

## A Column for Card Players and Question Box—

Conducted by Hoyle, Jr.

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**AUCTION BRIDGE—No. 28.**  
"The only sure rule of play which is absolutely general—Play to Win."

In every hand of Auction there are many opportunities, although they may not be seen at first glance. The student often complains that before a rule is fully learned, he is told of an exception to it. This is quite true, and herein lies the fascination of Auction. There is always such a diversity in the deals that one must pay strict attention—not only observing his own fourth of the problem as represented by his own thirteen cards, but in judging the problems laid forth in the other three hands of thirteen cards each as indicated by the declarations. The wonder and fascination is that sometimes the holdings are so plainly marked, and then again so puzzling.

Be just and fair always in a game, but also do not reveal more than is necessary for your partner to know. Never deceive your partner.

Bid freely with a strong hand; give your partner all information possible by your bids.

When second hand declares "One No-trump" over any trump announcement, he shows protection in the suit that dealer has bid.

When second hand makes a suit declaration over a "One No-trump" call, he shows a hand strong enough to make winning of the game possible or to defeat dealer should the latter increase his bid.

Third hand has much information to speculate on by the time his turn has come. He should rarely take his partner out of a bid in a major suit

(the major suits are Hearts, Spades and No-trump), but should never hesitate to take him out of a minor suit bid.

Again, too much importance cannot be given to the fact that if third hand holds a "bust," (a hand without a trick-taking card), he always should overcall his partner's "One No-trump" by bidding two of any five card suit, holding no five card suit, do not try to improve the bid, for it will only make a bad matter worse to change the bid with a short holding. Let well enough alone.

As a rule, if three players have passed, the fourth player should be very careful in bidding or letting own the bars, so to speak. Only with a possible game hand should he bid, for his bid opens the bidding for the other players and may prove costly, for the adversaries may show long suit holdings on the second round.

The foregoing rules are for opening bids. As bids are raised or doubled, judgment must be used, and all information given to partners and adversaries must be noted and used to the best advantage.

Circumstances surely alter the bidding and, in fact, every move in Auction. As in life, so in any game of sport, especially Auction, the individuality of the player is in evidence. With thirteen cards for one's very own, each hand presents the question—to bid or not to bid, to take control and play the deal, or trail to the bid or call of one's partner—in other words, to play "second fiddle," the most difficult of all rules for the novice. To assume this role with good fellowship is one of the marks of the

seasoned Auction player. In this connection, the following verse is a good thing to remember at all times:

"Good humor with her sister grace,  
Can beat the honours and the ace;  
Good humor holds, if understood,  
The Thirteenth trump or what's as good.  
Good humor, partners, don't abuse her,  
May have carte blanche, yet not be loser."

Questions and Answers.

Q. What are McCampbell's Doubles?

A. Mr. Bryant McCampbell is a well-known writer and authority on Auction, and the sponsor of McCampbell's Doubles.

"Doubling one of any suit declared a No-trump without that suit; doubling one No-trump declares a good No-trump suit; all other doubles expect to defeat the contract."

Q. What effect has a singleton or near holding on a trump hand?

A. If No-trump is being played, a singleton most materially weakens the hand, for it will give one of the other three hands an extra number of cards in the suit your hand is short of, and thereby make tricks for that hand. If a suit be trump, then rarely you may be able to trump the suit in which you held a singleton at the beginning of the play. However, if you are the declarer, it weakens your rump holding to be obliged to ruff.

Q. When is a trick turned and quit?

A. "A trick is turned and quit" when all four players have turned and quit their respective cards.—Laws of New York Whist Club.

### COUNTY TREASURER'S CALL FOR GENERAL ROAD WARRANTS.

NOTICE, The undersigned county treasurer has funds on hand with \$336.12 with interest thereon at the

rate of 10 per cent per annum from and after the 30th day of January, 1922, and for the further sum of \$800.00 as a reasonable attorney's fee herein and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements incurred in this action and taxed at \$78.85, and for accruing costs, and in which said execution, I am commanded to make sale of the hereinafter described real property heretofore mortgaged, to satisfy said judgment, decree, interest, attorney's fees, costs and disbursements, including accruing costs.

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Dly Apr. 22-29, May 6-13-20.

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, under and by virtue of a Foreclosure Execution, Judgment and Decree and Order of Sale, duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Union, bearing date of April 7th, A. D., 1922, and to me directed and delivered, upon a Judgment, Decree and Order of Sale duly entered in said Court in the suit therein pending, wherein Idaho State Life Insurance Co., a corporation, is Plaintiff and Burt W. Peterman and Cora Peterman, husband and wife, Daniel Peterman and Eda Peterman, husband and wife, and Jennie B. Peterman, are Defendants, in which Judgment and Decree was entered in favor of Idaho State Life Insurance Co., a corporation, Plaintiff, and against the defendants, Burt W. Peterman and Cora Peterman, husband and wife, and Daniel Peterman and Eda Peterman, husband and wife, both jointly and severally for the sum of \$19,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from and after the 10th day of July, 1921, and for the further sum of \$634.25, together with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from and after the 25th day of January, 1922, and for the further sum of

which to redeem all warrants issued on the General Road Fund, No. 1190 to 1273, inclusive, series of 1921; also Market Road Fund, No. 2281 to 2331, inclusive, series of 1921; also No. 1310 to 1313, inclusive, series of 1922, payable on and after Tuesday, April 25, 1922. Interest ceases on the above warrants on April 25, 1922.

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## Poor Boys Who Became Great

By Frederick Houk Law

**HORACE MANN, THE GREAT EDUCATOR.**  
About the beginning of the nineteenth century, the farmers of Franklin, Massachusetts, said that little Horace Mann, a neighbor's son, was ruining his health, for the boy did the hardest farm work. His people were so poor that the very existence of his family hung upon the boy's efforts, and he was slight and weak.

Horace Mann's heart was not in farm work but in books. He found in the village library, named after Benjamin Franklin, scores of books that stimulated his eager mind. He read with the utmost enthusiasm, and steadily gained more and more knowledge. When he was twenty he thought of a world of learning beyond the little library. He would go to college. In six months of intensive work he fitted himself for Brown University. There he studied and read more than ever, and won high honors in competition with those who had attended famous schools.

A few years later found him as a lawyer who commanded respect both for legal knowledge and for personal character. His lack of early schooling had proved, for him, the very best of schools. He was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives and then to the State Senate.

Then, for eleven years, he was Secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Education. He gave up a lucrative law practice to accept a \$1,000 a year salary, but he had found his life-work. He studied schools in the United States and in Europe; taught that public schools for rich and poor alike

### Second Hand Tail Grown On Pet Rat

(By Associated Press)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 29.—Jerbo, a pet rat belonging to 13-year-old Donald Myatt has a tail that is virtually as good as new, thanks to a surgeon at the Emergency hospital.

Late Monday Donald came to the hospital when the staff was busy, and pleaded tearfully that his Egyptian jumping rat be given treatment. The tears finally won.

The boy's version is: "I had my rat at a pet show. A cat sized at him while I was holding the tip of his tail. He jumped so hard the skin peeled off."

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