

SOCK SINGER IN SOUTH REGISTERS PROTEST

Facts Fail to Justify Charge of Discrimination as Records of Contest Show—Reader With Brother in a Tank Reassured About His Safety in Battle

THE first thing that calls for attention to-day is a "kick." Weekly since May 17 we have been publishing the prize winners and other interesting entries in the Sock Song contest. In that time just four "kicks" have been received—a gratifying record, as any newspaper contest editor anywhere would agree.

Of the four "kicks" the most natured requests for explanations and easily satisfied. The third was anonymous and humorous. Here is the fourth: HOPKINS, S. C., Sept. 18, 1918. Judges of Sock Contest.

DEAR SIR: We Southern contestants don't seem to be in the race at all. Why? Some of our work is just as good as any you have so far published. Do give us a fighting chance. You must be a rather sentimentalist, as all the poems selected are, to use a slang expression, on the sob sister order. Do depress your sentiments and give us a smile occasionally. Yours truly,

Curious Accusations, but Common. However, we take more seriously the charge that the judges have discriminated against the Southern contestants. This is only a new version of a curious accusation, familiar to every magazine and newspaper office in New York, and doubtless in Boston, that manuscripts submitted by Southern writers have no chance of acceptance, no matter how good they may be.

Uncertainty of No Trumplers Shown By the Grand Slam That Failed

By R. F. FOSTER. Apropos of the remark that anything may happen to a no trumper, a correspondent sends The Sun the following rather remarkable deal, which conveys a lesson that is both instructive and amusing. A player with a grand slam apparently in the bag, lost the game, a certainty, fails to make even the odd trick.



PROBLEMS FOR SUN READERS. Bridge problem No. 500, by Ernest Bergholt, was a pretty example of preparing a brace position. Here is the distribution:



Some players, especially those who do not know how to value a hand, would bid two hearts, or even three, on such cards as Z's. If played at hearts, Z will fall to make the odd trick even.

With the intention of making a strong secondary heart bid, if the opportunity seemed favorable, Z passed. A bid a club, Y passed and B went no trump, which held the contract, as there was no necessity for Z to bid the hearts while he had the lead.

Z led the ten of hearts and dummy held the trick with the queen. A diamond lead allowed B to finesse the ten. As his king was his only hope for a re-entry Z let the ten, playing the eight, intending to complete an echo for his partner's benefit. If the ace of diamonds won the second round.

B now saw that as he could put dummy into the lead several times he must catch the king of diamonds, even if Y still held his hearts stopped, there was a grand slam in the hand. If the spade finesse lost, a small slam was still a certainty.

B led the ace of spades and Y won the trick with the king, coming right back with a heart. Now, apparently, all B has to do is to put dummy in with a club and make all the rest of the tricks by leading diamonds until the king falls, putting dummy in as often as necessary.

Forgetting the old axiom B led the club and came back with the diamond to see if Z would follow suit. Z got dummy down to two black aces and B to two top diamonds, so that it did not matter who led.

The result was that instead of making a grand slam, or even a little slam, B's contract was set for one trick, less 40 aces. All he made was two hearts, two clubs, a diamond and a spade.

B always had a sure game in his hand if he had not reached out for the slam. The lesson that the hand conveys is that if he makes the whole game safe he will make the little slam if the cards lie as he thinks they do.

Upon winning the second round of hearts suppose he makes all his spades before he tries another diamond finesse. The diamonds will not deteriorate by being kept a while. As there are most blitters in the club suit he might win the last spade in B's hand so as to lead the clubs to dummy.

The spade leads would force Z to give up at least one heart and he would probably shed both his clubs. Now when B leads the club and Z discards another heart the whole situation is clear to B. Y is marked with the four missing clubs. Then he cannot possibly

SOCK SONG PRIZE WINNERS.

FIRST PRIZE. Katherine Leonard, 414 Ferry Street, Trenton, N. J. He was such a little fellow just a few short years ago; Curled and golden was his hair; he walked with brave and manly air, Lips all puckered in a whistle in his going to and fro, The red schoolhouse over his shoulder, truly must declare 'Twas in coming home from school he whistled more than going there!

SECOND PRIZE. Edward Ten Brock Perine, 805 St. Nicholas Avenue. Valley Forge, December, 1917.—"We have with us no less than 2,800 men now in camp, not for duty because they are barefoot!"—George Washington. March with us, mighty men, the same cause plead For the noblest work of our nation as ever men could do; Yet not with naked, wayworn feet that bleed And falter in the snow.

