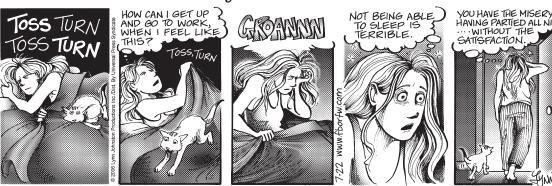
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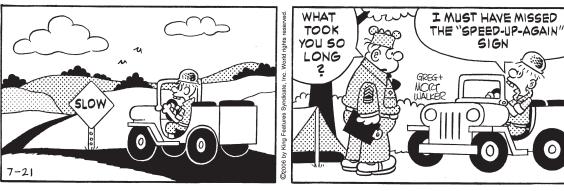
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Bidding^{*}Quiz

4. ♠ Q964 ♥ 105 ♦ 872 ♣ K763

5. ♠ KJ852 ♥ 84 ♦ K7653 ♣ 10

1. Redouble. The redouble of a takeout double in this situation indicates 10 or more points. The purpose of the redouble is to alert partner to the possibility of either making a game or exacting a penalty from the opponents. Trump support for partner is not implied by the redouble.

2. One notrump. Over a takeout double, this shows a balanced hand of six to nine points, after which partner may carry on as he sees fit. To pass is inadvisable because it may become more difficult later on to show your scattered values.

3. Two clubs. Bidding a new suit over a double denies the ability to redouble and hence indicates a hand ranging from zero to nine points in high cards. The two-club bid is not forcing and warns partner that spade support is either negligible or nonexistent.

4. Two spades. This denotes a relatively weak hand with spade support. The raise strongly suggests four trumps.

5. Four spades. The best way of dealing with hands of this type is to leap right to game. There is no way of knowing whether partner can make four spades, but you bid it just the same.

Partner doesn't need much of a hand to make 10 tricks opposite yours - for example, he might have as little as [S] AQ963 [H] K72 [D] A8 [C] 984 and come home with 10 or 11 tricks.

But equally important is the possibility that the opponents can make 10 or 11 tricks with clubs or hearts as trumps. If so, they might find it extremely difficult to contest the bidding over four spades. The immediate leap to game thus serves as a doubleedged sword from which you can gain in two different ways.

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The Bidding Points the Way

The elimination play can save many a contract. Its purpose is to force a defender, at a particular time, to make a play disadvantageous to his side.

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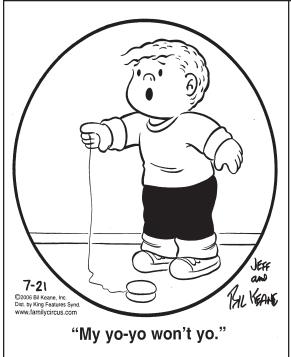
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Family Circus • Bill Keane



Here is a simple case. South is in four spades, and West starts out with three high hearts, declarer ruffing the third.

South now leads the queen of spades, on which West plays the five. It would be wrong to finesse the spade in view of West's weak two-bid, a bid he would scarcely make if he had the guarded king of spades as well as the A-K-Q of hearts.

So South goes up with the ace of spades, hoping to catch the singleton king, and also hoping to develop an endplay against East if the king does not fall.

When East plays the six on the ace, South proceeds with his alternative plan. He cashes the A-K of diamonds, eliminating that suit from dummy's hand and his own, and then throws East into the lead with a spade.

East cannot afford to lead a diamond, which would allow South to ruff while discarding a club from dummy, so he returns a club. Declarer wins the club in dummy (with the nine or jack, depending on what West plays) and then takes another club finesse to make the contract.

Note that if South takes the spade finesse, he goes down. East would be able to exit safely with a spade or a diamond, and East-West would eventually win a club trick with proper defense.

Oddly enough, the contract can be defeated by an unusual play. If East foresees the impending endplay, he can forestall it. All he has to do is trump the third heart lead with the king of spades - even though he is trumping his partner's high heart - and then return anything but a club. Against this defense, declarer is helpless.



"No, if the car won't start, I am not going to throw it away."