔h6 27. ♙e6 and Black resigned.

Exercise 51



Black to move

Solution 51

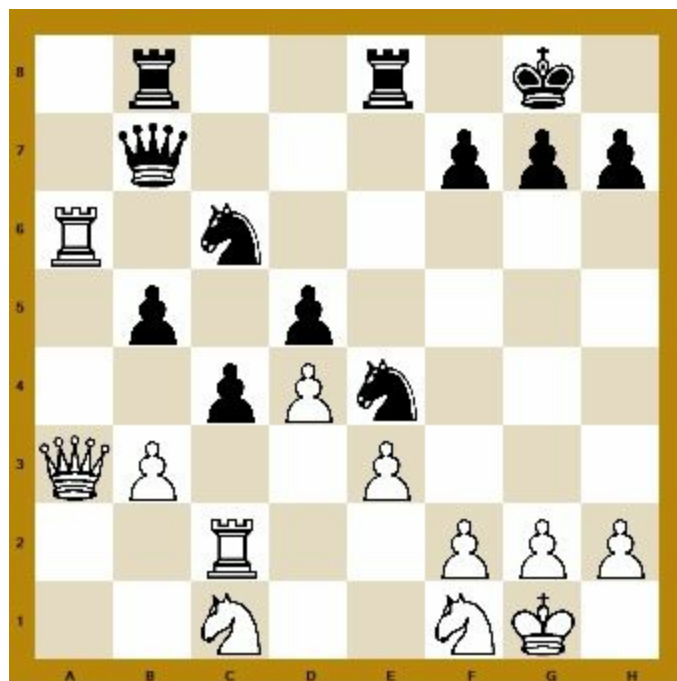


Edward Guthlac Sergeant - Alexander Alekhine

Hastings 1926

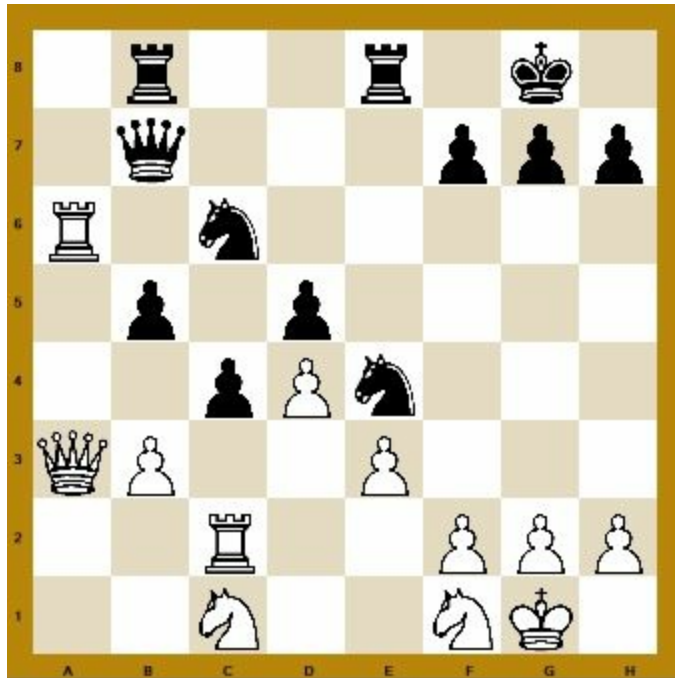
27... ♖c5!

Excercise 52



Black to move

Solution 52



James Allan Anderson - Alexander Alekhine

St Louis simul

24... ♖b4! 25. ♕xb4 ♜xa6

and Black won.

Exercise 53



Black to move

Solution 53

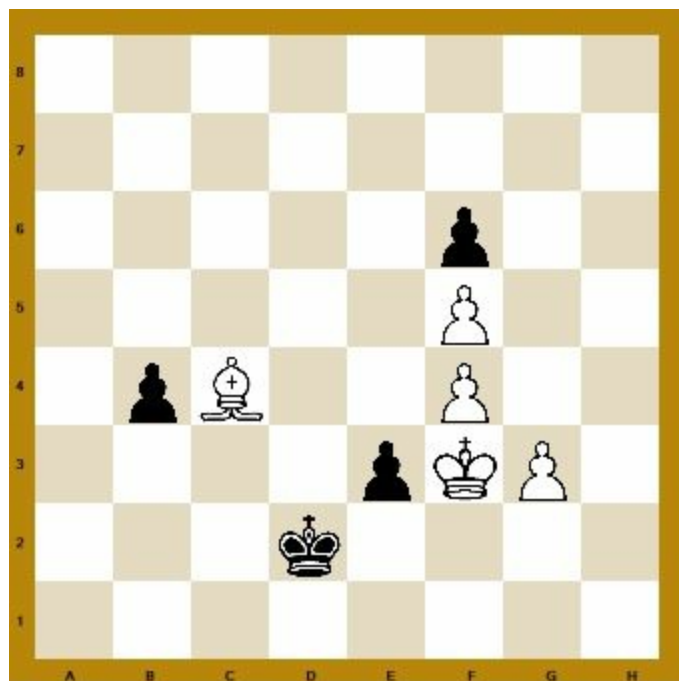


Ernst Gruenfeld - Alexander Alekhine

Bad Pistyan 1922

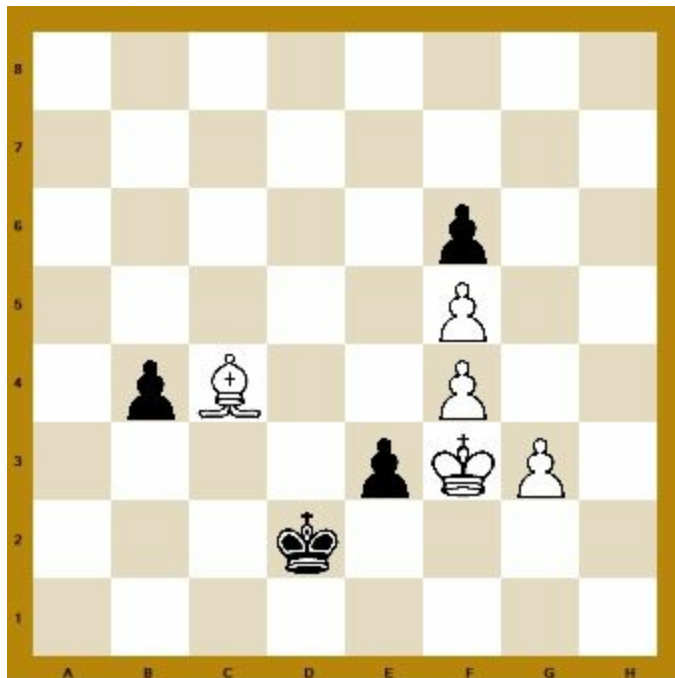
34... ♖b8!

Excercise 54



Black to move

Solution 54

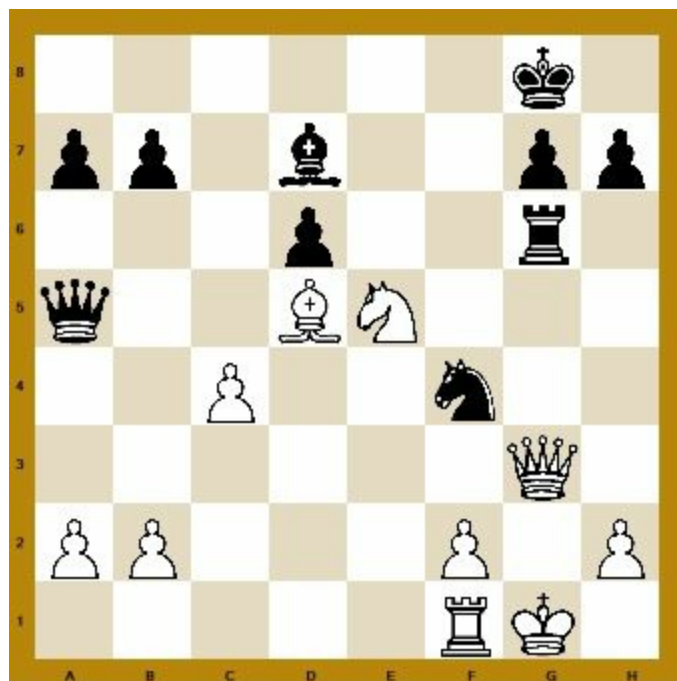


Akiba Rubinstein - Alexander Alekhine

London 1922

61...b3! 62. ♖xb3 e2

Excercise 55



Black to move

Solution 55



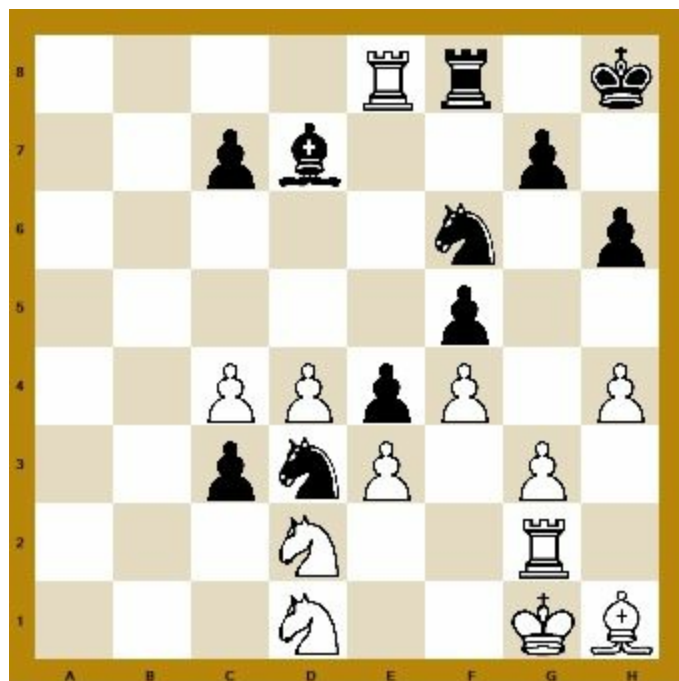
Max Euwe - Alexander Alekhine

Amsterdam match 1927 (10)

26... ♔xd5! 27.cxd5 ♖e2+

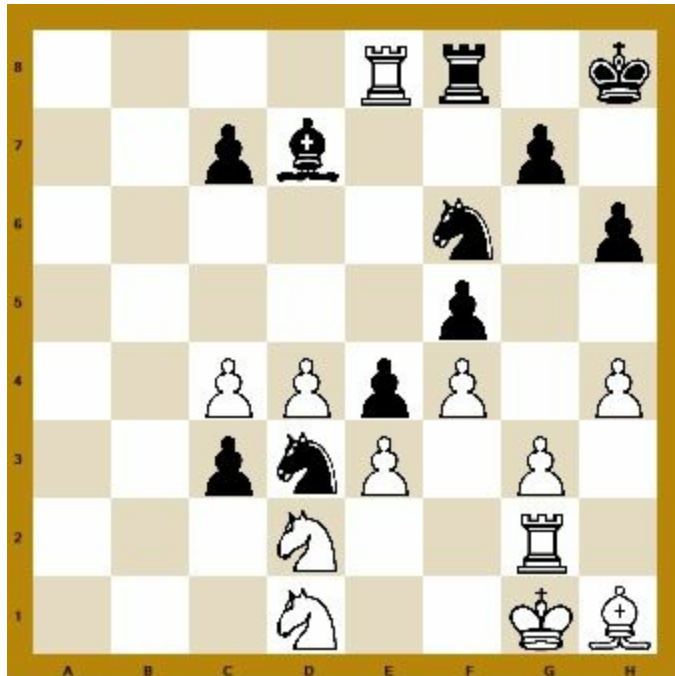
27... ♖e2+ 28. ♔g2 ♖xg3 29. ♖xg6 (29.hxg3 dxe5 Black wins) 29... ♖xf1
30. ♖e7+ (30. ♔xf1 hxg6 Black wins) 30... ♔f7 31. ♔xf1 ♖xe7 Black
wins

Excercise 56



Black to move

Solution 56



Efim Bogoljubow - Alexander Alekhine

Hastings 1922

31...c2! 32. ♖xf8+ ♔h7 33. ♞f2 c1=♚+

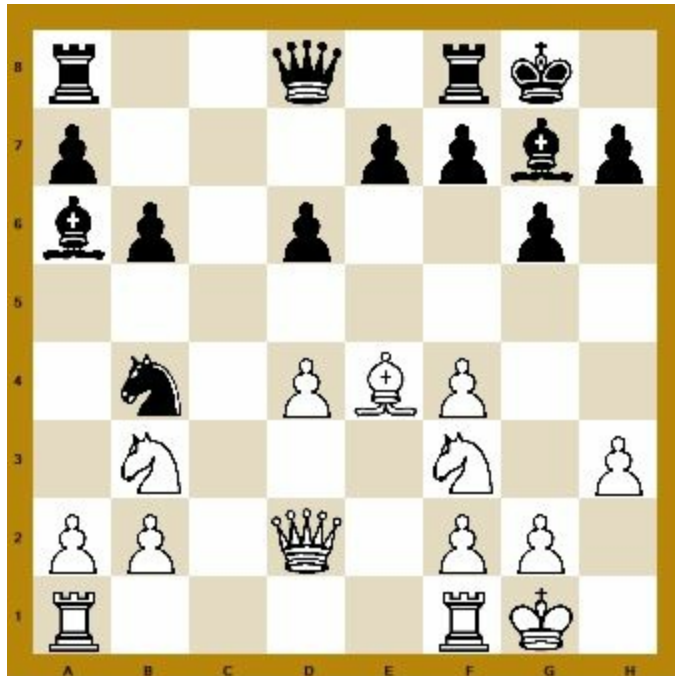
and Black won.

