### **EASY LESSONS IN AUCTION BRIDGE**

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#### Article Thirty-Four. Weakness Take-Out

THE weakness take-out of a part-I ner's unopposed no trump is objected to by some on the ground that they are increasing the contract without offering any help.

This take-out should be made with six cards of a minor suit and a trickless hand because you are offering considerable help. While you would have no help for a no trump your sixcard suit should be worth two or three tricks. Below is a hand which illustrates it. Played at no trump the declarer would be defeated two tricks, while played at diamonds four odd

North deals and bids one no trump, as he has all four suits protected, six probable tricks, and three quick tricks. East passes, South bids two diamonds, and all pass.

West has no lead which is good, but his small club is the least undesirable; so he opens with that. Declarer sees that he must lose one club and two hearts. If his finesses win he can take, all of the others. He plays the hand as follows:

		W	N	E	S
1		C3	C2	CJ	- C10
2		HA	Н3	H2	H6
3		H5	H4	HK	H9
4		HJ	HQ	H8	H10
5		C4	C5	CK	D3
8		DK	DA	D8	DJ
7		D2	DQ	D9	D4
8		C7	H7	C6	S2
9		C9	CO	CA	D5
10		SK	SA	S4	SJ
11		S5	SQ	S9	S8
12		S6	D7	C8	D10
13		S8	S7	S10	D6

East's heart lead at trick 2 is up to dummy's greatest weakness, and at trick 4 he continues the suit hoping that his partner may trump it. At trick 10 it makes no difference whether or not West plays the King of spades. He sees that declarer needs only two tricks in spades which he can get either way.

The following hand illustrates the denial bid and a rebid over the denial:

0.	-A, Q, 1 -5, 2 -9, 7, 5, -K, J, 6	2	
♦-8,7,8 ∇-10 ♦-K, J, 10, 8, 6 ♦-10, 9, 8, 3	w s	E	♦—K, J, 10, 6, 4 ♡—K, 8, 4 ○—A, Ω ♦—7, 5, 2
0-	-5, 2 -A, Q, J -4, 3 -A, Q	9,1	.4,8

East deals and bids one spade, South bids two hearts and West passes. North, having but two small cards of his partner's suit, bids two no trump as a denial of hearts. East passes and South, having a very long and strong heart suit and three doubletons which are very unfavorable for a no trump, bids three hearts, which ends the bidding.

West leads the eight of spades, the highest of his partner's suit, and dummy is spread. - After studying a moment declarer plays as follows:

				W	N	E	S
1				58	SA	SL	52
2				H10	H6	H4	HJ
3				C3	C4	C2	CA
4				C8	CK	C5	CQ
5	-			Co	Cl	C7	D3
6				S3	H2	H8	HQ
7				D6	D2	HK	HA
8				D8	D5	S6	Ho
9				D10	D7	510	H7
10				S7	D9	SJ	116
11				C10	C6	DQ	113
12				DK	S9	DA	D4
13				DJ	SQ	SK	56
De	ecli	are	r '	wins	five od	ld tric	ks.

The bidding needs very little further comment. A denial bid should be made when holding less than normal expectancy (three small ones or two ff one is as high as the Queen) and three or four probable tricks in the hand. With a five-card major suit it should be bid; lacking that a no trump is best if holding stoppers in the other three suits or two stoppers in each of two of the other suits.. South in turn must deny his partner's no trump because of his strong hearts and his distribution 7-2-2-2 which makes no trump very undesirable.

In the play declarer might finesse in spades on the first trick, but by not doing so he hopes to be able to discard the remaining spade from his own hand. At trick 4 he must put the lead in dummy and can do so only by overtaking his Queen of clubs. At trick 5 he leads the Jack of clubs in order to get rid of a losing diamond from his own hand. After that he can only take his trumps and give up the last two tricks.

## Paris' One Oak Tree

Only one oak tree grows in Paris, which contains more than 100,000 trees, according to an official report. The Sixteenth arrondissement is the richest in trees, and includes more than 10,000, owing to its numerous avenues. The great increase in the number of trees in Paris is due to Baron Houssmann, the famous prefect of the Seine, under Napoleon III, who pierced and planned most of the present avenues of Paris.

## Notions About Seed Potatoes

Doubtful Whether There Is Any Difference in Value of Each "End."

