

AROUND THE WHIST TABLE.

AN INVITATION FROM THE NEW YORK STATE WHIST ASSOCIATION.

Developments of the Game at the Annual Whist Congress—Fascinating Whist Tricks with Four Little Trumps—Analysis of Some Game-Club Notes.

Mr. Albert Hutchins, Albany Club, Albany, N. Y., wishes all clubs in the Empire State that are interested in what to do with their whist in the New York State Whist Association at the annual whist congress.

At the time for the annual congress, a speculative speculation is rife as to what new developments in the game the various contests will bring forth. There are always two widely different classes of players at these meetings.

There are those who go there with a system which is in the most perfect of order, and they devote their entire energies to playing on their opponents for the Hamilton trophy, and there are those who have their doubts about systems in general, and who go to the congress to see the various schemes work in practice and what the experts think about them.

This year there will be a very large class with a special interest in the management of trumps, and there will be some heated discussions as to the best theories of leading and ruffing. But trump leads are greatly on the increase, and ruffing is much more freely indulged in than it was a year ago.

With the gradual decline of the information all the trump conventions of the past have become, and conventionalities of that kind are passing away. Players are finding out that there are more times for keeping back than for giving information, and there are very few willing to expose a hand until they know who is going to benefit by the exhibition.

Among the many conventionalities of the past probably none is so opposed to common sense as the passing of doubtful tricks with four little trumps. Some still cling to this practice as a vital part of the game, but modern players are getting more and more into the habit of ruffing doubtful tricks freely, regardless of the number of trumps which are supposed to be in the hand.

The SUN gave an example last week in which there was a swing of five tricks, chiefly due to the habit of passing doubtful tricks just to show four trumps. Here is another in which there was a swing of seven, most of which was brought about by the same habit.

At the Brooklyn Whist Club June 1, A-B are partners against Y-Z. Z dealt and turned the heart 4. The underlined card wins the trick, and the card under it is the next one out. Gilbooly and Elywell held A-B cards.

Table with 4 columns: Trick, A, Y, B, Z. Shows card plays for the first five tricks.

A-B win five tricks, a loss of seven.

Trick 1. Neither Y nor B know whether the Jack is a supporting card or the bottom of a sequence. A passes, and B has a very bad hand to lead from, composed almost entirely of tenaces.

Trick 2. B does not want his partner to finesse, so he does not lead a diamond, but he would trump again to show his strength.

Trick 3. Y controls every suit, and the best thing for his hand is to exhaust the trump. He begins with a small one, because Z has the Jack trumps.

Trick 4. A might have tried to save a trick by leading the king, but he naturally placed the ace with the king, and he would not have covered, because he would have argued that B had already inferred the ace to be with Z.

Trick 5. This is the trick that did the business and made a difference of six tricks in this hand. Y is in a tight position, and he has a very bad hand to lead from.

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OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENTS.

USEFUL HINTS TO CLUBS PROPOSING TO HOLD SUCH CONTESTS.

How the Conditions Should be Fixed—Points on Choosing Prizes, Drawing Bets, and Posting Up the Cards—Practical Suggestions Made by the Metropolitan Association.

Once past the fledgling stage, it is but natural that a golf club should desire to hold an open tournament. If it has developed many players who are visiting, the wish to hold such a tournament may be prompted by the inclination to return the hospitality extended to its members by other clubs, or it may be from the desire to test the strength of the noted golfers on the home links, where the local men should stand the best chance of winning.

There are many conditions to be considered in the management of the tournament, and the Metropolitan Golf Association has prepared a list of useful hints to clubs proposing to hold such contests.

First, the date should be fixed. It is a wise plan for the club to place the management of the tournament in the hands of a special committee.

Second, the prizes should be fixed. It is a good idea to have a list of prizes, and to have them ready to hand when the tournament is held.

Third, the drawing bets should be fixed. It is a good idea to have a list of bets, and to have them ready to hand when the tournament is held.

Fourth, the posting up of the cards should be fixed. It is a good idea to have a list of cards, and to have them ready to hand when the tournament is held.

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AMONG ATHLETIC CHRISTIANS.

Track Athletics and Baseball Occupying the Greatest Attention.

Preliminary outdoor practice in track athletics and baseball is being actively indulged in by the members of the various branches of the Y. M. C. A. of this city and Brooklyn.

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DRINKS OR CIGARS.

Clubs throughout the country may well imitate the organizations in the Metropolitan Association.

On the days of the open tournament it is the duty of the Tournament Committee to see to it that the purity of the contest is maintained.

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WITH THE CORNELL CREWS.

ASTONISHING FORMS SHOWN BY LAST YEAR'S FRESHMEN.

A Recent Race in Which the Youngsters Defeated the Strouctured Varsity Combination—Lengths in Three Miles—They Are Called the "Chippie" or "Annapolis Crew."

Courtney of the Cornell crew never had such a time in making up a "varsity crew" in the dozen years he has had charge of rowing affairs in that university as he had this year.

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OUR CHESS CORNER.

PROBLEM NO. 545—BY G. HEATHCOTE, MARKER—THE BURNING.

Black—Seven pieces. K on Q4; R on Q7 and Q8; Kt on K8; P on K8, Q4, Q5, and Q13.

White to play and mate in three moves.

PROBLEM NO. 546—BY H. REIDENBERG, BERLIN. Black—Seven pieces. K on K1; R on Q1; Kt on Q1; P on Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Q5, Q6, Q7, Q8, Q9, Q10, Q11, Q12, Q13, Q14, Q15, Q16, Q17, Q18, Q19, Q20, Q21, Q22, Q23, Q24, Q25, Q26, Q27, Q28, Q29, Q30, Q31, Q32, Q33, Q34, Q35, Q36, Q37, Q38, Q39, Q40, Q41, Q42, Q43, Q44, Q45, Q46, Q47, Q48, Q49, Q50, Q51, Q52, Q53, Q54, Q55, Q56, Q57, Q58, Q59, Q60, Q61, Q62, Q63, Q64, Q65, Q66, Q67, Q68, Q69, Q70, Q71, Q72, Q73, Q74, Q75, Q76, Q77, Q78, Q79, Q80, Q81, Q82, Q83, Q84, Q85, Q86, Q87, Q88, Q89, Q90, Q91, Q92, Q93, Q94, Q95, Q96, Q97, Q98, Q99, Q100, Q101, Q102, Q103, Q104, Q105, Q106, Q107, Q108, Q109, Q110, Q111, Q112, Q113, Q114, Q115, Q116, Q117, Q118, Q119, Q120, Q121, Q122, Q123, Q124, Q125, Q126, Q127, Q128, Q129, Q130, Q131, Q132, Q133, Q134, Q135, Q136, Q137, Q138, Q139, Q140, Q141, Q142, Q143, Q144, Q145, Q146, Q147, Q148, Q149, Q150, Q151, Q152, Q153, Q154, Q155, Q156, Q157, Q158, Q159, Q160, Q161, Q162, Q163, Q164, Q165, Q166, Q167, Q168, Q169, Q170, Q171, Q172, Q173, Q174, Q175, Q176, Q177, Q178, Q179, 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