Exercise 57



Black to move

Solution 57



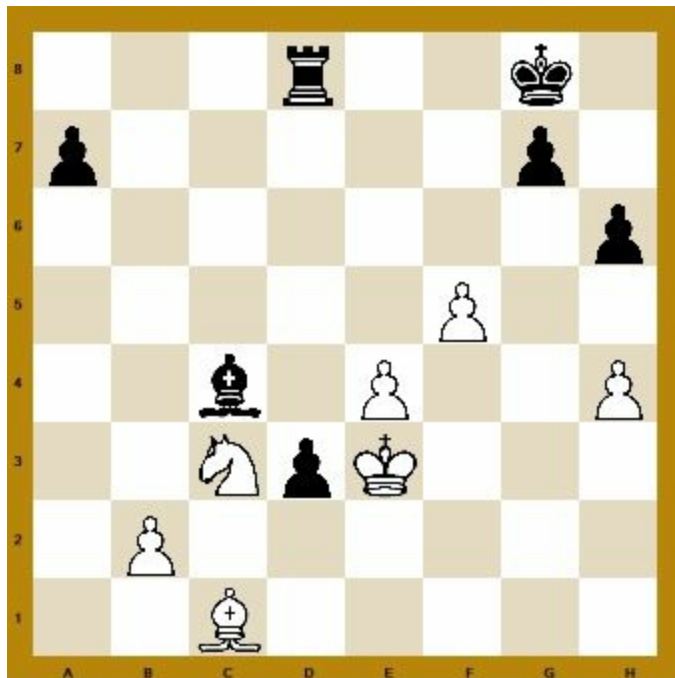
Walter Michel - Alexander Alekhine

Semmering 1926

15...d5! 16. ♖b1 ♗xf1

and Black won.

Excercise 58



Black to move

Solution 58



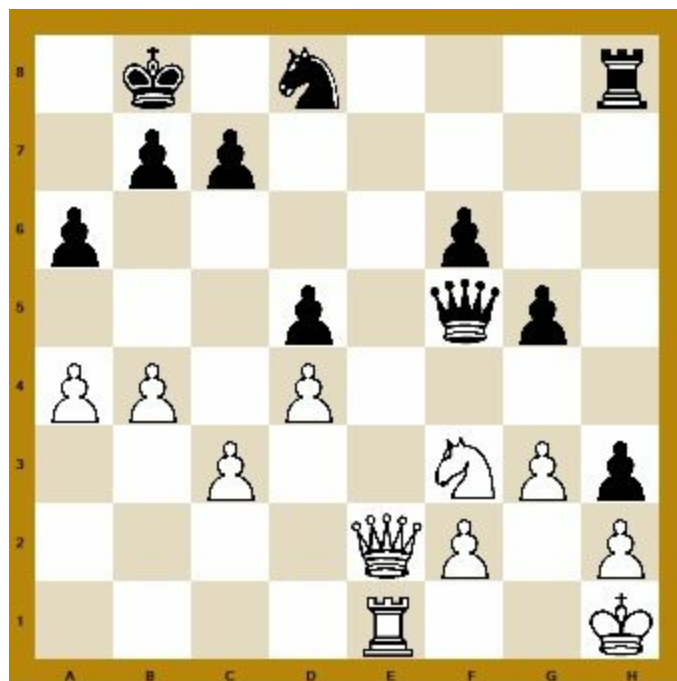
Climenson Yelverton Dawbarn - Alexander Alekhine

Scarborough 1926

41...d2!

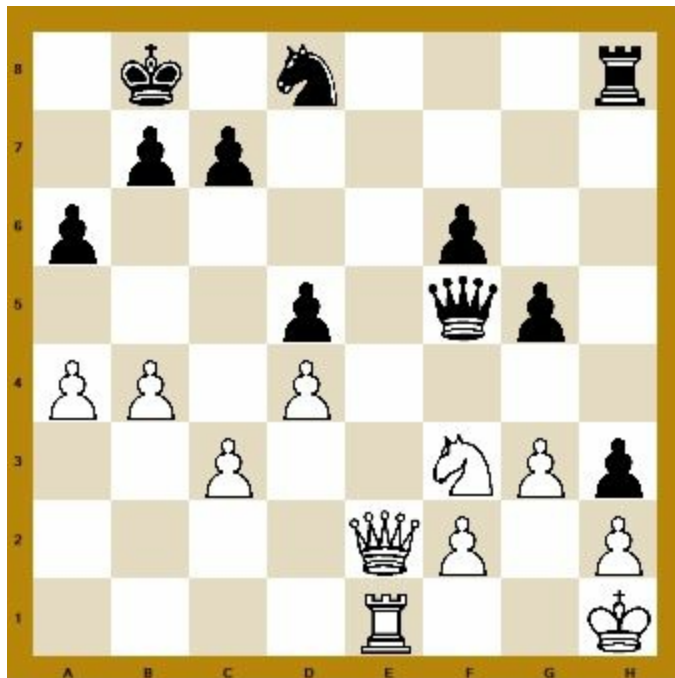
41...d2! 42. ♙xd2 ♜d3+ 43. ♚e2 (43. ♚f4 ♜xd2 Black wins) 43... ♜xc3+
Black wins

Excercise 59



Black to move

Solution 59



Karel Opocensky - Alexander Alekhine

Paris 1925

25... ♖e8!

25... ♖e8! 26. ♕xe8 ♗xf3+ 27. ♔g1 ♗g2#

Excercise 60



Black to move

Solution 60



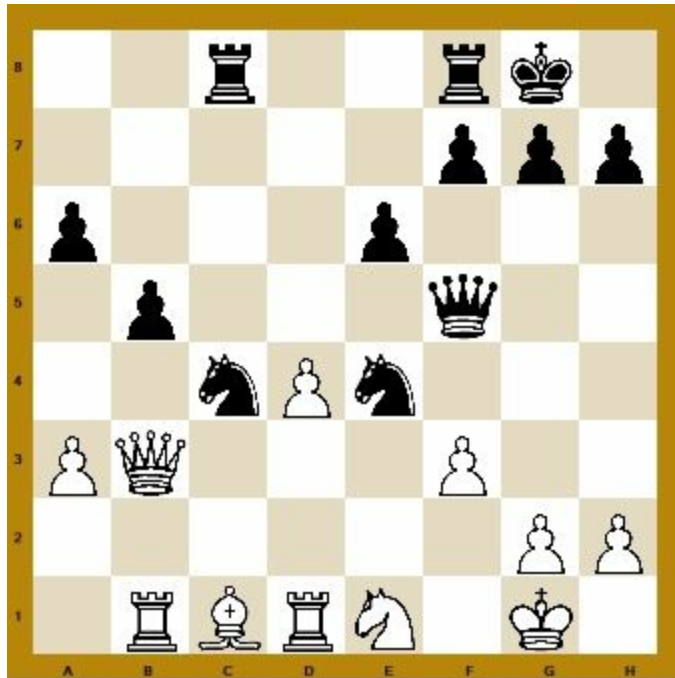
Adolf Jay Fink - Alexander Alekhine

Pasadena 1932

14... ♖b5!

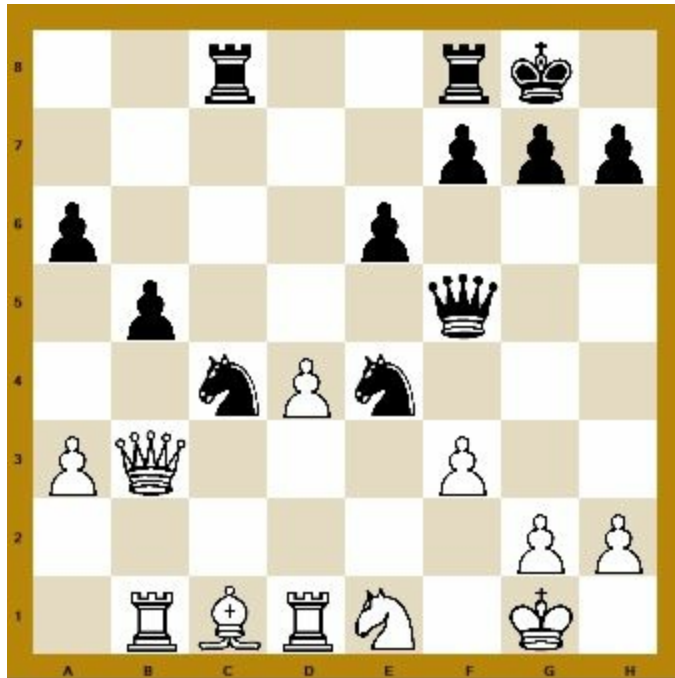
14... ♖b5! 15.axb5? ♔xe2#

Excercise 61



Black to move

Solution 61



Adolf Staehelin - Alexander Alekhine

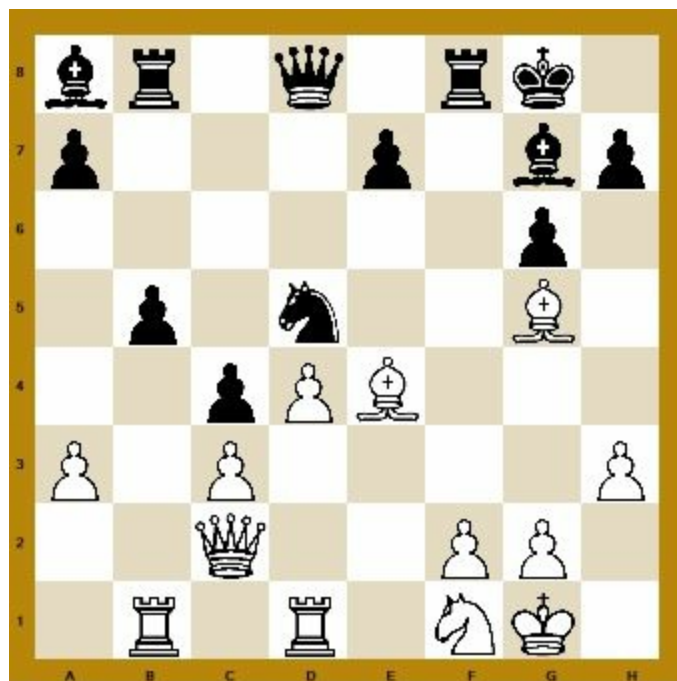
Bern 1932

21... ♖c3!

White resigned here.

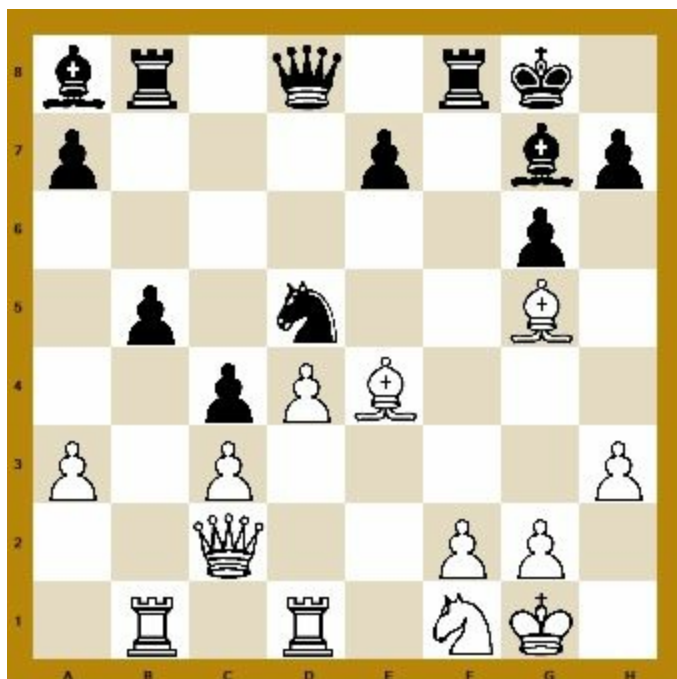
22. ♔xc3 ♕xb1 Black wins

Excercise 62



Black to move

Solution 62



Ossip Bernstein - Alexander Alekhine

Vilnius 1912

21... ♖xc3! 22. ♙xa8

22. ♙xg6 ♜d5 Black wins was played in the game

22. ♜xc3 ♙xe4

22... ♖xb1 Black wins

Excercise 63



Black to move

Solution 63



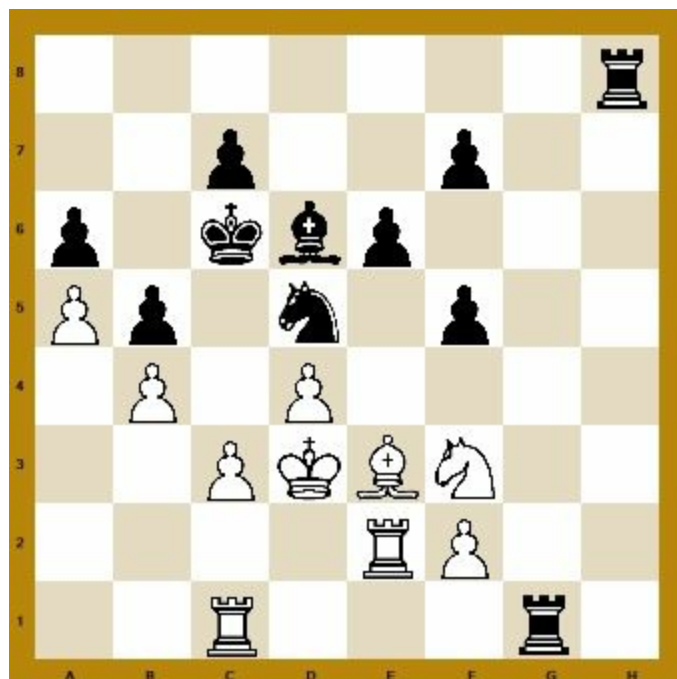
Jose Raul Capablanca - Alexander Alekhine

Buenos Aires Wch 1927 (21)

32... ♖xe3!

