



### A Column for Card Players and Question Box—

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**AUCTION BRIDGE—No. 14.**  
"Avoid incurring penalties. For they must be paid."

One of the most confusing points of Auction is the scoring, as there are two scores to be played for: trick score and honor, penalties and bonuses.

Trick score has been explained in full in one of the preceding articles also the honors, penalties, and bonuses; but today we will review the penalties, especially, as they seem to be the stumbling block, not only to the student, but to the advanced player, since there is one set of penalties for adversaries and an entirely different set for declarer and his partner.

**Penalties for Adversaries.**  
50 penalty points added to score for each trick the declarer falls short his contract or bid.

100 penalty points for each trick the declarer falls short his contract or bid if doubled.

200 penalty points for each trick the declarer falls short his contract or bid if re-doubled. Re-doubling is the limit.

Neither doubling nor re-doubling affects the honors, but, as shown above, both affect the penalties.

**Penalties for Declarer and Partner if Doubled.**  
50 penalty points added to score for fulfilling contract or bid.

50 penalty points for each trick above contract or bid.

100 penalty points for fulfilling contract or bid if re-doubled.

100 penalty points for each trick above contract of bid if re-doubled.

The adversaries never score in trick column.

The declarer and his partner never can score penalty honors unless they have been doubling or re-doubling. The declarer and partner also score in trick column the value of the tricks they make, at the double or re-doubled value, as the case may be.

Among the bonus scores is also the Slam. A side winning all thirteen tricks scores 100 points for Grand Slam. A side winning twelve tricks scores 50 points for Little Slam.

In Par or Comparative Auction, a bonus of 125 points is given for a game won in one deal. Rubbers are not counted.

When Pivot Auction is played, rubbers are counted. The side which has won two games adds a bonus of 250 points to its honor score. The side having the greater total number of points, including trick, honor, penalty and bonus points, wins.

**Revoke Penalty.**  
When declarer revokes, he cannot score for tricks, and his adversaries, in addition to any bonus for under tricks, add 50 points to their honor score for each revoke.

When either adversary revokes, declarer for first revoke may either score 50 points in honor score or take two tricks from adversaries and add to his own score. Such tricks may assist declarer to make good his contract but shall not entitle him to any further bonus in honor score by reason of the bid having been doubled or re-doubled, nor to a slam or little slam not otherwise obtained. For each revoke after the first, declarer adds 50 points to his honor score.

The value of honors as bid is the only score that can be made by a revoking side unless both sides revoke. If one side revokes more than once the other scores 50 for each extra revoke.

Penalties always should be exacted.

To waive one it is itself a violation of the laws, which no expert player will tolerate.

**Questions and Answers.**

Q. A bids four spades, holding four honors, and is doubled. A takes five tricks above book. What is the score?

A. Five spade tricks would be 50—45. Doubled, this would be 90 trick points. Four honors in one hand is 8 times value of trick—72. (Honor score are affected by doubling.) A also would get 50 for fulfilling contract and 50 for each trick above contract—in this case, one trick, or 50 points, making a total of 160 bonus; also 125 points for game or over won in one deal.

#### STILL THIRTY

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, Jan. 21.—The French people have not lost their habit of thrift and when to spending their cents rather than putting them away in the proverbial "wool on stocking," as reported abroad.

The French National Savings bank had in 1921 15,066,000 depositors with 5,829,000,000 francs savings. Its latest report shows 15,758,000 depositors with 8,149,000,000 francs to their credit.

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**OBSERVER WANT ADS GET RESULTS.**

## POSTOFFICE AGE RECORD

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Jan. 21.—St. Augustine is believed to possess the oldest postoffice building in the country. Postmaster F. Hopkins, after a research extending over a period of two years has received copies of official records in the "Archives of the Indies" at Seville, Spain, showing that the structure he now occupies was erected sometime between 1564 and 1605 by one Gonzalo Mendez. The King of Spain purchased the building and served as such until Florida was transferred to the United States in 1821.

In the archives at Seville were found official "Letters and Dispatches of the Governors of Florida" issued in Council from the year 1568 to 1610 and one referring to the purchase of a house for the governor in St. Augustine indicated that the housing situation in America more than 300 years ago was little better than it has been the last few years. It read:

"To His Majesty from the Governor Pedro De Ybarra on the 8th day of January, 1594.

"In this city they have never had a house for the governor, and when I arrived they lodged me in a house which was built over the sea, and it so cold and damp that two governors died here. Two governors were (Gonzales de Miranda and Domingo Martinez de Avellaneda. Even the owner himself has never been well in it, nor have I been so since my arrival.

"For this reason, there being no house to live in here, Gonzalo Mendez decided to build one and this he did in a good location.

"It is proposed by the officials of Your Majesty here that Your Majesty purchase said house of Gonzalo Mendez as a dwelling for the governor. They have these dwellings everywhere but here."

The records show the petition was approved and the building was acquired for that purpose. After some bargaining, however, Mendez agreed to take \$10,000 cash for the structure and it was purchased for that price.

#### Paris Pearl Market Suffers a Slump

(By Associated Press)  
PARIS, Jan. 21.—The pearl market of Paris, which considers itself the market of the world, has suffered a slump. A necklace of Orient pearls valued by the experts at 1,500,000 francs, has just

been sold by public auction for only 165,000.

The slump is ascribed to general tightness of money, to the fact that war profiteers have by now got rid of their superfluous millions and are not buying freely as in the days just after the war, and to various other causes, but not to the competition of Japanese cultivated pearls. French dealers continue to smile derisively when such a suggestion is made.

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