

Canasta—

Cases Listed Where Melds Are Feasible

You Can Use Same Cards as Opponents

By OSWALD JACOBY

MRS. ABE GOODMAN of Memphis, Tenn., writes as follows:

"Is it wise to meld cards your opponent has already started?"

"Say they have three aces, or three queens and you have a pair with a deuce or joker of their suit?"

Like most questions on the play of canasta, the answer is both "yes" and "no." For example, both sides need 50, one of your opponents melds A-A-2. You might meld A-A-2 also.

Your side will have just as good a chance to make a canasta in aces as the opponents, and if you simply refuse to meld the aces, there is a good chance that your partner may be hanging on to two aces also.

Or it is late in the game, you are playing for out, you have a deuce and two queens, the opponents have melded queens. If you don't meld your deuce and two queens, you just aren't able to go out.

Height of Folly

HOWEVER, if you are not playing for out, but rather are playing for canasta, and the opponents have several melded, it might be well to add your deuce to some other meld and forget about melding the queens at all.

Then there are situations where it is the height of folly to waste one of your wild cards in order to make a meld in the same rank as your opponents.

Both sides need 120. Your opponents have taken the discard pile several times and are having a good time. Your partner now melds four kings and a joker and three tens. You hold a couple of wild cards, and several pairs that your opponents have melded.

Go Out

IT WOULD be just stupid to waste those wild cards making new melds. The proper place for them is with your partner's meld of four kings and a joker.

This will give you a canasta and make it possible for your partner to go out and stop the slaughter.

When you can make a natural meld in the same rank that your opponents have a meld, it is usually good tactics to do so. I say usually, for here again there are plenty of instances when it is definitely wrong play.

Discard Pile

FOR EXAMPLE, suppose that your opponents have three sevens and a lot of other melds on the table. The player in back of you holds a lot of cards and your partner and the man in front of you are down fairly low.

If you can freeze the discard pile, your sevens will become safe discards, and you will take the pressure off your partner.

However, if you are foolish and meld the sevens you will not be able to freeze the discard pile and play on safely.

Mr. Jacoby is unable to answer individual questions on canasta from readers. However, he will include the most frequently asked questions in his column.

Dishing the Dirt—

By MARGUERITE SMITH

Q—I buy the best seeds I can get but my zinnias have first blooms that are giant blossoms the way they are supposed to be, then after that they are just ordinary ones. How comes?

M. G. P.

A—It's just the nature of the beast. All flowers put forth one fine big bloom with the secondary effort leveling down to smaller size. In general you can increase the size of these secondary blossoms by careful fertilizing (use a little liquid fertilizer solution just before they're ready to open their buds), also by attention to soil improvement this fall. Then it's a good idea to plant zinnias at two or three intervals during summer so you have new young plants coming on with their first big blooms.

Send questions on gardening to Mrs. Smith, The Indianapolis Times, Indianapolis 9, Ind.

Remove Dress Spots Before Storing

A warning in plenty of time: Even if a summer dress looks reasonably clean when the time comes to put it away, a trip through the household washer, with careful removal of even hinted-at spots before the washing, is urgently recommended treatment.

Neglected spots and stains become oxidized or set and will be found to have become practically impossible to remove by the time the dresses are brought out to wear again.

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Eat Well for Less—

Dairy Foods Go Well With Corn

Supply Essentials For Good Diet

By GAYNOR MADDOX
WITH VEGETABLES and dairy foods abundant everywhere, try combining them into main dishes.

Cheese, milk, butter, like all dairy foods, supply essential proteins, as well as vitamins and calcium to the diet. Try these combinations for main dishes for the "back-to-school" luncheons.

FRESH CORN IN CHEESE SAUCE

Four ears corn, four tablespoons butter, one-fourth cup onion, chopped fine, one-fourth cup diced green pepper, one cup grated cheddar cheese, one-half cup evaporated milk, one teaspoon salt, one-fourth teaspoon pepper, one-half teaspoon celery salt.

Slice corn from cob. Melt butter in skillet; add chopped onion and green pepper and cook until tender.

Add corn and cook for an additional six or eight minutes. In a small saucepan combine cheese and evaporated milk; cook over low heat until well blended. Stir in salt, pepper and celery salt. Combine sauce and sauteed corn. Serve at once. Serves four to six.

Thursday's Menu

BREAKFAST: Grapefruit juice, ready-to-eat cereal, French toast, syrup or honey, coffee, milk.

LUNCHEON: Fresh corn in cheese sauce on toast squares, sliced tomatoes, molasses cookies, tea, milk.

DINNER: Braised beef liver, mashed potatoes, broiled tomato halves, rye bread, cabbage and green pepper salad, blueberry tarts, coffee, milk.

DR. ANSWERS

Question: My son recently told me of a woman who has arthritis and rheumatism and was cured by a grape diet. Can this really happen?

Answer: There are any number of fruits and vegetables like lemons and grapes which some people claim will cure rheumatism and arthritis. I do not know of any scientific reason why this should be true, and I strongly suspect that those who report that they have been helped by a grape diet or something like it would have gotten well anyway. If taking grapes makes them think that they feel better, why not? It probably won't do any harm.

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Sugar Leaves

In the 17th century, housewives bought sugar in loaves the size of modern-day bread. Then they would break off and crush whatever amounts they needed.

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Blackwood on Bridge—

Opening Bidder Tells No Trump Strength By the Level at Which He Rebids

TWO OF OUR FINEST players got into three no trump on this hand. They took just eight tricks.

Here is how the Blackwood method would stop the bidding at two no trump on this and similar hands.

When your partner opens one no trump, vulnerable, he has from 40% to 48% of the high cards. When you, as responder, hold no rebidable suit, the partnership needs about two-thirds of the South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
S—A J 4
H—9 6 4
D—Q J 10
C—8 7 5 3

WEST
H—10 9 8 5 3
D—K 6
C—10 4

EAST
S—K Q 2
H—8 3
D—A 8 3 2
C—K Q 9

SOUTH
SOUTH
WEST
NORTH
EAST
1 N T
2 N T
All Pass

bids spades if he has four. Lacking any of these, he bids no trump.

In the hand shown, North has just the requirements for a two-club response. South then figures his hand is a minimum. He only six honor cards and by any count he is not near the top level for an opening one-no-trump bid.

His rebid, then, must be at the two level. Lacking the required length for a suit bid, his rebid

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