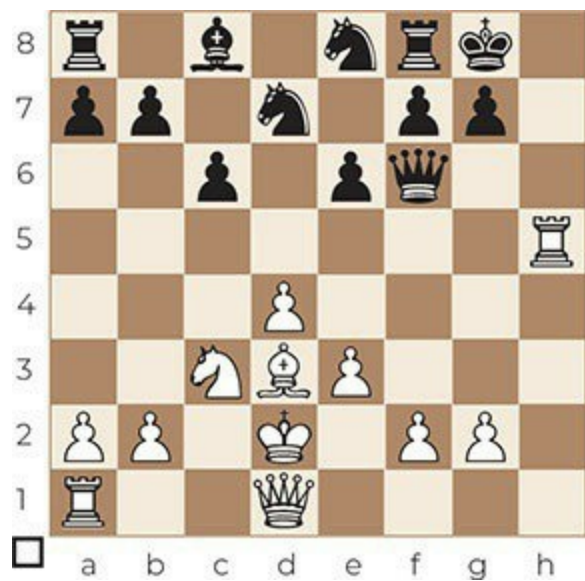




38.Bg8+ Kh8 39.Bf7+ Kh7 40.Qg8+ Kh6 41.Qxg6#

Game 137

Maximov – Andreiev

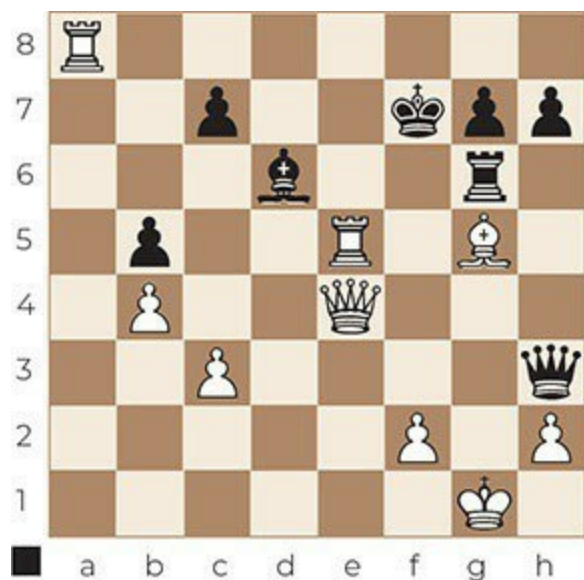


15.Bh7+ Kh8 16.Bg6+ Kg8 17.Rh8+ Kxh8 18.Qh5+ Kg8 19.Qh7#

Game 138

Ragozin – Ravinsky

1957



33...Rxg5+

Opening the bishop's diagonal.

34.Rxg5

34.Kh1 Qf1# (Back rank mate).

34...Bxh2+ 35.Kh1 Bg3+ 36.Kg1 Qh2+ 37.Kf1 Qxf2#

CHAPTER 16

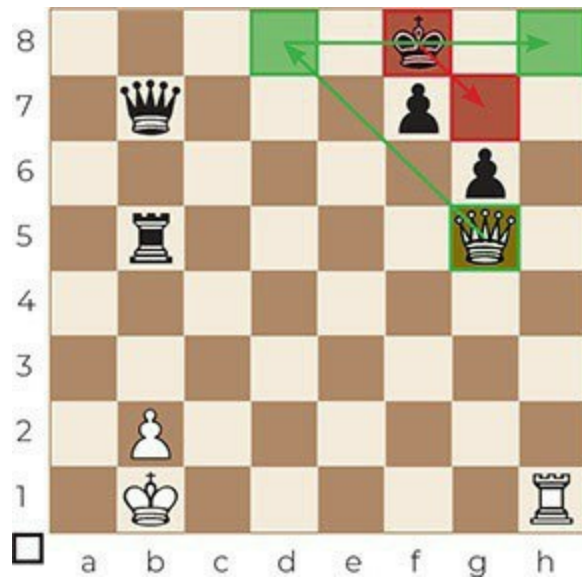
Dovetail mate

In the Dovetail mate, a queen delivers checkmate by checking the king from a diagonally adjacent square, while supported by another piece. The only 2 escape squares not covered by the queen are occupied by friendly pieces.

