

Auction Bridge

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AMONG the more recent additions to the game of auction there are none more important or more conducive to trick-winning than the overall of one's partner's no-trump bid with two of a major suit, spades or hearts, when having the requisite strength to do so, whether or not the hand holds assistance for a no-trump.

Yet there are still many players who are obsessed with the belief that a no-trump bid is so infinitely superior to any other bid that they quite overlook the fact that a major suit calls for but one trick more than a no-trump. Such players make a law unto themselves and absolutely refuse to make such overall, no matter how well adapted their hand may be to the suit bid, or how ill adapted to the no-trump bid.

Because of the overall, which one's partner under certain conditions is supposed to make over a no-trump bid, no trumps are often bid on quite light strength, considerably less than would otherwise be considered necessary to the bid. If then the partner falls one, such bid will often go literally to pieces, whereas had the overall been made, major or minor, the case may be a good score would have been assured.

An overall, however, does not necessarily preclude the no-trump bidder from going on with his no-trump bid if he thinks it to the best interests of the side to do so. It merely gives him a bit of useful information as to the essential characteristics of his partner's holding and leaves it to him to decide which of the two bids to adopt. As a rule, though, if one overcalls with a major suit and the no-trump bidder holds at least two of the suit, thus insuring the side having the majority, it will prove to the best interests to concede the bid, unless the hand stands for a hundred aces, or is exceptionally strong, not alone in three but in the four suits.

A striking example of the failure to make the major suit overall, one's partner's no-trump bid is found in the following hand which was recently played in a local club.

♠	K 10 6 4	♥	Q 8 5 2
♦	J 8 6 5	♣	K Q 2
♠	K 9 6 2	♥	A 7 3
♦	A 5	♣	A 7 6

The score was love all, rubber game. Z, the dealer, bid "no-trump," not so much with the desire to play the hand at this bid as with the hope that his partner might be led to indicate one of the two major suits, either of which he could help. A passed, and, strange to say, bid likewise. B also passed, so the hand was played at the no-trump bid with the result that Z made three by cards, just missing game and rubber. As a matter of fact, however, but for a wrong discard, Z could have gone game, despite the handicap placed upon him by his partner. The hand as actually played went thus:

Trick	A	Y	B	Z
1	♠ 4	♥ 9	♦ Q	♣ A
2	♠ 3	♥ A	♦ 8	♣ 8
3	♠ 2	♥ 10	♦ 7	♣ 7
4	♠ A	♥ K	♦ 6	♣ 6
5	♠ K	♥ 10	♦ 5	♣ 5
6	♠ J	♥ 9	♦ 4	♣ 4
7	♠ 10	♥ 8	♦ 3	♣ 3
8	♠ 9	♥ 7	♦ 2	♣ 2
9	♠ 8	♥ 6	♦ A	♣ A
10	♠ 7	♥ 5	♦ K	♣ K
11	♠ 6	♥ 4	♦ J	♣ J
12	♠ 5	♥ 3	♦ 10	♣ 10
13	♠ 4	♥ 2	♦ 9	♣ 9

Trick 1. A has two suits of practically equal value (neither very strong) but leads hearts rather than diamonds for three reasons—one, that the heart suit is slightly stronger than the diamond; secondly, that the heart suit admits of the lead of a four-spot, while the diamond would call for the lead of the two, and a four does not necessarily tell declarer a two as fourth best should, when possible, be avoided. The lead of a four does not necessarily tell declarer the exact number of cards held. The lead of the two does and in so doing enables him to know exactly the number held by the leader's partner. In other words, it makes it too easy for declarer to place the cards of the suit.

The final and perhaps the strongest reason for leading the heart suit rather than the diamond is that the lead is more in accord with the principle of a lead up to weakness, as if declarer had been especially strong in hearts, he would have bid hearts preferably to no-trumps. At the same time, as in reality proved to be the case, he might hold high card strength in the suit, but not sufficient numerical strength to justify the bid of a heart.

