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For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither anything hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.—St. Luke 8:17.

A Column for Card Players and Question Box—Conducted by Hoyle, Jr.

Address questions about any game to Hoyle, Jr., The Observer. Answers will be mailed promptly. No questions answered unless signed with name and address.

Auction Bridge—No. 11
"One man's weakness may be another man's opportunity."
It is an undisputed fact that luck at cards will run with certain players in straight deals at any game. Such luck is called "gambler's luck."

Therefore, about twenty-five years ago, Mr. Cassius M. Paine devised and patented an apparatus for playing duplicate whist. This device is a tray for holding a deck of cards dealt into four hands. Each table playing is allotted a certain number of these trays, and the hands, after being played, are returned to their original compartments in the trays, which are then passed to the next table. In this manner, all of the players seated toward the north at all tables play the same hands in the course of the contest; all those seated toward the south, east and west do likewise.

This form of play was adopted by The American Whist League for all of their contests. Later, when Bridge made its debut into the world of sport and also when Auction Bridge superseded it, the same plan was followed. During the World War, Mr. Milton C. Work conceived an idea whereby a large sum of money might be raised by using this scheme, and the "Red Cross Contest" using trays, was the result.

Now again Mr. Work has come forth with a new plan for charity card playing, called "Par Auction," implying "hands of equal value." By this scheme, the experts in many cities in the United States are playing identical hands of Auction for charities. The auditing of all score ends at a central station will reveal the best player. The plan is this: Two decks of cards are so marked that twenty-four hands may be dealt, twelve from each pack, and these hands are played in turn by different players. While this scheme is very ingenious, it will not be interesting for more than four sittings of the contest, inasmuch as the hands which are freak or interesting combinations sent in by devotees, will be remembered and the play, therefore, will become monotonous. When trays are used, and new sets of hands are arranged at different times, the play is not so likely to lose its interest.

The test of skill in Auction is generally made by four as evenly matched players as possible, so that with "Par" deals or duplicate hands pro-

vided by using the trays, the play shows each one's judgment, observation, keen perception, and skill as they are brought into use, and proves the truth and appropriateness of the quotation at the head of this article. For it is one man's weakness that provides the other man's opportunity. With exactly the same amount of value in each hand, the condition is the same as that obtained by giving several persons the same tools and materials with which to make a given article. In either case, the expert will turn out a finished product or score, and the novice will end with failure.

As an example, in the following hand, it is a question as to what may be bid as an opening:

Dealer's Hand.
Spades—A, 6.
Hearts—A, K, Q, 10.
Diamonds—A, 10.
Clubs—10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1.

(Not: "10" indicates a card under ten.)
There would be a choice for bid here, depending upon the previous score. If beginning a new game, bid No-Trump first, then according to other bids made. If another player makes it Two Clubs, dealer should change to Two Hearts. However, if One Heart would make game, then name Hearts at once.

Questions and Answers.

C. What is a fourchette?

A. A fourchette (fork) means the cards next above and below the card led. Nine is led, and the next player holds ten and eight. The correct play is to cover the nine with the ten and force the eight up in value.

Q. What is meant by forcing discards?

A. When declarant finds he has a losing card and several trumps, he generally should lead trumps, making the adversaries discard, in hopes that they will make an error and discard the cards above his losing off-suit card. In a No-Trump, make all good cards in both hands before opening other suits, for every discard costs the hand something, and may be advantageous to you.

Have your dinner party at Honan Hall before you go to see the "Four Horsemen," Monday, January 2nd. 12-30-21

READ THE WANT ADS!

FORMER KING DIED POOR MAN

(By Associated Press)
BELGRADE, Dec. 31.—Interesting details have come to light respecting the late King Peter, who passed away in this city a short time ago.

During his last illness the king asked frequently for his son Alexander, who found it impossible to be with him because of his own serious illness in Paris. He was much attached to the Prince Regent and referred to him as "my little Aleck." He had the fullest confidence in him and during the last years of his life left the affairs of state entirely in his hands.

He had been especially anxious that his son should marry Princess Olga, daughter of the Czar of Russia, but whatever the prospect there was for the match disappeared in the murder of the beautiful princess by the Bolsheviks.

The king died a poor man. Whatever personal possessions he had were lost during the tragic retreat to Corfu in the grim days of 1915 when the German hordes overran the little Slav state. When the correspondent asked one of the late monarch's old friends if the king had left any legacies, he replied: "Yes, a wooden trunk, a bedstead, a few books, a great character and an undying memory."

In the years preceding his ill health it was one of the king's most cherished hopes that he might visit America. He was a great admirer of the energy, industry and capacity of the people of the United States. He felt that Serbia owed a great deal to America for its championship of the rights of the smaller nations, and especially for its support of Yugoslavia's claims at the Paris peace conference. The aged sovereign held former President Wilson in high esteem.

