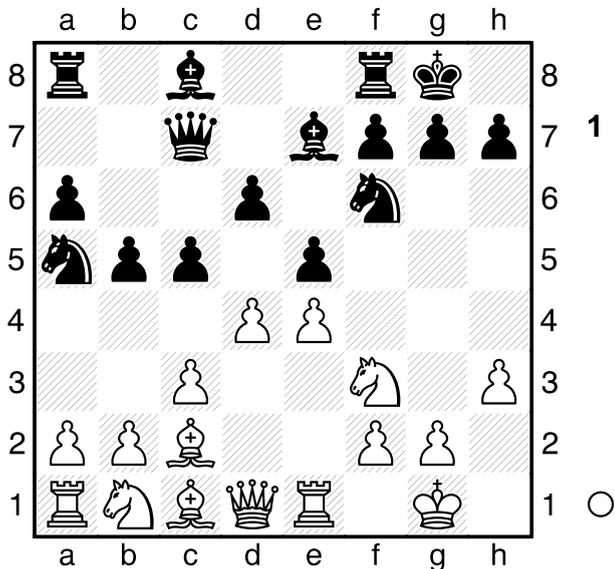


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 ■ Chigorin, Mikhail  
 Ostend (3)

1907

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4  
 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6  
 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4  
 Qc7 Diagram



Chigorin plays the defence named after him. 12.Nbd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bd7  
 14.Nf1 Nc6 15.Be3 Nb4 16.Bb1  
 Rfc8 17.Qd2 d5 Diagram

(Diagram 2)

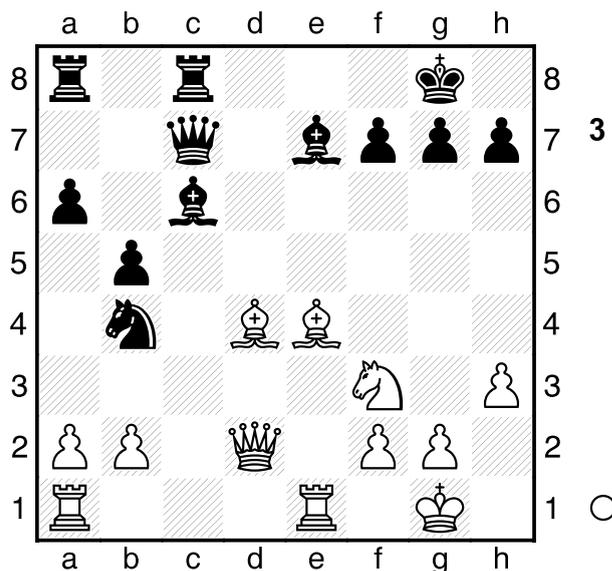
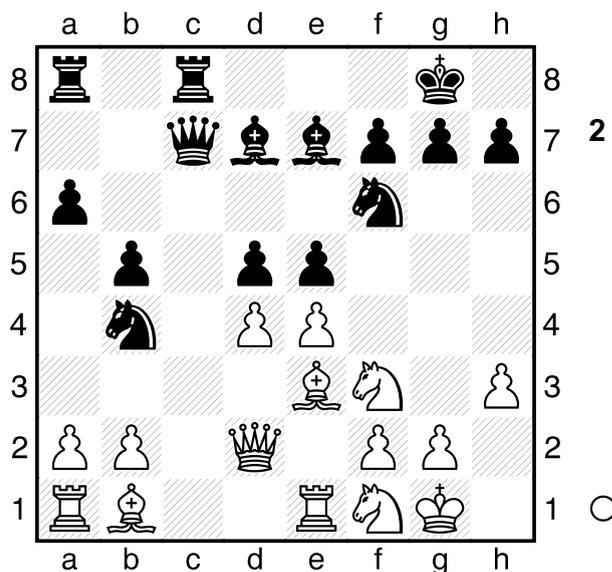
the opening up of the position turns against black. 18.Ng3 exd4 19.Bxd4±  
 dxe4?

