

CHANGES IN FIVE HUNDRED Pointers on the Standard Game as it is Now Played.

THE GAME IN ITS BEST FORM Conflicting Laws Made to Agree Where the Game is Played with Three and Four Players—Methods of Scoring.

Very few games have attained the same popularity in a short time as five hundred. Its favor is probably due to the fact that it is a game which is peculiarly suited to players of widely differing powers, and then it is one of the very few good games for three persons.

Since its first introduction to the card playing world five or six years ago five hundred has undergone a number of changes for the better. By degrees the conflicting laws which have appeared in various text books have been changed in succeeding editions until now the books are all in accord but one, and the publishers of that one are promising to fall into line with their next issue, which will be in the early fall.

Although five hundred is essentially a game for three players, four may take part; either two against two as partners, or by the arrangement which demands that the dealer shall take no cards.

The standard pack for three players is thirty-two cards and the joker. In plain suits the cards rank from the ace down to the seven. In the trump suit the joker is always the best trump, the jack of the trump suit is the second best or right bower, the jack of the same color is the third best or left bower, and then come the ace, king, queen and ten, so that there are always ten trumps.

Joker Suit by Itself. When there is no trump suit the joker becomes a suit by itself and there are four plain suits of eight cards each. In this respect the joker very closely resembles the four jacks in a grand in the game of skat; in fact, it would avoid a great deal of misunderstanding if a no trump were called a grand in 500, as it seems absurd to call it a no trump when there is a trump suit, even if that suit be only one card.

The holder of the joker is not allowed to trump with it as long as he can follow suit. If he leads the joker he may name the suit which shall be played to the lead, but he cannot name any particular card of that suit.

When four play ten cards are added to the pack. These cards are the aces, fives and sixes of the four suits, usually the black ones, so that they are the most easily recollected. In cutting for the first deal, and for partners, when four play, low wins. Aces are high and the joker is the lowest card in the pack in cutting.

No matter how many play, the cards are always dealt in the same way, three at a time for the first round and then three laid out face down for the widow, then four each, so that the full pack is dealt out. There are always three cards in the widow and ten cards in each playing hand. It is a mistake to give a different number of cards in the same round, or to deal for the widow at the wrong time.

Bidder Names Trump. The interesting part of five hundred is the bidding for the privilege of naming the trump and playing against the two other persons at the table. Each player in turn, beginning with the one on the dealer's left, has a right to make a bid. There are no second bids, and if the player does not wish to bid at all he can pass. If all pass without bidding, it is a grand, or no trump, each man for himself.

The bidder must name the number of tricks he will undertake to win, playing single handed against the two others, and he must name the suit that he will make the trump, or say that he will play without a trump. No bid of less than six

tricks is allowed and the usual expressions are "seven in hearts" or "six in no trumps."

Several different tables of values have been used from time to time in various parts of the country. In some of these tables the suits rank one way and in some another, but the influence of the bridge playing element seems to have gradually worn down all opposition and the suits now rank in five hundred as they do in bridge, spades, clubs, diamonds, hearts and no trumps.

Each suit has a unit value in points for a bid of six tricks, and if the player will commit these five-unit values to memory he will have the whole table by heart, because this unit value is added for each additional trick bid in that suit. The initial value of the lowest bid in clubs, for instance, is 60, and as 60 is added for each trick beyond six, we get for seven in clubs, 180 for eight in clubs and so on.

There is in use in the middle west another table which was designed to avoid the occurrence of duplicate values. This is based on the Avondale schedule, and it is called the principle that if we start with the same initial value for bids of six tricks as those in the schedule just given, but advance 100 points at a time for each additional trick, regardless of the suit we shall get a table in which there are no two bids of the same counting value in the score.

When the Avondale schedule is used there is no question as to which of two bids is the higher, but in the ordinary schedule there are a number of equalities; eight in diamonds, 240, for instance, is the same as seven in no trumps.

The rule in each case is that the player who offers to take the greater number of tricks to make the same number of points shall have the preference. A smaller number of tricks in one suit will outbid a greater number in another only when the point value of the bid is greater. Six in no trumps, for instance, is better than seven in spades because it is worth forty points more.

Bidder Takes Widow. The highest bidder takes the three cards in the widow without showing them and then discards three cards, face down, so as to reduce his playing hand to ten cards. He then leads any card he pleases for the first trick, no matter who deals. If no one has made a bid no one touches the widow and the player to the left of the dealer leads first.

Each player in turn must follow suit if he can, but no one is obliged to win a trick if he does not wish to and can avoid it without revoking. The penalty for a revoke is the immediate loss of the amount bid, and if the bidder who is in error, and the hand is at once abandoned. The bidder is set back and the others score what tricks they have made up to that time.

If an adversary of the bidder revokes the bidder cannot be set back, even if he fails to make good, but he must be allowed to score what he bid. The individual player in error cannot score anything, but the other players may score for whatever tricks he has taken up to the time the revoke was claimed and proved.

