

A Column for Card Players and Question Box
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AUCTION ARTICLE NO 23
Partners and Deal—Auction Bridge, as played by four persons, requires two packs of cards with different backs. Jokers are not used. One pack is shuffled and spread face downward on a table, so that players may draw for partners. The players drawing the two lowest cards play against holders of the two highest. One in each suit cuts, and in case of duplicate draws, Spades have preference over Hearts, then Diamonds and Clubs. Holder of lowest card chooses his suit at table, and one pack of cards. Holder of third lowest takes his choice of opponents' suits. Second and third or at dealer's left shuffle dealer's cards, which are cut by dealer at dealer's right. Dealer has privilege of giving the cards additional shuffle before, but not after, cards are dealt. Dealer's partner shuffles the "still" deck and places it at his right, ready for second hand to use for next deal. Thereafter, this shuffling of the still deck always is done by partner of current dealer, while deal is going on.

Thirteen cards are dealt, one at a time, to each player, starting with player at dealer's left. Players can not look at their cards until deal is completed. If a misplay, by reason of a card being faced or an incorrect number being given to any player, same dealer deals again. Deal passes to left.

Hidding—Dealer bids first. He may "pass," or bid one or more of Clubs, Diamonds, Hearts, Spades, or No Trump, which rank in the order named. A bid of one indicates that bidder, to fulfill his contract, must take one odd trick. An odd trick is one trick more than six. A bidder has to take six tricks, or his "book," before he can start to score. Therefore, the highest bid that can be made. Each of the other players may pass, or bid the same number of tricks in a suit, or a number of tricks in a suit of lower rank. The bidding goes round until three players in succession pass.

Doubling—Any player may double an opponent's bid and bidder or partner may redouble or bid something else outranking the doubled bid. By doubling, the bidder indicates that he can "eat" the bidder's bid by redoubling, bidder asserts his confidence in his own make. Doubling and redoubling increases the value of the contract scored but not in bidding. For instance, two Spades will overbid two Hearts doubled and redoubled.

The Play—The declarer is the player who first named the number of tricks, regardless of any bid or suit named between his first calling the suit and his final bid by himself or his partner. His partner is "dummy." Player at left of declarer leads any card; then dummy lays down his cards face up and sorted into suits. Dummy thereafter must not touch his cards. Their play is left entirely to declarer. Each player must follow suit if he can; otherwise trump or discard.

Card rank from Ace down to Deuce, and trumps always win. In No-trump, highest card of leads for next trick, and the winner from dummy hand when first trick is taken by declarer. First six tricks taken by declarer are his "book." All tricks over the book count toward game. If declarer has bid three, he must win three tricks over his book, or nine tricks.

Scoring—Only the declarer's side can score tricks, and the game score is the only score that counts below the line on the score card.

Below the Line—Declarer scores for each trick over his book:
With Clubs trump . . . 1 point
With Diamonds trump . . . 2 points
With Hearts trump . . . 3 points
With Spades trump . . . 4 points
With No-trump . . . 10 points

Doubling doubles these values; redoubling multiplies them by four. Fairly high trumps constitute a game, but all over thirty are scored. For each line over thirty game won. Extra points on one game can not be counted on the next. Partners winning two games complete a rubber.

Above the Line—Declarer or Opponent scores:
For "Honors," as held by them when cards are dealt. The honors are the A, K, Q, J and Ten of a trump suit, or the four Aces when there is no trump.

When There is a Trump.
Three honors (simple honors) divided between partners have the value of 2 tricks.
Four honors, divided, have value of 4 tricks.
Four honors in one hand have value of 8 tricks.
Five honors, if in one hand and 2 in partner's, have value of 5 tricks.
Five honors, if in one hand and 1 in partner's have value of 4 tricks.
Five honors in one hand have value of 10 tricks.

When There is No Trump.
Three Aces divided between partners count 30.
Four Aces divided count 40.
Four Aces in one hand count 50.
For winning the game, 100 points. Slam, there is a bonus of 1000 points; for Grand Slam, 3000 points; 1000 honor points.

