

Walt He Tried!  
 "Dearie," remarked Mrs. Blackwell, looking up from the evening paper, "there's something interesting. It's reported here that the United States Treasury says that a dollar bill lasts nine months."  
 Mr. Blackwell said nothing, but a thoughtful expression came over his countenance.

"Darling," he finally exclaimed, "you'd like to be patriotic, wouldn't you?"  
 "Why, certainly, dear," Mrs. B. replied.  
 "Then," said Mr. B., very gently and very persuasively, "won't you please try to avoid making the Government out a liar?"

### Cattle Owner Has No 'Beef' for That Price



Alvin Naeve, of Clinton, Iowa, looks over some of the prime steers at Union Stockyards in Chicago which he just sold for \$30.10 per hundred weight. It is the highest beef price since last January.

### BRIDGE WITHOUT TEARS

By James C. Gray

(While he claims to be no contestant, the author of the above, Gray, writes this column for the benefit of persons whose hobby is bridge and who may be able to obtain a useful bridge hint from his writings.)

Romerset Maugham, in one of his books somewhere, says "Any person who fails to secure a partner for contract bridge is faced with a very boring old age." We faithful communicants of the Birmingham duplicate bridge club go one farther: we say, "If you don't play duplicate bridge you aren't really living."

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You will find there just as heterogeneous an assortment of over-bidders, under-bidders, and sound bidders as you do in your social games. And you will be as agreeably astonished to discover that many inexpert players win the tournaments by striking a nice balance between applied psychology and partnership co-operation. Here is a board which came up one evening recently when your reporter was teamed with Harry Wells:

EAST		WEST	
(Mr. Miller)	(Your Reporter)	S—A—J—D—K—Q—10—9—8—7—6—5—4—3—2—1	S—A—J—D—K—Q—10—9—8—7—6—5—4—3—2—1
S—K—x	H—J—10—x—x	H—A—K—Q—9	H—K—Q—9
H—A—K—Q—9	C—A—J—x—x	D—Q—J—x—x—x	D—x—x—x
C—K—x—x		C—x—x—x	

Your reporter wound up a declarer in a contract of six spades which was doubled by South. The opening lead was a diamond effort at deception; the nine of clubs. A low club was played from dummy. South followed, and the queen took the trick in the closed hand. Your reporter beamed at his partner. Everything looked rosy. Break the remaining clubs two-one, the spades three-two, and write up the scores.

So, a small spade was jauntily led toward dummy. And the blow fell. North was blank in spades! Five spades to the queen, ten, eight snugly reposing in doubling South's hand and only one finesse possible! Your reporter, a slightly better than mediocre player, went into a long and painful trance. Then, miracle of miracles, he

### Carrot Kiss



Keeping on the good side of the horse, Margaret Loom, 10, offers a "carrot kiss" for Carbone at the 22nd annual Children's Horse Show at Flintridge, Calif.

### Center of Attraction



An eager guest inspects Princess Elizabeth's new engagement ring during a Royal Garden party at Buckingham Palace. The betrothal ring consists of one large diamond and two small diamonds in a platinum setting. At right rear is Princess Margaret Rose.

### Journey's End for Valuable Document



Hans Lennp, left, and Anke Van Burkom, secretaries at the Netherlands Embassy in Washington, study the marriage contract of William III and Queen Emma of the Netherlands, parents of the present Queen Wilhelmina. The valuable document was found by an American GI in Europe and ended up in an antique dealer's shop in Atlanta, Ga. The shop's owner had it translated and "realized" its historic value, forwarding it to Washington.

stumbled into a line of play which made the contract. Can you do it? Answer next week.  
 Charles Steellinger and Donald J. Davis were winners of last week's tournament, with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith second.  
 Results of the tournament held last night, will be published next week.  
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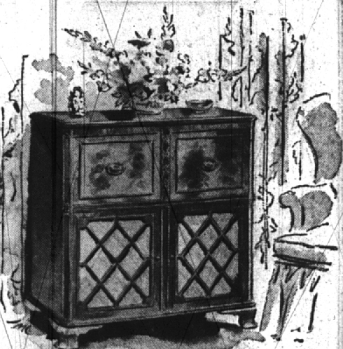
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