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THE HERALD'S PLATFORM FOR TORRANCE

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Planning the Flower Garden

By FRED C. McNABB

FLOWER gardens are very much like love affairs, in that they are personal manifestations, no two being exactly alike, and there is no accounting for tastes. For the owner of a small garden the value of annuals will be more thoroughly appreciated if you know more about them. Annuals are plants that bloom in the first year from seed and the plant dies after season. Tender annuals may be grown in early spring, April to June, and hardy annuals may be grown in either spring or fall, October to May. The list includes Asters in the early California varieties, such as Giant of California, American Beauty, and King, all of which are long stemmed varieties producing large flowers and are excellent for cut flower purposes. Alyssum for borders, Calendula, especially the Orange King, for a long blooming season of flowers that are excellent for cutting. Candy-tuft in the Umbelleta varieties, Sweet Sultan Bachelors' Buttons, Clarkia, Cosmos in the early flowering type, and especially the early crested Cosmos. A new garden annual is Godetia Carminea, and one of the old stand-bys among the annuals are the tall double Larkspur which may be had in a variety of colors, but especially the Lustrous Carmine, which is a very showy variety. Scarlet Flax is a graceful annual and presents a wonderful appearance with its bright red flowers. African Marigolds in both the tall orange and tall lemon ways attract attention and are very fine for purposes. Then we have the old stand-by, nasturtiums in the tall and the dwarf with a great variety of colors. Plant these in the open ground where they will get plenty of sunlight, and they will bloom and present a gorgeous array of color. Petunias are always good, especially the California Giants, and one of the famous flowers for summer bloom is the Zinnia. California has produced many new forms of Zinnias, among them the Dahlia Flowered and the California Giants. If properly grown, the Dahlia Flowered varieties will produce flowers six to seven inches in diameter, and the colors are most remarkable. Color schemes in the garden are well worth studying. A suggestion is to arrange the pink and blue groups in alternating positions. Usually they harmonize very nicely. Yellow goes well with blue and the color effect is good. In California we may have flowers blooming twelve months in the year, and the home gardener who keeps a note book of planting, varieties, time of blooming, etc., will find it most interesting to plan the garden for continuous bloom.

How to Play BRIDGE Series 1927-28 by Wynne Ferguson Author of "PRACTICAL AUCTION BRIDGE"

ARTICLE No. 15

One of the difficult problems of auction bridge arises when the opponents have bid four or five of their suit and partner has doubled. Shall you go on with your suit or try to defeat the opponents? The answer to that question decides many a game and rubber, so any examples that help to decide it should be very helpful.

Hand No. 1

Y B : A Z B : A Z B :

Hearts—Q, 10, 4 Clubs—Q, 7 Diamonds—A, 10 Spades—A, K, Q, 10, 9, 8

No score, rubber game. Z dealt, bid one spade, A bid two diamonds, Y bid two spades and B passed. Z passed, A bid three diamonds, Y bid three spades and B bid four diamonds. Z bid four spades, A bid five diamonds, Y doubled and B passed. What should Z do? Should he allow the double to stay in or should he bid five spades? This is a very close hand. The fact that Z's partner has helped his bid twice makes it practically certain that he can make five spades. On the other hand, it looks as if he can beat the opponents three or more tricks at five diamonds doubled. In my opinion, however, Z should take the certain game and rubber, especially as he holds eighty honors. If he defeats his opponents, they may win game and rubber on the next hand and so nullify the good results of the double. On close hands such as this, take the certainty. There is really no other determining factor.

Hand No. 2

Y B : A Z B : A Z B :

Hearts—J, 4 Clubs—7 Diamonds—10, 8, 7, 6, 2 Spades—Q, 9, 4, 3, 2

No score, rubber game. Z dealt, bid one heart and A passed. Y bid four hearts and B doubled. If Z passed what should A do? Any double of a bid of four or more is a business double, one made to defeat the contract, so that A has the choice of passing, in the hope that B has sufficient high cards to defeat the bid, or of bidding four spades. If A makes the latter bid, he should do so for two reasons: First, because he thinks Y-Z will make four hearts doubled; second, because he thinks Y's jump bid of four hearts shows a desire to shut out the spade bid. B's double must be based on high cards in the other three suits, so A may make four spades and so win game and rubber. The determining factor, however, is the great weakness of A's hand; the fact that he holds so many spades and diamonds makes it unlikely that even if B has high cards in these suits, he will take as many tricks as he expected. A should, therefore, bid four spades. This is another close hand and should be carefully noted.

