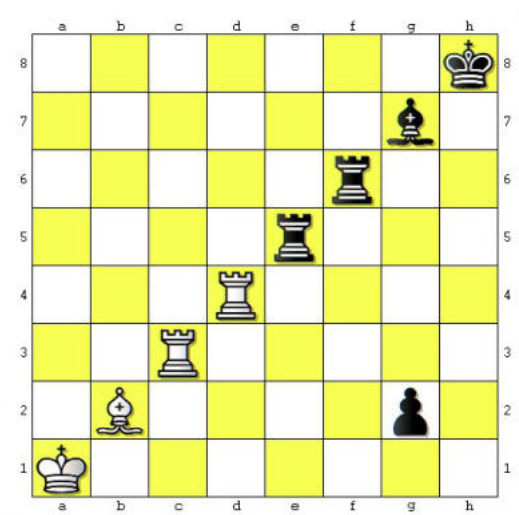




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White to move and draw
Special Commendation

As the other study sent by the Author, we have another funny geometric configuration with an attractive logical plan. All is played on the difference between having the black Rook in c1 or d1. And all this with an almost completely diagonal configuration. The little pawn in g2, as a timid outsider, makes all the difference and permits the struggle: a good life teaching.

Solution: **1. Rh4+ !**

(1. Rc8+ ? 1. .. Kh7 2. Rh4+ Rh6 ! +-) ({Logical try} 1. Rh3+ ? Kg8 2. Rd8+ Rf8 3. Rg3 (3. Rxf8+ Kxf8 4. Rg3 Re1+ 5. Ka2 Re2 ! +-) 3. .. Rxd8 4. Bxe5 Rd1+ 5. Kb2 g1=Q ! +- 6. Rxg7+ Qxg7 7. Bxg7 Kxg7 {In the main line the Rook is on c1!}))

1. .. Kg8

(1. .. Rh6 2. Rxh6+ Bxh6 3. Rg3 Draw)

2. Rc8+ Rf8

(2. .. Kf7 3. Rc7+ Re7 (3. .. Kf8 4. Rxg7 Re1+ 5. Ka2 Kxg7 6. Rg4+ Draw) 4. Rxe7+ Kxe7 5. Rg4 Rf1+ 6. Ka2 g1=Q 7. Rxg7+ Draw)

3. Rg4 !

(3. Rxf8+ ? Kxf8 4. Rg4 Re1+ 5. Ka2 Re2 6. Rxg7 Rxb2+ 7. Kxb2 Kxg7 ! +-)

3. .. Rxc8 (3. .. Re1+ 4. Ka2 Rxc8 (4. .. g1=Q 5. Rxf8+ Kxf8 6. Bxg7+ Draw) 5. Rxg7+ Kf8 6. Rxg2 Draw)

4. Bxe5 Rc1+ 5. Kb2 g1=Q 6. Rxg7+ ! Qxg7 7. Bxg7 Kxg7 8. Kxc1 {Insufficient material} 1/2-1/2