THIRD PRIZE. Mrs. Jose M. Assenio, Quarters 55, West Point, N. Y. She finds the khaki sombre and most knit In vivid rose or purple all day long; I see the rainbow in each dull brown bit And hear the music of their marching song; For every stitch I count a fighting man Treads dusty roads in Picardy for me, Surfs ash on steel, our flag American— Could one ask more? I knit for victory!

Conditions of the Sock Song Contest. Everybody welcome! Open to all patriotic knitters, male or female. Verses must not be over ten lines long. Write on one side of the paper only, if possible. Prizes will be awarded on one Sunday or one Tuesday at THE SUNDAY SUN, 100 Nassau Street, not later than Wednesday. After that they will be considered for the following week's competition. Names will be requested, unless verses win a prize. First prize, \$5 in wool; second prize, \$2 in wool; third prize, 1 lb wool.

Will we ever be able to change our ways, And drop into inter-bellum days, And not carry our knitting everywhere, And ride in a sleeper without extra fare, Make cake of white flour, and frost it besides, And use gasoline on our Sunday rides, And eat a peach without saving the pit? And, Oh, what shall we do when we don't have to knit? EAU CLAIRE, WIS. MARY C. JOYCE.

Where are the little brown feet That used to run at my call? Where is the curly brown head That made a grease spot on the wall? Where are the little fat legs That made holes in his Sunday pants? Why, don't you know? The whole blooming show Is fighting for me in France! MISS LAURA JIMMERS, Hotel Theresa, 15th Street and Lenox Avenue.

Socks for the feet of my unborn child I knitted, and sang—"Was a task of joy! The days were long, but so was my song, Then one day I said, 'I will knit socks Socks for the feet of my soldier child I knit; and I sing as best I can: Still this hope is bright—though he fall to-night, I shall see him again—a man! VINCENT BINNINGTON, 219 Chestnut Street, Lebanon, Pa.

THE VISION. Mother, sister, sweetheart, wife, Knitting day by day Socks to send across the sea, Tell your vision, pray: "We see soldiers marching, Marching forth to win, Marching in their home knit socks, Onward to Berlin, on row 18, 21, 23 and 25. No kings. White to play and draw. Here are the moves that solve:

White. Black. White. Black. 10-17 8-13 23-18 26-31 17-10 10-17 15-15 13-17 25-21 17-22 14-10 18-14 22-26

Another of our composers has gone into the service. This time it is Fausto Dalmati, champion checker problem solver for the past two years and winner of both of THE SUN prizes. He writes that his military duties will prevent him from competing this winter, but he sends the following little gem as a farewell to his fellow members of THE SUN Checker Club:



There are two forms of progression. In one the winners go different ways, the lady toward one end and the man toward the other. Then each winner takes the losing player of the opposite sex for a partner at the new table. When both winners go to the same table they divide in the same way. There are no rubbers in progressive, as four deals end a round, and 125 is added to each game won during the four deals.

W. T. S. says: We have a dispute as to the meaning of the expression "turned and quitted." Z leads a trump. A plays a card of a plain suit. Z wins the trick, gathers it and turns it down, but has not entirely removed his hand from it when A says, "Hold on, I have a trump." Is this revoke established?

Not if the trick has not been actually quitted; that is, the fingers removed from it. To be "turned and quitted" the four cards must be lying face down, untouched.

Washington Society (Continued From Preceding Page.) tending a helping hand to the dependents of soldiers and sailors. It has established a hospital in Salonica and one in France, and is at present engaged, on the advice of the French Government, in assembling a movable hospital of 1,000 beds for gassed patients, which will be the largest hospital so far staffed by women. It will be placed near the front and not far from the railroad station.

Mrs. Philip Lydie, a member of the auxiliary board of the American Women's Hospital, has undertaken to finance this institution, and is already on her way to France to help in its installation.

Washington, while it is intensely interesting, is certainly not a pleasant place to live in just at present. It is a eating problem, the jostling crowds of war workers clattering up its broad pavements, even before the Spanish influenza scare gripped the city. Now, with the schools closed, the theatres closed, all public meetings—even Liberty Loan meetings under the ban—well, one is bound to sympathize with the thirty soul who claims for Baltimore, thirty miles away.

