

Double-Take

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE

—with Major Hoople

Uncle Ef—They argued for three hours last night at a meeting of the Library Association about buying some winter screens and a door for the library. Aunt Sally Peters said she'd risk a nickel bet that they didn't spend that much time considering the \$5 million fixing up of the White House.

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Blackwood on Bridge— Second Lead Gives Clue To Opponents' Strength

HERE is another illustration of the fact that the most important play by a defender is not the opening lead, but the first lead he makes after the opening lead.

Mr. Masters found the killing defense in today's hand. But, as good as he is, it would have been impossible for him to find it with his opening lead. He figured it out logically at his second lead... after he had seen the dummy and reconsidered the bidding.

The opening was the king of hearts—purely routine. Miss Brash played the discouraging deuce and this, coupled with the fact that she had raised hearts, made it practically certain that Mr. Champion had started with a singleton in the suit.

SO, NO MORE TRICKS for the defenders in hearts. It was extremely unlikely that Miss Brash had a trick in the trump suit but if she did it would have to be the ace or the king-queen—in other words, a trick which she would always get.

It seemed more likely that she held one of the minor suit aces. After all, even she has to have something to raise her partner's overall.

If she had the ace of diamonds, then Mr. Champion undoubtedly had the ace of clubs. That would not be good for the defense as they would probably

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

NORTH		EAST	
Mr. Meek	S-Q 9 7	Miss Brash	S-8 4
	H-Q 7		S-10 3
	D-K Q J 10 3		H-J 10 4 2
	C-Q 8 3		D-9 4
			D-8 6 2
			C-K J 9
			C-A 6 5 2
WEST		EAST	
Mr. Masters	S-8 4	Miss Brash	S-10 3
	H-Q 7		S-10 3
	D-K Q J 10 3		H-J 10 4 2
	C-Q 8 3		D-9 4
			D-8 6 2
			C-K J 9
			C-A 6 5 2

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1 S 2 H 2 S 3 H
4 S All Pass

win only two tricks—a heart and a diamond. But if the minor suit aces were reversed, there was a chance to beat the contract. And with that solid diamond suit on the board, that chance had to be taken immediately.

WITH THESE thoughts in mind, Mr. Masters decided the club suit offered the only hope. And he had to choose exactly the right club.

He did. He led the jack and at that point the contract was doomed. If the queen was not put up in dummy, the jack would win and the cashing of the ace and king would do the trick.

Actually, Mr. Champion covered with the queen. Miss Brash won with the ace and returned a club. Mr. Masters then held the king-nine over the ten-seven to guarantee the set.

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The tub boats, pictured above, are certainly not seaworthy, but it is lots of fun to imagine that you are sailing a pirate ship or are in a sailing race as you control a rudder with a stick tiller.

These land boats can have a sail made from broomsticks, clothesline poles, and old sheets. Dad can rig a sail through the wash tub handle by sticking it into the earth for support. If you have older children, let them make most of their boat, and do it their way. Fruit crates make fine anchors and rudders. Crepe paper or old cloth can make banners. They can wear their sailor clothes or pirate costume, and use a paper tube for a telescope. Set sail.

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