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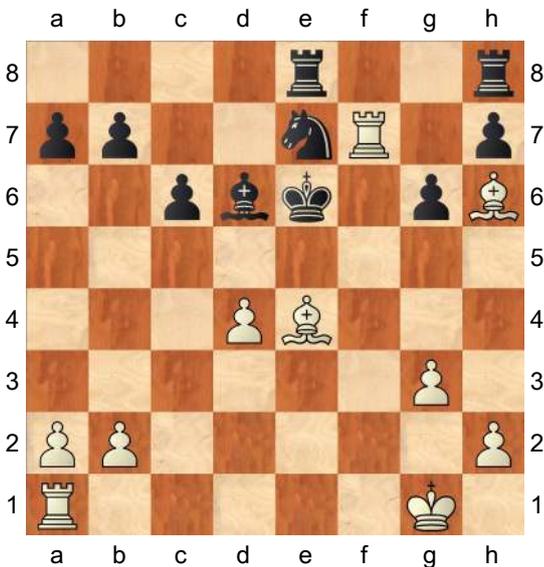
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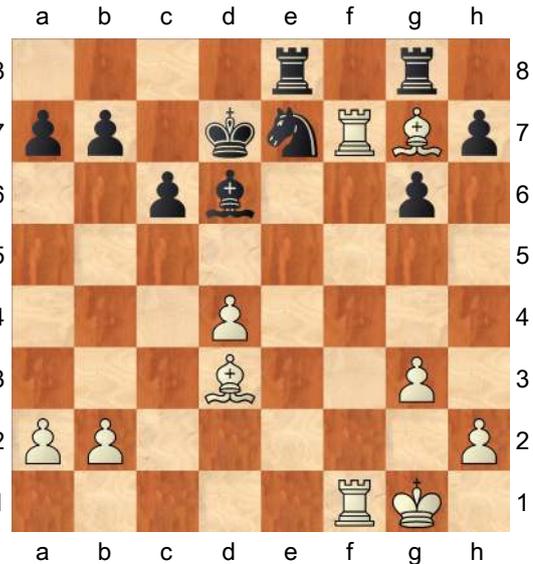
1.d4 f5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 c6
5.Nc3 Nd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Nh3 Ndf6
8.0-0 Bd6 9.f3 Ne7 10.e4 fxe4
11.fxe4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4
Bxh3 14.Qh5+ g6 15.Qxh3 Qd7
16.Qxd7+ Kxd7 17.Bh6 Rae8 18.Rf7
Ke6?! Diagram

[♖18...Kc8]



19.Raf1 Nf5 I am surprised that Chigorin played this. The mating net is not too hard to find, though I suspect he was relying on the desperado Bf4, and didn't assess correctly the strength of white's remaining attack. (I am not saying I would have done any better: the assessment of the position after 22...Ke7 really surprises me).

[♖19...Kd7 Better I think to be sheepish, and tuck the king away.
20.Bg7 Rhg8 21.Bd3 Diagram
Houdini says this is +/-, +1.6, but to my mind it isn't won- certainly not at my standard of play.]

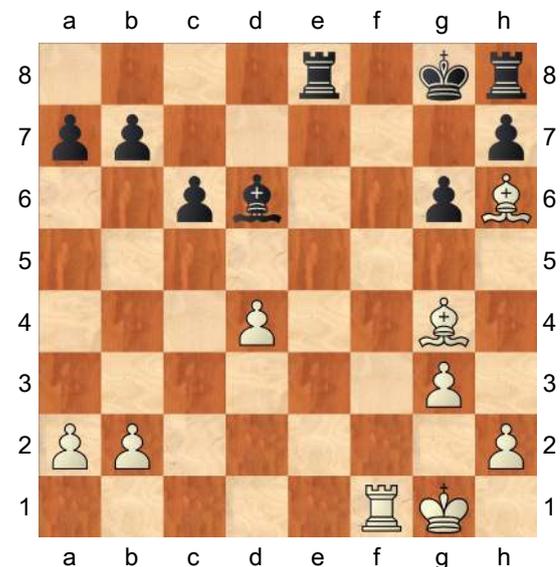


20.Bxf5+ Kxf7?+-

[♖20...gxf5 21.Rxb7 f4 22.Bxf4 Bxf4 23.Rxf4 Rb8 And maybe black could hold this ending, though of course Houdini's assessment is that white is winning (+1.5)]