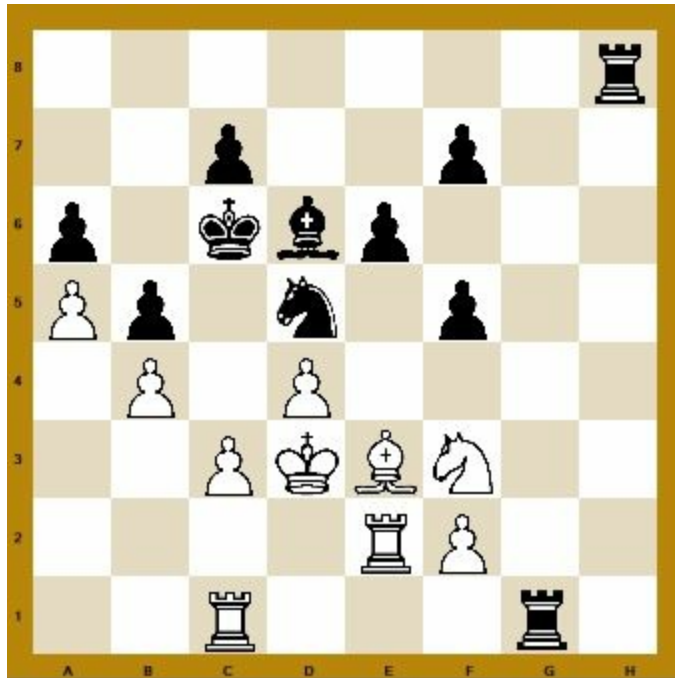
32... ♖xe3! 33. ♔xd5 ♖xd5 34.fxe3 ♗xe3+ Black wins

Exercise 64



Black to move

Solution 64

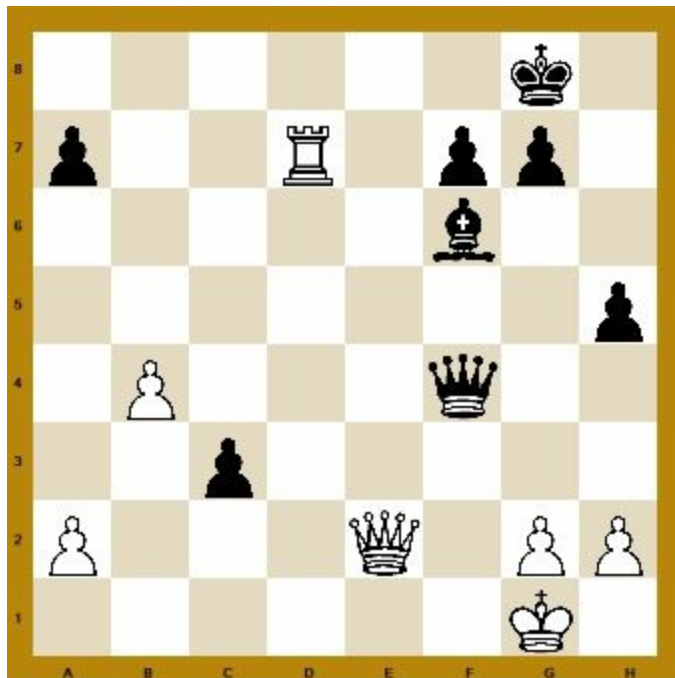


Jacques Mieses - Alexander Alekhine

Baden-Baden 1925

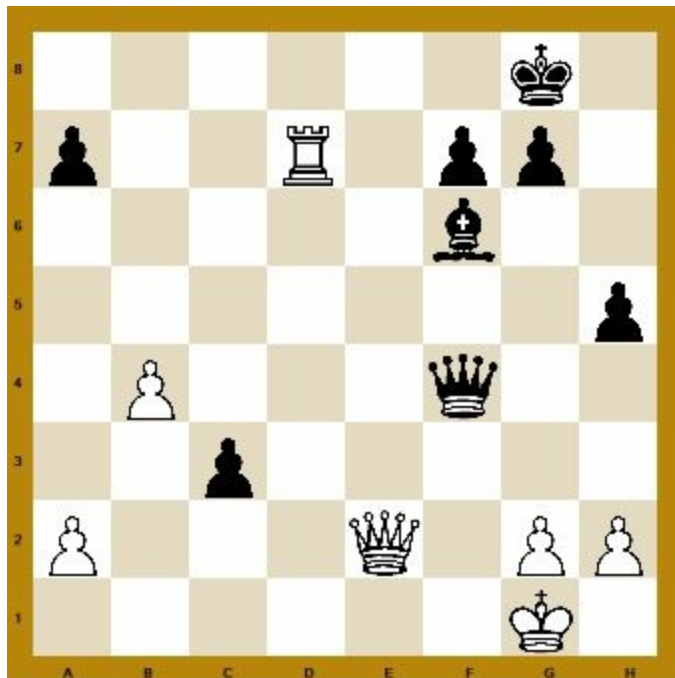
33... ♖xc1! 34. ♙xc1 ♖h3

Exercise 65



Black to move

Solution 65



Hans Kmoch - Alexander Alekhine

Kecskemet 1927

29... ♖d4+! 30. ♔h1 ♚c1+

Excercise 66



Black to move

Solution 66



Edgard Colle - Alexander Alekhine

San Remo 1930

27... ♖xd4+! 28. ♖xd4 ♖xd4

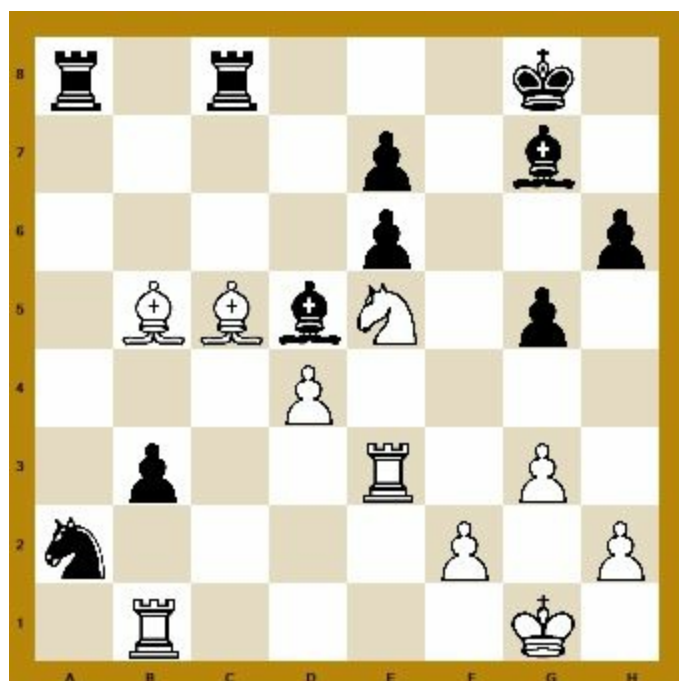
28... ♖xd4 29. ♗xe6 (29. ♗xd4 ♗xe1#) 29... fxe6 Black wins

Excercise 67



Black to move

Solution 67



Jacob Bernstein - Alexander Alekhine

Karlsbad 1923

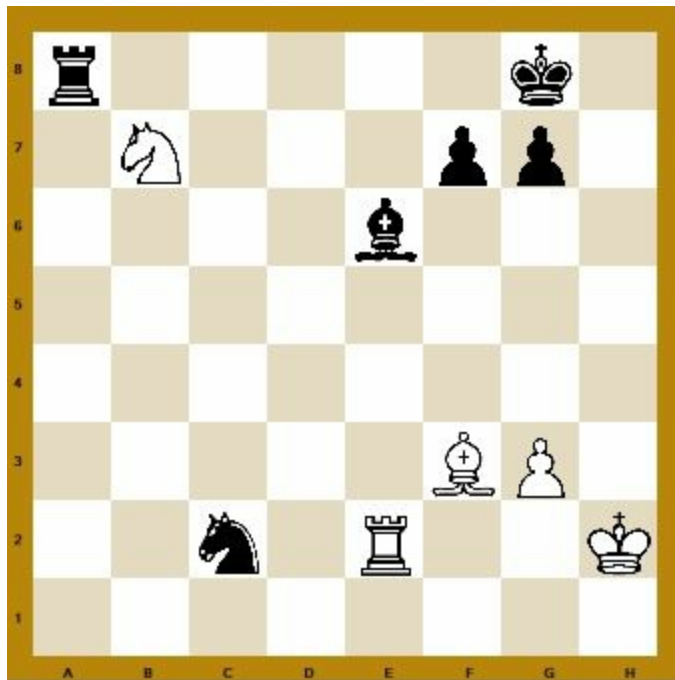
40... ♕xe5! 41. ♖xe5

41.dxe5 ♜xc5 Black wins

41... ♘c3 42. ♕d3 ♘xb1

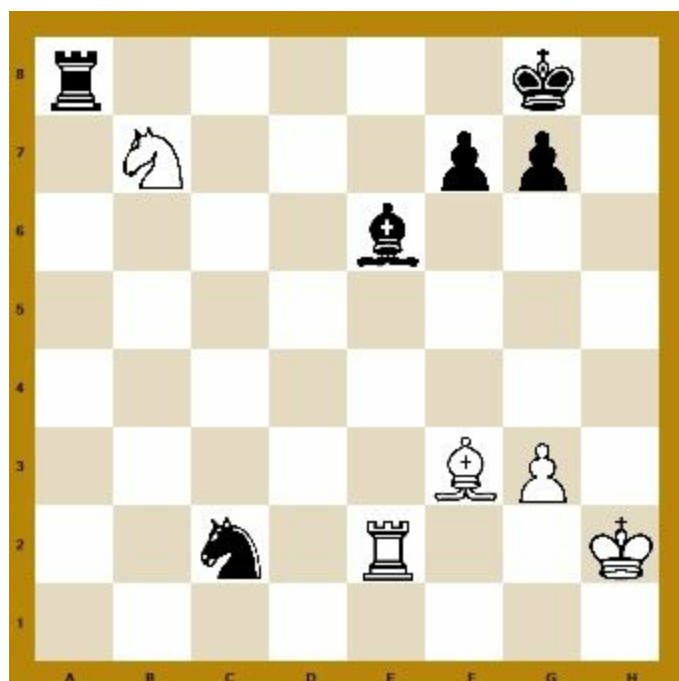
42... ♘xb1 Black wins 43. ♕xb1 ♜a1 and White resigned.

Excercise 68



Black to move

Solution 68



Richard Reti - Alexander Alekhine

Baden-Baden 1925

40... ♖d4! 41. ♔e3

41. ♖f2 was played in the game 41... ♖xf3+ (41... ♖a2 42. ♖xa2 ♖xf3+ 43. ♔g2 ♖xa2 44. ♔xf3 ♖d5+ Black wins is also good) 42. ♖xf3 ♖d5 and Black resigned.

41... ♖xf3+ 42. ♖xf3 ♖d5 Black wins

Excercise 69



Black to move

Solution 69

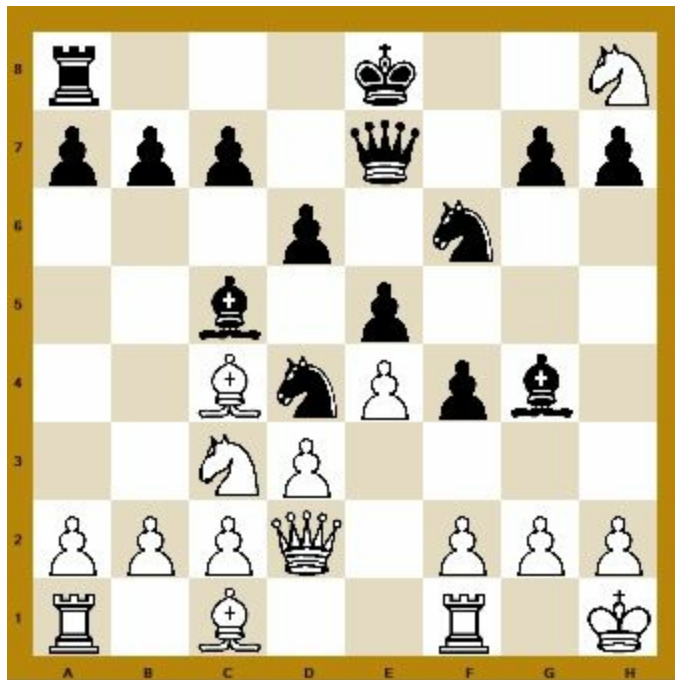


Joaquin Torres Caravaca - Alexander Alekhine

Seville simul 1922

28... ♕xh3! 29.gxh3 ♖f2+ 30. ♔g1 ♖xh3#

Excercise 70



Black to move

Solution 70



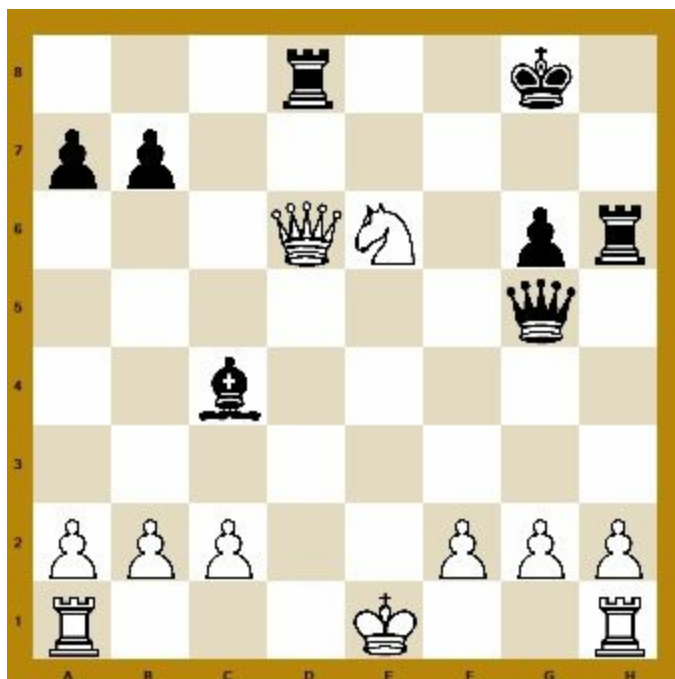
Abrahamer - Alexander Alekhine

Czechoslovakia simul 1925

11... ♖f3!

