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How to Play BRIDGE

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ARTICLE No. 1

There are two objections to a bad bid other than the fact that such a bid is unsound from any point of view. In the first place, the partner of the player who has made a bad bid is apt to misconstrue the bid and thus base his subsequent bidding on a false foundation. Second, the player who makes the bad bid is apt to be influenced himself by the fact that he has given false information to his partner and is, therefore, duty bound to correct the mistake. This belated repentance for his bad bidding often is far more costly than the initial mistake. Here is a hand that illustrates the folly of making a bad bid and then of later trying to correct the mistake when there is no real necessity for doing so:

Hearts—K, J, 9, 7, 6, 3, 2
Clubs—none
Diamonds—8, 7, 2
Spades—A, J, 10

Y :
A B :
Z :

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and passed, and A passed. Y has a "frisch" type of hand but one that should not be bid third hand. He should be only too happy to pass out the hand if B also passes. If B should bid, Y has a strong hand to bid on the second round and thus be able to give his partner exact information as to the nature of his heart suit. Y, however, was one of those players who like to bid and cannot resist doing so, especially with seven or more of one suit. He bid one heart. B passed, Z bid two diamonds, and A bid three clubs. Y, feeling that his heart bid might have fooled his partner, bid three hearts. B bid four clubs, Z passed, and A passed. Y now decided that he ought to help his partner's diamond bid, even though his partner had passed as dealer. Y bid four diamonds, B bid five clubs and Z doubled. A passed. Y now began to repent his bad original bid and feared that Z was doubling five clubs depending on top hearts in Y's hand. As Y didn't have these top hearts, which his original bid had indicated, he decided that he ought to bid five diamonds. This bid was doubled and defeated three tricks.

Problem No. 2

Hearts—none
Clubs—K, Q, J
Diamonds—A, 7
Spades—none

Hearts—O, 7
Clubs—10
Diamonds—J, 10
Spades—none

Hearts—A, 9, 8
Clubs—none
Diamonds—K, 6
Spades—none

Hearts are trumps and A leads the five of clubs. How can Z so play the hand that he can win the balance of the tricks against any defense? An analysis of this hand will be given in the next article.

Safety First

They were standing at the front gate. "Won't you come into the parlor and sit a little while, Charlie, dear?" "N-no, I guess not," replied Charlie hesitatingly. "I wish you would," the girl went on. "It's awfully lonesome. Mother has gone out and father is upstairs groaning with rheumatism in the legs."

"Both legs?" asked Charlie. "Yes, both legs." "Then I'll come in a little while."

A sports writer comes forth with the estimate that 65 per cent. of Americans do not play golf, and now we'd like to know what the percentage is among golf players.—Russel Crouse, New York Evening Post.

Bright New Year

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MOVIES

SHOULD A WIFE LET HER HUSBAND CONFESS

Most wives, particularly young ones, feel, when it comes to husbands, that an honest confession is good for the soul. Some husbands are in agreement with their wives on this point. But as every rule has its exception, the screen was hunted sooner or later, to present a wife who knew her husband had a secret to confess, but refuses to let him tell her about it.

The wife is played by Colleen Moore, twice voted by exhibitors to be the most popular box-office star in pictures, and the picture is "Happiness Ahead" produced by John McCormick for First National Pictures, from an original screen story by Edmund Goulding, film director. It will be the attraction at the Star Theatre Friday and Saturday, January 4 and 5.

Miss Moore plays a small town girl married to a dapper card-sharp from the city. He is genuinely fond of her and determines to go straight, but an old flame let the police know where he is. He tries to keep his young wife in ignorance that he is going to prison by telling her his firm has offered him an advance which will take him to Buenos Aires for several months. He has letters sent her from that city, but a friendly cop tips the wife off.

When he returns and starts to confess that Sing Sing and not Buenos Aires had been his headquarters for six months, she will not let him make his confession. She is going to stick to him and thinks it best that they should leave the past alone. Edmund Lowe plays opposite Miss Moore. William A. Gaster directed. Lilyan Tashman, Edythe Chapman, Charles Selton and Robert Elliott are supporting players.

Nagging Wives Cause of Divorce

Dorothy Dix, in Article in Chicago Evening Journal Disagrees With English Clergyman Who Thinks Wives Should Point Out Husband's Faults.

The other day an English clergyman, speaking to the wives of clergy men, told them that it was a wife's bounden duty to act as menial to her husband and censor all of his pet weaknesses. He said there was no excuse for married clergymen developing mannerisms, because his wife should keep an eagle eye upon him, and when she observed that he was acquiring little peculiarities of speech or unpleasant ways of doing things, she should break him of his objectionable foibles.

Likewise, he held that no extenuating circumstances should be pleaded in behalf of a clergyman's having a swelled head if he also has a wife, because it was his wife's business to make applications of the cold truth to his egotism until she reduced the inflammation and brought it down to normal.