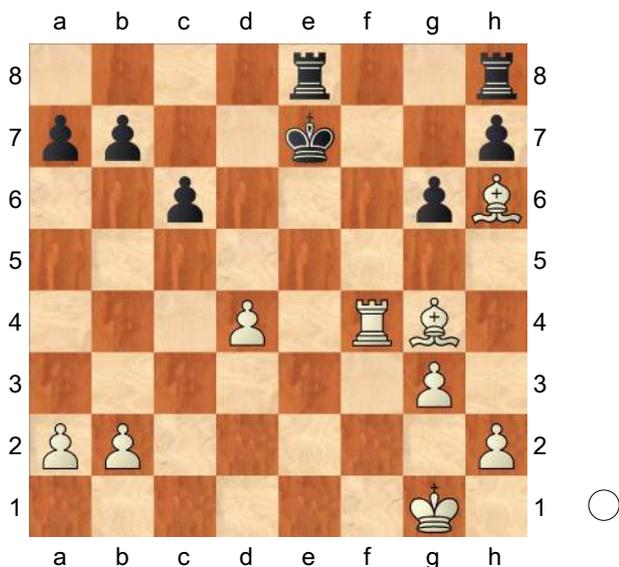
21.Bg4+ Bf4

[♖21...Kg8 Diagram



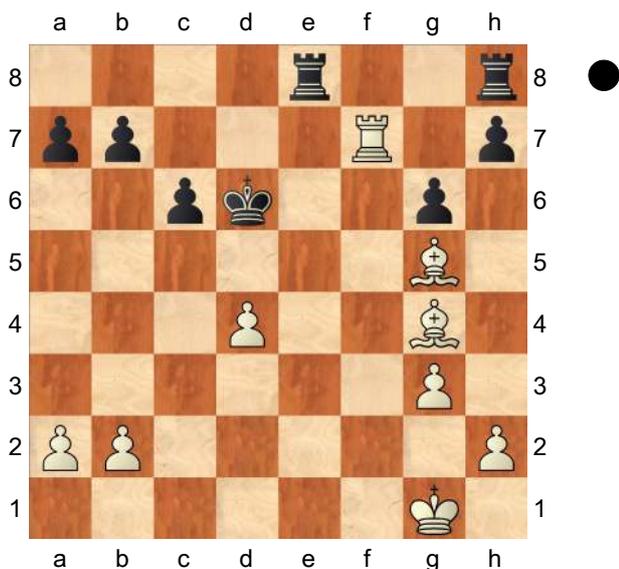
22.Bd1! yet another backward move, so hard to see (at least for me).
(22.Rf6 the move I chose Re4
23.Rxd6 Kf7! Houdini assesses this as +3 (after 24h3) or +2.6 (after 24 Bf4) but, to me, the game is still on.)]

22.Rxf4+ Ke7 □ Diagram



Houdini appraises this as +4.3: which surprises me- but black is trussed up.

23.Bg5+ Kd6 24.Rf7 Diagram



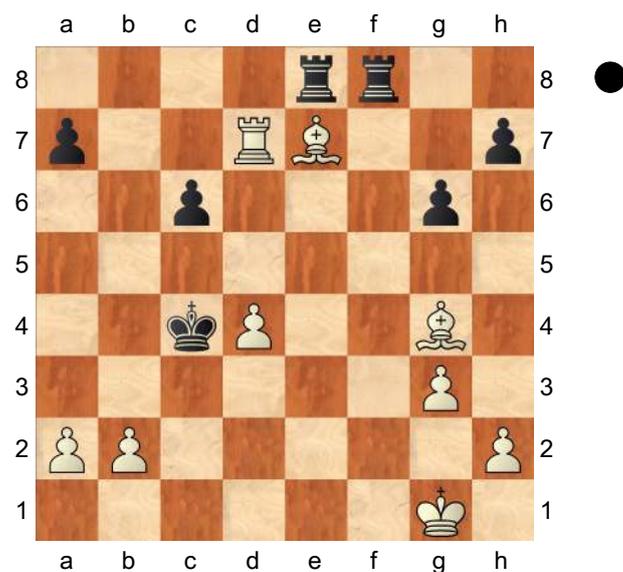
Kd5 It's quite amazing to witness how strong white's attack is: "you can run but you cannot hide" from white's bishop pair and rook.

[24...c5 25.Bf4+ Kd5 26.Rd7+ Kc4 (26...Kc6 27.Rc7+ Kb6 28.dxc5+ Ka6 29.Bf3 b6 30.Bb7+ Ka5 31.Bd2+ Kb5 32.Bc6+) 27.Be5 Rhf8 28.Be2+]

25.Rxb7 Rhf8

[25...Rb8 26.Rd7+ Kc4 27.Be2+ Kb4]

26.Rd7+ Kc4 27.Be7 Diagram



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