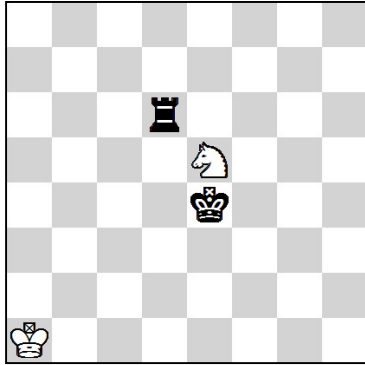


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Germany, Hagen 20.04.2024 - (90')

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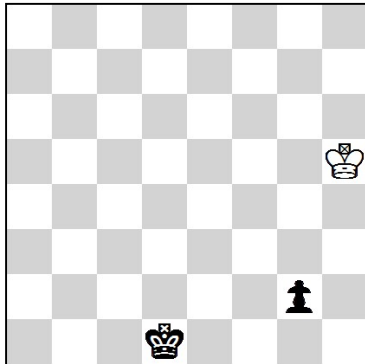


Mrs. W.J. Baird, British Chess Magazine 1903

retract: 1. ♞g6x♖e5 ♖d3x♙d6 and 1. ♖ed5 ♙f4♯ [5]

Retract a white
and a black move,
then h#1

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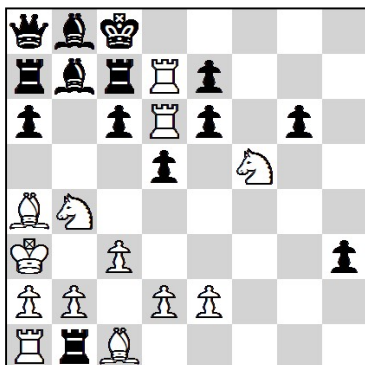
Wolfgang Dittmann, Die Schwalbe 1975

1) + ♖h3, ♙e2, ♞g3 [3]

2) + ♖e2, ♙f3, ♞e4 [2]

Add ♖, ♙, ♞
for an Illegal Cluster
2 solutions

3.



Gerald Ettl, Original for feenschach

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retract: 1. ♞g7-f5 c2x♙b1=♖! 2. ♞e8-g7 b3x♙c2
3. ♙f5-c2 h4-h3 4. ♙f8-f5 h5-h4
5. f7-f8=♙ h6-h5 6. f6-f7 h7-h6
7. g5x♙f6 [5]

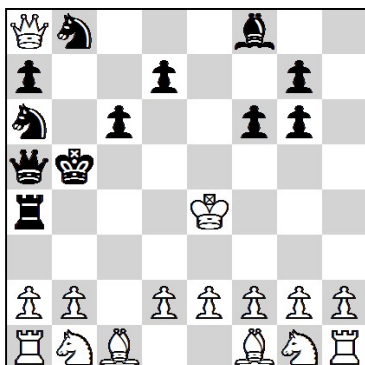
♙ unpromotes at f8 and the promoted ♖ at g8 (h6x♙g7).
not 1.-c2x♙b1=♖? since the promoted ♞ can't finally reach f8,
since the only square to reach it, being h7 is occupied by ♙

Last 13 single
moves? 13 + 14

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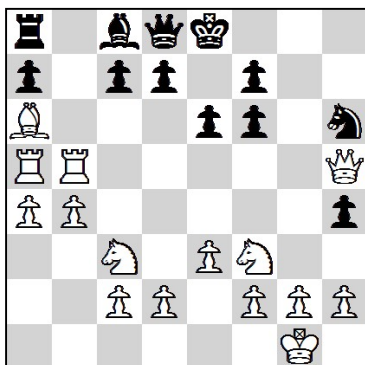


Proof Game in 15 + 12
14.0 moves

Pavel Kamenik, The Problemist 1996

- 1.c4 ♖f6 2.c5 ♜d5 3.c6 f6 4.cxb7 c6
 5.bxc8=♗ ♔a5 6.♗xe7 ♜d8 7.♗g6 hxg6 8.♖b3 ♜h4
 9.♖b7 ♜a4 10.♖xa8 ♜c7 11.♖d1 ♜b6 12.♖c2 ♜b5
 13.♖d3 ♜b4+ 14.♖e4 ♜4a6+ [5]

5.



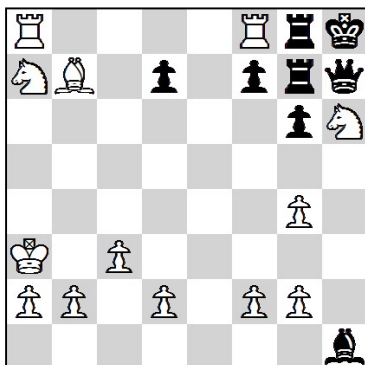
Proof Game in 15 + 12
14.5 moves

Andrey Frolkin Mikhailo Kozulya
Die Schwalbe 2000, 3rd Comm.

- 1.e3 h5 2.♙a6 h4 3.♖h5 b5 4.♗f3 b4
 5.0-0 b3 @ 6.axb3 e6 7.♖a5 ♜a3 8.bxa3 ♜h6 @
 9.♙b2 ♜g8 10.♙f6 gxf6 11.♗c3 ♜g4 12.♖b1 ♜a4
 13.bxa4 ♜c6 14.♖bb5 ♜b4 15.axb4 @

@	1	2	3
Pts.	1	2	5

6.



13 + 8

Wolfgang Dittmann, The Problemist 2006, 2nd HM.

- back: 1.♙c8-b7 h2-h1=♜ 2.c7-c8=♙ h3-h2 3.d6x♜c7 h4-h3
 4.e5x♜d6 ♜e7x♙d6+ 5.♖f6x♜d6 & 1.♗xf7‡ [5]
- wrong: 1.♖,♗c8? 4....♜e7x♖,♗!
- or 1.♙c8x♜b7? because 5.♖f6x♜ would be illegal
 (too many captures to promote third ♜)
 you get 1 pt. if you find 1. ♖,♗c8? or 1. ♙c8x♜b7? with later 1. ♗xf7‡

Retract 5 moves,
then #1
Proca Retractor