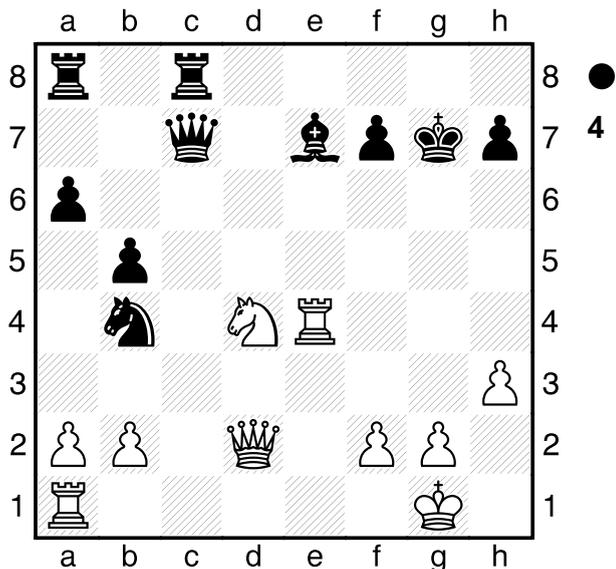
[ 19...Nxe4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Bxe4  
 Bc6 Diagram

(Diagram 3)

22.Bxg7!! Kxg7 ( 22...Bxe4 23.Rxe4  
 Kxg7 24.Nd4 ) 23.Nd4 Bxe4  
 24.Rxe4 Diagram

A) 24...Kf8 25.Qh6+ Ke8 26.Nf5  
 Nc6 ( 26...Nd5 27.Rd1+- ) 27.Rd1





extraordinary! such a quiet move, but lethal.;

**B)**  $\Delta 24...Kh8$  25.Nf5 Bf6  
26.Qxb4± ]

**20.Bxf6+- Bxf6 21.Nxe4**

[ or 21.Bxe4 Nc6 22.Nh5 ]

**21...Be7 22.Neg5 Nc6 23.Bxh7+ Kf8**

**24.Rad1**

[  $\Delta 24.Nxf7$  ]

[  $\Delta 24.Qd5$  ]

[  $\Delta 24.Re4$  in fact, Rad1 is Houdini's seventh choice move. ]

**24...Rd8** Diagram

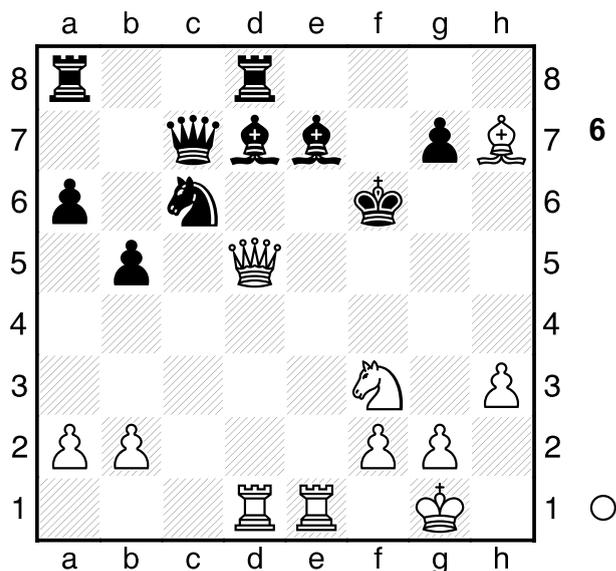
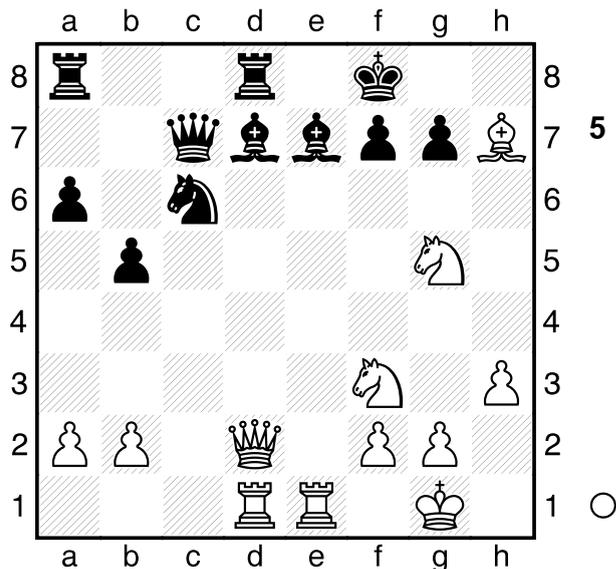
(Diagram 5)