11... ♖f3! 12.gxf3 (12. ♔d1 ♖xh2 Black wins) 12... ♕xf3+ 13. ♔g1 ♖d5 (13... ♕d7 is even better) 14. ♖e2 ♕h4 15. ♕xd5 ♕g4+ 16. ♖g3 ♕h3 and White resigned.

Exercise 71



Black to move

Solution 71



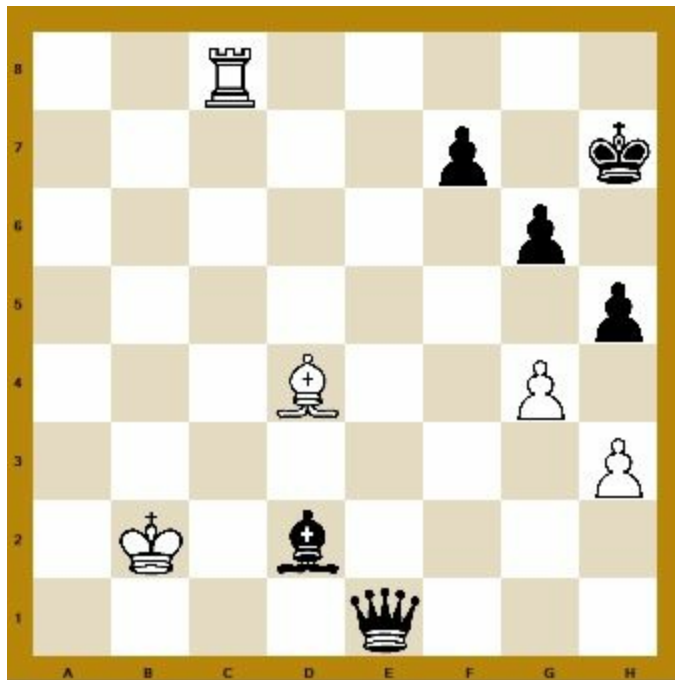
SV. Gaidukevich - Alexander Alekhine

Kislovodsk 1907

19... ♔a5+! 20.b4 ♖xd6

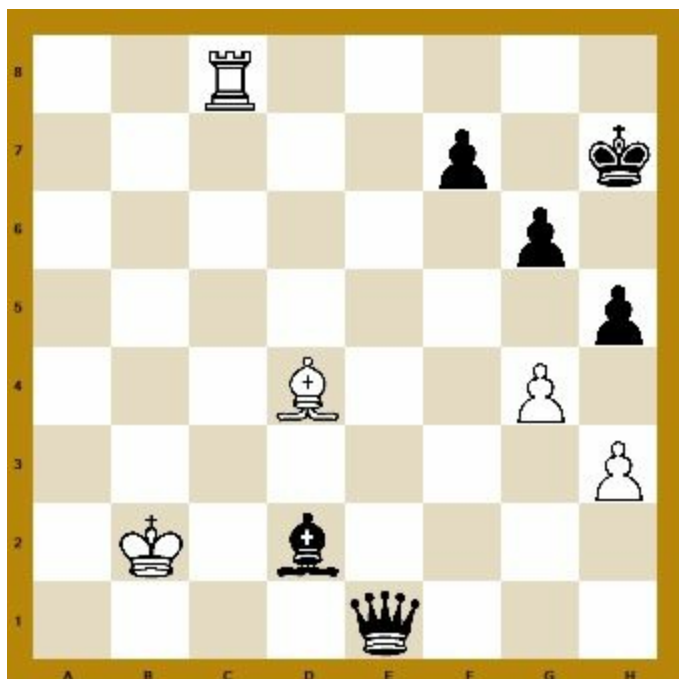
20... ♖xd6 21.bxa5 ♖xe6+ and White resigned.

Exercise 72



Black to move

Solution 72



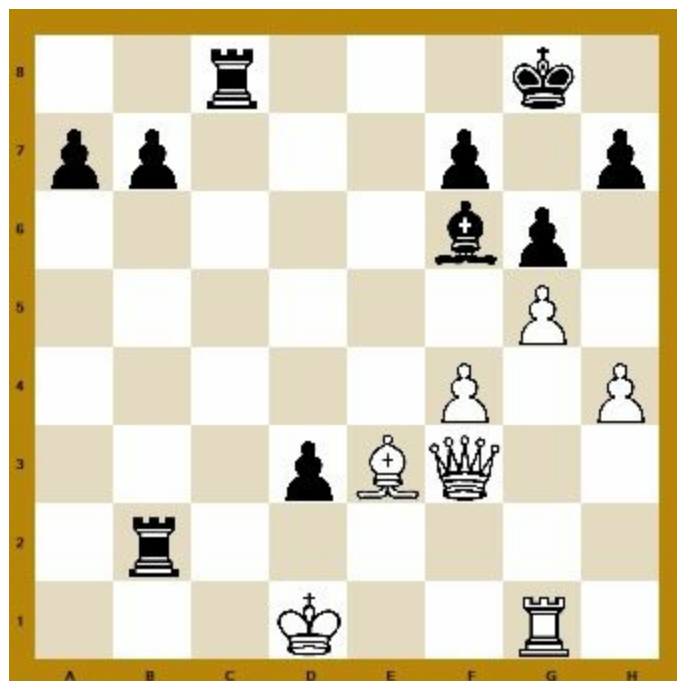
Max Euwe - Alexander Alekhine

The Hague Wch 1935 (4)

44... ♔c1+!

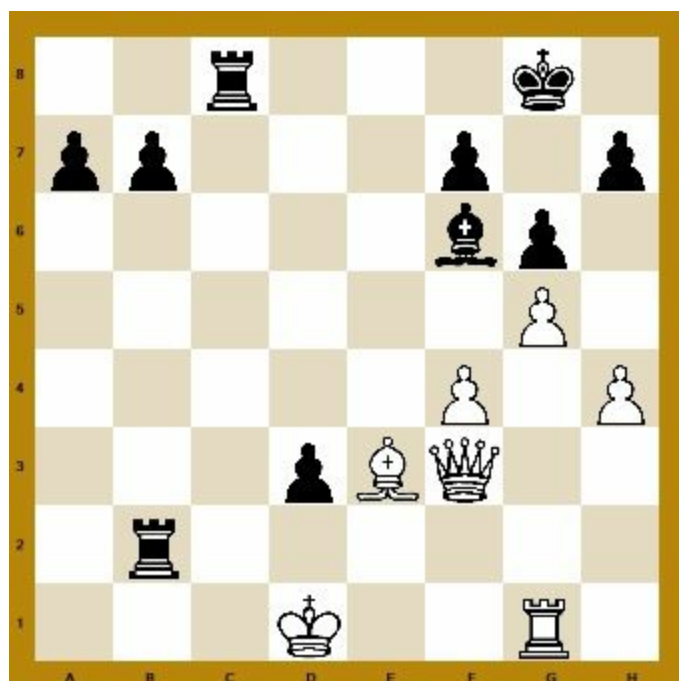
44... ♔c1+! 45. ♖xc1 ♕d2+ (45... ♕b4+ is also good) 46. ♔b1 ♕xd4
Black wins

Exercise 73



Black to move

Solution 73



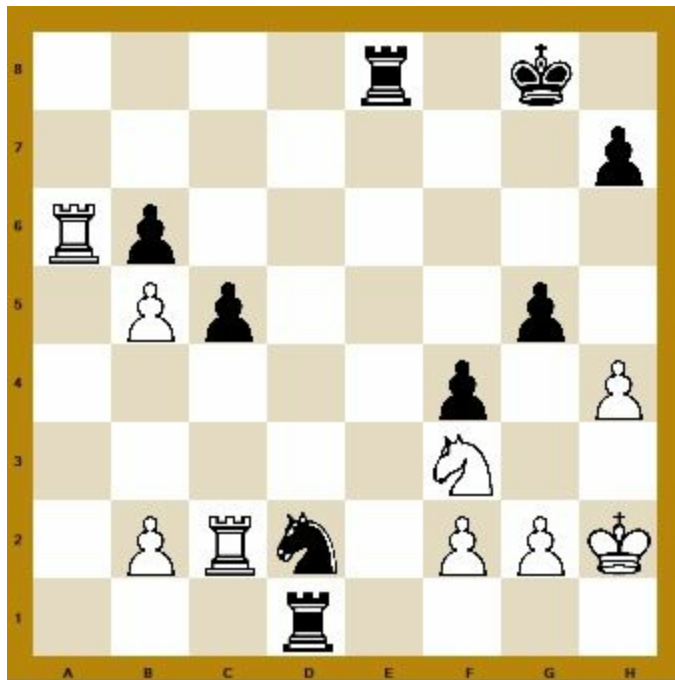
Jacques Mieses - Alexander Alekhine

The Hague 1913

31... ♖cc2!

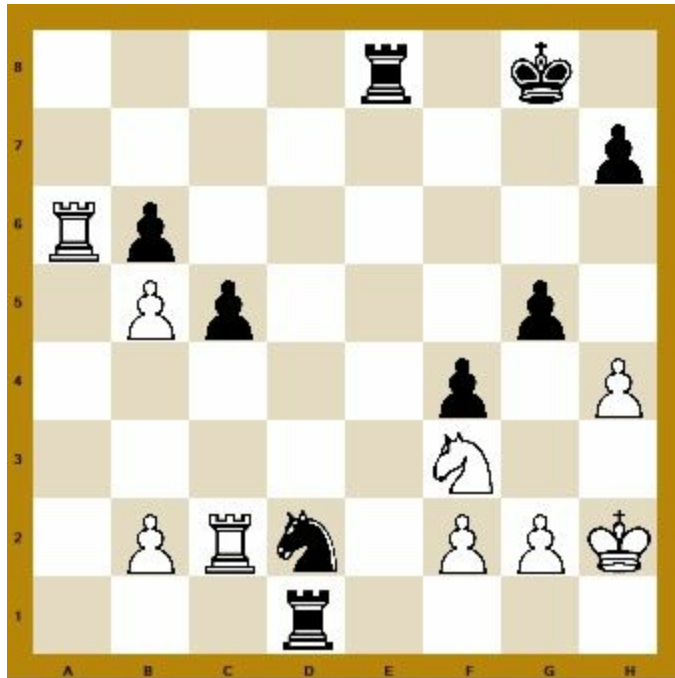
31... ♖cc2! 32. ♔e1 (32. ♕c1 ♖b1 Black wins) 32... ♖b1+ 33. ♜d1 ♕c3+
(and White resigned. 33... ♖e2+! 34. ♔f1 ♖xd1#)

Excercise 74



Black to move

Solution 74



Efim Bogoljubow - Alexander Alekhine

Amsterdam Wch 1929 (22)

37... ♖xf3+! 38.gxf3 ♜ee1 39. ♔h3 h5!

Excercise 75



Black to move

Solution 75



Albert Sidney Pinkus - Alexander Alekhine

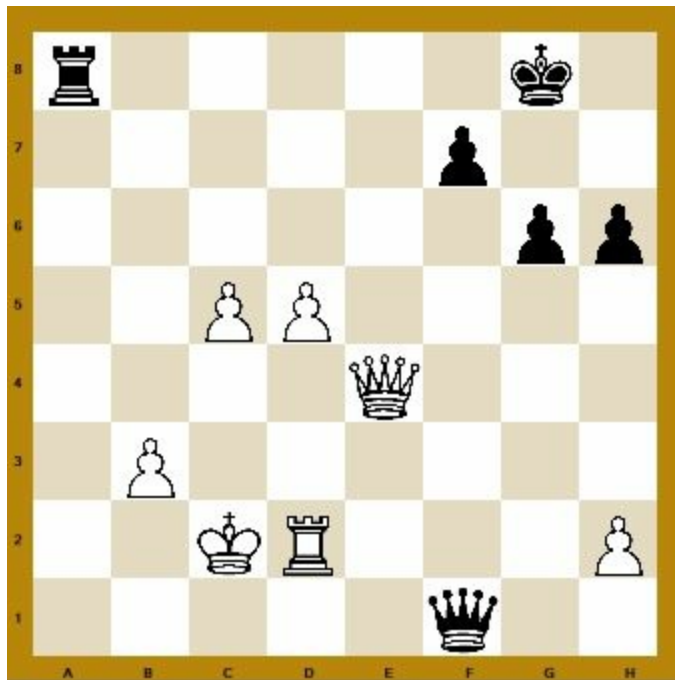
New York simul 1929

48...f4!

White resigned here.

