

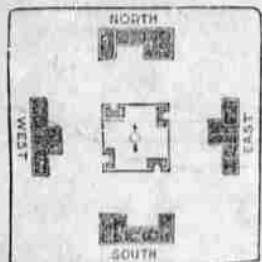


### A Column for Card Players and Question Box—Conducted by Hoyle, Jr.

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. 12**  
"Never know good hands, or poor ones, the credit lies in playing each hand properly."

The element of luck is largely decreased in Auction with the use of the "Compass" or trays which give more opportunity or scope for science in the declaration and play from the same hands or cards.



How the Board and the Tricks are Placed on the Table.

In "Compass" all rules and laws prevail as in Auction. Before beginning to play, Tray No. 1 (see number on back of tray or board) is placed in the center of No. 1 table, with the arrow pointing north, as printed on the tray to indicate the dealer. The tray must remain on the table during the play of the hand and until it is used as hereafter described.

**Odd Numbers of Tables Best.**  
There should be at least five or more tables in play at a time. An odd number of tables is preferable as then the trays (after use) are passed one way and the east and west players move the other. When an even number of tables are in play and when half the number of moves have been made, then the players sit **OUT** until two rounds have been played (the trays having been moved after each round). Then the east and west move to the next table and finish the play of the trays.

The game consists of regular Auction bridge players at multiple number of tables. For instance, 24 tables would start with one tray for each table, the number of which tray should correspond to the number of the table. Or say nine tables would play 27 deals or trays, having three deals or trays (called a frame) on each table.

The "Pain" tray is a square device with four pockets in which the four hands are kept, enabling the several north players to use the same hands and the south players the same and so on.

The players do not throw their cards to the center of the table as in most card games, but, as in duplicate whist, each player places his card, as he plays it, on the table in front of him, and turns its face downward as soon as the winner of the trick turns his card, and the cards of that trick must not be seen again (the trick is then said to have been turned quitted).

As each succeeding card is turned, it should be placed so as to overlap the card previously played, thus retaining the cards in exact order in which they were played. The winners of the trick place their cards, as they turn them down, perpendicularly to the edge of the table nearest them; the losers, on the contrary, place their cards horizontally.

When the deal (thirteen tricks) has been played, the four hands should each be separately shuffled, and each player's cards slipped into the pocket of the tray directly in front of him (the arrow always point north), thus carefully retaining the position in which they were held by the players.

This "Compass" game enables a comparison to be made, as no other mode of play possibly can give.

All laws and rules are used in the "Compass" game as in straight Auction save that the Rubber is not counted. 125 points are added in honor column for each game made in one deal, the game being the goal and no Rubbers played.

Etiquette plays a most important part in the card table and to offend etiquette is far more serious than to offend against a law; for in the latter case the offender is

subject to the prescribed penalties; in the former his adversaries have no redress.

In bidding the declarations should be made in a simple manner, thus: "One spade," "one no-trump," or "pass" or "No," or "Double;" they should be made orally and not by gesture.

Aside from his legitimate declaration, a player should in no way indicate the nature of his hand or his pleasure or displeasure at a play, a bid or a double.

A player should not play a card with such emphasis as to draw attention to same.

There are many conventions and many localisms that creep into the game, but the author finds the experts use but few and therefore none are given.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What is meant by "in"?

A. "In" in circulation. The cards that have not been played.

Q. What card is called the knave?

A. The Jack of any suit.

Q. What are weak suits?

A. Those suits in which tricks are very improbable.

Q. What is unblocking?

A. Playing the high cards of partner's long suit in order to get out of his way. This is done when your holding is shorter in the suit than your partner's and your cards might win the trick and take too lead from him disastrously, thereby shutting out the chance of bringing in his long suit.

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#### ANTI-VERMIN SOCIETY

(By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Jan. 7.—A society has just been founded for the scientific extermination of vermin. It was christened the Institute of Applied Pestology. Alfred E. Moore, the chairman, believes it will accomplish a work of international importance.

