

## A Column for Card Players and Question Box

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**Auction Bridge — No. 21.**  
 "Bite off more than you can chew. Then chew it."  
 Plan for more than you can do. Then do it.  
 Hitch your wagon to a star, Keep your seat and there you are!

In Auction, as in every other game, it is much easier to advise the player how to bid or lead in the opening of the hand than how to play the deal. Endless instructions may be given, yet the fall of the cards will alter the game and many intricate situations will arise.

Rarely will situations repeat themselves, and a sound and exhaustive study may be made of brilliant plays with the same result in actual practice. "Circumstances alter cases." The expert will recognize the different circumstances and be able to alter his play to suit the fall of the cards.

The plan of play of a hand by declarer should be always made with three objects in view: First, and foremost, to fulfill his contract; Second, to secure game; Third, when game is secured, to try for a Slam. On the other hand, the opponents of declarer naturally play with exactly the opposite idea; their main object should be to save game, and their next to defeat the contract.

The declarer never should take a finesse or any other play which would in any way jeopardize the game, even should it, if successful, win one or more extra tricks. Game is far more important than the contract.

An extra trick counts but little, but failure to carry out contract or win game may and generally does incur heavy loss.

Suppose the score is Love (no count on either side); declarer has bid three Spades and has won two tricks over the book, and has but one chance in the remainder of his holding—the Ace and Queen of Clubs in Dummy—and the lead in his own hand. One more trick will fulfill his contract and two will give him game. All other tricks, as shown by the foregoing, are the adversaries' whenever they obtain the lead. Declarer can in no way place the King of Clubs. Should he finesse and lose, all he will have are the eight tricks, already taken. His Ace will "die" (waste in his hand, since he cannot regain the lead) and he will be "one down." In this case his duty is plan. Finessing may lose twenty-seven trick points and fifty penalty points—seventy-seven in all. On the other hand, he may win, in addition to the extra trick, the game. If counting game in one deal he would get 125 bonus, and if counting rubbers he might get 250. "Hitch your wagon to a star; keep your seat and there you are."

With an even chance, who would not risk a loss of seventy-seven for a chance of gaining 124 or 250?

Again, under similar conditions, with the trump a minor suit, the finesse should be refused and the winning of the contract be assured, for in this case three more tricks are needed to make game, and even in a successful finesse, the win is only two tricks.

A finesse is based on an even break.

A deeper finesse should be made in the trump suit and that suit is always worth its face value.

There are thirteen cards in each suit and four players among whom that suit is divided. Declarer with seven cards of a suit in his own hand and dummy's, should play each of his adversaries to hold three; with nine, he should again play on the basis that the four missing cards are divided equally between the opponents.

Playing for an even break will, in the long run, make many tricks. Example: (0 means cards smaller than ten.)

Declarer Holds	Dummy Holds
A. K. J. 10. 9	0. 6. 5. 0
A. K. 10. 9. 8	J. 7. 6. 0
A. J. 10. 9. 8	K. 10. 9. 0
K. J. 10. 9. 8	A. 10. 9. 0

In the above, the Jack finesse is most tempting, but unless by the bidding or discard, the hold of the missing cards may be placed, the finesse is not justifiable.

### Questions and Answers.

Q. One side, North and South players having won eighteen trick points in one deal, East and West thirty-six trick points in next deal (which is our game). North and South eighteen trick points in third deal, can North and South count a game with their trick points?

A. No. Not when the opponents win a game in between.

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must be called or property values will be gone."

The meeting is expected to take action condemning all extra expenditures by the county and specify instances such as the purchase of a fair ground last year for \$15,000. The speakers of the day included Senator Colon Eberhart, J. T. Hinkle, of Hermiston and others.

Many prominent farmers and men of affairs in the county are present. L. L. McKennon, C. M. Riddle, D. F. Oswald, Walter M. Pierce, C. D. Huffman, J. S. Hedgins, G. H. Finn, George Miller, of Cove, and Ed Reynolds as well as many others were on hand.

The meeting is expected to last several hours and the pep and enthusiasm shown by the gathering indicates that the farmers are waking up and will take an active part in righting the present intolerable state of affairs.

### UNCALLED-FOR LETTERS

List of letters remaining uncalled

for in this office for the week ending March 10th, 1922.

Gentlemen,  
 F. Bridger, Herbert Leon Cope, F. U. Ankas, G. W. Mohr, R. W. MacAllister (4), Jim Ross.

Ladies,  
 Miss Inez Clark, Mrs. Goulette, Mrs. Crawford Ott, Mrs. Margaret Denice, Miss Pearl Robinson.  
 These letters will be sent to the dead letter office on March 24th, 1922, if not delivered. In calling for the above please say advertised, giving date of list.  
 E. E. BRAGG, P. M.

### Uncle Al Cook Is Called Suddenly by Death in Amity

Word was received here today of the death of Albert Cook, known to La Grande people as "Uncle Al." Mr. Cook had gone to Amity, Ore., where he has land, and was building himself a house when he was suddenly called. He made his home with Mrs. Claude Damsel, a niece, when in La Grande. He also leaves the following relatives: Miss Mattie Cook, his sister; Chas. Murchison, a nephew; Elsie Evans, of Kamela, a niece. Claude Damsel left today for Amity to bring the body home and until his return no

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