How to play Bridge AUCTION and CONTRACT

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There are certain hands on which the best of players will always differ, and it is a lucky thing for Auction and Contract that this is so. It is this very variety of opinion that makes the games interesting. No doubt it is a fine thing to agree about some things, but life woud soon lose its savor if we all were of the same opinion about everything. Arguments are stimulating and keep the interest alive. This is particularly true of Auction and Contract, and the very fact that some hands cause endless discussion and a wide variety of opinion shows why the games are so fascinating. The following hand is a good example. It was recently submitted to the writer as a hand on which no good players seemed to agree as to the proper bid. What do you think?

Hand No. 1

: Y :
: A B :
: Z :

Hearts—A
Clubs—9, 7, 6, 5, 3, 2
Diamonds—A, 8, 7, 2
Spades—A, 2

No score, rubber game. What should Z, as dealer, bid with the foregoing hand at either Auction or Contract? The writer will give his opinion in the next article.

There is one type of hand on which the well-known writers and players of the game still disagree. When partner had bid one no trump and second hand has passed, what type of hand justifies a take-out at either Auction or Contract? If you want to get into an argument, just start a discussion of this subject, and you will probably find as many opinions as there are players. It is the same thing with the writers on Auction and Contract. They all disagree and the result is a wide diversity of opinion. The following hands illustrate the principles of the take-out, both at Auction and Contract, and the writer will give his opinions in the next article.

In the meantime think it over and discuss your opinion with your friends. It is an interesting subject and so far still an open one.

Hand No. 2

Hearts—J, 10, 8, 3, 2
Clubs—J, 7, 3
Diamonds—9, 5
Spades—K, 6, 5

: Y :
: A B :
: Z :

No score, first game. Z dealt, bid one no trump and ... passed. What should Y now bid with the foregoing hand at either Auction or Contract?

Hand No. 3

Hearts—8, 2
Clubs—J, 9, 8, 2
Diamonds—10, 2
Spades—A, 7, 6, 5, 2

: Y :
: A B :
: Z :

No score, rubber game. Z dealt, bid one no trump and A passed. What should Y now bid with the foregoing hand at either Auction or Contract?

The following hand has recently been brought to the writer's attention and the proper play is so interesting and instructive that it is given as a problem:

Hand No. 4

Hearts—A, K, Q, 4
Clubs—J, 10, 9, 4, 3, 2
Diamonds—7
Spades—A, 4

: Y :
: A B :
: Z :

Hearts—10, 9, 5, 2
Clubs—A, K, Q, 7
Diamonds—9, 6, 3
Spades—Q, 6

No score rubber game. Clubs are trumps and Z is playing the hand. A opens the king of diamonds and all follow suit. He then leads the trey of spades. How should Z play the hand so that he can make game no matter how the remaining cards are distributed?

Solution in next article.

The Daily News In Soviet Russia

By GUNTBER STEIN

German journalist, writing in the "Berliner Tageblatt," Berlin Daily

Every country shows its true face in its newspapers. They reveal its character and its circumstances. What they contain and what they lack, what they emphasize and what they conceal, their prohibitions and liberties, their style and form of treating the news—all these things are not chance creations. They represent, consciously or unconsciously, a portrait of an entire country, a snapshot of a given people at a given time.

I quote here the contents of a popular Moscow evening newspaper, one that is less serious, less scientific, less factual and dry than the big newspapers that sell by the millions and that are read by the intellectual elect. "Moscow in the Evening" is published by the City Soviet. It has four large pages, each of which is divided into seven columns. It contains about one page of advertisements.

It begins with foreign politics, and the world revolution is constantly featured. Here is a three-column headline: "Today the Geneva Gasbags Go into Conference. Geneva Lackeys Prepare to Serve Japan but Express Every Sympathy for China." The dispatch itself consists of a telegram from Paris. Then follow brief, more or less factual reports on the Russo-German economic negotiations, the end of the Indian Round-Table Conference, the crisis in Morocco, secret Fascist organizations in Stockholm. The news columns are broken by an almost unrecognizable picture of the unemployed in New York.

The Russians emphasize with incredible cleverness and incredible success the efforts of separate units and of the whole economic system to put through the Five-Year Plan. An article with two pictures on the first page bears a three-column headline: "The Iron Baker. Bread Factory No. 5 a Brilliant Achievment of the Soviet Union. Engineer Marsakov Is the Organizer of the Triumph." The dispatch is written in a good, sharp style. It relates that German and English manufacturers of machinery had asserted that their methods were the most highly rationalized, but Russia has completely outstripped them by building a bread factory without foreign aid. Not one foreign nail was used. The factory is ready. Nine persons in eight working hours can make 10,000 loaves of bread entirely by machinery.

The second page contains descriptions of daily Soviet affairs. Every other word is relentless self-criticism. One must admit that it is a sign of strength that this expanding, ambitious system permits itself so much candid self-criticism in public.