Declarer also gets a bonus of 1000 points if he makes a double contract, plus a bonus of 500 points for each trick by which declarer falls short of his contract; 100 for each trick if bid has been doubled; 200 if redoubled.

If declarer fulfills his contract, he scores for every trick he takes in excess of his bid; if he does not make amount bid, he can score only his honors as held. When contract is defeated, nothing is scored below the line.

Penalty for a revoke by declarer is 50 in honor points, which is 100 points

VILLA SAYS HE IS REFORMED

Terrorist of Mexico of Several Years Ago Claims to be a Gentleman Now.

(By Associated Press)
MEXICO CITY, July 1.—Despite his repeated assurances that he is no longer a bandit but a gentleman, the movements of Francisco Villa are being watched in official circles here. To some observers it is difficult to believe that this former guerrilla has relinquished himself to the routine of civic life and is now finding time for growing crops and loving his friends in the past from days of warfare.

Is Villa the staunch friend of the Obregon administration that his friends claim for him? Will Villa stay out of politics and play no part in the forthcoming congressional elections? In the event of a serious Villa family rift, will he be a new revolutionary? These are the frequent questions of the street here and the answers are as varied as those who make reply.

The pacification of Villa is proclaimed by the friends of Provisional President de Huerta as the one big achievement of his short administration in 1920. To secure this peace pact with the famous bandit it was necessary for the Mexican government to grant him an extensive tract of land on which his faithful followers, numbering some 4,000 might work and prosper. There was also a transfer of considerable cash which Villa said he needed to develop his new ranches. It is also understood that one of the stipulations of the agreement was that Villa stay out of politics.

Villa settled in the state of Durango and the few persons who have visited his hacienda report that he is an enthusiastic farmer. Of late, however, stories have been creeping out of the north and blooded dairy folks are commencing to raise their voice to relieve the municipality, the capital of Columbus is taking just a trifle in the state politics of Durango.

Some reports are that he has been asked to run for governor of Durango and has consented, but persons close to the man deny the rumor. No matter what the facts, the uncertainty of Villa's attitude is creating considerable concern in the capital which within the past two months has been put on the edge of several times by the "authentic" statements that the Durango rancher was on his way to Mexico City to consult with his president. It is here, however, and there is small possibility that he will come.

All of which has merely served to revive the memory of questioning—Will Villa stand fast to whether what he said might arise in Mexico City? If one is to believe stories of Villa's heavy investments in all dollar securities and his unusual plans to rebuild a stockyard and packing house at Ciudad Juarez, which he soon destroyed several years ago, there is reason to think that the Durango farmer is just that and nothing more. On the other hand, visitors at the ranch say that the Durango rancher is well supplied with arms and ammunition. But as they say, Villa must see himself in light of his ranch from funds.

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Old Court Has Much Power.
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Mrs. William T. Tilton, chairman of the Boston society, declares that figures in the survey which she conducted, prove that there has been a reduction of 25 per cent in cases where drink was a factor in the poverty of the families included.

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VETERAN DIES
LOS ANGELES—Capt P. J. Flynn, said to have been a member of the crew of the Monitor which vanquished the Merrimack in the first battle of steel warships, is dead here. He was a native of Maine, but had resided in southern California since 1869.

Such good results under partial enforcement, the continued, "are significant of what we may expect when the dry law is properly enforced. They are not just statistics, but they represent human beings made happier by the absence of intoxicants from their lives."
New York City, according to the figures, has shown a reduction of 65 per cent, the years used being 1917 and 1921; Rochester's reduction is 81 per cent, Newburgh's 92, St. Louis, 94, Chicago 86, Boston 91, Pawtucket 100, Atlantic City 82, Newport, R. I., 68, Portland, Me., 95; Cleveland, St. L., 68, Cross, Wis., 91; Portland, Ore., 80 per cent increase, Hartford, Conn., 81, Washington, D. C., 76 and Providence, R. I., 95.

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