

# How to play Bridge AUCTION and CONTRACT

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There are still a number of Auction and Contract players who, as dealer, do not understand what to do with certain types of hand. Most players know when to bid no trump or one of a suit, but every now and then they hold hands that puzzle them. For example, suppose you dealt and held the following hand:

Hearts—A, K, J  
Clubs—9, 7, 4, 3  
Diamonds—A, K, Q  
Spades—8, 5, 4

What would you bid? The only proper bid with this hand at either Auction or Contract is one no trump, and the holder of this hand passed. It is too strong to justify a pass for, if you do, there is a very good chance of the hand being passed out. A suit bid would mislead partner as to strength held.

Here's another hand:  
Hearts—A, K, 4  
Clubs—A, 9

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Diamonds—K, J, 3  
Spades—Q, J, 10, 9, 8  
Should you bid one no trump or one spade?

This is a very close hand. Personally the writer prefers a spade bid at either Auction or Contract, but would not criticize a no trump. These two hands are indicative of the difficulty that still confronts Auction or Contract players who have not yet mastered the proper bids of the dealer. The dealer is in a peculiar position, for he can always give exact information. For that reason he should bid correctly. To pass under certain circumstances is just as bad as to bid incorrectly. Don't pass sound bids for to do so is just as misleading as an unsound bid. Your partner depends on you as dealer to give exact information both by your bids and your passes; so strive to do so at all times.

### Problem Hand No. 1

Hearts—K, J  
Clubs—J, 6, 3, 2  
Diamonds—9, 7, 2  
Spades—A, K, 10, 4

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### Problem Hand No. 2

Hearts—Q, 7  
Clubs—none  
Diamonds—none  
Spades—A, Q, 8

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Z

There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. How can Y Z win three of the five tricks against any defense?

Solution: Z should lead the jack of spades and A's best play is the queen. If A should play the ace, Y Z will win the balance of the tricks. If A allows the jack to hold the trick, A B can win only one trick. When A, therefore, plays the queen of spades, Y should win the trick with the king and lead the six of hearts. If B plays the

to follow suit on the second round of spades.

A was now in a position where he must count Z's hand very accurately. Y's lead and Z's try of hearts indicated that Y originally held only two hearts. Therefore, Z must have held five hearts, one spade and one diamond. Therefore, A at the sixth trick should lead a diamond and finesse the jack. Played in this way, A B should make their contract for Y Z can make only the ace of hearts and two spade tricks. Play out the hand for practice.

Hearts—10, 8, 4, 2  
Clubs—none  
Diamonds—none  
Spades—10

ten, Z should play the king and then lead the nine. If B plays low, Z should play the nine, forcing A in the lead. A can now lead a heart or a spade. If A leads a heart, Y will win the remaining tricks. If A leads the remaining tricks, A B can win only one trick. When A, therefore, plays the queen of spades, Y should win the trick with the king and lead the six of hearts. If B plays the

Evaporation of Water Made Visible to Eye

Fort Collins, Col.—A method of determining water loss from irrigation reservoirs through evaporation—loss of vital importance to all Western irrigated farming regions has been developed at Colorado Agricultural College's experiment station.

Dr. Rohrer, associate irrigation engineer for the Department of Agriculture, developed the method, a formula requiring special hydraulic apparatus. To devise the rule it was necessary to make a sensitive instrument which measures losses as small as 50-100th of an inch. The instrument is so sensitive the observer can see the water surface dropping as the water evaporates from the tank.

Praise of Small Birds

Sing praise of small birds who build nests in eaves  
And are content with springtime near at hand,  
Who pour their simple music through the leaves  
And ask no more. Beyond their pale upland,  
The eagle, terrible with hate may go;  
The vulture, that marauder, he arrives  
At heaven's opal fortress, but below,  
They lead their docile, matrimonial lives.

Hot Shoes For Cold Days

Among new inventions recently registered at the Hungarian Patent Office, in Budapest, are some which are simple, but extremely serviceable. They include a clothes brush, hollow inside, so that it can contain cleaning materials, such as benzine, and so forth; a fountain pen, holding differently colored inks. This is so constructed that by pressing a small button, the color of the ink can be changed while writing. Another invention is heated shoes, which would be of great service to policemen who have to stand on point duty in cold weather.

## What Constitutes A Thoroughbred?

By Lt.-Col. Frank Moss, in "Animal Life."

