

# How would You play it ?

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Bridge Complete*

**North**

♠ J-10-9-3  
♥ A-Q-8  
♦ A-6-5  
♣ 8-6-4

**East**

♠ 5  
♥ K-J-2  
♦ Q-4-2  
♣ A-K-Q-5-3-2

**West**

♠ 8-4  
♥ 7-6-3  
♦ K-J-10-8-7-3  
♣ J-10

**South**

♠ A-K-Q-7-6-2  
♥ 10-9-5-4  
♦ 9  
♣ 9-7

THE above Auction Bridge hand was given in last week's Collier's; the description of the play is as follows:

## The Auction

South bid two Spades, thus announcing in Auction Bridge a six-card suit headed by Ace-King-Queen. West, without a quick trick, did not dare to bid three Diamonds. North bid three Spades, feeling sure with his side strength and the Spades announced by South's bid that the contract could readily be made and hoping his jump would close the auction. East was strong enough to risk a four-Club bid. And South was warranted in bidding four because of his singleton and doubleton, and the consequent probability of being able to ruff. As a general rule a short suit in the hand that is making an original suit-bid is not an asset, because the length of the suit named is the factor that produces the bid; and the ability of the hand to ruff, if its suit be the trump, would be merely the winning of tricks with trumps already counted in the strength of the hand. In this case, however, South having *six* Spades and *North having jumped*, the holding of two short suits must be reckoned as increased strength for the combined hands.

At Contract South's bid would be the same; and North would jump to four on the first round.

## The Play

West's opening lead was the Jack of Clubs. East, not knowing whether or not West's Jack was a singleton, overtook with the Queen and led the King of Clubs to trick 2. When this won and Eight of Clubs had been played, East knew that neither West nor South had any more Clubs. He also knew that South had the Ace-King-Queen of Spades—his two-bid having disclosed that fact. Consequently, with Jack-Ten-Nine of Spades in the Dummy, there was no chance that West would over-ruff South, as South unquestionably would trump a third Club with one of his honors; but the third Club would reduce South's trump strength and it could not kill an honor in partner's hand.

When the third Club was led, the De-

clarer of course ruffed high from the South hand. He then could see that unless West held the King and Jack of Hearts he (Declarer) must lose one Heart in addition to the two Clubs he had lost. If he should lose two Hearts (as would be the case if he tried the Heart finesse and found the King and Jack both in the East hand) he would fail to make his contract.

To trick 4 he led a small trump, winning in Dummy.

To trick 5 he led the Ace of Diamonds from Dummy, playing the singleton Diamond from Closed Hand; and to trick 6 a second Diamond from Dummy, ruffing in Closed Hand.

To trick 7 a second trump lead which was won in Dummy, exhausting the adverse trumps; and to trick 8 Dummy's last Diamond was led and ruffed in Closed Hand.

The adversaries now had no more Spades, and Closed Hand and Dummy had no more Diamonds or Clubs. Consequently the Declarer, with perfect safety, could lead a small Heart from Closed Hand and on it play the Eight of Hearts from Dummy. If the Eight should win (which was not to be expected), it would be possible to lead another trump from Dummy, putting Closed Hand in for a second Heart finesse; but if, as was probable, East won the Heart trick, he would have to win with either the King or the Jack. If with the King, the Ace and Queen in Dummy were both good and game was won; if with the Jack, East would have to lead either a Club or Diamond, which Closed Hand could trump and on which Dummy could discard its Queen of Hearts; or East would have to lead a Heart up to Dummy's Ace-Queen.

Next week's hand is given below; make up your mind how you would bid and play it before you read next week's description.

North	East
S. None	S. A-K-Q-7-6-5
H. J-9-8-4-2	H. None
D. 9-7-3-2	D. A-Q-J-10
C. 9-6-3-2	C. A-Q-10
West	South
S. J-4-3	S. 10-9-8-2
H. 7-6-5-3	H. A-K-Q-10
D. 8-6-4	D. K-5
C. 8-7-4	C. K-J-5

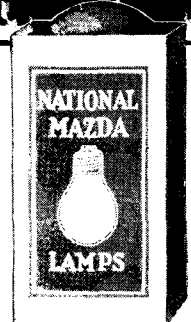
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*whose husbands don't save money*

By a wife

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Then something happened that opened our eyes. Fred was taken sick and confined to bed for five weeks. By the time he was able to go back to work we were penniless—worse than that, we had been obliged to borrow money to live.

After that I began to worry about money. What would happen to us if Fred were sick for *several months*? What would happen if he were incapacitated in some way and unable to go on with his work?

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*You want to quit work sometime. And when you do quit, you want to feel that you're justified in quitting—that you've earned it.*

Then the book told how Fred and I and the children could be sure of a steady income even if Fred became totally disabled and unable to go to work again. It told how we could provide money to pay the children's way through college—money to leave our home free of debt. It told how we could provide an income to live on when Fred decided to retire from business. Best of all, it explained how we could do these things on the moderate salary Fred was making.

