

Here is a sample of two different solutions for most possible starting puzzle with one pegs removed. No two solutions from a group have the same moves, just in a different order. Use the board layout found at the top of the first column. Start the game by removing the peg mentioned in the first line of each solution. The jumps are much like in checkers. The direction of jumping is vertical or horizontal. The first number is the peg doing the jumping, the second number is jumped over and removed from the board. The third number is where the jumping peg lands. Make each of the moves as listed for that game.

I have done an extensive check just on starting peg 19, the center one. The computer ran 78 hours and checked over 14,148,000,000 puzzles and did not find any solutions either. There is a very good chance that there are no solutions at all.

The puzzle on the right is the more traditional looking one some times called the English Solitaire. The one on the left is for these solutions it is normally known as the French Solitaire. Note only 16 starting peg positions have a solution. There may be no solutions for the remaining 21 starting peg positions. The pattern created is very interesting. There is an engraving from 1697 that shows the game being played. The game may have been created in the 1400's.

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