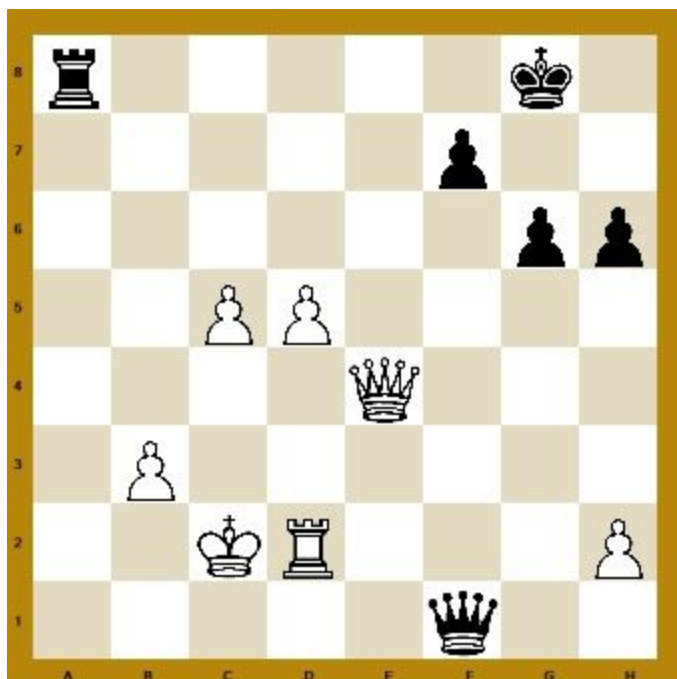
49.gxf4 ♕f3+ 50.♗xf3 exf3 51.♚f2 ♖xe1 52.♚xe1 ♜g2#

Excercise 76



Black to move

Solution 76



Stepan M Levitsky - Alexander Alekhine

St Petersburg 1913

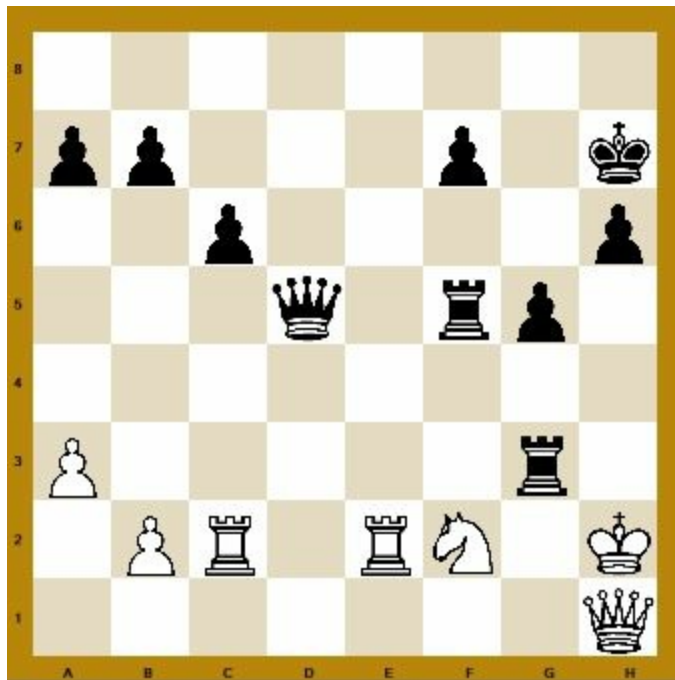
41... ♖a2+! 42. ♔c3 ♚a1+ 43. ♔b4

43. ♔d3 ♚b1+ 44. ♔e3 ♚e1+ Black wins

43... ♖xd2

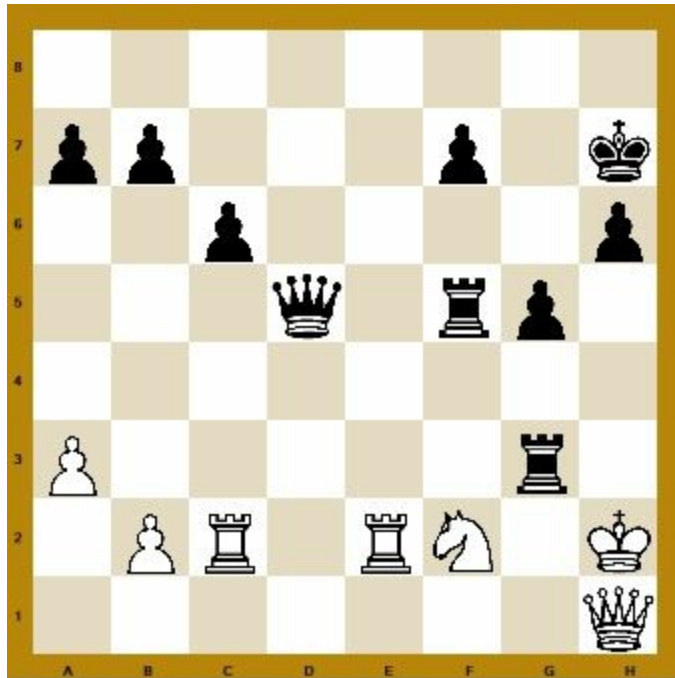
and Black won.

Excercise 77



Black to move

Solution 77

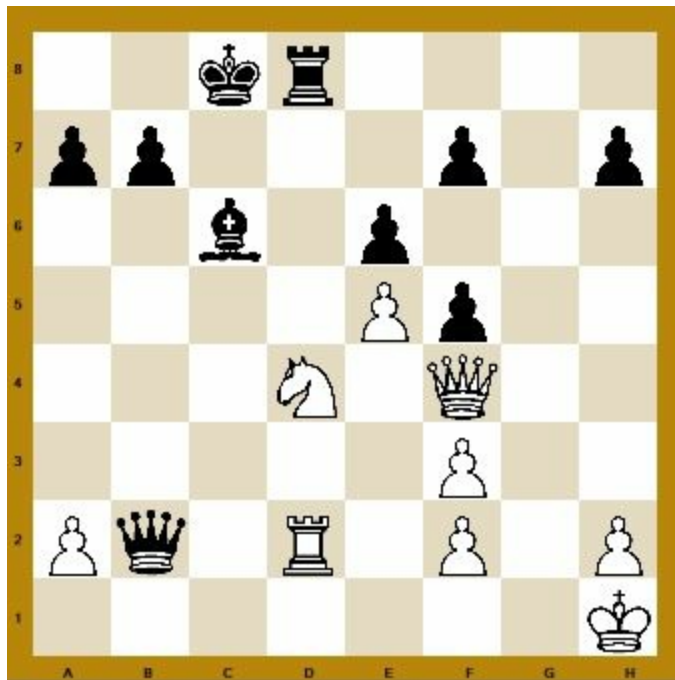


Jakob Adolf Seitz - Alexander Alekhine

Portsmouth 1923

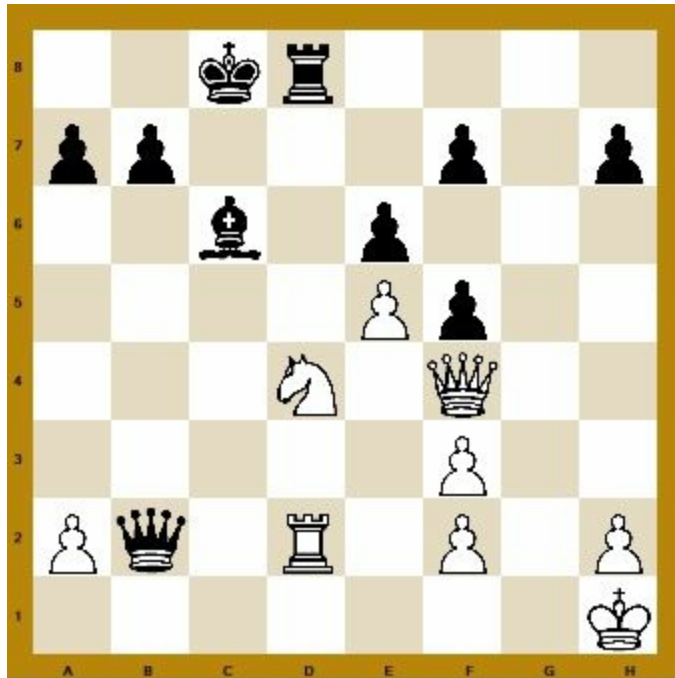
41... ♖xf2+! 42. ♖xf2 ♖h3+ 43. ♔xh3 ♕xh1+

Excercise 78



Black to move

Solution 78



Jose Canepa - Alexander Alekhine

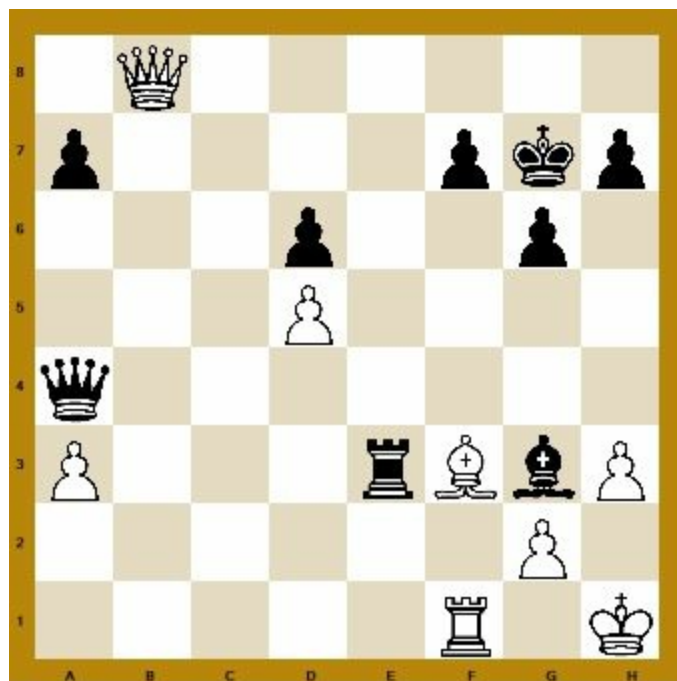
Montevideo 1938

23... ♖xd4! 24. ♖xd4

24. ♙xd4 ♘xf3+ 25. ♔g1 ♙c1+ Black wins

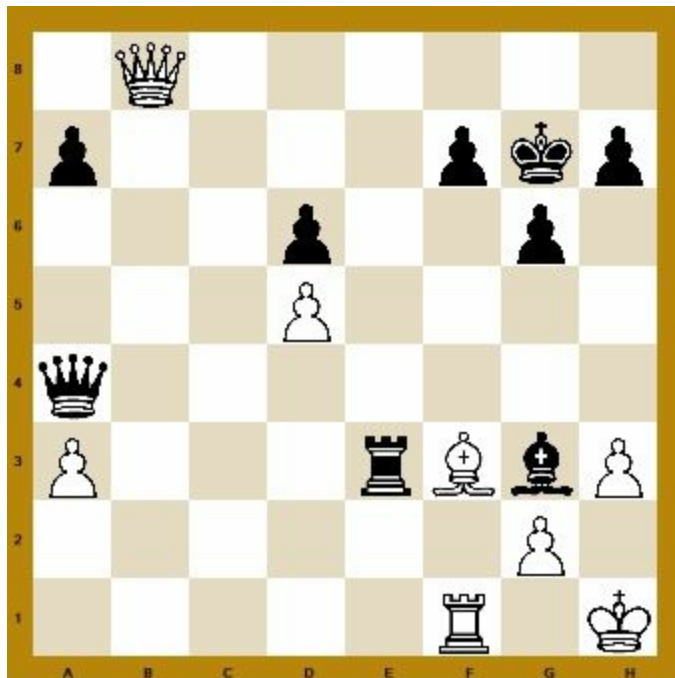
24... ♙xf2

Excercise 79



Black to move

Solution 79



Roberto Grau - Alexander Alekhine

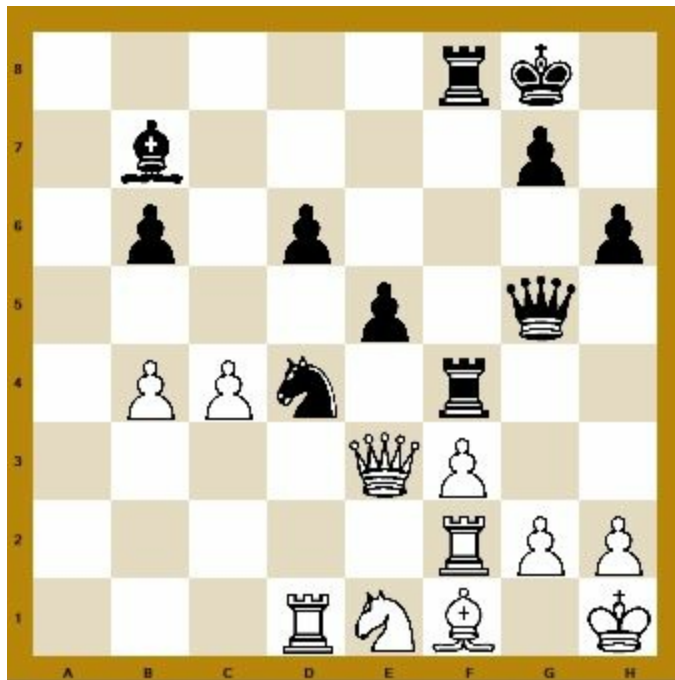
San Remo 1930

37... ♔xf3! 38.gxf3

38. ♔xf3 ♕d1+ 39. ♔f1 ♕xf1#

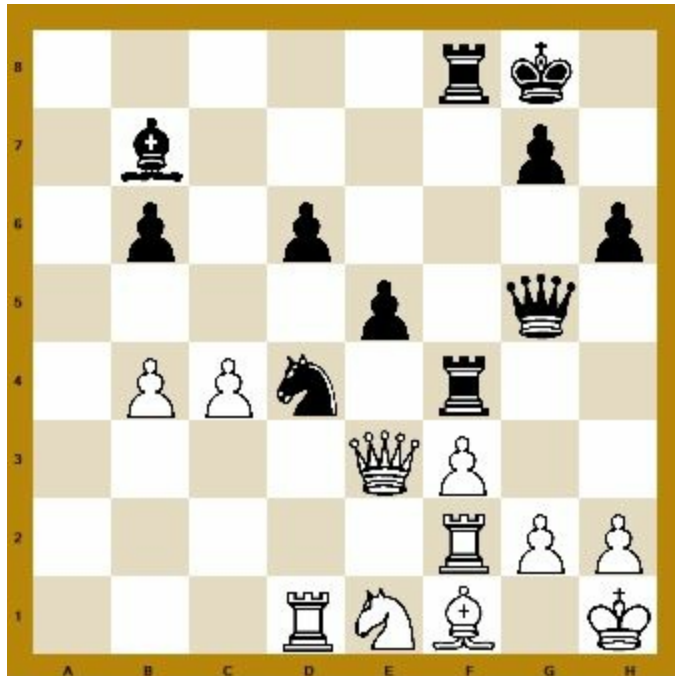
38... ♕c2

Excercise 80



Black to move

Solution 80



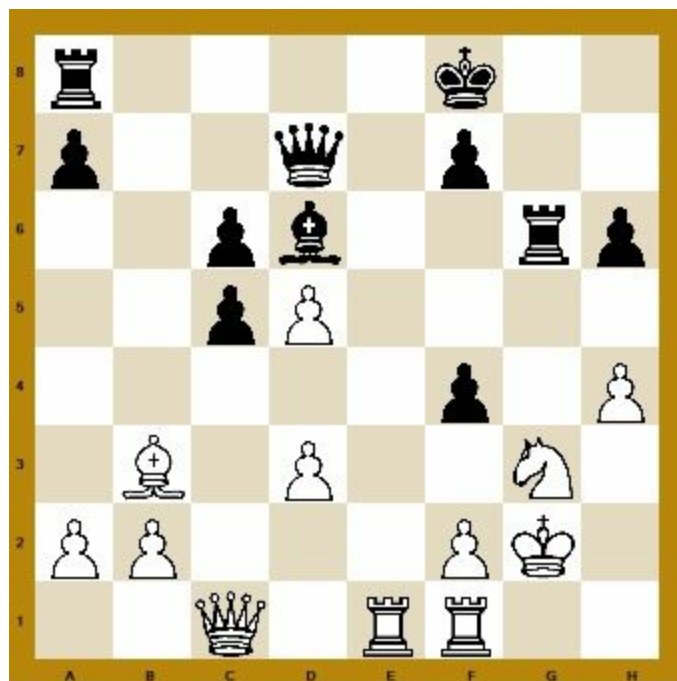
Gideon Stahlberg - Alexander Alekhine

Hamburg 1930

31... ♖xf3!

