

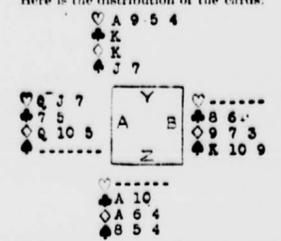
PROBLEMS FOR SUN READERS TO SOLVE

A Situation in Bridge Which Was of Interest to Crack Players.

HAND FROM BUENOS AYRES

Odds at Tossing a Coin—A Novelty in Magic Squares—Few Checker Players.

The name of the composer that appeared at the head of bridge problem No. 107 seems to have been enough to prompt close attention from the cracks.



Clubs are trumps and Z is in the lead. Y and Z want six of these eight tricks against any defense.

The solution for Z to lead his interior diamond, the six, which Y must win with the king, and the beginning of the defense is for A and B both to play their highest cards to the trick, keeping the five and ten respectively.

Y returns the king of clubs, which Z overtakes with the ace. Before making the trick with the club ten Z must be careful to lead the ace of diamonds in order to uncover the enemy's plan for their defense.

Regardless of the adversaries' play in the diamond suit Z leads the winning club for the fourth trick, and the solution lies in Y's discard, his play being guided by the position of the best diamond.

If A has kept it Y discards a spade. If B has it Y lets go a heart. In the first case Z throws A into the lead on the fifth trick. Y discarding another spade, after which A must lose two tricks in hearts, as Y will refuse to win the queen or jack if either is led first.

If B has kept the command in diamonds, Y having discarded a heart, Z will make his ten of clubs at once and Y will discard another heart. Then when Z puts B in with the losing diamond, Y will let go a third heart, keeping the ace only, and the jack of spades guarded.

The trap in this problem lies in providing for the one free discard that Y has at his disposal, which compels Z to make his ace of diamonds before leading the second club, because Y will not be able to tell where the command in diamonds will be until A and B have both played twice on that suit.

No solution is found that does not make both A and B defend their side by both playing high on the first trick or that fails to make Z lead a second round of diamonds before the second round of clubs.

All solutions that open with any card but the interior diamond are unsound, because if Z starts with the four A and B make his six good for a trick and force him to lose three spade tricks to B at the end.

The strategy of the defense in the management of a suit in which they can leave either with the lead for the third round reminds one of Frank Roy's No. 165, printed March 17, and it might appear to some that this idea had been borrowed from that problem.

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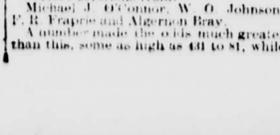
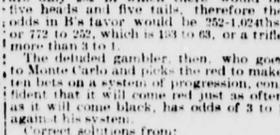
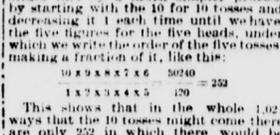
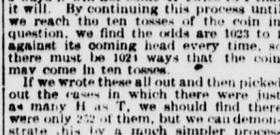
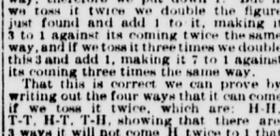
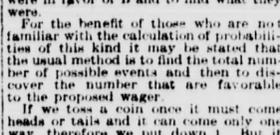
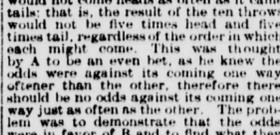
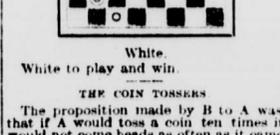
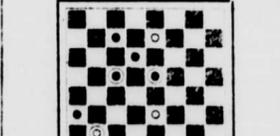
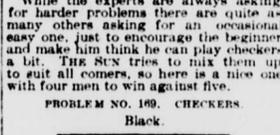
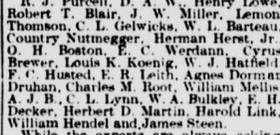
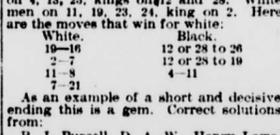
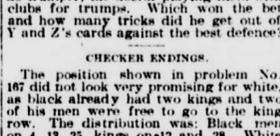
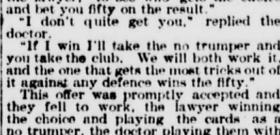
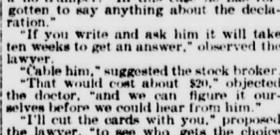
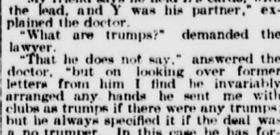
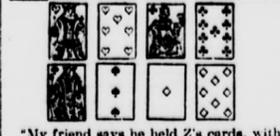
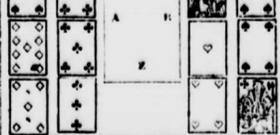
It is astonishing that several who got along all right as far as the third trick failed at that point by leading the club before the ace of diamonds. While the above list is of respectable size, those who are familiar with past honor lists will miss some famous names.

Every now and then some one writes to suggest that an occasional indeterminate problem might prove an interesting change and would also be more in keeping with the conditions as they exist at the card table. Others object that they like to know, in a problem, just what the problem is, so that they may know if they have succeeded or not.

The usual form of indeterminate problem leaves nothing to the solver to settle but the question of how many tricks can be made against the best defense. The SUN believes this can be improved on by leaving the declaration also in doubt, as it will might be in question. The following problem is built along these lines:

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