Which reminds me of a funny story of a yeoman of the navy, who is—well, distinctly not a chicken—a mature woman of dignified presence, who went into a hotel in Baltimore and ordered a cocktail. And the waiter refused it on the ground that he

couldn't serve liquor to persons in uniform. Don't you love it? I people admit opening up their houses rather earlier than usual, probably to save them from the blue sticker of the housing committee. The Edson Bradleys, who were reported as among those in danger, are opening up their big house on Dupont Circle. The Perry Belmonts, brought back by a similar rumor as to their house, are a full month earlier than usual. Mme. de Riano, wife of the Spanish Ambassador, who is always about the last of the diplomatic circle to return from her summer outing, came back last week. The Ambassador has not been away at all. In fact, like many of his countrymen, he scarcely been out of Washington in the last two years.

Mme. de Gama is at the Brazilian Embassy, and the round of farewell functions in honor of Mr. de Gama is on, beginning with Secretary Lansing's luncheon for him on Monday. There is no definite announcement as to the date when she will be home, but it will be along toward the end of the month. Mme. de Gama is not going with him at once. She has taken an apartment in New York for the winter and expects to go to Brazil in the spring.

Just what are the women going to do about suffering from the back where we began, isn't it? Well, I rode down in the car with Mary Garrett Hay, "the woman boss of New York," and of course we asked her that. Her lips tightened a bit and she said, "I'm not going to get into it." "We are, it is up with them in the fall elections," was the gist of her response, though I don't know that she used just those words. She did say that she was a suffragist before she was a party woman, and that while she was not holding the party—either party—responsibility, they were going out into the States to see if they couldn't remove enough opposition votes to insure the passage of the amendment next time. She was "agin" every one, irrespective of party, who was "agin" suffrage. Of course they were immediately concentrating their effort on New Hampshire and South Carolina, where Senators would be elected who would take their seats immediately, replacing temporary appointments, both of which proved hostile, to fill in the vacancies caused by the deaths of Senator Gallinger and Senator Tillman.

They might possibly reverse the present vote before the end of the present session and save suffrage the necessity of going through the House again. You understand that that was why Senator Jones, who led the fight, changed his vote and went on record as voting against the amendment, that as one who voted with the majority he might at any time during the present session of Congress move to reconsider and bring the amendment up again if he saw any chance of passing it.

ABRAHAM AND STRAUS BROOKLYN

Private Subway Entrance, Hoyt St. Store Opens 9:45 A. M. Closes 6:15 P. M.

GREAT OCTOBER SALES

Hudson Seal Coats at \$295.00. Carefully selected muskrat pelts, dyed, form these handsome Coats, which measure 45 inches in length and are cut with a full sweep, though the lines are straight in effect. The large collar and deep cuffs are of skunk, the lining of wonderfully lovely soft silk in broad effect. Hudson Seal Muffs, \$14.75. Skunk Muffs, \$29.75. Large size muffs in round model. Made in large, round shapes. Second floor, Central Building.

165 Women's Suits, Special at \$37.50

The maker of these desirable Suits obtained comparatively small amounts of various exceptionally good fabrics. There was not enough of any one kind to make a "complete line" of Suits, so he made up the materials. BROADCLOTH GABARDINE CUB VELOUR. WIDE WALE CHEVIOT BIRDSEYE CLOTH WORSTED. VELOUR POPLIN WHIPCORDS. We bought these Suits and offer them at a price far below what models of equally fine fabrics would ordinarily cost. Black, green, plum, navy, Burgundy, Henna and beaver are shown. The sizes range from 32 to 44 bust measure. Second floor, Central Building.

Women's Separate Skirts, \$8.75

Very good serge, poplin, broadcloth and gabardine have been used for these practical, smart, new Fall models. All are beautifully made in styles that are the smartest the season affords. Sizes 25 to 32-inch waistband. Plain Skirts, \$7.95 to \$22.50. Dressy Skirts, \$9.75 to \$29.75. Stunning new separate Skirts in tailored or sport effects. Wool serge, poplin, gabardine, plaids, stripes and checks. Attractive models of Baronet satin, plaid or striped faille, satin, novelty crepe, faille broche and velveteen. Second floor, Central Building.

Georgette and Crepe de Chine Blouses at \$2.98 for \$4 to \$5 Qualities

Because these are manufacturers' samples and broken-size lots, they are marked far below the prices at which they were intended to sell. All sizes are included in the assortment, though not in any one style. The Georgette Blouses are trimmed with dainty Valenciennes laces or with embroidery worked in beads and silk floss. The crepe de chine models are mostly in tailored effects, with tucks and buttons for trimming, though some styles are embroidered and trimmed with lace.