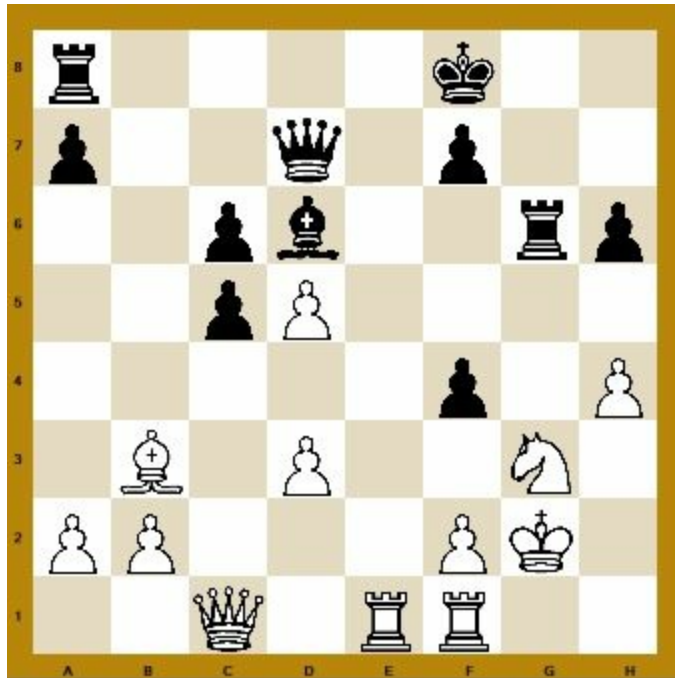
31... ♖xf3! 32. ♙xg5 ♖xf2 Black wins

Exercise 81



Black to move

Solution 81



NN - Alexander Alekhine

Birmingham simul 1926

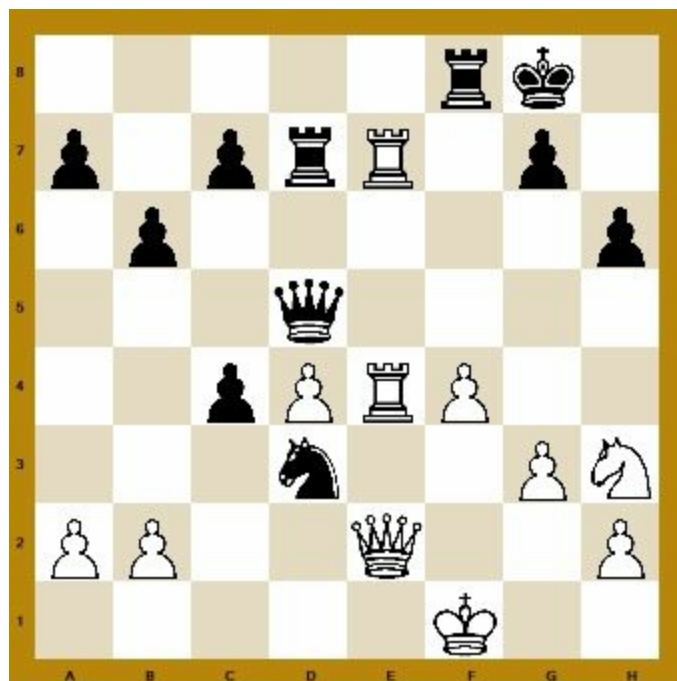
22...f3+! 23. ♔xf3

23. ♔h2 ♕g4 Black wins

23... ♕g4+ 24. ♔g2 ♖xg3

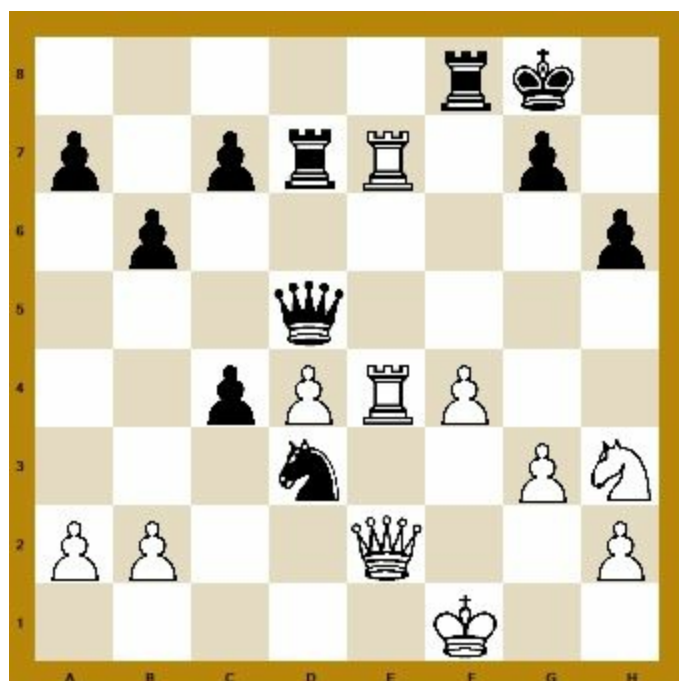
and Black won.

Exercise 82



Black to move

Solution 82



Arthur John Mackenzie - Alexander Alekhine

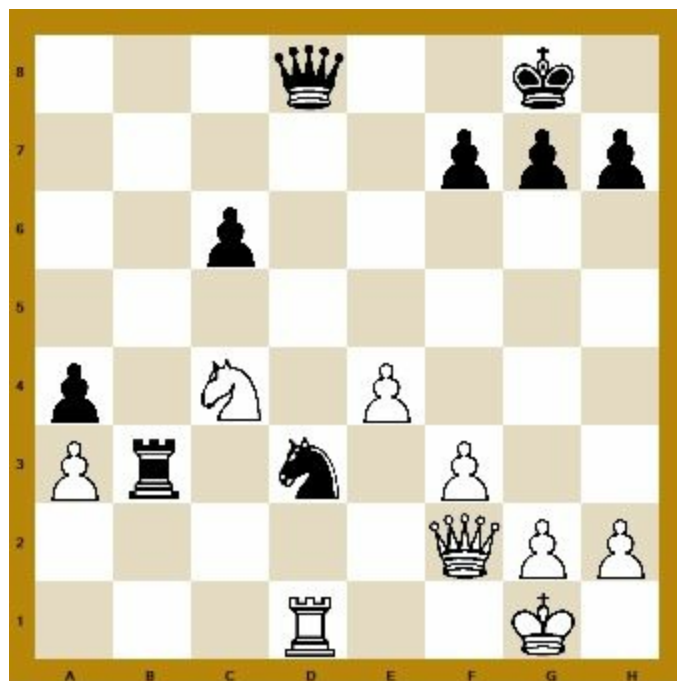
Birmingham 1926

24... ♖xe7! 25. ♖xe7 ♚h1+ 26. ♘g1 ♘xf4!

26... ♘xf4! 27. ♙xc4+ (27.gxf4 ♖xf4+ 28. ♔e1 ♙xg1+ Black wins)

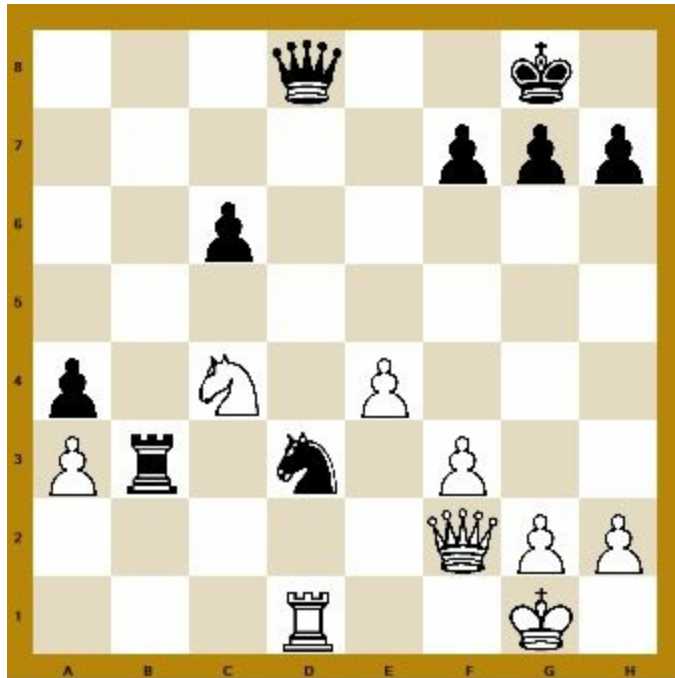
27... ♙d5 (27... ♘d5+ was also good) 28. ♖xc7 b5 29. ♙c6 ♘e6+ 30. ♔e2
 ♘xc7 31. ♙xc7 ♙e4+ and White resigned.

Excercise 83



Black to move

Solution 83



Abraham Speijer - Alexander Alekhine

The Hague 1913

34... ♖b1! 35. ♖xb1

35. ♔c2 ♔d4+ Black wins

35... ♘xf2

and Black won.

Excercise 84



Black to move

Solution 84



A. Pons - Alexander Alekhine

Montevideo simul 1926

16... ♘g4+! 17. ♔h1 g5!

and Black won.

Excercise 85



Black to move

Solution 85



Abram Isaakovich Rabinovich - Alexander Alekhine

Vilnius 1912

16... ♖b4! 17. ♙g5

17. ♘c3 ♜xh4 18. ♙xh4 ♜xg2+ 19. ♔h1 ♜xh2+ 20. ♔g1 ♜g2+ 21. ♔h1
 ♜g4 22. ♙xh3 ♜g1+ Black wins

17... ♜xa4

and Black won.

Excercise 86



Black to move

Solution 86



Boris Vasilievich Liubimov - Alexander Alekhine

Moscow 1908

16... ♖g6!

16... ♖g6! 17. ♜e1 (17. ♙e7 ♜fe8 18.d6 e4 Black wins) 17... ♙xf3
18. ♙xf3 ♙xg5 Black wins

Exercise 87



Black to move

Solution 87



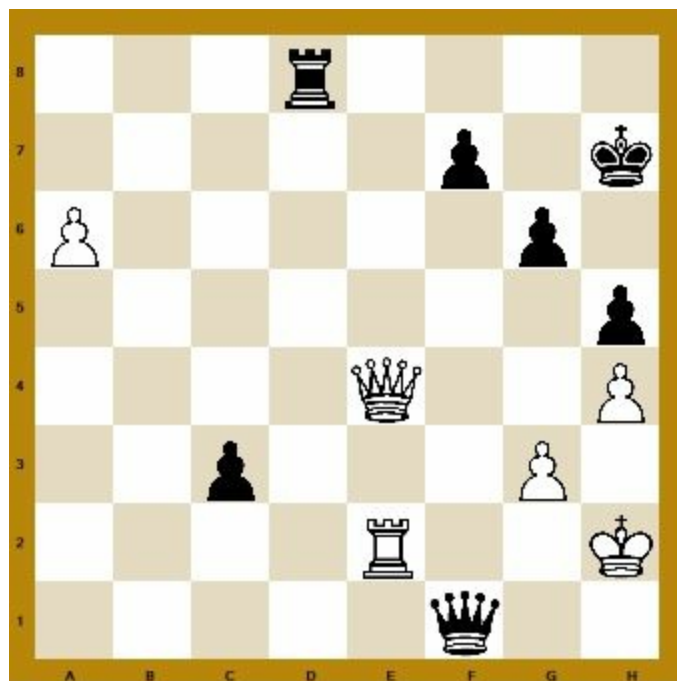
Endre Steiner - Alexander Alekhine

Portsmouth 1923

30...c4! 31. ♔a6 ♘c8

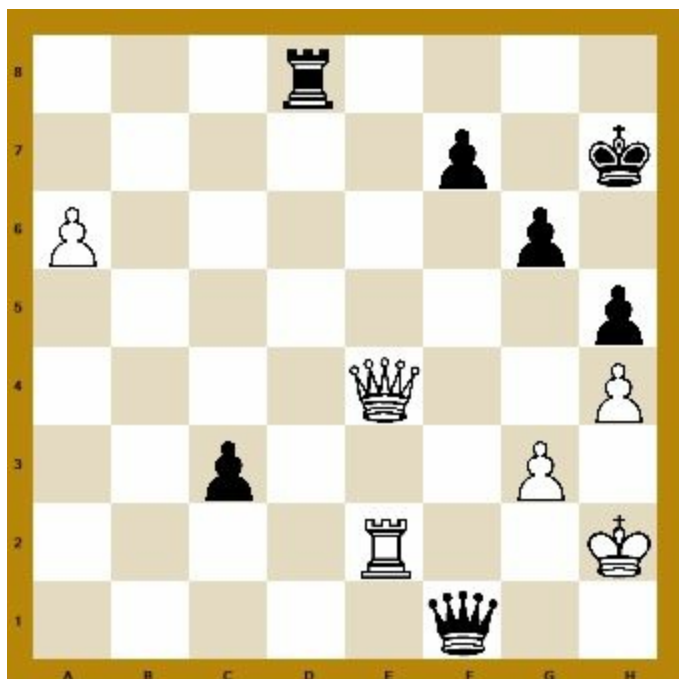
and Black won.

