



## A Column for Card Players and Question Box—

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### Auction for Two or Three Players.

Auction, although at its best as a four-handed game, is also one of the most interesting and absorbing games for two or three players. The two-handed game is played by dealing six cards, one at a time, to each of the two players. These six cards constitute the hands. Then continue the deal, one card at a time, until each player has a pile of twenty cards, which he shall place on the table in front of him in two rows of five cards each, face down (without looking at the faces of the cards himself), then cover each of the down cards with one face up. This will enable each player to know twenty-six cards as in a regular four-handed game—the six in his hand, his own ten cards placed face up, and his opponent's ten.

The bid and double is as in regular Auction, but there is no dummy. The trump having been bought by one player, the other player must lead and the dealer must play to the card led, following suit if possible either from his hand or his ten faced cards. Then first leader and dealer play again to the same trick, making four cards to a trick. The laws and rules prevail as in a four-handed game. As each faced card is used, the covered card must be faced at once. This game will be found most interesting when short of players to fill a table, as it is quite difficult to keep track of the cards, and most fascinating to keep the down cards buried as long as possible.

### Laws of the New York Whist Club for Three-Handed Auction

The laws of Auction govern the three-handed game, except as follows:

"1. Three players take part in a game and four constitute a complete table. Each plays for himself; there are no partners, except as provided in Law 7.

"2. The player who cuts lowest selects his seat and the cards with which he deals first. The player who cuts next lowest sits on the dealer's left.

"3. The cards are dealt in four packets, one for each of the three players and one for the dummy." (This hand is generally dealt opposite to the dealer and is not touched until after the final declaration has been made).

"4. The dealer declares, and the bidding continues as in Auction, except that each player bids exclusively on his own account.

"5. The penalty for a declaration out of turn is that each of the other players receives fifty points in his honor score. A declaration out of turn does not affect the right of the player whose turn it is to declare, unless both he and the other player, either by passing or declaring, accept the improper declaration.

"6. If a player declare out of turn, and the succeeding player either pass or declare, the third player may demand that the mistake be corrected as is provided in Law 5. In such case the player who first declared out of turn is the only one penalized.

"7. The player making the final declaration, i. e., a declaration that has been passed by both of the others, plays his own hand and that of the dummy against the two others, who then, and for that particular hand, assume the relationship of partners.

"8. It is advisable that the game be played at a round table so that the hand of the dummy can be

placed in front of the declarer without obliging any player to move; but, in the event of a square table being used, the two players who become the adversaries of the declarer should sit opposite each other, the dummy being opposite the declarer.

"At the end of the play the original position should be retained.

"9. If, after the deal has been completed and before the conclusion of the declaration, any player expose a card, each of his adversaries counts fifty points in his honor score, and the declarer, if he be not the offender, may call upon the player on his left to lead or not to lead the suit of the exposed card. If a card be exposed by the declarer after the final declaration, there is no penalty, but if exposed by an adversary of the declarer, it is subject to the same penalty as in Auction.

"10. If a player double out of turn, each of his adversaries counts 100 points in his respective honor score, and the player whose declaration has been doubled may elect whether the double shall stand. The bidding is then resumed, but if the double shall be disallowed, the declaration may not be doubled by the other player.

"11. The rubber continues until two games have been won by the same player; it may consist of two, three, or four games.

"12. When the declarer fulfills his contract, he scores as in Auction. When he fails to do so, both of his adversaries score as in Auction, for penalties in the honor column.

"13. Honors are scored by each player separately, i. e., each player who holds one honor scores the value of a trick; each player who holds two honors scores twice the value of a trick; a player who holds three honors scores three times the value of a trick; a player who holds four honors scores eight times the value of a trick; and a player who holds five honors scores ten times the value of a trick. In a no-trump declaration, each ace counts ten, and four held by one player counts 100. The declarer counts separately both his own honors and those held by the dummy.

"14. A player scores 125 points for winning a game, a further 125 points for winning a second game, and 250 points for winning a rubber. The 250 is in addition to the 125 for the rubber game.

"15. At the end of the rubber, all scores of each player are added and his total obtained. Each one wins from or loses to each other the difference between their respective totals. A player may win from both the others, lose to one and win from the other, or lose to both."

### Questions and Answers.

Q. What was the original count of Bridge?

A. Spades, 2; Clubs, 6; Diamonds, 7; Hearts, 8. No-trump, 10; Then the Spade was called a Lilly, and counted 9. Then "Nullo" was added and was worth 10 a trick, ranking above Lilly but below No-trump in bidding.

Q. What constitutes a deal?

A. A deal begins after the cut is made by the opponent to the right of the dealer, and ends when the last card has been placed in proper order in front of dealer. A player may not deal for his partner if either opponent objects.

### Modern Art.

The Cello (darkly)—There's one handy thing about this modern art—the less you study it the better you understand it.

## HAMID BEY IS OFF THE JOB

(By Associated Press) ADANA, Turkey, May 6.—Hamid Bey, who has been governor of Cilicia, the Southern Turkish province, since its evacuation by the French troops, has just resigned his post as a protest against the manner in which the soldiers of Kemal Pasha have treated the Christian population.

It has been charged that officers of the Turkish Nationalist army and Turks who have no respect for law have been robbing the Armenian quarters in the cities and towns of Cilicia molesting women and children and committing various crimes.

They are alleged to have extorted loans from the frightened Christians without intention of ever repaying them.

When Governor Hamid protested, Kemal Pasha is reported to have replied only: "This is war."

Before leaving Adana, Hamid Bey declared in an interview that he was disgusted with the attitude and behavior of the military authorities who, he said, considered the promises given to France to protect the Armenians as a scrap of paper. After recalling the heavy sacrifices of the Turkish territory as a consequence of the war, he added: "We Turks must first learn to respect the rights of minorities if we are to win the good will of nations. France and England would never be willing to restore to us Asia Minor unless we prove to them our capacity for good and not for evil."

Leading Armenians here assert that, despite signed pledges and proclamations, Kemal Pasha ordered that all Greek Christians and Armenians be dismissed from all administrative posts. This threw hundreds of Christians out of employment and left their families without means of support, so that they must look to charity for subsistence.

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