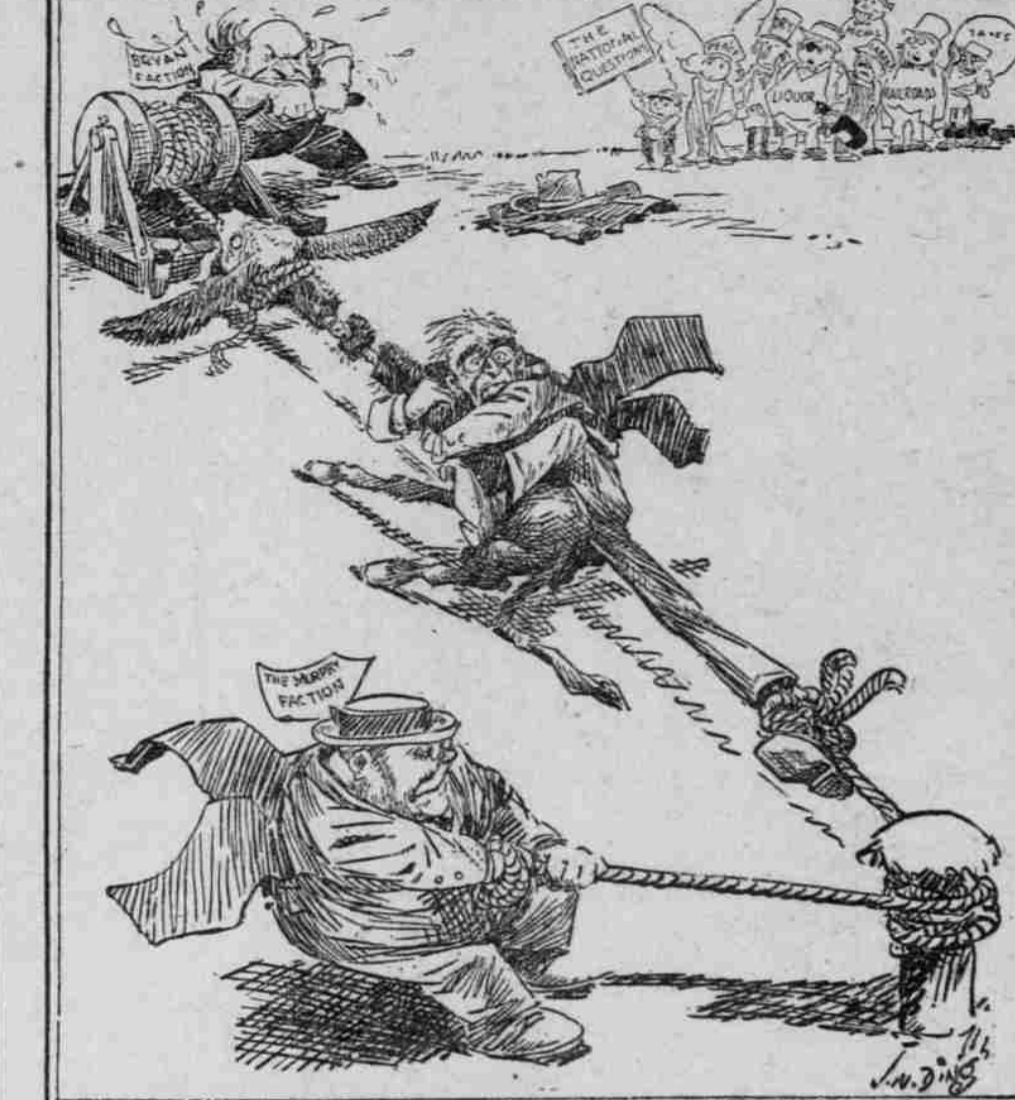
To this trick B puts up the queen and declares the ace. It may be a question in the minds of some players as to whether Z should have played the ace when dealt with the king and queen against him it would not have been better to withhold the lead in the hope that he might make both jack and ace. This undoubtedly would have been well if A, who led the suit, had the king, as this player would still have been and no matter what matter what card of the suit he had led on the next round, declarer would have held over him with the previous commands. Such situation would have constituted the Bath coup and unquestionably would have justified the holding up of the ace. As the case stood, however, had declarer withheld the ace B would have been in the lead and would have led directly through him, thus rendering it extremely doubtful whether he would win a second trick in the suit. As stated, therefore, he played the ace and at once went to work on spades, the dummy's hand being exceedingly high (dummy's hand being exceedingly high of re-entries) that the command would be for him to lead his. Not so, however, B wisely refrained from playing the ace until the third round which round declarer of his last spade and the ability to put his partner in the lead, through this suit.

Trick 5. B, having won the previous trick with the spade ace, returned the eight of hearts, the highest he held of his suit. Declarer, wisely or otherwise, put up the jack and A won with king. Right here is where declarer made his fatal error—the error which cost him game and rubber. Because of his own slight protection in clubs, he apparently thought it best to discard rather than discard and discard rather than discard. He had no sooner made the discard than he realized his mistake and that the better chance of re-entries and of enabling dummy's spades to make had been in the diamond.