Excercise 88



Black to move

Solution 88



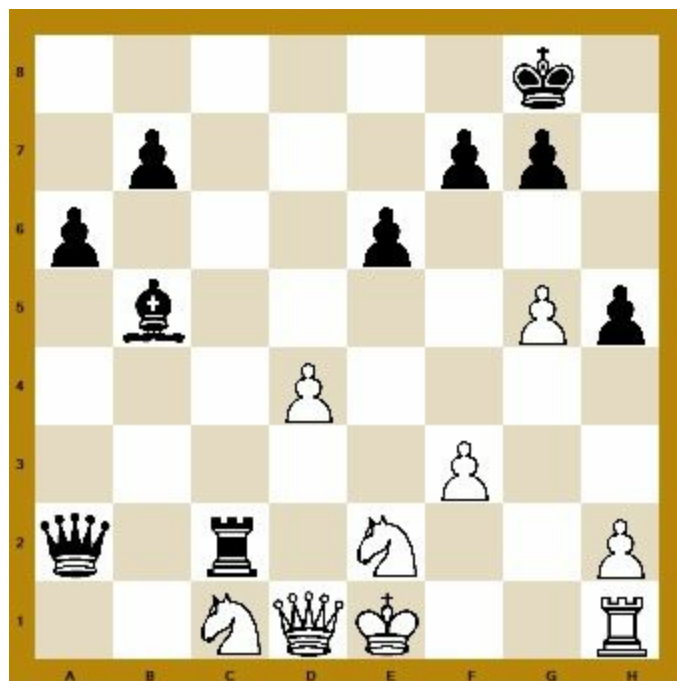
Jose Raul Capablanca - Alexander Alekhine

Buenos Aires Wch 1927 (11)

62... ♖d2! 63. ♖xd2 cxd2 64.a7 d1=♚ 65.a8=♚ ♜g1+

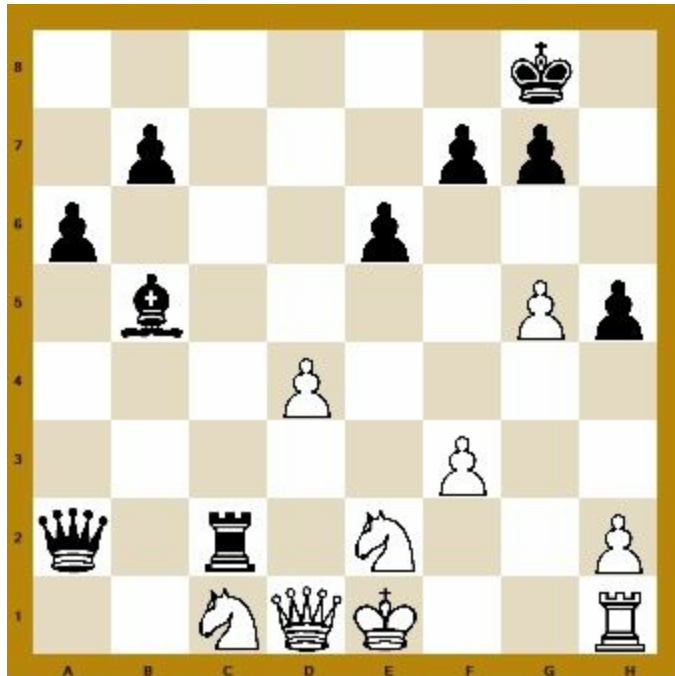
66. ♚h3 ♜df1+

Exercise 89



Black to move

Solution 89



Hermann Joss - Alexander Alekhine

Zurich 1934

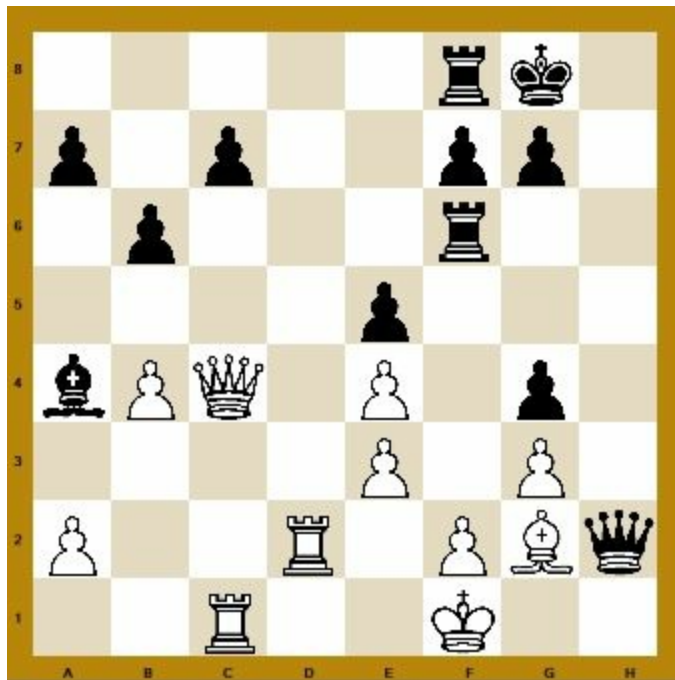
37... ♖xc1! 38. ♘xc1

38. ♔xc1 ♔xe2#

38... ♔g2

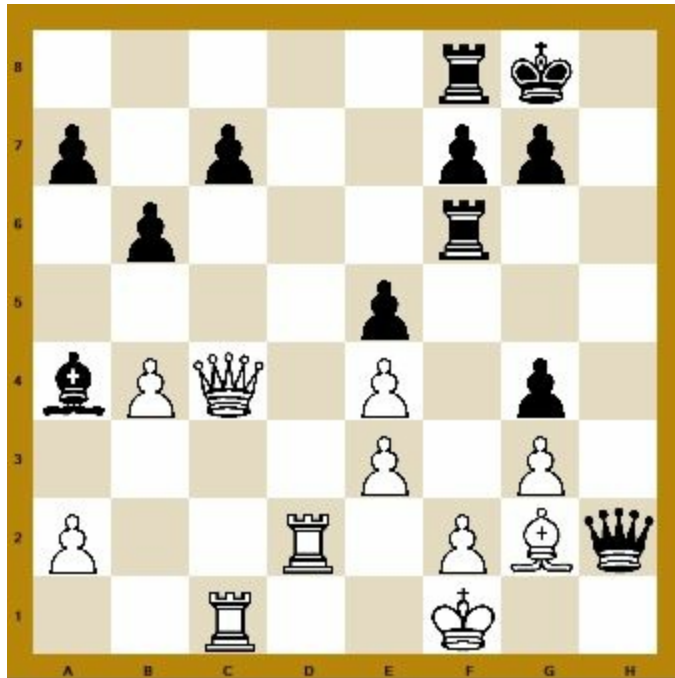
and Black won.

Exercise 90



Black to move

Solution 90

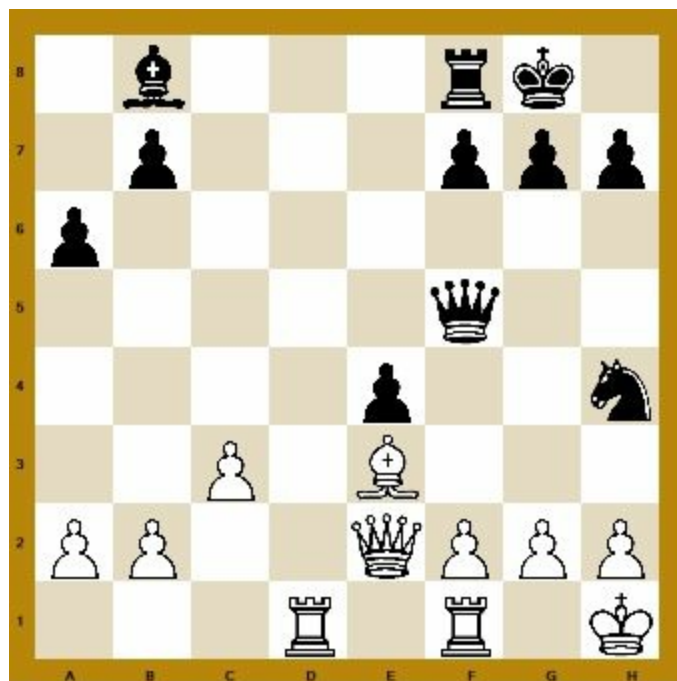


Carl Johan Margot Carls - Alexander Alekhine

Mannheim 1914

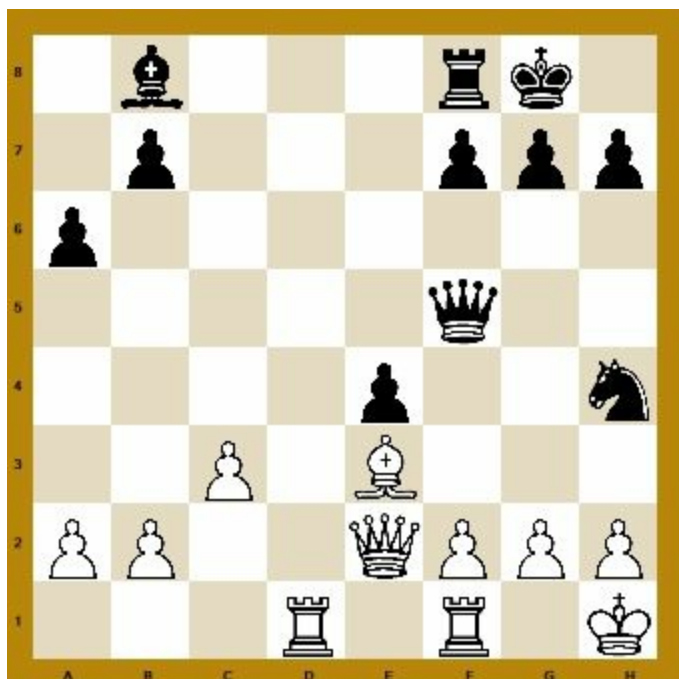
31...c6!

Excercise 91



Black to move

Solution 91



J. Salomonowitz - Alexander Alekhine

Czechoslovakia simul 1925

20... ♘f3! 21.h3 ♚e5 22.g3 ♜h5 23.h4 ♜g4

23... ♜g4 24. ♚g2 ♘xh4+ 25. ♚h2 ♜xe2 Black wins

Exercise 92



Black to move

Solution 92

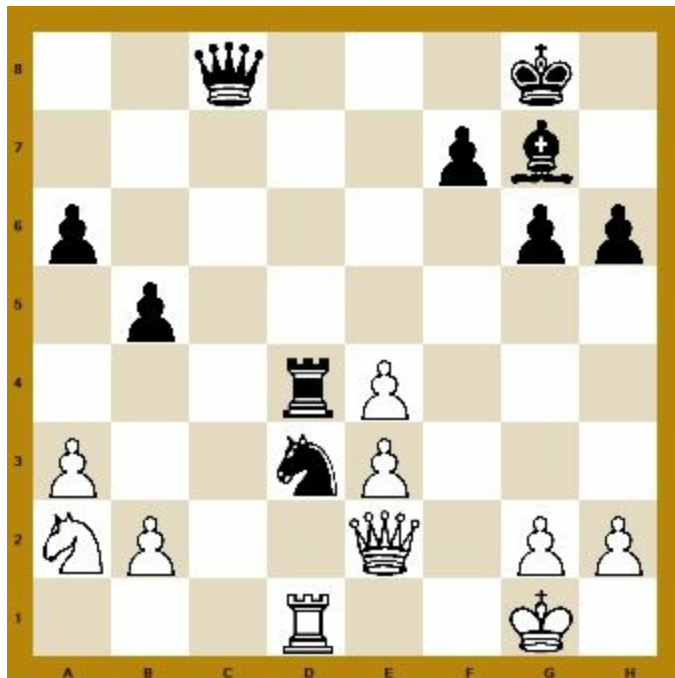


Milan Sr Vidmar - Alexander Alekhine

Paris blitz 1935

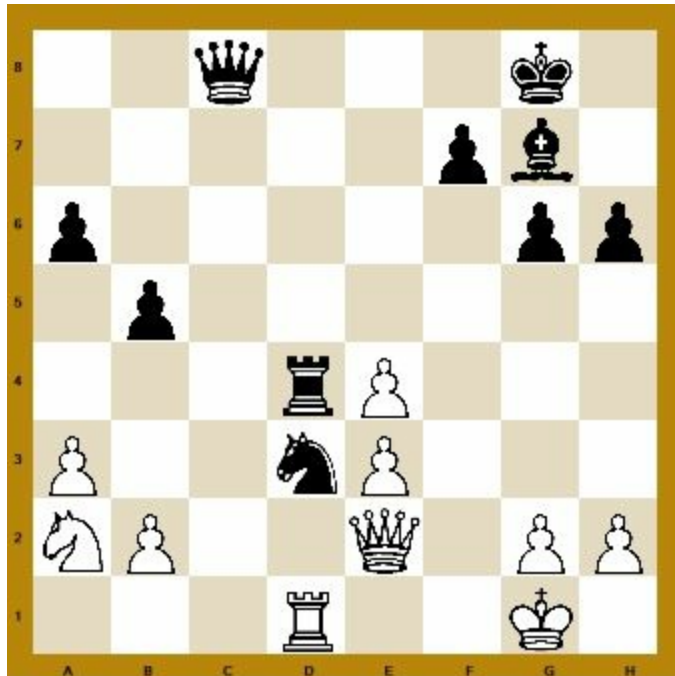
27... ♘g4! 28.fxg4 ♖xe3 29. ♚f1 ♖xc1 30. ♙xc1 ♖e1

