

Outlook on Lifestyle

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Everyone's blind spot

By James Jacoby

When you have nothing but winners outside of the trump suit, you will probably feel an inexorable urge to draw trumps immediately. That is a good plan as far as it goes. But if you first ask yourself what the defenders are trying to do, you may be able to block their strategy.

When today's deal was played at a recent tournament, those declarers who won the opening diamond lead and immediately played trumps met an early demise. East won the spade ace and returned a diamond. When West got on lead with his spade king, he led a heart to his partner's ace and got a diamond ruff to set the contract.

One declarer played a heart right away, but East won, returned a diamond and played a third diamond for the ruff after winning the spade ace. At another table declarer tried to avoid the third-round diamond ruff by taking a club finesse. That resulted in down two.

The obvious play seemed to strike everyone's blind spot. Of course it was right to lead a heart at the second trick. After East led the second diamond, all that was required was for declarer to win that diamond in his hand and play the K-J of hearts, discarding both diamonds from dummy. Now declarer can lead the jack of spades from his hand with impunity. The third diamond cannot be ruffed by West, since it will be overruled by the dummy's queen of trumps.

Mother-in-law turns mean on son

DEAR MEG — Matt's mother seemed to like me, but then she met my family. It was clear they didn't appeal to her. She used the religious difference as an excuse for not coming to our wedding. Then she dropped us completely.

Four months ago we had a baby girl, Matt, the proud father, called his mother. She merely asked, "Are you sure it's yours?" Then she hung up. I hadn't seen Matt cry until that night.

Despite this, I try to encourage Matt to reach out to her. After all, she's his mother, and he's her only son. But Matt is not a mama's boy.

Mysister says "good riddance," and maybe she's right. I'd like your opinion. — STILL TRYING, TEX.

DEAR STILL — Matt's mean-mouthed mother is more to be pitied than censured. She's the loser in her little game.

You are wise in encouraging Matt to keep the door of reconciliation open. He has nothing to gain but guilt in slamming it. Being bighearted is always better than being small-minded, and it sometimes makes miracles happen.

DEAR MEG — Two years ago my husband (37) disappeared. All attempts to find him were unsuccessful. Then I was involved in a bad automobile accident, and a mutual friend tracked him down. A week later he showed up to visit me and our daughters. He was full of promises about the future and our being together again. The he left to take care of some "business." We're still waiting.

His parents say he has left town and know only that he's with some woman. Because of the accident, I still can't work, and now I must have more

surgery. I need help for the girls, and he has money. Please print this so he'll read it and know we need his help. He always reads your column. Thank you, Meg. — HURTING IN CHICAGO

DEAR HURTING — I would like to think your husband will see your letter and come running, but men who pull vanishing acts are not known for their compassion.

If you hire a lawyer to track him down and serve him with support papers, he might get wind of it and surface. I see this as the only answer. Good luck and God bless.

DEAR MEG



Meg Whitcomb

DEAR MEG — In the past two years I've had exactly one job. I'm an experienced, reliable executive secretary, but nobody will hire me because I'm fat. (Because of personal problems, that I won't go into now, I put on 60 pounds.) I'm convinced people don't want me in their offices because they think I'm ugly. Isn't this discrimination?

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