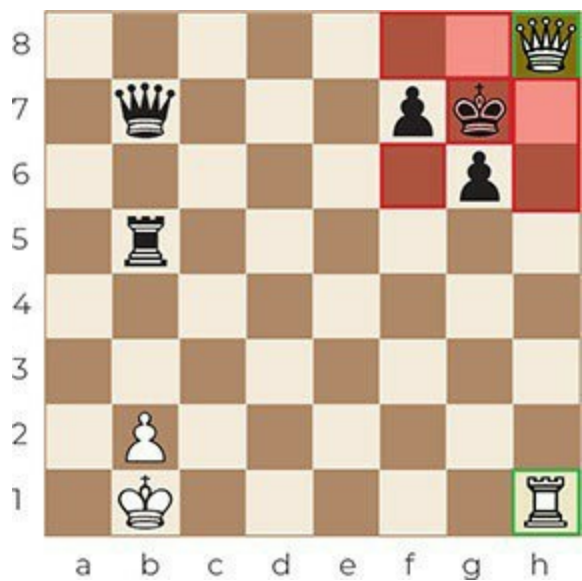
Another name for this checkmate is Cozio's mate, named after the Italian chess player Carlo Cozio (1715-1780) who published this checkmate pattern in a study in 1766.

Dovetail mate 1

Sometimes, the Dovetail mate is preceded by a number of checks, mainly queen checks.



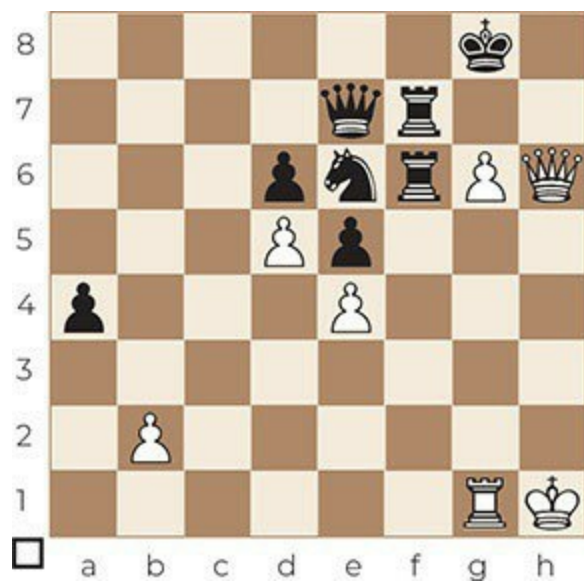
1.Qd8+ Kg7 2.Qh8#



Game 139

Tukmakov – Milosevic

2000

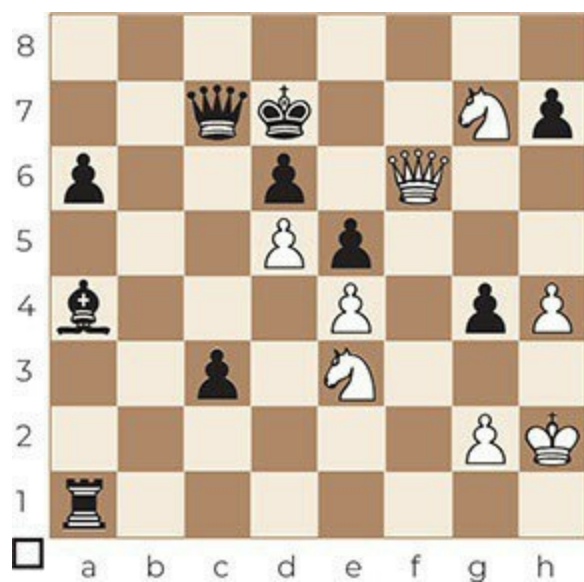


53.gxf7+ Kxf7 54.Qh5+ Kf8 55.Qh8+ Kf7 56.Qg8#

Game 140

Polzin – Schlosser

2008



53.Qe6+ Kd8 54.Qg8+ Ke7

54...Be8 55.Qxe8# (Swallow's tail mate); 54...Kd7 55.Qe8# (Dovetail mate).