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# The Gawky Age

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ten to twelve in girls, eleven hours' rest is the ideal amount. From the end of the first period until eighteen the period can be gradually shortened until it reaches nine hours, but until maturity is reached the standard eight hours' sleep of the adult is not enough.

We must remember that growth goes on best during rest, just as repair in the adult goes on best during rest; and the growing organism has repair to take care of as well as growth.

3. *Exercise:* The best guides for limitation of exercise are the child's own inclination and his history of childhood diseases. The physically lazy child is a great exception. Although with adolescence the ceaseless activity and restlessness of the little child gradually disappears, still a desire for activity is more acute among the young than it is among adults.

I don't believe in forcing exercise on children any more than I believe in forcing food on them. It is normal and healthy for them to want to eat and to want to be active, but if they have a temporary disinclination for food and activity I believe it should be respected and looked into. Especially should competitive games not be forced. It may be that apparent laziness is the result of the strain of active growth on the young organism; it may be the result of a real physical insufficiency. And it should not be treated as a form of original sin.

As to the history of childhood diseases: Any child who has had rheumatism, or severe diphtheria, or scarlet fever, or any prolonged illness, should not be allowed to take part in competitive games without an examination of his heart by an expert.

When I say competitive games I include tennis, basketball, football, races, swimming races, soccer and handball. Golf is not competitive in the ordinary sense and in baseball the exercise is so limited and so interspersed with rest periods that it involves little strain.

## We Must Use Tact and Frankness

There is no reason why a heart slightly affected by the infectious diseases of childhood should not develop into a perfectly efficient adult heart, if the proper care is taken of it during adolescence. It is extremely important that the child himself should not get the idea into his head that he has a bad heart. He can be made to understand that the care he is taking of his circulatory apparatus is only temporary, but very necessary, and that it means an assurance of future activity and health.

Children are not natural hypochondriacs, but it is possible to develop neurotic tendencies in the most normal child if the subject of his health is not treated with tact and what we may call a casual frankness. He must be made to feel that it is important but not too important. Moreover, he must be given other outlets to take the place of the games from which he is shut out.

Exercise is, of course, a wonderful aid to growth and development if properly handled. On the whole the child benefits most by the stretching exercises, such as tennis, basketball and the climbing exercises given in the gymnasium. Swimming is a perfect form of adolescent exercise, especially if it does not involve overtaxing of endurance as in races and long-distance swims.

4. *Habits: Smoking:* In the old days when many a boy resisted the desire to smoke until his twenty-first birthday in order to be sure of a gold watch from Father there were no two opin-

ions about the advisability of smoking for the young. Smoking, we were sure, stunted the growth, injured the lungs, and deteriorated the moral character.

But nowadays, when Mother smokes, and not only young boys but young girls smoke, and the race continues to maintain its average height, with a gradual reduction in lung trouble and no provable deterioration of the moral tone—Grandmother to the contrary notwithstanding—we must pause before we become dogmatic in our rules for smoking by the young.

## Meaningless Maxims

The one rule about adolescent smoking which I believe is based on scientific fact is that when it interferes with appetite it should not be indulged in. As we have noted before, appetite in the young is a God-given attribute to insure growth: anything that interferes with it will interfere with growth to some extent and is therefore undesirable. Smoking before meals should certainly be taboo in the young.

A tolerant attitude on the part of guardians in this respect, with firmness in that one regard, is likely to work better than complete prohibition.

5. *Posture:* The poor adolescent is generally nagged continually about his posture. Quite naturally the posture of the growing child is irregular, uncertain, and often undesirable. He never knows, physically speaking, quite where he is at. One day he is a little taller and thinner than the next day, and often he is tired. Nagging is an ineffective method of cure, and gives neither parent nor child any pleasure.

It is rather a comfort to remember, in the matter of posture, that the average person overcomes his youthful faults in time. His errors of standing and sitting are so numerous that it is impossible for him to keep them all. After all, the important thing is to see that he does not cultivate any one fixed habit of posture: so long as he stays flexible, and changes his faults from day to day, he will at some time reach an equilibrium.

The maxims: "Stand up straight!" "Hold your head up!" "Don't slump in your chair!" are meaningless. We can at least give the child an idea of what habitual posture should develop into:

*A back flexible but generally straight and flat*

*A chest longer above than below*

*An abdomen flatter than the chest, and hard*

*Feet stepping parallel to each other and springy in action*

We can give simple, understandable reasons, other than the demands of custom and style, for such elements of posture; as:

*A straight back bears weight most easily*

*A chest held high makes us expand the lungs at the bases*

*A flat, hard abdomen is muscular and holds its organs in place and resists injury*

*Springy, parallel feet exercise the arches and bring the weight where it should be—on the great toe, the ball, and the inner border of the heel*

There is so much to be said about the psychological needs of the adolescent that we can't even begin on them. They are as variable as the variations in human character, and as important as human personality.