Evidently the man who handed out this sage advice to wives is a bachelor, or he is second job for meekness else he would know that it would not work. Or, perhaps, a preacher may have enough of the grace of God in his heart to be willing to submit to his wife's criticisms and listen while she tells him what a poor, weak, miserable worm of the dust he is, but it is a cinch that no other man has. Personally, I can think of no other such short cut to the divorce court as the criticism route and, as a matter of fact, most of the ladies who arrive at that undesirable end to their matrimonial journeys have come that way. The first great shock that any married man ever gets is when he finds out that, instead of being the hero of his wife's girlish dreams, she considers him about the poorest specimen of humanity that an inscrutable Providence ever permitted to encumber the earth.

The second great shock he gets is when he discovers that she not only does not approve of him, or admire him as he is, but that she is dead set on taking him apart and making him over and substituting her tastes and habits and ways and likes and dislikes, for his.

Before marriage his sweetie told him how great and strong, how big and wonderful he was, and the thing that really lured him into assuming a woman's board bill and shopping ticket was his desire to get a claque.

He picked out the particular woman he did for a wife because she never criticized him, and because he thought he had found the one person in the whole wide world who had the intelligence really to appreciate him and see how superior he was to all these shekels and highbrows and dancing fools that most women are crazy about.

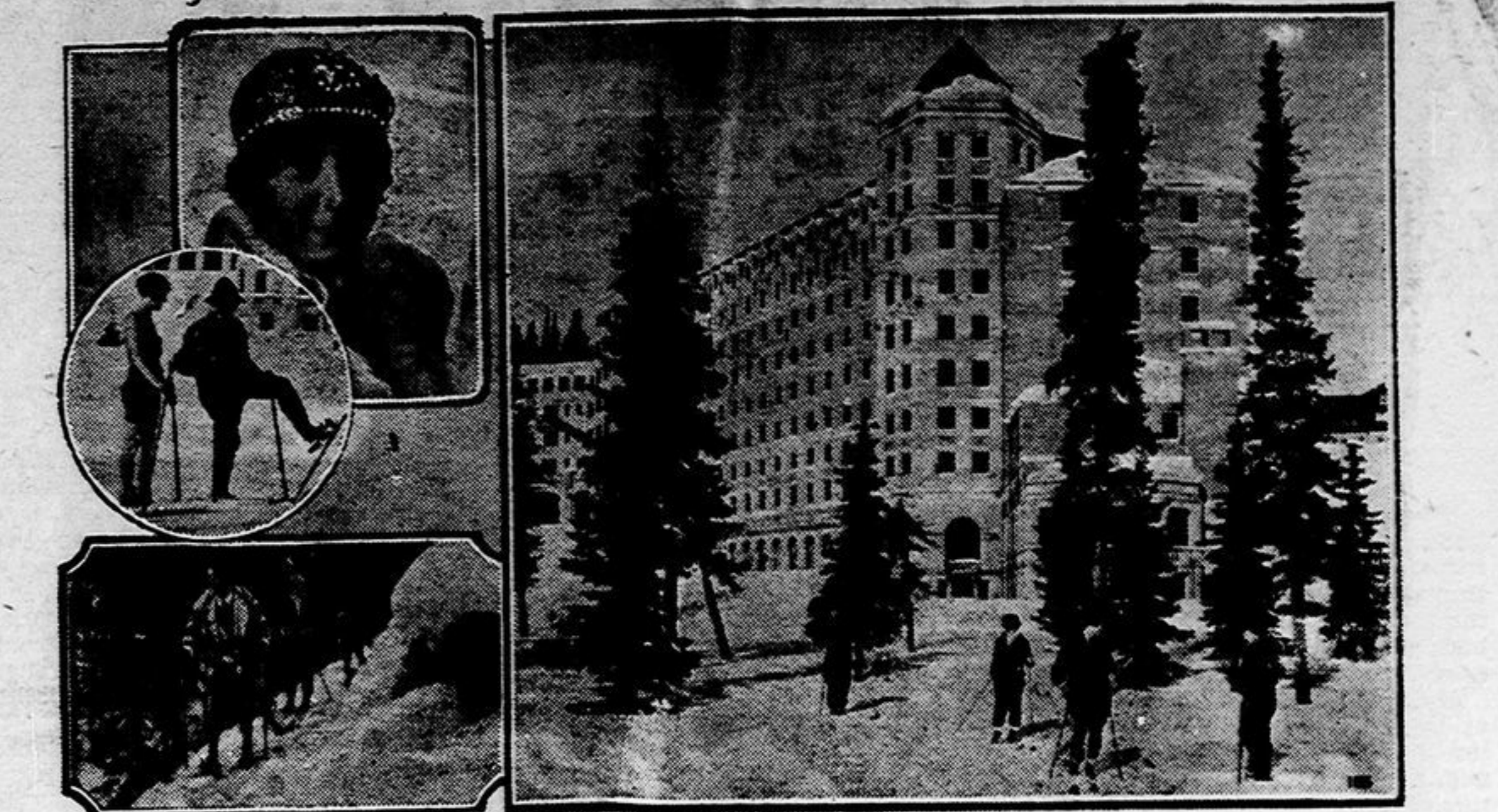
In the parlous days before the knot was tied good and tight and fast Honey Bunch never piped about the way he had his hair cut, or the kind of collars he wore, nor the way he sprawled on the back of his neck in the chairs, nor the way he sniffed, nor his habit of beginning every sentence with, "Say, listen," and pronouncing "yes" as if it were spelled "yeah".