55.Nef5+

Queen + knight is one of the most powerful combinations of pieces for the attack.

55...Kd7

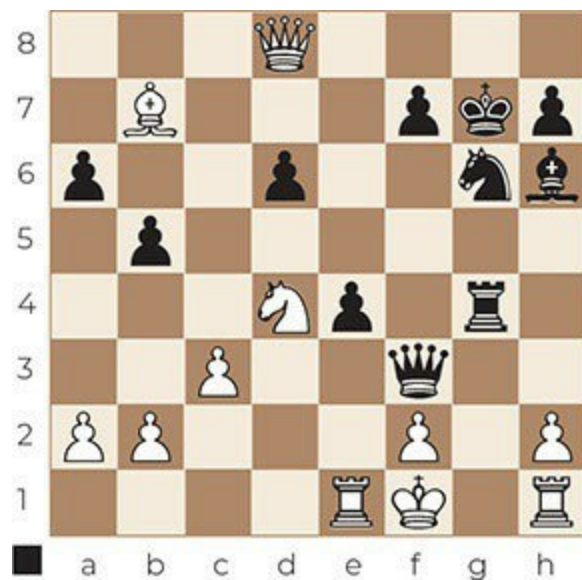
If 55...Kf6 56.Qe6#, or 55...Kf6 56.Nh5#.

56.Qe8#

Game 141

Cespedes – Timoshenko

1998

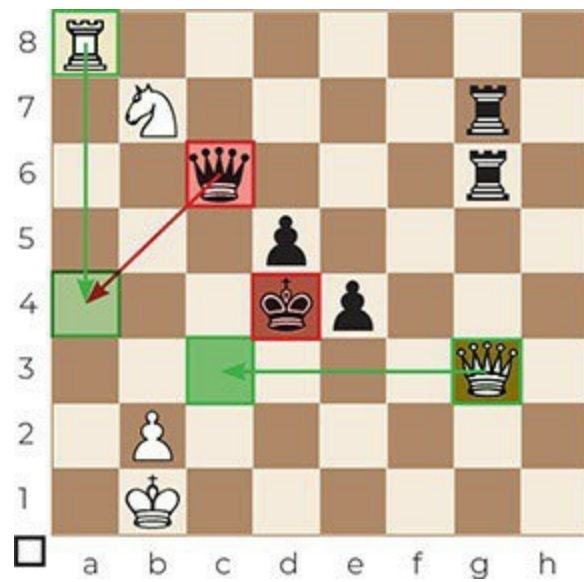


29...Qh3+ 30.Ke2 Qd3#

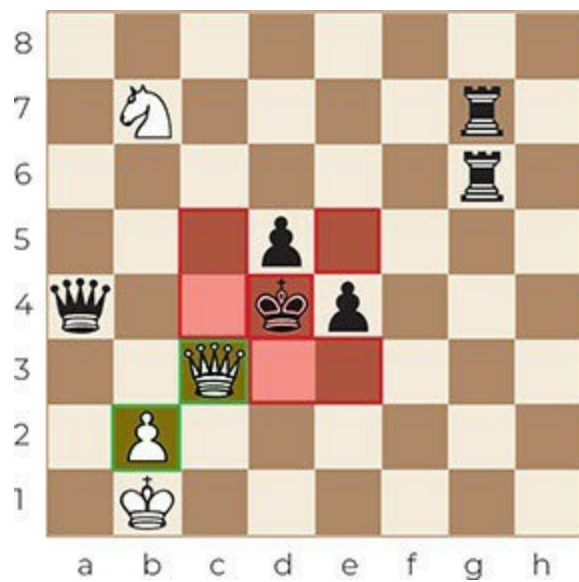
Dovetail mate 2

In some cases, the Dovetail mate is preceded by a sacrifice to remove

or distract a defender of the king.



1.Ra4+ Qxa4 2.Qc3#



Game 142

Bellon Lopez – Smejkal

1970