

A Column for Card Players and Question Box

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"The best crops are always in the fields of others."
The above may fit the case where straight Auction is played, but even then the expert may and can make good with what is dealt to him.
The types of Auction players correspond closely to the types found in all walks of life.
There are the poor, or generally deficient partners; they are always with us. When unfortunate enough to draw such a one, take your dose like a man. Be courteous, and finish either the Rubber or the allotted time for play, and hope for better luck next time.
There are the erratic players, most unreliable. They cannot be trusted even when apparently most encouraging.
There are timid or conservative players. They have been known to lay down four Aces for Dummy and apologize for holding a hand that would not justify a bid.
There is the partner who always plays by rule. He is most accurate, but is without an original idea. He does not even know when and how to avoid harm.
There is the bold partner, rarely sound, always overbidding his holding. He always must buy even when his hand is not worth a bid.
There is the partner whom you would call sound, dependable, and brave, a "true partner" always ready to assist—one who, in other words, always is "There with the goods."
There is the brilliant, adroit, partner, with imagination, ready to fill in the gaps and push the good things along.
A poor or timid player, holding the following cards ("0" means cards lower than Ten):

- Spades—A, 9, 8, 7, 6
 - Hearts—Q, J, 10
 - Diamonds—A, Ten, 9, 8
 - Clubs—8, 7
- will complain "My cards do not permit a bid." Any other type of player, almost invariably, would bid No-trump, thereby at least showing a possible assistance.
The subsequent bidding may change the value of the hand. Suppose Second Hand should bid two Clubs. Third Hand must control Clubs or change the No-trump. In cases like this is where partner's sound or brilliant play is most needed and shows to best advantage.
Having bought the make, either with or without partner's assistance the following rules are of great value:
Declarer must keep the command of adversaries' suit as long as possible.
Declarer should rarely refuse to take tricks with Kings or Queens from either his own or Dummy's hand.
Declarer, when holding enough tricks to win the game, should take the lead at first opportunity.
When the best card of your suit is against you, force it out at once. It pays to establish a suit.
With two suits of equal length, play for the one in Dummy's hand—do not give the adversary unnecessary information.
With two suits of equal length, play for the one, which, when established, will take the most tricks; for example, the first is the most profitable of the following eight-card combinations:
7 cards in one hand and 1 in other
6 cards in one hand and 2 in other

other
5 cards in one hand and 2 in other
In a trump declaration, it not infrequently happens that to place the lead in the proper hand you are compelled to trump a command card of your partner's, or perhaps to over-trump him.
Forcing Discards
When declarer finds he has a losing card and several trumps, he generally should lead trumps, making the adversary discard in hope they will make an error. In a No-trump make all good cards in both hands before opening other suit, for every discard costs a hand something and may be advantageous to you.
Play Against Dummy
Always play against Dummy, leading through his strength; that is, leading the suit he is strong in when Dummy is your left-hand adversary, thereby putting his high cards at the mercy of your partner. In other words, play against Dummy, going, coming, and all the time.
Should either Declarer or Dummy be void a suit, ruff that suit before leading the trump.
Should a cross ruff be established against you, lead trumps at once, even should you have but one.
Should the adversary have one remaining trump, and that one the command, force him to trump a suit with it, thereby making your losing trump or trump good.
Questions and Answers
Q. How many cards may be seen on the table—or may a trick be seen after it has been turned and quitted?
A. The best answer to this is to quote these General Laws of the New York Whist Club:
"General Law—30. A trick turned and quitted may not be looked at (except under Law 82) until the end of the play. The penalty for the violation of this law is 25 points in the adverse honor score."
91. Any player during the play of a trick or after the four cards are played, and before the trick is turned and quitted, may demand that the cards be placed before their respective players.
92. When an adversary of the de-

clarer, before his partner plays, calls attention to the trick, either by saying it is his, or, without being requested to do so, by making his card or drawing it toward him, the declarer may require such partner to play his highest or lowest card to the suit led, or to win or lose the trick.
93. An adversary of the declarer may call his partner's attention to the fact that he is about to play or lead out of turn, but if, during the play, he makes any unauthorized reference to any incident of the play, the declarer may call a suit from the adversary whose next turn it is to lead. If the dummy is actually off-lead, the adversary may call a lead, when it is the next turn of the declarer to lead from dummy's hand.
94. In all cases where a penalty has been incurred, the offender is bound to give reasonable time for the decision of his adversary.
95. If the declarer concedes one or more tricks and the concession be accepted, such trick or tricks belong to the adversary even if it would have been impossible for the declarer to lose such trick or tricks had the hand been played out.
If an adversary of the declarer concedes a trick or tricks, such concession is binding if agreed to at the time by the partner of the conceding player. Silence shall be regarded as consent.

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In addition, its cooling, soothing qualities make it useful every day for cuts, burns, bruises, stings and skin troubles.

Prevent grip—pneumonia
Grip and pneumonia are frequently the results of carelessness.

Keep away from the sneezers and coughers in street cars and public places, if possible.

If you are obliged to mingle with them, insert some Vicks in the nostrils just before going out. It stimulates the membrane and helps Nature to repel bacteria.

At the first sign of a cold
During this grip-pneumonia weather it is "better to be safe than sorry." Here is the safest plan if people would just follow it—

At the first sign of a cold go home, take a hot bath for 30 minutes and drink several glasses of hot lemonade.

Take a laxative and a good sweat under blankets. Then dry the body. Apply Vicks liberally over throat and chest, covering with hot flannel cloths.

Go to bed and leave the bed-clothes loose about the neck so that the medicated vapors will be inhaled all night long.

This treatment will often banish a cold over night and so avoid the possibility of grip or pneumonia.

How Vicks should be used
For Spasmodic Croup, Children's Colds—Rub Vicks over the throat and chest until the difficult breathing is relieved; then spread on thickly and cover with a hot flannel cloth. One application at bed time usually prevents a night attack of croup.

For Head Colds, Asthma, Catarrh, Hay Fever—Vicks should be melted in a spoon and the vapor inhaled, or a little can be applied up the nostrils and sniffed up the head.

For Deep Chest Colds, Sore Throat, Tonsillitis, Bronchitis, Coughs—Vicks should be applied over the throat and chest—if necessary, first using hot, wet cloths to open the pores of the skin; then rubbed in well until the skin is red; spread on thickly and covered with one or two thicknesses of hot flannel cloths. If the cough is annoying, swallow small pieces the size of a pea.

Vapors Important—Remember that half the effect of Vicks is in the inhalation of its vapors. So when applied over throat and chest leave bed-clothes and night clothing loose at the neck so that these vapors can be freely inhaled.

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