**25.Nxf7 Bf5**

[ 25...Kxf7 26.Qd5+ Kf6 Diagram  
( 26...Kf8 27.Qg8# )

(Diagram 6)

27.Qg5+! ( 27.Ng5 Cordingley; threatens Ne4mate; also mates, but with one more move. ) 27...Kf7□  
28.Qh5+ Kf8□ ( 28...Kf6 29.Qg6#;  
28...g6 29.Qxg6+ Kf8 30.Qg8# )  
29.Qd5! mating in 3 ]  
[ 25...Bb4 was the defence I found

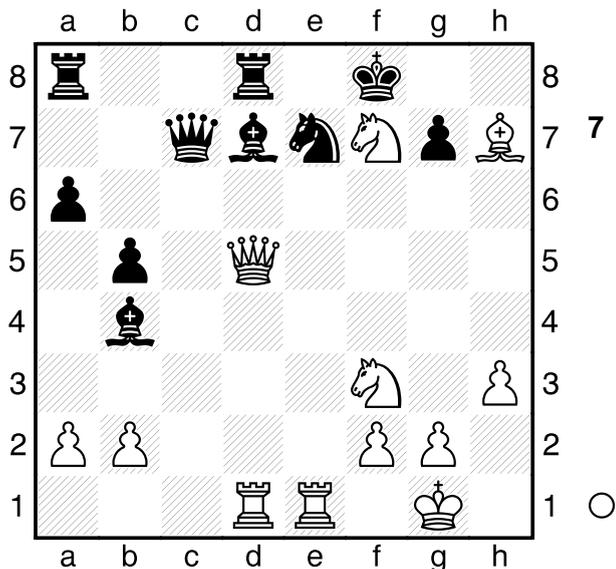


hardest to crack, until I saw Re7 in the following line. 26.Qd5 Ne7  
Diagram ( 26...Re8 27.Nh8 )

(Diagram 7)

27.Rxe7 Bxe7 ( 27...Kxe7 28.Nxd8 --  $\Delta 29.Qe4+$  ) 28.Nxd8 --  $\Delta 29.Qg8\#$  ]

[ 25...Be6 26.Nxd8 Rxd8 27.Qe3+- ]  
**26.Nxd8 Rxd8** I ended my analysis here, thinking that Qc3 or Qe3 were winning, which they are: but Schlechter's move is far prettier.



**27.Qxd8+**

[ 27.Qc1! at the risk of spoiling the fun, Houdini gives both this move, and the equivalent, Qc3!, as even stronger. The point of either move is that the Qc7 is LPDO, so the Nc6 is pinned. Bxh7 28.Nd4 ]

[ 27.Qc3 is Houdini's first choice: pin, LPDO Qc7. Strangely, it was my first choice, by intuition. and some vague feeling of aligning the Queens; but since I didn't think Bf5 was any good, I didn't dwell on the line. Bxh7

28.Rxd8+ Bxd8 29.Rc1  
 pin: same LPDO Be4 30.Qe3 Qe7  
 ( 30...Bd5 31.Qc5+ double attack:  
 Bd5 LPDO ) 31.Qf4+ Kg8 32.Re1  
 pin: LPDO Be4 falls. ]

**27...Nxd8 28.Bxf5 Qb6 29.Ne5 Kg8  
 30.Nd7 Qh6 31.Rxe7 Qg5 32.Nf6+  
 1-0**