How to play Bridge AUCTION and CONTRACT

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Problem

Hearts—A, 7, 6, 5
Clubs—A, Q, 10
Diamonds—K, 5
Spades—none

Y
A B
Z

Hearts—K, Q, J, 10, 9
Clubs—K, J, 9
Diamonds—none
Spades—9

Hearts—4, 3
Clubs—none
Diamonds—Q, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6
Spades—10

Y to lead—2
Clubs—5, 4, 3, 2
Diamonds—J, 3
Spades—J, 8

If spades are trumps and Z is in the lead, how can Y Z win eight of the nine tricks against any defense?

Solution in the next article.

Contract, as the name implies, allows the player to score towards game only the number of tricks he has bid. For example, if a player bids two spades and makes four, he can only score two, the number bid, and the remaining two tricks are scored in his honor column at 50 per trick. This rule makes it necessary for players to bid for game on every hand, whether their opponents overbid or not, provided, of course, these hands warrant a try for game.

As a result, there are no "dead" hands at Contract where one player, for example, bids one heart and all pass, as occurs very frequently at Auction. When one side holds all the cards there is bound to be plenty of action whether opponents bid or not. The lucky side must bid for game if they want it and once they feel sure of game, they have the still further incentive of trying for "slams." At Contract a little slam, if bid and made, scores 500 points if not vulnerable and 750 points if vulnerable and a big slam, if bid and made, scores 1000 points if not vulnerable and 1500 points if vulnerable. As a result of these large premiums, the effort to bid and make slams offers one of the exciting features of Contract.

In the regular game of Auction you may take a chance now and then with a weak bid. It costs very little but in Contract you'll find it very expensive. For instance, in Contract you bid one no trump with just an ordinary thin no trumper. What will happen? If second hand passes, your partner may have good help for a good no trumper. Your partner will of course bid you up. He may be justified in bidding three no trumps. Think of the wallop you'll get if it's doubled. You have no place to go, and oh, boy, wallops in Contract count heavily against you.

It's the ambition of all Auction and Contract players to become experts, but it is really surprising how little real work they are willing to do to accomplish this result. There are probably ten million people in the country to-day who play Auction or Contract and yet not five per cent. of them ever buy a book on either game and, if they do, it usually is placed carefully in the bookcase and never opened.

But if you will not read a book on the game, you will derive much benefit from a study of the various hands that are analyzed in these articles and, if you keep at it, you are bound to improve your game; and if you learn to play a little better than your associates, you will win, even without the aces and kings. As one player described the game of a well-known expert: "The boy certainly knows how to play 'em. He doesn't get much to work with, but he can sure make sevens and eights act like kings and queens."

We cannot all be experts but we can certainly improve our game; and one of the best ways to do so is to study over the analysis of the test hands given in these articles. Every one of such hands will bring up points of play or bidding that, if properly understood, will be invaluable. These hands have all been submitted to the writer for analysis and came up in actual play. Study them over and make up your mind as to the correct bid or play in each instance. When the analysis is given, compare your opinion with the writer's and, if there is any difference, think it over and then adapt yourself and your game accordingly. Handled in this way, test hands will prove invaluable.

There is one point in the play of a hand that some of the good players don't always follow, and yet is generally a consistent winner. When the declarer has won the declaration at a suit and you have four or more trumps, open your long suit. With four or more trumps there is always a possibility of being able to establish your long suit and break up the declarer's hand by forcing him to trump your established suit. For example, hearts are trumps and your holding is as follows:

Hearts—Q, 9, 6, 5
Clubs—A, K, 7, 6, 5
Diamonds—Q, 6, 2
Spades—10

With such a hand, it is much better to open the club suit than to lead the singleton spade. Suppose you have bid clubs and your partner has supported the bid. You lead the suit and the declarer is forced to trump. Even if he has six hearts, he can only lead two rounds of trumps. If he leads three rounds, you can win the third round with the queen and force him to trump again.

Then it takes his last trump to draw yours and, if your partner can take a trick in the other suits, the declarer cannot score game. If the declarer has only five trumps but great strength in your singleton suit, the lead of your strong suit would beat him, but the lead of your singleton up to his strong suit would give him an advantage that would enable him to score game. The singleton lead is always a gamble and is seldom a winning play, unless holding three trumps. With a strong suit and four trumps, the long suit lead is much the better. Watch this play and, when you understand the theory of it, you will be a much better player.

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This is the second notable departure from ancient custom in religious service instituted by the progressive Turkish President this year. The Arabic Koran, always unintelligible as Latin to the layman, was replaced early last month in some Istanbul mosques by a Turkish translation. These innovations are in consummation of the Nationalist Government's aim of adapting the Islamic religion to the needs of modern Turkey.

1,600-Yr.-Old Jug Unearthed In Nebraska Cemetery

Butte, Neb.—A jug, believed to be at least 1,600 years old, was unearthed near here. It was hand-carved and once had been protected by a wicker frame. The discovery was made in what is thought to have been a cemetery of early Indian tribes. Pieces of pottery, flint arrow-heads, teeth and bones also were found.

The relics may have been the remains of a civilization of mound builders, it is believed. Specimens have been sent to anthropologists at the University of Nebraska.

Germany's Oldest Church Shows Date Block of 732

Siegen, Westphalia.—A stone bearing the date 732 has been found in the wall of the old church in Raumland, a small village on the Eder River, and research has established that the building was erected by St. Boniface. It is thus the oldest definitely dated Church in Germany, looking back this year on twelve centuries of existence.

"There is never again going to be an era of prosperity just like that which the United States and Canada enjoyed before and after the war."—Lord Lothian.