Throughout his 77 years King Peter was ultra-democratic and simple in his tastes. He disliked ceremony and had a contempt for flattery and compliments. He insisted that his meals consist of only one dish. All his servants were peasant soldiers. His home in Belgrade was plain to the point of rudeness. When well, he always attended personally to the gardens and the poultry.

Like most Slavs, he was extremely superstitious. He considered the number "13" fatal and would never begin a project on Friday. When asked to explain his superstition, he pointed out that if the numerals in

each of the great years of Serbia's destiny were counted up, they would total "13" in each case. The king felt sure he was going to die in 1921, because the numerals 1, 2, 2, 1, totalled "13." His prediction came true.

For one of these famous dinners at Honan Hall Monday, January 2nd, hours from 5:00 to 8:00. 12-30-21

BURGLARS BUSY

UNION, Dec. 31.—The Eastern Oregon Meat market was burglarized Sunday night last and \$10 in money and about \$50 worth of bacon taken. The cash register was taken to the back yard and broken open. Sheriff Warrick was called and looked the situation over, but we are not advised as to whether he has any definite clue to work upon or not. The robbers broke in the back door of the market and gained entrance.

FIRE AT UNION

UNION, Dec. 31.—About 3:30 o'clock Wednesday morning the barn at the Pursell place in Union was found to be on fire, and notwithstanding the prompt action of the fire department and citizens generally, the structure burned to the ground, together with a lot of stored goods, supplies in a cellar, an automobile, and other items that were in the barn. There was insurance on the barn, but none on the other property. Inasmuch as there had been no fire in the barn, it is generally supposed that the fire was of incendiary origin. The total loss was probably in the vicinity of \$2500. Actual figures as to the insurance and loss are not available.

Trees Know Winter.

The great buds of the horse chestnut have a most elaborate arrangement for the winter protection of the delicate parts within, says the American Forestry Magazine. The baby flower cluster is covered by the downy growth of the undeveloped leaves. The latter are surrounded by the tough, hard scale, and these are varnished over to keep out the water.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Milo Burnett, the executor of the last will and testament of Mary E. Swauger, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Union County, Oregon, his final account in the administration of said estate and said Court has set Monday, the 16th day of January, A. D., 1922, at the County Court Room in the County Court House in La Grande, Oregon, at two o'clock p. m. as the time and place for the hearing of said final account and all objections thereto.

MILO BURNETT,
Executor of the last will of Mary E. Swauger, deceased.

Good Lots Or Home Wanted

We have a party who holds a well secured contract for \$850.00, payable \$25.00 per month. He also has two automobiles, and will trade contract and one or both autos for good close in lots or will apply as first payment on good home.

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250 acres, about 2 miles from town. 80 acres of this is good farming or hay land. Balance is splendid pasture, with a small amount of timber. There is a good house and barn, good orchard, plenty water. The price is \$8500.00, subject to a mortgage of \$1800.00, which is payable at \$215.00 a year, which payment includes the interest. Owns will take residence property worth \$2500.00 to \$3500.00, and second mortgage for difference.

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Andrew's Store LOCALYPSA

STATISTICS ABOUT THE PICTURE AS PUBLISHED IN

The Literary Digest:

"The screen version of Vicente Blasco Ibanez's epochal work more than six months to complete. Upward of 12,000 persons were engaged in the undertaking. More than 125,000 tons of masonry, steel, lumber, furniture and shutters—in excess of the materials used in erecting the Panama Canal—were used in constructing the few remaining civil buildings of the city."

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LASCO IBANEZ
Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Leonard and children spent Christmas in Walla Walla with his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Tompkins.
Grandma Hammoek, who lives with her son, Floyd, on the ranch east of town has been visiting the past few weeks with her daughters, Mrs. David Cook, Mrs. Effie Cook, Mrs. Carrie Candie and Mrs. Hattie Leonard in Lostine.
There were a number of Lostine folks attended the school program and dance at Wallawa last Friday night, also several went down Tuesday night to witness the boxing match scheduled to come off there that night.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pogue spent Christmas at Joseph with relatives. The Union Missionary Society will meet Thursday afternoon, January 5th, with Mrs. Chris Johnson, Mrs. Carrie Candie in charge of the program.
Mike Moffitt arrived in Lostine Monday from Toledo, Ore., for a visit with home folks.
Miss Edith and Miss Dorothy Boyd are here spending the holidays with their sister, Mrs. LeRoy Ferguson.
Miss Minnie Bailey of Enterprise spent Christmas with her friends, Miss Georgia and Miss Maxine Childers.
Kenneth McKeone and daughter, Consuelo, of Wallawa, came up Monday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McKeone. Mr. McKeone returning home the past