Hand No. 3

Y B : A Z B : A Z B :

Hearts—K, Q, 10, 9 Clubs—7, 5 Diamonds—J, 10, 9, 7 Spades—K, J, 9

No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one heart, a very questionable bid. With this type of hand, it is much better to pass and find out what the other players bid before taking any chances. The result of the heart bid was that Z got himself in a position where he played the hand at the wrong bid and failed to go game. After Z bid one heart, A bid one no-trump, Y bid two hearts and B bid two spades. Z and A passed and Y then bid three clubs. If B passes, what should Z bid? After having made the mistake of bidding one heart as dealer, Z hasn't much choice except to bid three hearts; but if he would stop to think, he should realize that he and his partner hold the best hands and that their best chance for game is not with a weak four-card heart suit but in no-trump. He has the opponent's declared suit, spades, stopped twice, so should make a bold try for game by bidding three no-trump. At either hearts or no-trump, Y-Z can make three odd, so that Z's bid of three no-trump would have been a big winner. If Z had passed in the first instance, he would not have got into any trouble. A also would have passed and Y would have bid one club. B would have bid one spade and Z could then have made a sound bid of one no-trump. All would have passed and Y-Z would have scored game. This hand is noteworthy—first, for Z's bad original bid; second, for the opportunity later offered to correct his mistake. It is interesting and instructive.

Problem No. 16

Hearts—J, 6, 5 Clubs—K, 8, 5, 2 Diamonds—A, 7, 3 Spades—Q, 10, 6

Hearts—K, 8, 7, 3, 2 Clubs—Q, J, 10, 9 Diamonds—J, 4 Spades—9, 8

Hearts—10, 9 Clubs—7, 4 Diamonds—K, Q, 10, 6 Spades—J, 5, 4, 3, 2

No score, rubber game. Z dealt, bid one no-trump and all passed. A opened the trick of hearts, Y played the five, B the nine and Z won the trick with the queen. Z now led the trick of clubs, A played the nine, Y the deuce and B the four. A now led the queen of clubs which Z won with the ace in his own hand. How should he play the hand to go game against any defense? Solution in the next article.

MRS. COOLIDGE

Will Have the Customary Egg Rolling Party for the Children of Washington on Easter Morning,

But What of the Children of Torrance?

Ask Harvel!

TOWNE TALK

"Just for Fun" By RAS BERRY

Lindsay Boatman Kelsey says that he inures only the living against fire.

Up to the Women's Club show why Sam Levy, he wise cracks again as per usual and this time it was like this. When they were passing out bouquets to the fair members of the cast why somebody in the audience yells out don't Mr. Levy get no bouquet and Sam says I have got my reward I see Geo. Proctor out with his wife again.

So that should ought to prove to everybody that this here column ain't the only place where a person can get razzed in town only when they get razzed here why some of them writes letters to ye ed.

Rufus Page is the first boze in Torrance to get delivery on a new Ford and he says the song is right because Henry has made a lady out of Lizzie because the new Ford don't rattle on like the old one.

I was up to the bus mgr's house to dinner and Mrs. Whyte she had baked ham for dinner and it sure was cooked good and I says Gee whis this ham is sure cooked good did you cook a ham for Grover before you married him and the bus mgr. he speaks right up and says how could she roast the ham before she landed him.

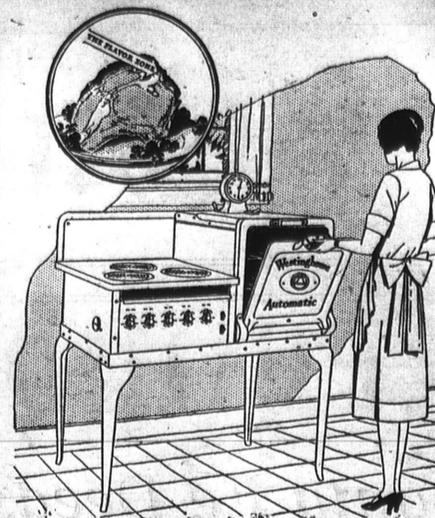
But they ain't nothing tender about the bus mgr. so I guess he made a mistake about the kind of ham I was talking about.

I ain't seen Jim Fitzhugh lately so I don't know the latest one from Glasgow but a sink in Beverly Hills Monday he says all Scotchmen is ignorant because it is impossible for any Scotchman to get a liberal education.

Little Pattie Post she was on a picnic with a little girl which lives in Honolulu and the little islander she started in to name all the boats that comes in and out of Honolulu and not to be outdone none why Pattie she says I will name you all the Torrance streets and the little girl from Honolulu she concedes that the names Pattie recites is funnier than the names of the boats.

I have pulled that one about Slip Kelsey before but I sprung it again this week so I could get his middle name in the paper and the reason I done that is because when I found out his middle name why he was afraid I would put it in the paper but I don't see nothing funny about the name that he should be afraid of particularly since my boss's middle name is Octavia and Ted Frenger's is Sturm.

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