

TUESDAY, SEPT. 27, 1949

Blackwood on Bridge—

Looks Easy,
But He Goes
Down OnePlaying Without
Thinking is Costly

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD
THIS SLAM looked so easy to Mr. Muzzy that he played without thinking—and went down one. Of course he might have done just as badly, or worse, if he HAD thought. Mr. Muzzy doesn't believe in safety plays, and that was the type of maneuver required to make this hand.

The opening lead by Mrs. Keen was the jack of clubs and Mr. Muzzy won in his own hand with the ace. He promptly laid

South dealer?

Both sides vulnerable.

MR. ABEL
S-K J 8 2
H-A K 6
D-K 6 5
C-Q 6 2

MRS. KEEN MR. MASTERS
S-None S-Q 10 6 3
H-J 9 7 5 2 H-10 4
D-10 4 2 D-Q J 9 7 3
C-J 10 9 7 8 C-8 4

MR. MUZZY
S-A 9 7 5 4
H-Q 8 3
D-8
C-A K 5

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1 S Pass 3 S Pass
4 N T Pass 5 D Pass
6 S All Pass

down the ace of spades and with that play went his last chance for his contract. As you see there was no way to prevent Mr. Masters from winning two spade tricks.

Mr. Muzzy's nemesis, Mr. Champion, was watching the game. "What are you playing, give-away?" he asked sarcastically. "Six spades is ice-cold on the hand against my defense and' any adverse distribution."

"Maybe it is, when you can see all four hands," replied Mr. Muzzy hotly.

How It's Done

"That's got nothing to do with it," Mr. Champion continued. "All you have to do is lead the king of spades first. Now if both opponents follow suit, you can't possibly lose over one spade trick. If Masters shows out, you simply lead a small spade to your ace and a third spade up toward dummy's jack. You will lose only to the queen."

"If Mrs. Keen shows out, you lead a small spade from dummy toward your ace. If Masters puts in the queen or 10 you kill it with your ace—and then your nine and eight will serve to drive out Masters' other honor and pick up his last one."

This sounded logical but Mr. Muzzy hated to give in to his chief tormentor. He appealed to Mr. Masters for justification of his play. But it was no go.

"He is absolutely right, Muzzy," Mr. Masters said. "It's not a matter of opinion but of cold physical fact. In a set-up of this kind where you hold those important intermediate cards (the nine, eight and seven) there is no way for the opponents to win two spade tricks if you play properly."

"You should always lead first the top honor from the hand with the two trump honors—in this case the king from the king-jack holding in dummy."

Send questions on bridge to Mr. Blackwood, The Indianapolis Times, Indianapolis 9.

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Convention Set
By WCTU Unit

The 75th "Discussion Jubilee" convention of the Indiana Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be Oct. 18 to 21 in the Roberts Park Methodist Church. Mrs. Herman Stanley Anderson, state president, said today.

Highlights of the convention will be an address by Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, national WCTU president, and a former Indianapolis resident; an historical pageant and a diamond medal contest.

"Builders of Today" will be the subject of a talk by Miss Beatrice M. Galloway, Indianapolis, general secretary of the Loyal Temperance Legion, Thursday afternoon, Oct. 20.

Units of the Marion County Loyal Temperance Legion will stage a demonstration during the convention under the direction of Miss Galloway.

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THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Eat Well for Less—

Puffs Tasty
With Broiled
ChickenMade With Sweet
Potatoes, NutsBy GAYNOR MADDOX
NEA Staff Writer

LOOKING FOR something out of this world to serve with broiled chicken? Then turn to The Congressional Club Cook Book (third edition, 1948) and read with smacking lips what Mrs. Percy Priest, wife of Tennessee's representative, does with sweet potatoes and nuts.

SWEET POTATO NUT PUFFS
(Serves 8)

Six medium-sized sweet potatoes, two tablespoons butter, one egg, two-thirds cup chopped nuts, salt to taste.

Boil the potatoes until they are tender. Peel and mash them. Add butter, egg, salt and beat until fluffy.

Stir in chopped nuts. Shape into balls and roll them in finely crushed cornflakes. Fry them in deep fat until they are the desired brown.

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