Many people who like horses and even have some knowledge of the points that make a good horse, do not know what really makes a horse a thoroughbred. There is only one animal in the world that is strictly entitled to be called by that name, and that is the English race horse, and of course, his descendants in all parts of the world. To be entitled to this distinction a horse must be bred from parents who trace on both sides of their pedigree to ancestors registered in the first edition of the English Stud Book, published in 1793, and there must be absolutely no missing links.

Most Thoroughbred horses to-day are recorded ancestors, and, as each horse, of course, has two parents, four grand parents, eight great grand parents, etc., it has been seen that in sixteen removes he will have 65,534 recorded ancestors and not one that cannot be accounted for. If you don't believe this, just take your pencil and multiply his ancestors by two sixteen times and then add them up. Perhaps this surprises you. Well, here is something more surprising: There were about one hundred mares registered in the first edition of the Stud Book and about half of their families have died out, so, as a matter of fact, every Thoroughbred horse alive to-day traces to one of another (in the direct maternal line), of fifty mares. And stranger perhaps even than that is the fact that every Thoroughbred traces to one of three direct paternal ancestors. Every one interested in this breed of horse knows the names of these paternal ancestors: The Godolphin Barb, The Byerley Turk, and the Darley Arabian. These were all horses that had been imported into England from the East, either towards the end of the eighteenth century (The Darley Arabian and the Godolphin Barb). Hundreds of other Eastern horses had been imported from time to time into England through the centuries but these three are the only ones whose direct families (from sire to son to grandson, etc.) have continued to exist. You can imagine, then, how closely related all the Thoroughbred horses are.

It is commonly supposed that the English Thoroughbred is descended from the Arab, but as a matter of fact the origin of these horses mentioned above is quite unknown. Even the Darley Arabian is described in the Stud Book as "probably a Turkish or Syrian horse."

However this may be there is no getting over the fact that the Thoroughbred in the last 150 years has increased in size, speed, stamina and in fact in every particular that makes a good race horse, and one of the most hopeless things in the world would be to try and find an Eastern horse to-day that could compete with even a fair class Thoroughbred over any distance, short or long.

Through the centuries has been developed an animal that is matchless for his courage, spirit and determination.

A year ago or so I wrote a story for Animal Life about "Old Bob"—"a horse of good character," who finished a race on three legs, doing his best after he had broken down in the race.

Spanish Women Go Blond

Madrid.—Spanish women, hitherto nearly 100 per cent. brunette, have become tired of black hair. It is estimated that about one-third of the feminine population has taken steps to become blond. The platinum shade is in high favor.

Rheumatism So Bad He Had to Quit Work

Albert Berger Not Bothered Since Relieved by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

## FAT—HEALTH'S GREATEST ENEMY!

Physicians declare excess fat is a condition which often weakens the whole system.

A needless strain is placed upon the heart, the function of body organs is interfered with, mental activity impaired—shortness of breath, constipation, backache, and rheumatism are but a few of the ailments which are apt to arise in overweight men and women.

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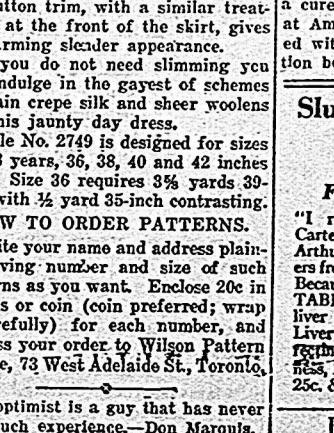
Lamp Test

A device by which anyone can test an electric lamp globe in the leader's store, at home or in a factory purchasing department, to make sure that it will deliver the proper amount of light for each cent's worth of electricity has recently been perfected, writes Dr. E. E. Free in Daily Science News.

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## Owl Laffs

The small son of the house was chatting on the front porch with the young man who had called to see his big sister. "Daddy says you are like the month of June," confided the youngster, "cause when you come in May goes out."

So Little  
It takes so little to make us sad;  
Just a slightest word or a doubting sneer,  
Just a scornful smile on some lips held dear;  
And our footsteps lag, though the goal seemed near,  
And we lose the courage and hope we had—  
So little it takes to make us sad.

It takes so little to make us glad;  
Just a cheering clasp of a friendly hand,  
Just a word from one who can understand;  
And we finish the task we long had planned,  
And we lose the doubt and the fear we had—  
So little it takes to make us glad.