There is a description of how Moscow has failed to receive its supply of vegetables according to plan. Instead of the 532,574 tons of potatoes that were supposed to have been delivered, the city has received only 326,461 tons. Even the deliveries that are made often go to the wrong place. A "flying patrol brigade" discovers each day dozens of "criminal failures to provide the necessities of life." In one place carrots are rotting; in other places potatoes are freezing.

Under an oval photograph of a tailor measuring clothes is a caption praising Worker Trubnikov, the best worker of the 12th Moscow clothing factory, which completed its full scheduled output for the year ... weeks before the year had ended.

"Twelve Thousand Historic Feets. A New Central Archive Will Be Built in Moscow, Costing Two and a Half Million Rubles." So reads one headline. And here is a typical news item. The housing association of the Krassnia-Pressnia quarter complains bitterly that its members keep talking about progress yet never accomplish anything. Workers' Community House No. 7 has only one light, a single petroleum lamp. In Leontievski Street a community house where 22 people live has only one teakettle. The men in charge of these houses are to blame and must take the responsibility.

Some concrete instances of the daily misfortune of standing in line for necessities are given. At Shop No. 10-35 of the Moskva River Cooperative Society people had to stand for hours in the early morning waiting for vegetable oil and venison. Why? The goods had been delivered the previous evening, but there was no pump for the oil and not enough room on the counter for the deer. "Why should we hurry?" the store manager asked the reporter who was investigating the incident. "We always get rid of all our goods." At Shop No. 232 long lines stand waiting every day. The cashier is industrious but the cash register does not work.

A brilliantly written article describes how a member of the new generation was walking along a street lit by bright arc lights. He was gazing in wonder on a new theatre when he saw the 16th century emerge from a basement window in the form of a rat. There are 2,500,000 rats in Moscow today, almost as many as there are human beings, according to scientific estimates. It is true that Moscow does not hold the record for rats; it has less than Paris, London, and Hamburg; but it has plenty just the same. People have begun to fight bedbugs, though with resolutions more than with chemical formulae. The articles goes on to ask: "Why don't we talk more about the rats, about these relics of yesterday that we inherited from Tsarism and that still make their way into the life of today along with the most modern bread factories, community houses, and educational parks?"

Another headline reads: "The Parcel Did Not Arrive." Here are numerous instances of packages arriving late or not at all. It took 19 days for one package to get from Smolensk to Moscow, and in 1931 alone 110 packages were lost in the Moscow Central Post Office.

The advertising columns begin with the announcements of theatres, concerts, and circuses. Then there is half a column of offers to buy or sell. Naturally, more people want to buy. There are demands for sideboards, typewriters, pianos, chairs cameras, and phonographs. The objects for sale include men's coats, telescopes, writs watches, bear rugs, and an old hotel. A Leningrad cooperative advertises for an unlimited quantity of turnipe and cabbage, and the state meat trust wants to buy two motorcycles.

Then come the most urgent demands of all, the demands for dwelling places. "The occupant of a room in Leningrad containing 183 square feet is looking for a room in Moscow." "Will exchange a corridor room for two rooms, paying all costs." "Wanted, a room. Will pay 100 rubles a month." "Will exchange room containing 43 square feet for larger room, paying all costs.' "We need rooms and houses for foreign specialists," announces a trust. "Will exchange five-room country house for one room in Moscow." "Will rent corner of room to student who will educate a boy."

There is also a labor-exchange column whose few items confirm the fact that no real unemployment exists in Russia. "Looking for work as a dog trainer." "Old cook seeks employment in state institution or hospital." "English, German, and French, seven rubles a month." There are jobs offered to stenographers with their own typewriters and jobs in the Caucasus for engineers, mechanics, and so forth.

Such are the contents of a typical number of a popular Moscow newspaper.

Gold of Ancients Found In St. Ives

St. Ives, Eng.—A glitter of gold in the earth of a bank on which he was at work caught the eye of a laborer on Amalveor farm, not far from St. Ives. Search revealed two long twisted ribbons of gold and six nearly complete circlets, also of gold. These latter are thought to have been used as armlets.

Antiquarians think that these gold ornaments probably came from Ireland as it is known that there was much intercourse between Ireland and Cornwall during the Bronze Age.

Worth Watching

A clergyman, obliging a sick friend by preaching for him, was struck by the attention of the congregation. Never once through the sermon did they take their eyes off him.

"What an intelligent lot of people!" he said to the verger, after the service. "Really, I was delighted!"

"Bless 'ee, sir," replied the verger, "we was all waiting to see you disappear!"

"Disappear? What do you mean?"

Well, our old pulpit's got pretty shaky this last month or so, and you're stones heavier than our own parson, sir!"

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What New York Is Wearing

Illustrated Dressmaking Lesson Furnished with Every Pattern

BY ANNEBELLE WORTHINGTON

A simple conservative day dress of black canton-faille crepe cuts its bodice on slightly fitted wrapped lines.

