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How to play Bridge AUCTION and CONTRACT

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In the play of the hands at Auction and Contract there are numberless opportunities to make good plays, but the most important one of all is the winning of the trick that scores game or saves it. For example, suppose the declarer is playing spades and it is easily possible to make three odd but there is no apparent way to score game. That is the time for the declarer to do some deep thinking and endeavor to figure out some way to make game. Sometimes this can be done by mentally placing certain high cards in the opponents' hands in such a way that game is possible. At other times it can only be done by letting the opponents have the lead in the hope that they will make a mistake and thus give the declarer his only chance for game. That is what is meant by getting the trick that scores game.

On the other hand, suppose your opponents are playing the hand at spades, and it is up to you to save game. You can figure out how to take three tricks but cannot see any hope for the fourth trick. Then you should figure out in your mind what card or cards your partner must hold to make that extra trick and play accordingly. You will be surprised how often the card that you figure must be there, will be there and therefore save the game. It is on close hands of this type that the good player has such an advantage. The all-important trick of every hand is the one that either makes game or saves game; so bend all your energies and concentrate all your thought on that one trick and, if it is in the cards, don't let it get away from you.

The following hand is given as an illustration of the dealer's failure to observe this rule and of the big loss resulting.

Hearts—9, 6
Clubs—K, J, 7
Diamonds—K, 10, 8, 5, 4, 2
Spades—A, K

Hearts—A, K, J, 7 Clubs—4 Diamonds—9, 7, 6 Spades—9, 8, 7, 5, 3	Z B A A	Hearts—Q, 10, 8, 5, 4 2 Clubs—10, 9, 8, 5, 3 Diamonds—3 Spades—4

Hearts—3
Clubs—A, Q, 6, 2
Diamonds—A, Q, J.
Spades—Q, J, 10, 6, 2

No score, rubber game. This hand is applicable either to Auction or Contract. Z dealt and bid one spade. A and Y passed and B bid two hearts, Z two spades, A three hearts, Y three spades, B four hearts, Z four spades and A doubled. All passed and A opened the king of hearts and followed with the ace of hearts. How should Z play the hand?

Solution: Z should let A hold this trick and discard a club or a diamond. By so doing, he could have made five odd in spades if A had then led either one of the other three suits, for in that case he could have taken A's trumps and his suit cards were all good. If A had led another heart at trick three, Z should have trumped in the dummy with the king and then led four rounds of trumps. He should then have led either clubs or diamonds until A made his last trump.

In this way, Z could have made four spades. If, however, he trumped the second heart trick in his hand and led two rounds of spades, his hand was hopeless and he would lose his contract by one trick. This hand shows the importance of thinking out the play of the hand and the possible cards held by opponents, even at the second trick. The minute the dummy hand was placed on the table, Z should have figured what cards A must hold to justify his double. The only excuse for the double would be at least five small trumps and the ace, king of hearts. With any less holding in trumps, A's double would have been unsound.

It is an easy hand with all the cards exposed, but not easy if they are concealed unless you stop to think and figure out how the unseen cards must lie to give you game. It is a fine illustration of the importance of playing for the all-important trick that will score game and of doing so from the very first card played.

In the following problem, try your own skill in solving before reading the solution. Then compare results and thus obtain a valuable lesson or evidence that you are pretty good, dependent upon failure or success.

Problem

Hearts—none
Clubs—A, J, 10
Diamonds—none
Spades—9

Hearts—none Clubs—Q, 6 Diamonds—J Spades—Q	Z B A A	Hearts—none Clubs—K, 9 Diamonds—K, Q Spades—none

Hearts—10
Clubs—4
Diamonds—A, 4
Spades—none

If hearts are trumps and Z is in the lead, how can Y, Z win all four tricks against any defense?

Solution: Z should lead the ace of diamonds and discard the ten of clubs in Y's hand. He should then lead the ten of hearts. Now A must discard either a club or a spade! He cannot discard a spade for, if he does, Y will discard the jack of clubs and his nine of spades will be good. A, therefore, is forced to discard the six of clubs and Y discards the nine of spades. B must now discard a club or a diamond. He cannot discard the king of diamonds for, if he does, Z's four of diamonds will be good. B, therefore, is forced to discard the nine of clubs. Z now leads the four of clubs and Y wins the remaining two tricks. It is a fine example of the "double squeeze."

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His patient nodded.

"Yes, doctor," he replied. "I have been drinking six cups of coffee and four glasses of water each day."

The doctor gave a start of surprise.

"Coffee!" he snapped. "But coffee and water are not the same."