## REBEKAHS AT UNION ELECT

(Special to The Observer)  
UNION, Jan. 7.—The Rebekah lodge met Wednesday night and installed the following officers: Noble Grand, Mrs. Caster; Right Support, Mrs. Minick; Left Support, Mrs. Belle Busiek; Vice Grand, Opal Shappat; Right Support, Mrs. Shappat; Left Support, Mrs. Burwell; Recording Sec., Mrs. Pearl Shaw; Financial Sec., Mrs. Baird; Treasurer, Mrs. Holly; Warden, Eunice Busiek; Conductor, Vertie Fiser; Chaplain, Faye Bellus; Inside Guardian, Mrs. Keilblock.

The robbers that ransacked the meat market last week are still at large. The slaughter house was also raided Monday night and several hams stolen.

All of the students who were home from college have left to resume their studies.

Miss Marion Strowbridge of Hayward, California, has been visiting Miss Geiga Nielsen of the high school faculty for a few days this week. Miss Strowbridge taught school last year in Elgin.

The first game of the U. H. S. Intercollegiate basket ball season will be played tonight with La Grande at Union. From all reports this will be one of the fastest games of the season.

A Sunday school party was held Monday night at the Methodist parsonage. The class that gave it have just organized with Rev. B. S. Hughes as their teacher.

The senior class of the high school gave a surprise party on their English teacher, Mrs. Bowman. There not being room to dance games were played until late in the evening, when a lap supper of ice cream and cake was served. Shortly after this, the guests departed for home. This was the second attempt of the seniors to hold a party. The first was attempted in the form of a skating party but this was broken up by a bunch of the town rowdies.

The Knights of Pythias lodge have sold a section of one of the main business blocks of the town to Mr. Holly, who has been located on this site for some years. Some time the lodge began improvements on an amusement hall. At that time they did not have the funds to complete the project and will now use the returns from the sale for this purpose.

Mr. Lavonne Morris, once a resident of La Grande, is now employed in the Eastern Oregon Meat market. Mr. Morris has for the past two years, been employed in Shaaks Bakery and is still working there in the evenings.

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## ROADS BAD IN IOWA DISTRICT

(Special to The Observer)  
IOWA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jan. 7.—Because of the bad roads the school Christmas tree and program was held the Friday before Christmas. John Williams has been on the sick list as an aftermath of a touch of flu he had some time ago.

Mrs. Alta Henderson is also on the sick list. Master Glen Henderson, who spent the holidays in Portland with his father, has returned here.

The Misses Myrtle and Mildred Hoyt and Julia Evelyn Hulse left Monday evening for the Willamette valley to finish their school terms.

L. B. Hyatt and family spent Christmas at the J. E. Hulse ranch. Mrs. Ida Hawn and children, who have been visiting her father, Geo. Evans, have moved to La Grande. Joseph Bettis had his daughter visiting him from La Grande during the holidays.

August Erickson and family spent Christmas in La Grande at the home of Mr. Lee on W. avenue and attended the Elks' Christmas tree.

The sister of the late Mrs. Spera who has been here for the last month, left Wednesday evening, taking Miss Jean Spera with her to her home in Santa Monica, California.

The children of Iowa District are preparing for a silver medal contest to be held under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. All that is necessary now is good weather and

roads that are passable so that the date can be decided on.

A very enjoyable New Year's party was held at the home of Duncan McDonald.

**O. A. C. Plans To Have a School For Canning**  
OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 7.—The first annual canners' school—the only course of its kind ever offered in the northwest—will start at the

college January 20, and lasts until February 24.

The horticultural products section is the oldest and largest organization of its kind in the United States, and has announced this new course as a service course to men actively engaged in the manufacture of canned fruits and vegetables. The work presented in science deals with the basic principles underlying food preservation.

Work covering problems of the northwest packer, including fundamentals of food preservation by can-

ning, will be offered. Adjustment and repair of canning machines will be under a representative of the American Can company. Factors found in canned fruits will come in for a share of study. How to control the organisms in fruits, vegetables and other food stuffs, and their relation to curing, ripening and preserving food products, will be studied. Addresses by experienced men will be given from time to time, dealing with the different phases of canning and allied industries.

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