Trick 8 A led the commanding heart (declarer discarding dummy's jack of diamonds). Trick 7, not knowing but that his partner might hold the then commanding heart and because it would

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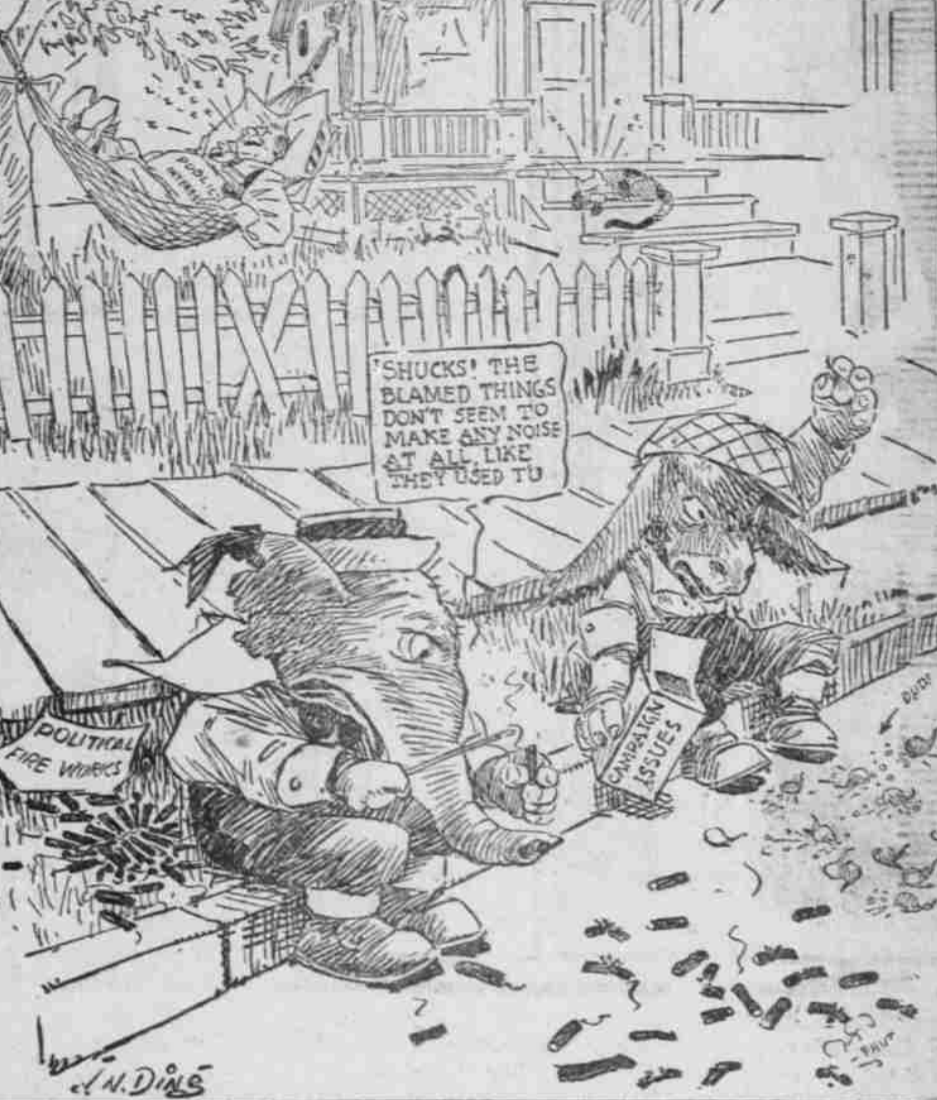
THERE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SOME MIS-UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE CHIEF ISSUE AT SAN FRANCISCO.



IF YOU LET THEM TELL IT.



IT WAS RATHER A QUIET FOURTH AFTER ALL.



IT TOOK THE WHOLE FAMILY TO CHLOR-OFORM IT.



WE DON'T LOOK TO SEE ANYONE DROWNED IN THE SURF.



THOSE NEIGHBOR CHILDREN HAVE AN EYE FOR BUSINESS ALLRIGHT.



force the dummy to another discard, the more reprehensible in this case as the hand was without visible re-entry and the chances of bringing in the spades exceedingly slight. It was too, all the more surprising, as the tendency of the modern player is to improve every opportunity that offers for making a bid, often when the hand in no sense justifies it, and in doing so he grossly deceives his partner. Very few players, too, but that would have been so impressed with the 72-point honor score that there would not have been two questions in their mind as to the course to pursue. Another hand which came up recently further emphasizes the importance of the major suit overall, when having the requisite strength to make it. The dealer, Z, bid no trumps on the following:

♠	A Q 5 4	♥	Q 8 5 2
♦	K J 8	♣	K Q 2
♠	K 9 6 2	♥	A 7 3
♦	A 5	♣	A 7 6

A passed, also Y, though holding five hearts to the jack, 10 and no possible re-entry. B passed, so the hand was played at no trumps. Z being the declarer, A, the player to lead, led fourth best diamond from queen, jack and four small. B took the trick with the ace and returned the 10, Z, perforce, playing king. The only suit worth trying to establish in the two hands was hearts, but as dummy had no re-entry Z was compelled to lead the suit from his hand. B, having discarded a club, pointing king would fall and the suit become established. Small cards only, however, were played. The second round B having discarded a club, pointing to weakness in clubs, A led a spade and between them they took four tricks in spades and the club ace before Z recovered the lead. Z went down four tricks. At hearts they would have made an excellent score.