## No one would have him

By Jack Binns



THE gentleman who maintains an *entente cordiale* between the Pacific chain stations and the public assures us the San Francisco studio recently received from a melancholy miss this missive:

"If you know a man of forty-five who neither drinks, chews or smokes; who dislikes apartment-house life and cheap music; who prefer home cooking to cafeterias; who is not movie struck and doesn't belong to too many clubs; who is careful in his choice of language; who has good health and prefers the out-of-doors to the ballroom—please let me have all available information, name, address, age and why he is forty-five and hasn't been elected to the head of some household. BIG BERTHA."

Seems to me, big girl, that a bloke with all those diseases is a sufficient answer in himself to your question.

### A Square Meal

Mrs. C. H. Goudiss, who conducts a school of cookery over the WJZ chain, declares the test of a good cook is the ability to make a perfect omelet, which, she adds, must be made by rule.

The head of my household must qualify because all the omelets I get are one foot long and just about as much wide.

### P. M. G. Can't See It

"I know of no system which is at present capable of transmitting moving pictures of actual events for satisfactory reception by wireless listeners."

That statement was made in the British House of Parliament by Sir William Mitchell-Thomson, Postmaster-General of Great Britain, in answer to an official question. It is the simplest explanation of the present condition of television I have yet heard. It is authoritative because the British Government broadcasting system has made a thorough investigation of the available systems.

Television is still in an experimental state and there will be no efficient combined radio and television receiving apparatus available for a long time.

### Super Power Liquids

Radio listeners in and around Wiesbaden, Germany, have been bothered with a peculiar form of static interrupting programs during certain periods of the day. After a complete investigation the local radio experts have advanced the theory that this static is



caused by persons taking the cure in the local mineral baths, and that their splashing cause chemical reactions in the radioactive waters that set up static discharges.

This is a very interesting theory. In fact it may account for some of the static that ensues in American homes when certain high-powered liquids are thrown into mineral waters and then rapidly shaken.

### Squelch the Squeals

Dr. D. H. Dellinger, chief engineer of the Federal Radio Commission, says that encouragement should be given to experiments with synchronizing schemes so that two or more broadcasting stations may operate on the same wave length. He adds, however, that the experiments should be conducted so that the broadcast audience is protected from the objectionable effects of unsuccessful experiments. Of course what Dr. Dellinger has in mind is the horrible squealing and howling that occurs when two carrier waves heterodyne upon each other.

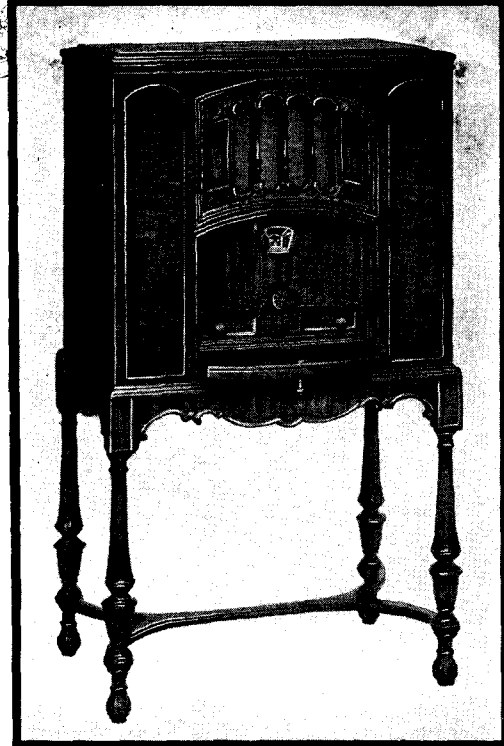
His advice is sound. In fact it is so sound that I see no reason why it should not be immediately applied to the general situation, irrespective of the experiments in synchronization. The very "effects of unsuccessful experiments" are a daily occurrence under the reallocation scheme by which the commission has sought to continue the life of all the existing broadcast stations. Why not protect the audience from these? The commission was created to protect the public interest, convenience and necessity. The only way this can be done is to take at least 300 stations off the air until some synchronizing method has been proven practical.

### Specially Canned Music

General Order No. 52 of the Federal Radio Commission decrees that every broadcast station shall clearly and distinctly announce each mechanical program item it sends out. This is a good rule designed to protect the listener. It means that phonograph records will be announced as such and that player piano rolls cannot be put over as the work of a local artist.

There will probably be one exception to this rule, to cover records that will shortly be produced in special studios for use at the smaller stations subscribing to the plan. These programs will not be phonograph records, but film recordings designed solely for reproduction in broadcast stations. Under this plan programs of high caliber will be made available to the small local stations of the country, and they will certainly be of better quality than could be produced at the station itself.

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