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ARTICLE No. 9

Q, 10, 5 A, Q, 7

Hearts—A, 9, 7, 6, 4
Clubs—7, 5
Diamonds—A, J, 7, 5, 2
Spades—10
No score, rubber game. Z dealt and bid one heart. A bid one spade and Y and B passed. Z bid two hearts and all passed. If A opened the eight of spades, how should Z play the hand?
Solution: Z should finesse the queen of spades and then play the acc, discarding the five of clubs. The lead of the eight of spades by A indicates, according to the Rule of Eleven, that he holds the king jack nine, so the finesse of the queen is sure to win. Z should now be careful not to lead trumps. He has no suit set up and if he leads trumps at this stage, he is sure to yet companies to the stage in his own hand and return the deuce. The opponents are now in the lead and Z must allow them to develop fhe hand. If they lead a spade on club and force him to trump, he should lead another diamonds from the medium of the should be head trumps.

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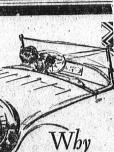
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