200 Blouses at 59c. Each. Pretty corded voile models, usually sold at \$1.00. 200 Blouses at 98c. Each. Voile and batiste Blouses, usually priced \$1.29 to \$1.56. Second floor, East Building.

Rugs, Carpets and Linoleums Many Below Present Wholesale Cost

October is a busy month in Brooklyn's largest Rug and Carpet Store. So many of our patrons wait for this month in which to make their floor-covering selections. For this reason we make some remarkable offerings. Much of the merchandise mentioned here was bought months ago and the present retail prices are based on the wholesale cost at that time. Small Axminster Rugs. The best of their kind. Sanford, Bigelow, Hartford. 22x36 in. \$2.50. 27x54 in. \$3.75 and \$4.50. 36x70 in. 6.50 and 7.75. 54x78 in. 12.50 and 14.75. Small Wilton Rugs. A beautiful lot of patterns at prices that are remarkably low. 27x54 in. \$6.50 and \$9.25. 36x70 in. 9.75 and 15.00. Wool and Fibr Rugs. In neat, small all-over designs. In greens, browns and blues, that are modestly priced. 6 x 9 ft. \$10.50. 7 1/2 x 9 ft. 12.25. 9 x 10 1/2 ft. 14.50. 9 x 12 ft. 15.00. 9 x 15 ft. 18.00. Seamless Tapestry Brussels Rugs. In a selected line of patterns. Some of them remarkably little priced. 8 1/2 x 10 1/2 ft. \$21.50 to \$35.00. 9 x 12 ft. 29.50. Third floor, East Building.

Important Offerings of Cut Glass

A. & S. Cut Glass is specially selected for its brilliance and purity. Much of it is the famous L. Straus brand, cut on pure lead and potash blanks secured before the war. These price-reductions: Fruit Sets, \$2.98, from \$3.98. Flower Vases, \$4.98, from \$6.98. Butter Sets, \$3.49, from \$4.19. Oval Orange Bowls, \$3.98, from \$4.98. Combination Fruit Bowls, \$6.98, from \$8.98. Table Glassware, Low-Priced. Part of a special, and early purchase. A pretty needle-etched border design on a graceful shape; matching in different sizes. Goblets, Champagne, Claret, Wine, Cocktail, Sherry, Sherbet and Cordial Glasses, 25c. each. Tumblers, various sizes, 12c. and 18c. each. In a light-cut daisy and foliage design. Goblets, Champagne and Sherbet Glasses, 33c. each. Tumblers, in several sizes and shapes, 12c., 14c., 16c. and 19c. Subway floor, Central Building.

GREAT MONDAY BARGAINS IN BRIEF

- Women's Knitted Combinations, 85c. Street floor, Central Building. Women's Cotton Stockings, 17c. Pair. Street floor, Central Building. Children's Ribbed Underwear, 69c. garment. Street floor, Central Building. Men's Cotton Socks, 17c. Pair. Street floor, Central Building. King's Sewing Cotton, 39c. dozen spools, from 45c. Street floor, Central Building. A. & S. Mineral Oil, 49c. from 58c. Street floor, East Building. Corduroy Norfolk Suits, Sizes 3 to 7 years, \$5.95. Second floor, West Building. 6 inch Warp Print Ribbons, 59c. Yard. Street floor, East Building. Net Flouncings, \$1.25 yard. Street floor, Central Building. Lustrous Dress Satin of \$2.98 Grade \$2.25 yard. Street floor, West Building. Novelty Linings, \$1.24, from \$1.35. Street floor, East Building. Limited store, Street floor, Central Building. Stamped Luncheon Sets, 89c., from \$1.25. Third floor, Central Building. Striped Flannel Shirting, 36c. Yard. Subway floor, West Building. Bleached Sheet, 2 1/2 yards wide, 69c. yard. Second floor, West Building. Women's Shoes, \$4.95 pair, from \$5.95. Second floor, West Building. Feather Neckwear at One-third Less Than Usual. Street floor, Central Building. Irish Flannel Lace Curtains, \$4.89 pair, from \$5.00 to \$8.00 pair. Third floor, Central Building. Men's Black Kid Shoes, \$4.95. Third floor, Hoyt Street. Huck Towels, 50c., Regularly 65c. Street floor, East Building. Men's Fall Suits, \$19.75. Second floor, Hoyt Street.

Watch for the Very Important TUESDAY BARGAINS Which Are NOT ADVERTISED, but May Be Recognized by Special Signs Displayed in Various Departments Throughout the Store.