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) Much experimental work has been done with the potato to determine the best methods of treating the seed to secure the most satisfactory yields. The results have varied to the point of confusion in many instances. In technical bulletin No. 5-T, "Source, Character and Treatment of Potato Sets," just issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, William Stuart reviews the results of noteworthy experimental work and in addition presents the results of the department investigations on the source, character and treatment of potato

Value of End for Seed. The relative value of the seed and stem end of the tuber for seed purposes has served as a basis of numerous studies, both in this country and in foreign countries to determine which portion of the tuber will ordiparily produce the larger yield. Some growers are so firmly convinced that the seed end of the tuber is undesirable for seed purposes that they clip it off and discard it. Other growers are equally convinced that the seed end is superior to the stem end for planting. These different viewpoints have been responsible for repeated efforts to demonstrate the superiority of one over the other.

After a study of the literature in which each "end" of the potato has proved superior to the other in different tests, Mr. Stuart concludes that it is doubtful whether there is any real superiority of one end over the other for seed purposes. The data as a whole, however, seem to indicate that as the weight of the set increases there is a greater response from the seed end than from the stem-end set.

Greening Process. Sprouting seed potatoes in the light before planting them, a process known as "greening," has long been practiced by growers of early potatoes in most European countries in an effort to hasten the development of tubers of marketable size early in the season. Greening is not yet a commercial practice in the United States. In fact, the department studies, covering a period of years in four different localities, show rather conflicting results when yearly comparisons are made, or when the average yields for the period are considered. Detailed discussion of the subject is included in the bulletin. on is also given to the ad visability of planting immature rather

than mature seed. A copy of the bulletin may be obtained by writing to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

## Sensible Idea to Want

to Own Only Pure Breds It is a fine and sensible ambition for every farmer to want to own nothing but pure breds, and the ambition can be gratified. By starting with purebred sires, and then securing an occasional good pure-bred female, satisfactory progress is possible. The young man who is at the present time embarking upon the perilous enterprise of farming, may console himself with the idea that if he uses good judgment, and has at least a fair amount of "good breaks," he will enter into the sere and mellow years of retirement with a spendid live stock equipment and some money in the bank. His sons, carrying on where he leaves off, have the priceless opportunity of fixing blood lines and build-

## Beans All Summer

ing up families of stock.

When a garden runs out of beans it seems like it is about done for. Maybe that is why a good gardener most always sees to it that he has a succession of beans coming on all the time, Pole beans planted in early June should give a steady supply of beans throughout the late summer and fall. Bush beans ought to be planted at intervals of two to three weeks in order to insure enough. One thing about beans that is in their favor is that any that are not used can be kept over.

#### \*\*\*\*\* Agricultural Hints

\*\*\*\*\*\* Measurement is the foundation of

all engineering work.

The house wren feeds itself almost entirely on harmful insects.

Popcorn that is too dry to pop can be put in popping condition by adding

Best results are obtained when lime for alfalfa is applied before the seed is sown if the soil is sour, for lime acts slowly.

a little water.

Sow seeds of cos lettuce for a summer crop. It is the most heat-resistant and surest cropper of all the lettuces. No use trying to start head lettuce this late.

Good tools and equipment may mean the difference between a good, clean, well-cultivated garden and one full of weeds. A little time spent in overhauling garden tools will bring ample

## Small Girl Knew All

About Wife of Noah The kindergarten teacher was telling her group the story of Noah and the ark. Suddenly little Isabel waved her hand wildly.

"I know somefin's else," she announced triumphantly. "Noah's wife could ride a horse!"

The teacher was for the moment completely nonplused, and couldn't just then remember whether those were prehorse days or not. To gain time, she asked:

"How do you know she could. Isabel?"

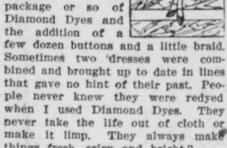
"Cause I saw the picture and she was ridin' a white horse. An' I know her name, too."

Again the teacher was not sure whether or not the Bible mentioned Mrs. Noah.

"Well, what was it, Isabel?" "Joan. I saw the picture of the lady on the horse and daddy said it was Joan of Arc!"-True Story Mag-

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## Accommodating

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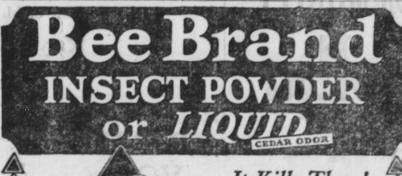


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## Took Eagle on Hook

The season's best fish story isn't about fish. John H. Pitts, Alabama Polytechnic institute football coach, cast his line and a big bald eagle, also fishing, nabbed it in midair. The fishhook caught the eagle and Pitts landed him. The bird, measuring five feet, four inches from wing tip to wing tip, was presented to the institute's zoology department.

## Compliment, Anyway

"Will you marry me?" "You haven't a chance. But I rather admire your taste."

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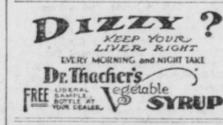
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