"They are at the cafe where I have my meals," said the patient coolly.

"Did you ever hear of the straw which broke the camel's back?" asked the guest at a country inn. "Yes, sir," replied the landlord. "Well, you'll find it in the bed I tried to sleep on last night."

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Vienna—Lilac City of the Continent

Those who would know the charm of the Austrian capital must visit it in the spring. It has no fine river promenades like many another European city—the Danube is too far from the center of things for that—but its awakening after winter snows is a wonderful sight. With the coming of the lilac blossom the Viennese feel that spring is really here. Day after day crowds flock to the parks to admire the blossom-laden bushes. The Rathaus Garden is another favorite place of pilgrimage with its many exotic trees and plants.

Vienna can truly be called the lilac city, for not only is the lilac blossom the indication of spring, it is aso to be noted that to this city the lilac was first brought from Asia nearly three and a half centuries ago. At the corner of the Himmelpfortgasse and the Seilerstaette stood a garden, where, in 1589, the lilac first blossomed in Europe. This garden belonged to Gislenius Busbequins, Ferdinand I's Ambassador to Constantinople. He was a great lover of flowers, and to him is given the honor of having introduced both the lilac and the tulip into Europe. It is true that another kind of lilac has been found in the Carpathians, but this was much later, and this latter cannot be compared in quality to that which came from the Orient.

New German Motor Train

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Naming Telephone Exchanges

Who names the new telephone exchanges, and why are such long names chosen?

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It sounds an easy job, but she doesn't think so. Scarcely one per cent. of her suggested names is passed.

Owing to dialling limitations, a name must not begin with an "O," it must not sound like any other name, and its first three letters must not clash with any other first three.

After a name has been passed as fit for use it is given a complete voice test. Exchange operators test it thoroughly, and quite half the names given the test are rejected because they are hard to understand. Recently the G. P. O. decided to call an exchange Nelson, but when spoken by different people it sounded like Western, Wilson, and soveral other names! Even Hogarth became Cigar.

But the christener's troubles are not over even when these tests have been passed. For the local authorities in whose district the new exchange stands usually dislike all the names suggested, and a fresh list has to be thought out.

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You won't find many lazy students taking graduation exercise.

There's one nice thing about June—it helps to solve the problem of what to do with old shoes. And speaking of shoes—white shoes are signs of summer. Almost white shoes are signs of last summer. The average girl prefers being a June bride to a May Queen.

The Unkindest Cut of All

We were seated in a hammock
On a balmy night in June,
When the world was hushed in slumber
'Neath the guidance of the moon.

I asked one little question,
And my heatr was filled with hope,
But her answer never reached me—
For her brother cut the rope.

Most of the new crop of June graduates who expect to set the world afire will begin by lighting another cigaret.

Mike—"Pat, what in the world is the matter?"

Pat—"I just got out of the hospital. I was operated on for appendicitis."

Mike—"What does that have to do with that great lump on your head?"

Pat—"A lot. They ran out of ether."

Plain and Fancy Shots

It requires wings to be an angel. You can't get by on a pin feather. Cleanliness is next to godliness, of course, but that isn't what makes the bathing pool popular. When we have nothing to say it's best to say nothing, but few of us can do it. The baby's middle name does not amount to so much. It's the family names that ruin them. No, an insurance company was not responsible for the song "Keep the home fires burning." Be pleasant but not too pleasant. The luckiest people in the world are those who do not depend up on luck. Gas and electricity turned off when not needed would pay the family sugar bill. A word to the wise sometimes precipitates an unexpected lawsuit. A man should have a pound of common sense to each ounce of learning. Consistency takes all the pleasure out of life. The most provoking husband is one who talks indistinctly in his sleep. A man who laughs last soon gets a reputation for being dumb. The "games" that make money fast also lose money fast. Eventually every man is recognized for what he really is.

Cloe—"I'm afraid to go into that dark room."

Bill—"But, dearest, I'm with you."

Cloe—"That's the trouble."

Aunt Samantha Smothers of Brushville read in the paper that an Iowa girl got a husband by writing her name on an egg. And in commenting upon this, Aunt, Samantha, who has been married four times, said: "Well, I always knew marriage was a shell game."

Our sincerest wish for a June bridegroom is that he will like his new boss..

Teacher—"Now, Robert, what is a niche in a church?"

Bobby—"Why, it's just the same as an itch anywhere else, only you can't scratch it as well."

If you let another decide something for you, he'll be sure to blame you and not himself if the result of his decision proves to be bad.

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