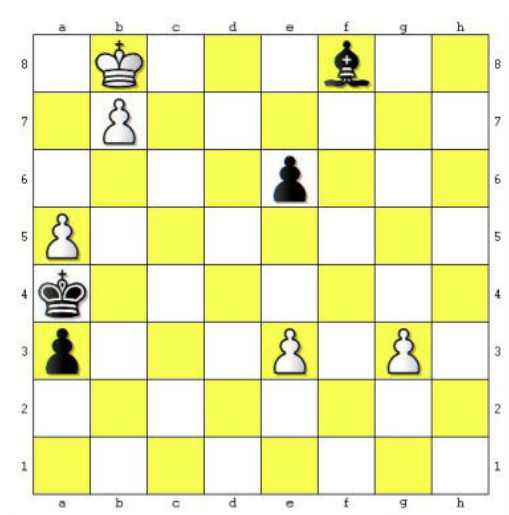




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White to move and win

6th Commendation

A simple yet tasty idea. I was charmed when I discovered that such an idea was never realized before (I hope no one will be able to contradict me). A quiet capture refusal, but just for a tempo: a scary perpetual check must be avoided. Such an amusing find with such small material is worth a distinction.

Solution: **1. a6!**

(1. Kc7 ? a2 2. b8=Q Bb4 ! 3. Qh8 Bxa5+ 4. Kd6 Kb3 5. Kxe6 Bc3 =)

1. .. Bc5

(1. .. a2 2. a7 Bd6+ 3. Kc8 +-)

2. a7 Bxa7+ 3. Ka8 !!

{Thematic try: (3. Kxa7 ? a2 {zz} 4. b8=Q a1=Q {zz} 5. Ka8 (5. Qb7 5. .. Qe5 =)
(5. g4 Qg7+ =) 5. .. Qh1+ 6. Qb7 Qh8+ 7. Qb8 Qh1+
{perpetual check on the empty h-file})

3. .. a2

(3. .. Bb8 4. Kxb8 a2 5. Ka7 +-)

4. Kxa7 {zugzwang} a1=Q 5. b8=Q {zugzwang} Qg7+

6. Ka8 {and a similar perpetual check to that from the thematic try is not possible on the g-file because of Pg3} **1-0**