A minor anecdote deleted from *Odd cases of Hypermentia*

Hans Gruber zum 50. Geburtstag von Harrie Grondijs [HG!], Rijswijk (NL) -

Dedicated to the man who put the German words of ***Springerzauber*** *into their correct order.*

"*Now what do you say of that, Mudhead* ?" said Fleetwood and he looked at me with more dismay and, yes, hate, than any-one I know (and, besides those, there is only one man I *don't* know who has more dismay and hate to literally spend on me, - and that man is my-selves).
Thus he repeated the question he had put to me a few seconds earlier, now with both his elbows firmly planted on the only one copy of the most voluminous volume on chess that ever was fit to print:
"*Where is the best place to hide the solution of a chess enigma?*,"
It wasn't fair, he appended the answer to this humorous question straight away:
"*Inside the solution.*"
This beat everything I never really understood since Gödel spoiled his tears on my pillow. I ventured: "I might have thought of that, where it not ..."
But merciless Fleetwood's next stab of humour cut in deep: "*You should have said* were it not *..., or else the comma in front of it would have need be been left out, however, to show you I am suffering mudheaded fools gladly today I offer you some help with an example. I'll give you part of the solution, just a few King moves:* ***Kxc2, Kb3, Kb4, Kb5*** *and everyone even faintly acquainted with Lasker's fling with mathematical Ring-theory must easily find half the solution and the position to go with it at that point and all the rest within half-an-hour, when the KB closes down anyways, and which is more time than I spent on knitting this one!*"

Harrie Grondijs
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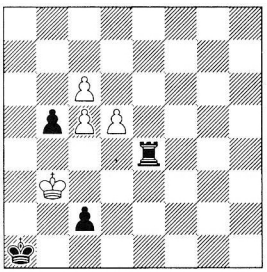

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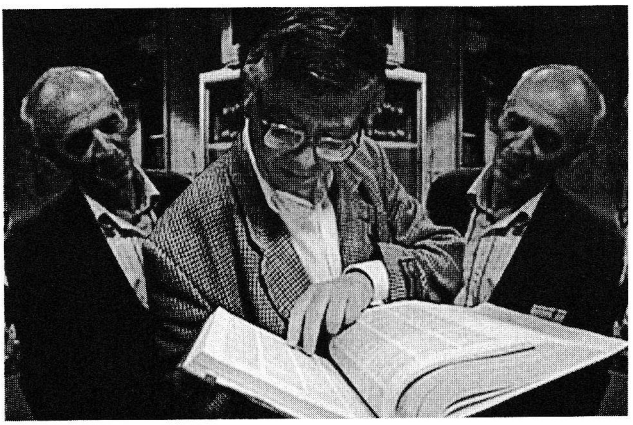

...ein (von meiner traditionellen Hinsicht aus) ganz merkwürdiges Ding für HG - eine Art von *feenschach* Eindspelstudie. **0** Kb3 1.Kxc2 **a** Rc4+ 2.Kb3 **b** Rxc5 3.Kb4 **c** Rxd5 4.c7 Rd4+ 5.Kxb5 **d** Rd5+ 6.Kb4 **c** Rd4+ 7.Kb3 **b** Rd3+ 8.Kc2 **a** Rd4 9.c8=R Ra4 10.Kb3 **0** & gewinnt; Idee: Symmetrie **0abcdcba0** - Die Königszüge werden zuerst hinterwärts gespielt. Die Lösung von dieser Studie ist die Lösung dieser Studie, von hinten nach vorn, und deshalb auch von vorn nach hinten. HG (spät nachts), Rijswijk, Montag, 16.August 2010.
Das Foto (by Michael Negele) zeigt Fred van der Vliet mit dem größten Schachbuch aller Zeiten (da steht ***alles*** *über Schachleute drin) – dieses Buch ist so groß, daß für jede Seite ein extra be=trachter vonnöthen ist, hier z. B. links der Buchautor Harrie Grondijs [HG], rechts der Schachhistoriker Harrie Grondijs [HG].....*