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ARTICLE No. 2

One of the best liked members of one of the New York clubs is an old professor of Greek at one of the local universities. He has read every thing that has been published on the game but has never been able to become a good auction player. Every once in a while he has a bad night, and when he does his partners try to grin and bear it. The following hand is an illustration of the professor's game:

Hearts—7, 5 Clubs—8, 6, 2 Diamonds—Q, 10, 2 Spades—Q, 9, 8, 5, 2

dummy : A B : professor :

Hearts—K, 4 Clubs—A, Q Diamonds—A, 8, 5, 4, 3 Spades—A, K, J, 10

The professor's contract was five spades and a low lead the ace of hearts and then a low heart which the professor won with the king. He then took out the trumps and led a small club from dummy and finessed with his queen. The king was in A's hand so that the professor failed to make his contract as he subsequently lost the king of diamonds which was also in A's hand. After the hand was over, the professor said to his partner: "Well, partner, if the king of clubs had been on the right side I would have made my bid." His partner, a very good player, replied: "You could have gone game without taking the finesse. After you had taken out the opponents' trumps you should have led a low diamond toward the queen in dummy. A had the king so that your diamonds were set up and on the last two in your hand you could have discarded two losing clubs in dummy. This criticism was correct and the professor apologized for taking a

fine when it wasn't necessary. Study this hand carefully and see that you don't make the same error. Count your losing tricks and don't finesse if you don't have to do so.

About an hour later the professor bid one no-trump, all passed and A opened the three of clubs. The professor's hand and the dummy's are as follows: Hearts—Q, 10, 9 Clubs—9, 4, 2 Diamonds—Q, 10, 4, 2 Spades—10, 6, 5

dummy : A B : professor :

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

If the professor should have sized up the hand as follows: "A can only have four clubs, for he has led the three and the deuce is in the dummy. Therefore, AB should only make two club tricks and two heart tricks. If the diamonds are evenly divided, I can go game without finessing the queen of spades. If they don't break, then I will have to finesse the queen of spades." Unfortunately, he failed to figure out the hand as outlined, and as soon as he got dummy in the lead, led the spade, finessing the queen, and A won the trick with the king of spades. It was now impossible for the professor to go game, as he had to lose two club tricks, two heart tricks and one spade trick. To play the hand correctly he should have set up his hearts and then have played for the drop in diamonds. They were evenly divided, so that in this way he could have made game. His partner was silent for a minute and then said: "Well, professor, it looks as if anybody can teach Greek, but auction seems to require a head."

Answer to Problem No. 1

Hearts—none Clubs—8, 5, 3 Diamonds—6, 4 Spades—Q, 8, 6

Y : A Z : B :

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

Hearts—K, 8 Clubs—J, 9 Diamonds—K Spades—5, 3, 2

There are no trumps and Z is in the lead. How can YZ win six of the eight tricks against any defense? Z should lead the nine of spades. If A covers with the jack, Y should play the queen and then lead the three of clubs. If A refuses to cover, Y should also play low. Z should then play the king of clubs. In either event, Z would win the second trick with the king of clubs. He should then lead the four of clubs. A can either (a) win the trick with the queen or (b) allow B to win with the jack. (a) If A wins the trick with the queen of clubs, he can lead a club, which Y will win and lead diamond, putting B in the lead and forcing him to lead hearts to Z's ten-ace or spades to Y's ten-ace. A can also lead a diamond, putting B in the lead with the same result. A can also lead a spade to Y's ten-ace. Y would win these two tricks and lead a diamond, putting B in the lead, with the same result. (b) If A allows B to win the third trick with the jack of clubs, the result is the same. All he can make is the king of diamonds, so that YZ must make six of the eight tricks against any defense.