If the joker is led when there is no trump the leader is at liberty to name any suit to be played to it, whether he holds any cards of that suit or not, and even if he had previously renounced in that suit. Failure to play a card of the suit called for on a joker led, when one is held, is a revoke.

When four play as partners the one that makes the highest bid takes the widow and leads for the first trick.

Must Play Hands Out. Every hand must be played out and each individual player must take in his own tricks. The scores are kept on pads ruled for the purpose, one column for each player, and the result of the play is put down at the end of each hand.

If the bidder makes as many tricks as he undertook to win, he cannot score more than he bid. He would score 250. But if he bid eight in hearts, worth 300, and he won all ten tricks he would score only what he bid—300.

Each of the players opposed to the bidder gets ten points for each trick that he individually wins, no matter what suit he may trump or how many tricks he was bid. Suppose the bid to be eight tricks and one of the opponents gets the two other tricks, that opponent scores twenty points for them, the other opponent of the bidder getting nothing.

All that the bidder can accomplish by playing on after he has made good his bid is to prevent his adversaries from scoring too many of these ten points. He cannot get any ten points himself for the extra tricks, however.

If the bidder fails to make good his undertaking he is set back the full amount of his bid, regardless of the number of tricks by which he fails. All he can do is to prevent his opponents from scoring too much.

Standing of the Teams. WEST. LEAGUE. | AMER. LEAGUE. W.L.Pel. W.L.Pel. Omaha 18 11 621 Milwaukee 17 13 675

NATL. LEAGUE. | AMER. LEAGUE. W.L.Pel. W.L.Pel. Pittsburgh 22 12 657 Detroit 22 12 657

GAMES TODAY. Western League—Omaha at Sioux City, Lincoln, Des Moines, Wichita at Denver, Topeka at Pueblo.

In Case of No Bid. When there has been no bid, and each is for himself, playing a forced grand, or no trump, all the tricks are worth ten points each to the individual player winning them in the general scramble.

The bidder always has the first count, and if he has made good his bid he scores the amount, no matter what the adversary has made. If the bidder has enough to put him 500 he is out, as 500 is game, even if one or both adversaries have also reached 500 by getting in tricks worth ten each.

If the bidder does not get out the adversary's partner has any points. If both happen to get 500 on the same deal the one that got the ten points that touched 500 first is the winner.

When four play, not as partners, with the understanding that the dealer shall take no cards, it is impossible to make the game 500 up, because that would be an injustice to the player who deals, but who cannot possibly win any points.

The method usually adopted is to play an agreed number of rounds, each player dealing three or perhaps four times. At the end of these rounds the scores are added up and the highest is the winner.

There is a wide difference of opinion as to which is the better game, straight 500 for three players each trying to reach the goal, or the game of even rounds, and score at the end to win all, which is sometimes adopted for three players as well as for four.

In the three-hand game whenever one player seems likely to go out on his bid it becomes the duty of the two others to overbid him or to bid so high that he cannot successfully bid against them. This is called "keeping the flag flying."

Keep High Man In. Suppose A has 430 on the score and bids six in diamonds. If he is allowed to hold it and succeeds, the game is over; so B, who is perhaps only 350 up, bids something better, whether he has any hopes of making it or not. If B is set back that trip, C takes a turn at it next time and between them they keep the flag flying by preventing A from going out.

Sometimes these tactics are so successful that one of the players who sacrifices himself once or twice by going back a couple of hundred points will get a big hand and run the game. Sometimes, on the other hand, the high man will be allowed to play and be set back. Then again the high man will sit tight and "sweat out" by getting home a trick or two on every hand and gradually working his way home ten points at a time.

When the game is for the highest score at the end of an agreed number of deals these sacrifice bids are unnecessary, and this style of game has another great advantage in making the game of some definite length. Sometimes in their efforts to keep the flag flying players go so far that the game becomes tedious and may last for an hour or two.

Present experience indicates that the most popular form of the game will be three or four players at an once abandoned, and for himself, twelve tricks in game and high score to win. The partnership game is not true five hundred, as the element of one against two with only a widow to help him is absent.

It is a fine game no matter how played and an excellent training school for those who wish to become expert at more scientific games like whist and bridge.

Board to Lower Express Rates. South Dakota Railroad Commissioners Will Make Twenty Per Cent Cut July 1.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., May 29.—(Special.)—Much more than the usual amount of business came up for consideration and was disposed of during the regular monthly meeting of the State Board of Railroad Commissioners, which has just been held at the headquarters of the commission in this city.

The most important matter considered during the meeting was the proposed reduction of express rates throughout South Dakota. The American, Adams and the Great Northern express companies had representatives at the meeting, who conferred with the board in reference to the proposed reduction. As a result a new schedule of rates will be prepared and placed in effect on July 1 in accordance with an act of the last legislature. The new schedule will reduce present express rates throughout the state about 20 per cent.

Brewers Bunch Hits and Beat the Butchers

Milwaukee Makes Five Runs in the Sixth and Eighth Innings.