While visiting the deaf and dumb school, relates a man, "a friend of mine was given an opportunity to ask the children questions. One question he wrote on the blackboard was: 'What is your idea of forgiveness?' After a short pause one of the curly-headed little boys, who could neither hear nor speak, raised his hand and the teacher motioned him to the blackboard. The little fellow wrote: 'My idea of forgiveness is the fragrance a violet sheds on the heel that crushes it.'"

Lady (in Baker's Shop)—"Your French rolls are really far too small. I can put a whole one into my mouth at once."

Baker—"I can quite believe that, madam, but it's not the fault of the French rolls."

Some persons are content to be comfortably fixed, while others can't be happy unless they can sit in the lap of luxury.

Aunt Hetty—"Sakes alive, I don't believe no woman could ever be so fat."

Uncle Cyrus—"What you readin' now, Hetty?"  
Aunt Hetty—"Why, this paper tells about an English woman that lost two thousand pounds."

Tailless cats are reported to be disappearing from the Isle of Man. Probably because they never had a definite end in view.

Lady (to electrician)—"I thought I told you to send a man to repair my doorbell!"  
Electrician—"I did, ma'am; but when he rang three times and received no answer he decided no one was at home."

A specialist declares that noise is making us a nation of nervous wrecks. Especially the noise of eating soup and celery.

The farmer was delivering vegetables to the sanitarium. A patient saluted him:  
Patient—"You're a farmer, ain't yuh?"  
Farmer—"I allow that I am."  
Patient—"I used to be a farmer once."  
Farmer—"Did yuh?"  
Patient—"Yes. Say, stranger, did yuh ever try bein' crazy?"  
Farmer—"No, I reckon I never have."

Scrap  
If Columbus came looking for America now he would find it hiding behind a billboard. Love makes the world go round; but for that matter, it does a good swallow of tobacco juice. Too many people classify their friends by race rather than by personal characteristics. Radicals comprise that breed of politicians who hate their party every day in the year except election day.

One Improvement in 300 Years

Building experts have determined that in the average house the amount of air-leakage around windows and window frames equals the total amount of air that would come through one open window. To overcome this inventors have been busy for years. One of the most effective developments has just been introduced in the perfection of a new type window which is more than five times as weather-tight as the ordinary window, and which has the added advantage of easy operation without sash weights, cords or pulleys. It is said that this new window is the first real improvement in double-hung sash in nearly three hundred years.

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Masefield's Ode  
(Composed by the Poet Laureate for the opening of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, and spoken by Miss Lilian McCarthy, at the opening performance.)

Beside this house there is a blackened shell,  
The theatre that Flower built of old  
Lest English lore of Shakespeare should grow cold,  
He, Stratford's citizen, established here  
A home for Shakespeare that for many a year  
Drew happy thousands till the fire befell.  
I saw its ruins black in smoke that rolled.  
Now a new house has risen; it is given  
Not by one citizen or State, it stands,  
Given to us by many hundreds hands  
American and British; may, each race  
Upon this earth has helped to build  
This place:  
Lovers of Shakespeare everywhere  
Have striven.  
Every man gave it out of all earth's lands,  
First, let us thank the givers for the gift,  
This consecrated gift of brick and stone,  
Where poetry, the queen, shall have her throne.  
Long may the givers come here to unite  
With us in Shakespeare's service of delight:  
The acted passions beautiful and swift,  
The spirit leaping out of flesh and bone.  
And may this house be famous, may it be  
The home of lovely players and a stage  
Schooling young poets to a fruitful age.  
We but begin; our story is not told;  
Friends, may this day begin an age of gold.  
England, again a star among the seas,  
That beauty hers, that is her heritage.

Canada May Bow

A Canadian editor attempted to compile some of the contributions to world progress made by his fellow citizens, and found that the list was by no means a short one.

The first long distance trials of the telephones were made in Canada where the idea of this instrument actually originated.

The idea of standard time which is now used in every civilized country also originated in Canada.

The first compound steam engine which doomed the sailing ship was built and demonstrated in Canada, as was the first submarine telegraph and the first electric stove.

As a contribution to American citizenship Canada presented several hundred thousand of her sons and daughters to her southern neighbor. Perhaps it would be better to say that these sons and daughters presented themselves. At any rate, such citizens as Admiral Sims, Wilson of Detroit and Mary Pickford of Filmland are welcomed in any country.

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