SOCIETY

WOMEN'S CLUB DANCE SET FOR OCT. 23

The first dancing party to be given in the splendid new home of the Women's Club of Torrance will be held Friday night, Oct. 23, by the club. Dancing will start at 8 p. m. Tables for cards will be provided. With the opening of the new clubhouse, numerous pleasant social events for the winter season are in prospect. Several dances are being tentatively planned by the club itself, and numerous organizations contemplate parties during the next few months.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DINNER AND DANCE OCT. 22

A novel dinner and dance will be given by the Knights of Columbus on Thursday night, Oct. 22. The dinner will be served at Catholic Hall, where special music and entertainment will be provided. After dinner the dancing party will be held at the American Recreational Center Hall. Three varieties of tickets will be available for the night—tickets for the dinner, tickets for the dance, and tickets for both the dinner and dance. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m. Dancing will start at 8 o'clock. This is the first of a series of similar social functions which the Knights of Columbus have arranged for the winter season in Torrance.

BRADFORDS CELEBRATE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The twelfth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bradford was the inspiration for a surprise gathering of friends at the Bradford home Saturday evening. After a shower of beautiful gifts, cards were enjoyed and delicious refreshments served. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Salisbury, Mr. and Mrs. W. McLaren, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bolee, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cobert, Mr. and Mrs. Al McCreedy, Mr. and Mrs. Al Coker, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Chambers, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Black.

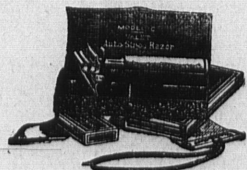
LOCAL WOMEN TO ATTEND COUNCIL

A number of local club women will attend the president's council to be held tomorrow at the Ethel Club in Los Angeles.

ATTEND OVERSEAS GIRLS' CLUB REUNION IN L. A.

Miss Helma Greenlund attended a reunion of Overseas Girls held in Los Angeles Saturday. A delicious chicken dinner was

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served and the girls had a great time—"gabbling and gobbling."

HURUM REEVE HAS BIRTHDAY PARTY

The birthday of Hurum Reeve was the occasion for a quiet dinner at the Reeve home on Post avenue Sunday evening. Covers were laid for Merley Harshaw and Nelson Reeve, of Lawndale; Jess Parker, of Los Angeles; and Ralph R. Howe, of Amapala avenue.

MRS. BABCOCK ENTERTAINS ON HUSBAND'S BIRTHDAY

Mrs. E. W. Babcock of Gramercy avenue entertained at dinner Sunday in honor of Mr. Babcock's birthday.

Places were indicated for Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Babcock, Leonard Babcock, Miss Phylla Alway, and Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Babcock.

Catalina Champion Of Swordfish Clan Lands a Big One

AVALON, Catalina Island.—Catalina's famous mid-winter deep-sea fisherman, James J. Jump, president of the Tuna Club, is busy piling up broadbill scores. Three sworded batters have been brought to gaff by Mr. Jump during the past two weeks. His latest trophy is a 310-pound broadbill swordfish taken in a 37-minute battle off Anacapa Island, after combing the Catalina channel for his quarry in his private fishing launch, the Ranger, since before dawn. Accompanied by his son Robert, Mr. Jump left Catalina at 3 o'clock in the morning, finally sighting the big fish late in the afternoon. A quick but spectacular battle ensued, and the return trip began with the vanquished swordfish. At Avalon the shrill whistle of the Ranger brought the crowd populace to the pier just as the hull rose out of the inky sky. Every man turned to to assist in hoisting the big fish to the pier. Mr. Jump shouted instructions and in alarm watched his prize almost lose its head as the great bulk of the fish proved unmanageable for the men. It took two hours of hoisting to get the broadbill from the fishing cruiser to the pier and weighed in. Cable ropes and hoists of various types were resorted to



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in the handling of the fish. Yet the angler had vanquished the swordfish with rod and reel, using a 24-thread line of a breaking strength of less than 60 pounds, in 37 minutes.

Earlier in the week Mr. Jump

landed a 310-pound broadbill in 50 minutes, and followed this feat the day after with a 255-pound broadbill in 36 minutes. This brings the official broadbill score for the season to 16 fish taken in Catalina waters. The record for any season

stands at 17 broadbill. Mr. Jump says he is out to fish all winter and has sent invitations for a broadbill Thanksgiving dinner, when he anticipates celebrating the breaking of the season broadbill record.

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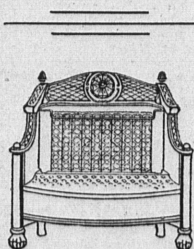
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