If she did not like his table manners, or his taste in movies, or his way of humming along with the orchestra at a musical show, why, she was as silent as the grave about it. Consequently, the poor, deluded man figured out that he graded about A-1 plus with her.

Consider, then, the horrible jolt he gets when he sets up his new home and discovers that there is a critic on the hearth that is never silent, but keeps up a perpetual chirping about his faults and habits.

Why, there are plenty of men who can never eat a meal without having their wives criticize their table manners, who can never tell a story with-

Ski Championships for Banff



Top left, Kay Harrison, Queen of the Carnival. The inset proves that Banff Winter is not all shivers. Below, en-route to Lake Louise, pictures at the right.

Announcement that the Western Ski Championships of Canada would be held at Banff during the Carnival Week February 2-9 is greeted with enthusiasm in practically every corner of the continent. Skiing has always been a feature of the Carnival, but this season, world's champions will gather there and present an exhibition which in itself would be worth travelling a thousand miles to see.

The Banff Ski hill is undergoing improvements at the present time to allow for longer and more spectacular jumps and a cabin is being erected on the top of Stony Squaw Mountain by the Banff Ski Club which is also preparing several runs suitable for beginners as for experts. Last year a favourite cross country run was to Lake Louise, part of which was accomplished as automobile tow. That this is a worthwhile run may be gathered from the photographs above.

But the skiing is only one side of the Carnival life. There are the dogs and the derby, the ice and the skating, the toboggans and sleighs, the dances and fancy dress balls, curling and hockey, a properly organized sports program and a general atmosphere of spontaneity, gaiety and fun. W. A. Brewster is chairman of the Carnival, George Hunter is secretary and the Queen—the Queen of Banff Winter Carnival February 1929—is Kay Harrison of Vancouver. Miss Harrison's might easily have been a crown of beauty and popularity, but it was also her prowess as an all-round sportswoman which gave her the title. Here will be a very merry court and it will embrace all those whose pleasure takes them to Banff during the period of her sovereignty.

The Personal Element in Banking Affairs

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"CATCH COLD" IDEA IS UPSET BY MEDICO

Colds are not caught from other persons, nor from chilly draughts or going out in the rain without rubbers. Common colds are the result of fatigue, over-eating, lack of exercise, not enough water and a sluggish condition of the body, members of the American Management Association, meeting in Chicago, were told by Dr. V. S. Cheney, medical director.

"All of these things," said Dr. Cheney, "are disturbances which occur in the winter months. We eat more, exercise less during the colder weather. The shutting off of ultra violet rays from the sun is also a contributory factor."

Dr. Cheney discounts the common theory that colds are contagious. A teaspoonful of baking soda in a lemonade glass of warm water every two hours removes the acid condition brought on by the cold. No harm can come of taking too much," he said.

COMMUNISTS NOT ALLOWED!

In Britain a Communist has been forbidden employment in Woolwich Arsenal. A certain section of the Labor Party objects. It is pointed out, with irrefutable logic, however, by the London Daily Chronicle that a member of the Communist party is not merely a person holding a certain opinion. "He is," says the newspaper, "a member of an organization pledged to obey foreign orders with a view to subverting the State. Such a person cannot possibly be regarded as a trustworthy employee, least of all at Woolwich Arsenal, where he might have power to do incalculable mischief. It is foolish to ask any Governments to put revolutionary firebrands in their powder magazines."

LAW PARTNERSHIP OF 19 YEARS ENDS

Firm of Middlebro and Spereman Is Dissolved—New Firm Organized.

Owing to the appointment of Mr. E. C. Spereman, K.C. as police magistrate of the city of Owen Sound and County of Grey the law partnership of Messrs Middlebro & Spereman, which has been in existence for the past 19 years, has been dissolved, the dissolution taking effect immediately, says last Saturday's Sun-Times. Mr. W. S. Middlebro, K. C., who was the senior member of the firm, has announced that he has taken into partnership with him Mr. Chas. C. Middlebro, his nephew, who is at the present time City Solicitor and Assistant City Clerk. The new firm will carry on their law practice in the present office on the east end under the name of Middlebro & Middlebro, the offices being located in the Bank of Montreal building. It is also the intention to carry in their branch offices at both Flesherston and Aytton, where during the past years they have carried on a good law practice.

Magistrate E. C. Spereman, K. C., while he will move his offices to the quarters in the city hall building, formerly used by the late Police Magistrate, will continue his law practice in his new office, and in future he will be found there.

Mr. C. C. Middlebro, who now becomes a member of the firm Middlebro & Middlebro, has succeeded since coming back to his home town from Durham, in building up a nice law practice while he has been of very valuable assistance to Mr. Charles Gordon, City Clerk, in his capacity as Assistant City Clerk, which position he will resign at once. It is expected, however, that he will continue in the service of the city as the City Solicitor, his services in that capacity having been most satisfactory.

IT'S all the good Fortune that can be crowded into one person's life that we wish for 1929 and many years after. The Best of Luck!

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