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Owl Laffs

They were discussing dogs, and the tales were becoming "pretty tall" when one of the group took the lead. "Smith," he said, "had a most intelligent retriever. One night Smith's house caught fire. All was instant confusion. Old Smith and wife flew for the children and bundled out with them in quick order. Alas, one of them had been left behind. But up jumped the dog, rushed into the house, and soon reappeared with the missing child. Everyone was saved; but Rover dashed through the flames again. What did the dog want? No one knew. Presently the noble animal reappeared, scorched and burned, with—what do you think?"

"Give it up," cried the eager listeners.

"With the fire insurance policy, wrapped in a damp towel, gentlemen."

Glum—"Why are you so blue?"

Gloomy—"Because my boat finished first in the race."

Bad—"Why, I'd think you'd be happy."

Worse—"But the motor went dead."

Witness—"Then he upped and 'e knocked me down with a leaf."

Judge—"With a leaf?"

Witness—"Yes, your Honor. With a leaf from the table."

A woman says she is troubled because her husband talks in his sleep—and mumbles so that she can't understand him. Gleeful Gladys says some women go right on chasing illusions at forty—by that time most of us are kept busy dodging disillusion. A woman seldom comes out of a sullen spell until she believes her husband has suffered as much as she thinks he should. Most of us try to put off everything except a good time. Foolishness is still foolishness, no matter how august may be the man who utters it. A lot of people don't care much what happens so long as it doesn't happen to them.

The time to start advertising is when the other fellow says: "Aw, there ain't no new business; let's cut down our appropriation." A large man never complains when joshed about his size, but the little man is sure to get sore if you call him a runt. No man is so handsome that he is good looking in a dirty shirt. A lot of "self-made" men would have fared much better had they let the contract to somebody else.

He was a guest of a Cockney family in England. They were eating ham.

Young Son—"Please pass the 'am, Father."

Father—"Don't say 'am. Say 'am."

Mother (turning smilingly to the guest—"They think they're saying 'am."

The teacher had labored long and patiently to teach little Arthur the points of the compass.

Teacher—"When you stand with your face to the north, your right hand is toward the East, your left toward the west, and your back toward the south. Now, tell me the directions. What is in front of you?"

Little Arthur (after a thoughtful pause)—"My stomach."

Mother—"Would you like to come and rock the baby for a bit, Tommy?

Tommy—Rather! But I haven't got a rock."

She—"Do you know you'd make a wonderful fireman?"

He—"How's that?"

She—"You never take your eyes off the hose."

The reader is often carried away by the author's train of thought.

Sun in Manhattan

At dawn the sun begins his daily work
To make the city cognizant of him.
He faces walls inflexible and grim,
They fling a joyless and defiant smirk.
He jumps to some tall building and his darts
Glance in great flashes from the glassy quartz;
Another building catches these gay gleams
Annd throws back jauntily its onyx beans.
Thus is the light sent out and caught again
Till all the upper spires are lit, and then
With darkness hiding in his last retreat,
The searchlight of the sun sweeps down the street;
He climbs across the buildings, and below
In sunny garments men and women go!

—Myriam Page in the Christian Science Monitor.

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Theatre to Seat Women Apart

Madrid—An old Spanish custom of separating men and women in the theatre is being revived here. The actress Hortensia Gelabert, who plans to operate the Theatre Beatrice, said she would reserve orchestra seats for women.

Utterly Worn-Out

Mrs. Fitzpatrick Tells How Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Made Her Well.

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"I became run-down and unable to do my work for a family of seven," writes Mrs. W. P. Fitzpatrick, Marquis, Sask. "I was told I had anaemia, and I took treatment, but with very little improvement. Finally my sister, who had had the same disease, advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as they had done her so much good. I have taken seven boxes. Today I'm well; able to do my own work; no more tired feeling or weak spells. I can run upstairs without puffing. I sleep and eat well. My friends are astonished at my changed appearance and never fail to ask what I'm taking. My reply is: 'Dr. Williams' Pink Pills'."

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Japan and Manchuria

Economist (London): Time, in the second chapter of the Manchurian story, shows signs of changing sides. From the seizure of Mukden on September 19 down to the completion of the Japanese occupation of Manchuria last week, time worked in Japan's favour. While the League Council wavered, the Japanese Army carried out its operations swiftly according to plan. Now that the plan has been executed, the Japanese are faced with the new problem of holding what they have taken; and now time may begin to work on the side of the Chinese guerillas, to whose favourite method of warfare the Japanese have exposed themselves by the enormous lengthening of their lines of communication. We do not believe that the Japanese Army will succeed in clearing Manchuria of brigands within three months or within many times that period. And meanwhile the Nine-Power Treaty and the Kellogg Pact will be working, impalpably but potently, upon the public opinion of the world to Japan's undoing. We have not seen the end of this Japanese adventure.

Of all elements of strength, none is more vital than self-reliance; a determination to be one's own helper and not to look to others for support.—William Matthews.

Nothing is more destructive of individual character than for a man to lose all faith in his own abilities for the prosecution of his work.—Samuel Smiles.

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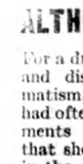

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GOING UPSTAIRS WAS AGONY

Hobbling With Rheumatism

ALTHOUGH NOT YET 30

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"I suffered agonies with Rheumatism. The doctor said he had never known a woman under 30 to get Rheumatism like I had it. I was so bad I could only get upstairs by sitting on each stair, until I had pluck enough to pull myself up to the next one. My hands and feet were so swollen that they looked uncanny, and neighbours used to watch me hobble round and say how awful I looked. I had often laughed at the Kruschen advertisements, but thought, as I had given almost everything else a trial, I might as well give Kruschen a trial. I did so, and will always say I consider them wonderful. I take half-a-teaspoonful of Kruschen every morning. Now I can run upstairs. Yet I have taken Kruschen Salts for two months only."—Mrs. R. F.

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