

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
A QUESTION OF SETTING
ONE'S SIGHTS

The defenders' first thought should be whether to play a waiting game or to attack hoped-for weak points. Usually, the bidding gives a strong hint one way or the other, and when the dummy appears, of course, the matter becomes much clearer.

In the hand below, for example, it should have been very clear to East that waiting tactics were not in order.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 10 4	♥ 10 9 7	♦ 2	♣ K Q 5 3
♠ K 8 7 3	♥ 6 2	♦ A 7	♣ J 8 5
♠ A 8 5	♥ J 9 7 4	♦ N	♣ K 10 7
		♦ S	♣ 6 4 3
		♦ 9 6 5 2	♣ 10 2
		♦ A K Q 4 3	
		♦ J 9	
		♦ A 8	

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
2 ♠ Pass

North's trump support was short of "adequate," of course, but his raise to two hearts was nevertheless correct as the least of evils. His hand did not warrant a two-over-one club takeout, yet he had a little too much for the discouraging response of one notrump.

West opened the spade three. Dummy played low and East put in the jack. When that card held, East cashed the spade ace and then, afraid to lead from his diamond king because of the queen in dummy, he exited with a trump. This was very satisfactory to South, who quickly drew trumps and collected three club tricks to fulfill the contract.

"In view of the low level of the contract, East was far too 'prudent.' The right view was that if South had the diamond ace, he was virtually sure to make his contract; therefore, since East did not have to worry about overtricks at 30 points each, he should have acted aggressively. After cashing the spade ace, he should have realized that the one chance to defeat the hand was to collect another spade trick (West's king), two diamond tricks and an over-trick of dummy in spades. Thus, East not only should have returned a diamond, but should have laid down the diamond king, then led another round

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YOUNG BOB LIES CLOSE

Bad luck today, tomorrow may prove to be good some other way. —Old Mother Nature.

A gunner had found Bob White and his flock and when they had taken to their wings he had shot one. He had seen the young quail fall into a tangle of brush and briars, and at once had gone to look for him. He didn't know for sure if he had killed it, or only hurt it. He sent his dog ahead of him to find it.



So now he was flattened down among the brown leaves in a small hollow in the ground.

Now young Bob has been told what to do in such a case, and he had not forgotten. He couldn't fly because the flight feathers of one wing had been cut away by the shot. This was why he had fallen into that little tangle. He could run, and that is what he wanted to do. Never in his short life had he ever wanted to do anything as

he now wanted to run. But his father, Bob White, had warned not to do that; that the thing to do was to keep perfectly still, and not move unless he absolutely had to. That would be only when he knew he had been found.

So now he was flattened down among the brown leaves in a very small hollow in the ground. He was holding his feathers down as close as he knew how. That was so there should be no scent from his body for the wonderful nose of a dog to find. He heard the footsteps of the gunner drawing near. He heard the sniffling of the dog along the edge of that tangle. The dog was trying to work his way in. He was a good dog, well trained. The hunter was talking to him, encouraging him to hunt for that fallen bird, and the dog was doing his very best.

Was young Bob frightened? What do you think? How would you feel if two great giants were looking for you, and all you could do was to lie perfectly still? It seemed to him that he just must scramble to his short legs. It seemed to him that he just couldn't keep still any longer. But he did. Even when that hunter almost stepped on him. It seemed a long, long time before the hunter called his

dog off. And it was a long time, for that hunter was not one to give up easily. If he had killed that bird he wanted to find it. If he had only wounded it, he wanted even more to find it. He didn't want to leave a wounded bird to suffer.

Reluctantly his dog came to him. The dog didn't want to give up. His master patted him on the head. "It is all right old fellow," said he, "you have done your best. I don't see how that bird can be in there, and we not find it. We'll give it up for now. Perhaps on our way back, we'll have another look."

So the hunter and his dog went on their way and young Bob remained right where he was. He still didn't move. By and by he heard the bang of a gun at a distance. It gave him a feeling of right such as he had never known before. He wondered if one of his brothers or sisters had been hurt. He wondered, too, that he himself didn't feel hurt, yet was unable to fly. It was a strange feeling.

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L'I Abner
AH SO WANTS MAH BABY? HAVE A PAIR O' SHOES, HIS SIZE—ANY LIKEWISE ESCAPE TH' HORRORS O' SADIE HAWKINS DAY!!
SO, LET'S GO, SAM!!
NO!!
IT'LL GIT AROUND THET HE'S YALLER—NO DOGPATCH BOY EVER GOT MARRIED UP WIF-OUT PUTTIN' UPA FIGHT!!
IF HE LOSES HIS BACHELORHOOD, LET HIM LOSE IT, LIKE A MAN—ON SADIE HAWKINS DAY!!
YO' IS RIGHT, MAH OLDEST CHILE!! SCOOT WIDDER!!

Joe Palooka
EUGENE FLAVIUS HAS DONE A WONDERFUL JOB OF "CONNING" JOE AND ANN WITH HIS PHONEY CHARM, HE'S A MASTER AT IT.
THAT WAS A PERFECT DINNER, MRS. PALOOKA. DEAR MOTHER WOULD HAVE LOVED IT.
OH, THANK YOU, WE'LL HAVE HER OVER SOON I HOPE.
I'M IMPRESSED WITH YOUR VIEWS ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY... I THINK YOU'D MAKE A GREAT MAYOR... I WISH I COULD HELP...
AHEM... MY DEAR CHAP, YOU COULD?
I'LL CLEAR THE TABLE.
YOUR HIGH STANDING WOULD HELP MY CAMPAIGN TREMBLE... I NEVER WOULD HAVE ASKED... BUT SINCE YOU'VE OFFERED...

Secret Agent X9
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BIG GUY?
HE HEADED FOR TOWARD BRAZIL PASS IN HIS JEEP!
WELL, I CAN'T EXPECT TO CATCH HIM ON FOOT, WHERE COULD I GET A GOOD TRAIL HORSE?
YOU MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO FOLLOW HIM?
NO! I WANT TO DO SOME PROSPECTING, I NEED SOME TRANSPORTATION.
YOU'D BETTER BUY A TRAIN TICKET AND HEAD BACK EAST.