Excercise 93



Black to move

Solution 93

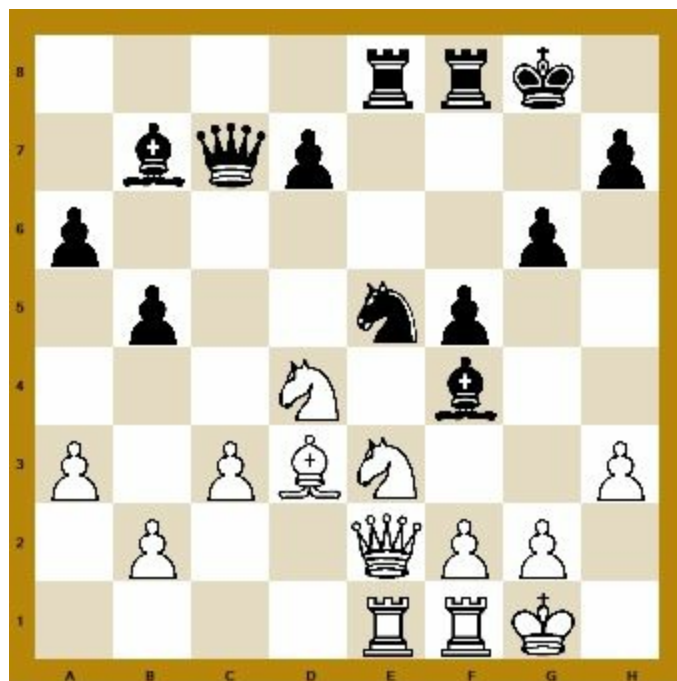


Ernst Gruenfeld - Alexander Alekhine

Karlsbad 1923

31... ♖f4! 32.exf4 ♜c4 33. ♙xc4 ♜xd1+ 34. ♙f1 ♜d4+

Exercise 94



Black to move

Solution 94



E. Zamudio - Alexander Alekhine

Buenos Aires 1926

20... ♖h2+! 21. ♔h1

21. ♔xh2 ♜f3+ (21... ♜g4+ 22. ♔g1 ♚h2#) 22. ♔h1 ♚h2#

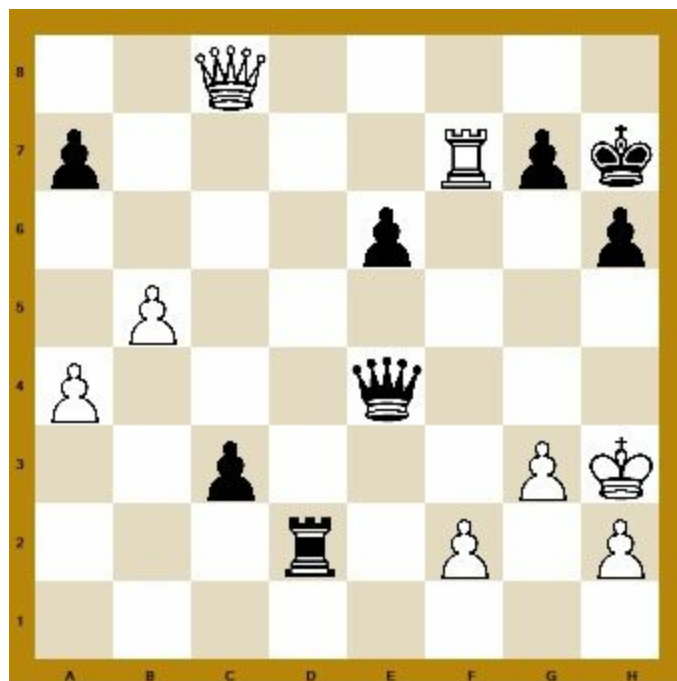
21...f4 22. ♞g4

22. ♔xh2 f3! 23.gxf3 ♜xf3+ (23... ♜g4+ 24. ♔g2 ♚h2#) 24. ♔h1 ♚h2#

22...f3 Black wins

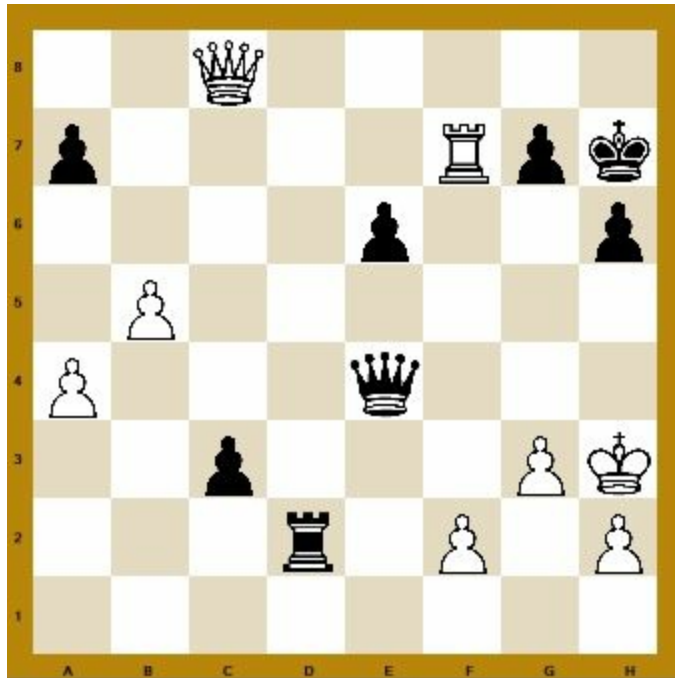
22...f3 23.gxf3 ♜xg4 24. ♚xe8 ♞g1 and Black resigned.

Excercise 95



Black to move

Solution 95



Efim Bogoljubow - Alexander Alekhine

Heidelberg Wch1929 (10)

45... ♖d5! 46. ♖f4 ♖h5+ 47. ♔g4 ♕e2+ 48. f3 ♖g5+ 49. ♔h3 ♕f1+
50. ♔h4

White resigned here.

50... ♖h5+ 51. ♔xh5 ♕h3+

51... ♕h3+ 52. ♖h4 ♕f5# (52...g6#)

Excercise 96



Black to move

Solution 96



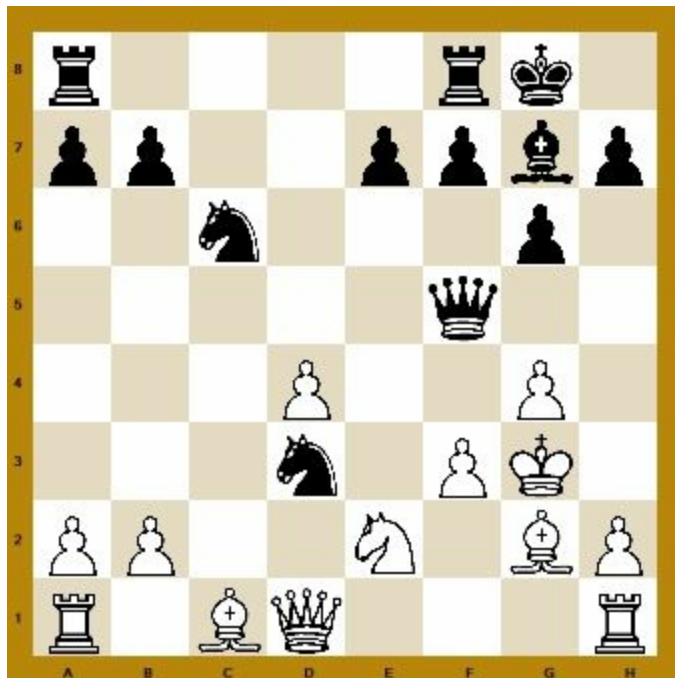
Max Euwe - Alexander Alekhine

the Netherlands Wch 1937 (7)

29... ♖d3! 30. ♔h4 ♜xf3 31. ♜xf3 ♜xh2+ 32. ♜h3 g5+

32...g5+ 33. ♔xg5 ♜xh3 (33... ♜g2+ is even better 34. ♔f5 ♜f2+ 35. ♔g5 ♜f4+ 36. ♔f5 ♜d6+ 37. ♔g5 ♜e4+ 38. ♔g4 ♜f4+ 39. ♔h5 g6+ 40. ♔h6 ♜f8+ 41. ♜g7 ♜xg7#) 34. ♜d1 ♜e4+ and White resigned.

Excercise 97



Black to move

Solution 97



Peter Petrovich Potemkin - Alexander Alekhine

St Petersburg 1912

16... ♖xd4! 17.gxf5

17. ♖xd4 ♕e5+ 18. ♔h4 ♕f6+ 19. ♔g3 ♖e5+ Black wins

17... ♖xf5+

17... ♖xf5+ 18. ♔g4 h5+ 19. ♔h3 (19. ♔g5 ♕f6# (19... ♕h6#))
19... ♖f2#

Exercise 98



Black to move

Solution 98



Ado/Konstansky - Alexander Alekhine

Kazan simul 1913

27...a4! 28. ♔a2

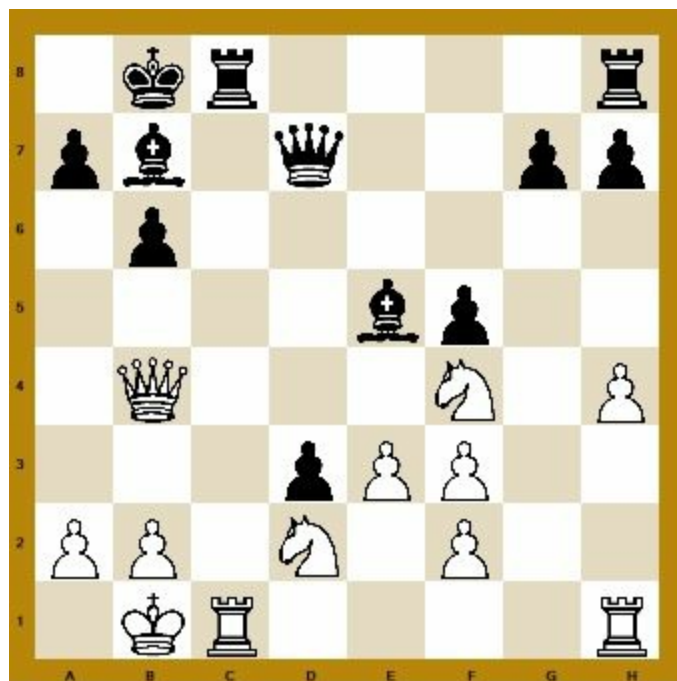
28. ♖xa4 ♙xe4+ Black wins

28... ♙xe3 29. ♖d1

29. ♖xg2 ♖d2+! 30. ♔b1 ♙e1+ Black wins

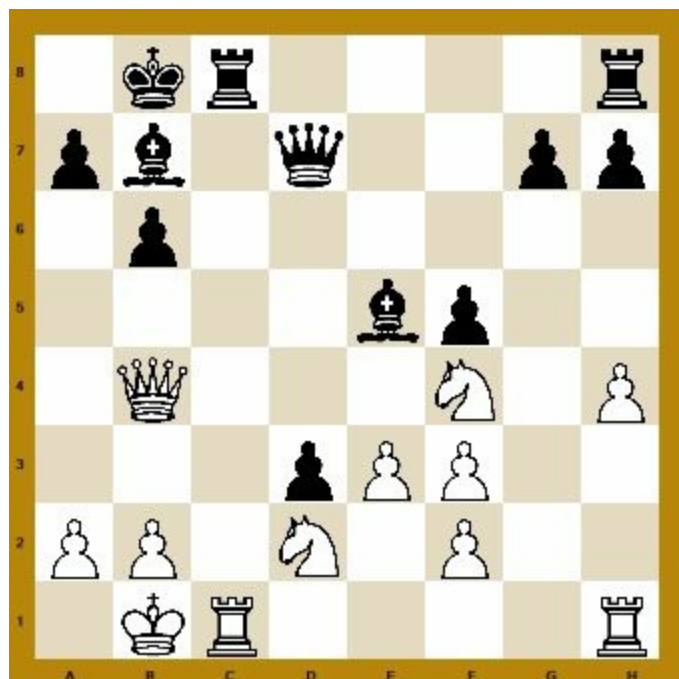
29... ♖xd1 30. ♖xd1 ♙xe4+ 31. ♔c3 ♙e1#

Excercise 99



Black to move

Solution 99



Sergey Fedorovich Lebedev - Alexander Alekhine

St Petersburg 1914

23... ♖c2! 24. ♖xc2

24. ♘c4 ♙xf4 25. exf4 ♚d4 Black wins

24. ♘xd3 ♖xc1+ 25. ♘xc1 a5 Black wins

24... dxc2+ 25. ♔xc2

25. ♔c1 ♖d8 Black wins

25... ♖c8+ 26. ♔b1 a5! 27. ♙b3 ♚xd2

27... ♚xd2 28. ♖d1 a4 29. ♖xd2 axb3 30. axb3 ♙xf3 and White resigned.

Excercise 100



Black to move

Solution 100



Jacques Davidson - Alexander Alekhine

Semmering 1926

21... ♖e5! 22. ♗xe5 ♜xe5 23. ♕e3 ♘c7 24. ♗e2 ♜h2+ 25. ♔f1 ♘xh3
26. gxh3 ♜xh3+ Black wins

26... ♜xh3+ 27. ♔g1 ♘h2+ 28. ♔h1 ♗f4 (28... ♘f4+ 29. ♔g1 ♗e5 is also good) 29. ♗xf4 ♘xf4+ 30. ♔g1 ♘h2+ 31. ♔h1 ♜f3+ 32. ♔xh2 ♗e5
33. ♜c5 ♗xc5 34. ♘xc5 ♜h5+ 35. ♔g2 ♜xc5 and Black won.

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