CAN FRUIT WITHOUT SUGAR SAYS ECONOMIC INSTRUCTOR

Cost of Sweet Element So High That College Expert Advises Housewives to Get Winter Supply Preserved at Once.

BY AVA B. MILAM. Dean Oregon Agricultural College School of Home Economics. THE season of rhubarb is at hand and the product is plentiful. Why not can it? Sugar is scarce and high-priced, so why not can it without sugar? Rhubarb canned without sugar keeps well. More sugar will be required to sweeten it when opened for use than would be needed if added when it is canned—this is true of fruits in general when canned without sugar. Use fresh rhubarb. Wash and remove all faulty portions. Ordinarily it is best to leave the skin on. Cut the stalks into pieces which are the size and shape that will pack best in the jar. Place in a colander or wire strainer and blanch by putting into boiling water for from one to two minutes, then plunge in cold water. Blanching removes some of the ex-

Whatever You Do Don't Neglect Your Eyes, Says Dr. Lewis, Who Tells How to Strengthen Eyesight 50% in One Week's Time in Many Instances

Philadelphia, Pa.—Do you wear glasses? Are you a victim of eye strain or other eye weaknesses? If so, you will be glad to know that Dr. Lewis has a new, real hope for you. He says neglect cases more eye troubles and poor sight than any other one thing. Many whose eyes are failing say they had their eyes restored through the principle of this wonderful eye prescription. One man says after trying it: "I was almost blind, could not read a newspaper, and my eyes were so sore that I could not sleep. At night they would pain dreadfully; now they feel fine all the time. It was like a miracle to me. A lady who used this prescription, but after using it several times, she said she felt like a new woman. Her eyes were so sore that she could not sleep. At night they would pain dreadfully; now they feel fine all the time. It was like a miracle to me. A lady who used this prescription, but after using it several times, she said she felt like a new woman. Her eyes were so sore that she could not sleep. At night they would pain dreadfully; now they feel fine all the time. It was like a miracle to me." Dr. Lewis' eye prescription is a simple, natural, and safe method of restoring eyesight. It is based on the principle of the eye's natural ability to heal itself. It is a simple, natural, and safe method of restoring eyesight. It is based on the principle of the eye's natural ability to heal itself. It is a simple, natural, and safe method of restoring eyesight. It is based on the principle of the eye's natural ability to heal itself.

INDIANS' SECRET OF HAIR GROWTH

My head at the top and back was absolutely bald. The scalp was shiny. An expert said that as he thought the hair roots were extinct, and there was no hope of my ever having a new hair growth. Yet now, at an age over 60, I have a luxuriant growth of soft, strong, lustrous hair. No trace of baldness. The pictures shown here are from my photographs.

At a time when I had become discouraged as trying various hair lotions, ointments, specialists' treatments, etc. I came across, in my travels, a Cherokee Indian "medicine man" who had a hair oil which he asserted would grow my hair. Although I had but little faith, I gave it a trial. From recent photo, to my amazement a light hair soon appeared. It developed, day by day, into a healthy growth, and ere long my hair was as prolific as in my youthful days. That I was astonished and happy in expressing my state of mind mildly. Obviously, the hair roots had not been dead, but were dormant in the scalp, waiting the fertilizing potency of the mysterious pomade. I digested for a time the principle of preparing this mysterious oil, and later had the recipe put into practical form by a chemist. That my own hair growth was permanent has been amply proved. Many men and women of all climes, have reported satisfactory results.

How YOU May Grow YOUR Hair

My honest belief is that hair roots rarely die even when the hair falls out through drought, fever, excessive dieting or other disorders. I have been told by experts that often when hair falls out the roots become imbedded within the scalp, covered by hard skin, so that they remain for a time like bulbs of seeds in a bottle which will grow when fertilized. Shampoo (which contains alkali) and hair lotions which contain alcohol are enemies to the hair, as they dry it, making it brittle. Kotanko contains those elements of nature which give new vitality to the scalp and hair. PROVE FOR YOURSELF Get a box of the genuine Kotanko at a reliable drugstore's \$300.00 GUARANTEE with each box. A true test box of Kotanko (with testimonials, etc.) may be obtained by sending ten cents, silver or gold, to my address below. For women's hair, JOHN HART BRITAIN, Station F, New York City