It is given smart contrast through soft white crepe silk collar and cuffs with pleated frilled edge, always so charming. The novelty black shiny buttons add a decorative note.

This captivating little model, Style No. 3481, comes in sizes 14, 16, 18, 20 years, 36 and 38 inches bust.

Size 16 requires 2⅝ yards 54-inch, with ½ yard 39-inch contrasting.

Persian green woolen with brown woolen and brown leather belt is a striking color combination much favored by youth.

Almond green crepe silk with self-fabric trim is still another delightful idea.

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Try it just once after a heavy meal and see for yourself how magically it works. Twenty-five regular doses in every package.

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Owl Laffs

Editor—"Did you ever write anything before?"

Authoress—"Oh yes I wrote a confession story once."

Editor—"Did the editor send it back?"

Authoress—"No, he came all the way from New York to Louisville to meet me."

Daughter—"Do fishes really go about in schools, mummy?"

Mother—"Yes, dear."

Daughter — "Well, what happens when the teacher gets caught on a hook?"

Customer—"You made a mistake."

Bank Teller—"We never make mistakes here, sir."

Customer—"Then I'm much obliged for the extra $20."

There is just one thing that can beat a good wife—and that is a bad husband. Our idea of a self centered individual is one who is always thinking of nothing worth while. Then there is the lazy one who waits until some one somes along to push the revolving door for him.

Little Jackie was visiting friends, and his hostess noticed that he was not eating his spinach.

Hostess — "That's good for you, Jackie. You ought to eat it."

Jackie—"No, ma'am. At our house we don't eat ferns."

Farmer John—"How are you getting on keeping bees?"

Farmer Henry—"Very well. We have not had much honey, but the bees have stung my mother-in-law several times."

Lawyer—"Where were you on the afternoon of the 13th?"

Defenant—"With a couple of my friends."

Lawyer—"Scoundrels, probably."

Defendant—"Yes, sir, both of them were lawyers."

Pastor's Wife—"Ah, Mrs. Miles, one-half of the world is ignorant of how the other half lives."

Mrs. Miles—"Not in this village, ma'am."

A lot of honest men get that way through fear of being found out. At least if girls wear longer skirts, men will be able to do a little studying in the library. A fortunate husband is one whose wife has too much horse sense to be a nag. Weather forecast: Thunder showers Friday probably followed by Saturday—Brushville Bugle. The nice thing about dictating letters is that you can use a lot of words you don't know how to spell. The milk of human kindness never burns sour.

Johnny—"Teacher, can anyone be punished for something they didn't do?"

Teacher—"Why, of course not."

Johnny—"Well, I didn't do my arithmetic."

Edith—"So Gertie finally got a break?"

Judith—"Yes, and she's suing for breach of promise."

First Collegian—"How do you like my new skirt now that you've worn it all day?"

Second Collegian—"Oh it's all right, but the cuffs don't take ink very well."

Bill—"Didn't I see you wearing a bathing suit at the fancy dress ball last night?"

Doris—"Gee, you must have left awfully early."

Prospecting In Streets Forbidden in Australia

Melbourne, Vic.—Mining is not the only method of searching for gold in Bendigo. Some enterprising treasure-hunters recently found that the dust from a suburban street contained payable gold.

Two young men aroused interest in Eaglehawk a Bendigo suburb when they began vigorously sweeping the surface of Caldwell's Road with hard brooms. They swept the dust into heaps, shoveled it into barrows, and wheeled it away to an old dam, where they tipped it into a "cradle" and shook it till golden specks appeared.

Far from appreciating the fact that the road was being swept beautifully clean, however, the borough authorities sent along a policeman, who seized the brooms, the barrows, and "cradle" and the gold dust on the ground that the sweeping was removing the surface of the road, involving civic expense for repairs.

So now Caldwell's Road will get dusty again, and what remains of its golden treasure will be left undisturbed.

An elderly couple were charged with creating a breach of the peace in their own home. "How did you come to cause this disturbance at your own fireside?" asked the magistrate. "Well, it was like this," replied the old woman. "John and I were sitting at the fire. John was reading his newspaper and I was thinking. Then I turned to him and said: 'John, sheep are awfu' stupid, aren't they?' And John said: 'Yes, my lamb'."

If men were less stupid women would have to be a lot more clever.

"PAINS ALL OVER ME"

Rheumatism Again!

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"I have been taking Kruschen Salts because of having pains in the back, head and joints; pains all over me. I felt tired going to bed, tired getting up. I was in a very bad way. I was laid up for over a month, and the doctor who attended me said I was suffering from acute rheumatism, and advised me to take Kruschen Salts. In less than 3 months I felt ever so well. I can't thank you enough for Kruschen Salts."—G. O.

The principle is this: Kruschen Salts drive from your body the uric acid crystals which cause your pain. Your pains ease; knotted joints become loose. Afterwards the "little daily dose" of Kruschen so stimulates the liver and kidneys that your inside is kept clean. Mischievous uric acid does not get the chance to accumulate.

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