KANSAS CITY, May 29.—Eight hits in two innings netted Milwaukee five runs today and gave it the game, Kansas City making but a single tally. Six hits by the locals were wasted by being scattered.

MILWAUKEE. B.H.O.A.E. KANSAS CITY. B.H.O.A.E. Rebinson, ss, 2 2 4 0 Hallam, rf, 3 1 2 0

OMAHA TAKES SECOND EASILY (Continued from First Page.) Bohannon, 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

FUEBLO PITCHERS FOUNDED Topeka Batters Hit Galgano and Bonno as They Pleasured.

FUEBLO, May 29.—Galgano and Bonno were both pounded all over the lot today and Topeka had no trouble in annexing the first game of the series.

TOPEKA. AB. R. H. PO. A. E. Wroley, cf, 4 1 2 0 1 0

B. & O. GETS NEW ROAD Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Passes Into Its Control After Long Negotiations.

NEW YORK, May 29.—After a long period of negotiations, control of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway company will soon pass to the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company.

WOMAN IS NEARLY CREMATED Mrs. C. E. Wheaton of Dickens Sets Fire to Clothing While Burning an Old Mattress.

DICKENS, Neb., May 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. C. E. Wheaton, wife of a farmer living about thirteen miles south of here, was badly, if not fatally burned Thursday afternoon.

FRUIT STRIKE GROWS HOT Laborers Secure Several Cases of Dynamite and Many Are Poisoned.

NEW ORLEANS, La., May 29.—A special from Managua, Nicaragua, says the bitter fruit shipments has grown intense. Several cases of dynamite were taken from the Lopez Mining company by the strikers.

BROOKLYN ENTRIES ARE ALL IN Nineteen Are Named to Run in the Classic Event.

NEW YORK, May 29.—Entries for the Brooklyn Jockey club's stakes at Gravesend closed a week ago Saturday. A few belated ones from out of the way points may yet arrive, but the list practically is complete.

YOUNG SWIFT HELD SANE Son of Packer, Who Was Committed for Drunkenness, Restored to Rights.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 29.—Herbert L. Swift, son of the late Gustavus Swift, the packer, was restored to the rights of a sane person by Judge Ponder in the county court today.

RING BLOW PROVES FATAL Facilitator Known as Greek Jimmy Ryan Dies from Effects of Prize Fight.

as "Greek Jimmy Ryan" died at St. Joseph's hospital today from concussion of the brain. He was injured last night in a prize fight with "Young" Evans before the Southern Athletic club, falling and striking his head on the floor. Evans is in custody. The dead man formerly lived at Terre Haute, Ind.

Junken's Mother Testifies for Son Says Murderer's Father Was Drunkard and Boy Was Uncontrollable from Youth.

CENTERVILLE, Ia., May 29.—The state rested early today in the trial of John Junkin for the murder of Clara Rosen. Dan Hannan pointed out the "smoky rear" criminal district and the defense brought out the degraded population among which Junkin lived.

Washing Earth Discloses Bodies Graves of One Hundred Fifty-Seven of Taylor's Soldiers Transferred to Cemetery.

BROWNVILLE, Tex., May 29.—The bodies of 157 soldiers, troops of General Zachary Taylor, found among the old earthworks at Brownville, Tex., were buried in the National cemetery at Fort Brown today.

Church Organist Gambling Victim Prominent Musician in Cincinnati, Arrested for Forgery, is Highly Connected.

CINCINNATI, O., May 29.—Milton Boyce, organist in the Rich Sacred Heart Catholic church, is in jail, following his arrest on a warrant charging forgery. Boyce stood high in musical and social circles. His father is a Presbyterian minister and he says he is a cousin of the lord chief justice of England.

BIG CUT IN MILITARY EXPENSE President Directs \$20,000,000 Be Eliminated from Estimates for Year 1911.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Secretary Dickinson said today that in accordance with the specific instructions of the president the estimates of the military establishment for the fiscal year 1911 would be \$20,000,000 less than the appropriations for the fiscal year 1910.

Teddy Finds Time to Write a Book Ex-President is Devoting Intervals Between Hunts to Literary Work.

NAIROBI, British East Africa, May 29.—It has been definitely decided that the Roosevelt party will leave here June 2 via Rilabe, for the Sotik district to the south of Nairobi.

Skinny Madden is Found Guilty Chicago Labor Leader is Convicted of Taking Bribe to Call Off Strike.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 29.—The jury in the case of Martin B. (Skinny) Madden and other labor leaders charged with taking money to settle strikes, returned a verdict of guilty this afternoon after being out since 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Blue and Gray March Together Confederate and Union Veterans Will Join in Parade at Little Rock.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 29.—An unique feature of the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial day parade here tomorrow will be the marching of confederate veterans with the union veterans. The grey and blue will mingle on the march along with a battalion of regular army troops from Fort Leavenworth.

Ring Blow Proves Fatal Facilitator Known as Greek Jimmy Ryan Dies from Effects of Prize Fight.

SAVANNAH, Ga., May 29.—James Kuerzas, known to the sporting world

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