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An amusing corner comes with a pink crinoline lady, with bouffant skirts on a net lace background of the same color. Another comes with the silhouette of a woman's head in green on a background of the same shade.

Children's handkerchiefs are most enticing with figures in the corners representing childhood scenes, attractive French "poulbots," the little urchins of Montmartre and little midnights with their gay hand-boxes. Jack and Jill are embroidered on one, with a fluff of elderdown emerging from their pail of water.

### HEAVY SCROLLWORK IS FAD ON SCARFS.

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### WINTER PUDDINGS.

Here is a pudding I have tried and found splendid.

3 ounces of suet  
2 1/2 cups stale bread crumbs  
1 1/2 pound figs finely chopped  
1 1/2 cup milk  
2 eggs  
1 cup sugar  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
Chop suet and work with the hands until creamy, then add figs. Soak bread crumbs in the milk and add well beaten eggs and other ingredients. Steam three hours.

### INDIAN TAPIOCA PUDDING.

1 quart scalded milk  
3 teaspoons minute tapioca  
2 tablespoons cornmeal  
1 1/2 cup sugar  
1 1/2 cup molasses  
A little salt  
1 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
Bake slowly for one hour in a moderate oven.

### GINGER DROP COOKIES.

One cup sugar, 1 1/4 cup any kind of shortening, 1 1/2 cup molasses, 1 cup sour milk, 3 cups flour, 1 teaspoon ginger, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon soda, dissolved in a little water. Mix well and drop by spoonfuls on pan and bake in a quick oven.

### APRICOT AND PINEAPPLE MARMALADE.

One pound of apricots cut up fine and soaked over night in just enough water to cover them. In the morning pour two cans shredded pineapple over the apricots and add 1 1/2 to 2 pounds granulated sugar. Cook slowly until apricots are done.

### POTATO SOUFFLE.

Prepare rice and thoroughly beaten, well seasoned mashed potatoes. There should be at least four cups. Pile lightly in a pyramid on a hot shallow serving dish. Beat one half cup of heavy cream until stiff, fold in one half cup of grated American cheese seasoned with salt and paprika, spread over potatoes, place in a hot oven (after the goose is done and just before serving), and bake until the cheese is melted and the meringue is delicately browned. Serve in the same dish.

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## Auction Bridge in 1926

(By MILTON C. WORK in Willison's Monthly.)

As it is customary for corporations and individuals to inventory their assets at the end of each year and to try to estimate what the coming year will bring forth, it would seem appropriate at this time that we should take an accounting of the present status of the game of Auction Bridge and its probable development in 1926.

It may safely be asserted that at no previous period in its history has the game been so popular and at no time have its prospects been so gratifying. From all sections come enthusiastic messages from teachers who report more pupils than ever before, more interest in the game, and a keener desire to learn how to play better Bridge. The demand for lessons has increased enormously, in most cases beyond the capacity of the old teachers to handle; and, as might naturally be expected, many new teachers have appeared and many more are now qualifying. The Bridgeplaying public seems fully to realize that there is much more pleasure and satisfaction to be obtained from playing Bridge scientifically than from playing it in any other way, and that it is possible to learn to play it so as to become an acceptable partner without undue expenditure of time or mental effort. In my Auction talks, I have frequently compared Bridge with golf, asking my hearers whether they thought that a golfer who made a score of 83 derived more pleasure and satisfaction from his 18 holes than one who turned in a card recording 142; and when the invariable answer was a unanimous expressed belief that the player with the low score had come nearer to having the perfect day, I have confidently assured my auditors that exactly the same comment could be made regarding Bridge. Any one who has enjoyed playing the game without fully understanding its science and without employing modern methods is really to be congratulated, because 1926 holds wonderful opportunities for increased enjoyment.

The growth of duplicate play is a most encouraging sign, because playing the game in that way holds the mirror up to a player's errors and lets him see the lines along which he may improve. With keen satisfaction I note that duplicate, progressive, and duplicate team games are becoming more popular, and that there is every reason to believe that 1926 will be a banner year in this respect.

For many other reasons, the Bridge enthusiast can look forward with great expectation to the year just making its debut. Bridge has ceased to be a game of the card specialist; it is now the favorite indoor game of lawyers, judges, doctors, professors, business men, and social leaders. It is the game of all intelligent classes and all ages; it is, in the truest sense of the term, a national sport. Of course Bridge is not a sport in the same sense that baseball and football are sports; no stadiums are being built or enlarged to accommodate Bridge crowds. But in another sense, it is more truly a sport because the enthusiasts gather, not in a few groups of tens of thousands to look on, but in a million isolated small groups to participate.

### Better Play.

One marked change in the attitude of players is most gratifying. Formerly many regarded the scientific game as a bore; now the majority of players realize the error of any such viewpoint and are anxious to learn the fine points, fully appreciating the many advantages which accrue from the use of modern systems. Four-card suit bids, denials, informatory doubles are now approved all over the world; and in 1926, they will all bear the conventional stamp, although in the not far distant past they were universally disapproved outside of the United States and found many objectors in the land of their birth. There can be no question that a thorough understanding of and ability accurately and scientifically to use, the present doubling system in all its various phases; to know when to double and what is just as important, when not to do so; to know when to transform the partner's informatory double into a business double; to know how to answer most effectively the double, all greatly add to the enjoyment of the player, as well as to his winning qualifications. Similarly the use of four-card bids of denials, and of approaching bids, speaks for greater science, greater pleasure, and greater success.

It has been but a few years since what was then called "the science of the declaration" was really little more than a race to see which bidder would first reach the No Trump goal; and there were then many who habitually opened the bidding with one No Trump when frequently the fact that they held thirteen cards was about the only justification for the bid. Bidding "light No Trumps." It was called. But the

"light brigade" have long since discovered that there was more glory than profit in tactics which took no account of "the reason why," and that with a hand under average strength, a discreet pass is better than a valorous initial No Trump. More recently, these No Trump hounds, who in the past have also bid No Trump in preference to Major suits when holding a five-card Major headed by the Ace or by any two honors, two other good suits, and one defenceless suit, have realized that they were barking up the wrong tree and have ascertained the advantage of starting with the Major bid in preference to a No Trump.

### Four-Card Suits.

The bidding of four-card suits which, before the end of 1926, seems destined to be universally adopted and which has received great impetus by reason of its recent approval by English authorities, is destined to afford gratification and to increase the winnings of many players during the new year. The general realization that when a declarer holds eight trumps in his two hands he will almost invariably obtain better results if those trumps are divided 4-4 than if Dummy has three and closed hand five, has convinced the player who doubted the expediency of bidding four-card Majors that in millions of hands in the past, the opportunity to make Major games has been neglected when an original bid of a four-carder would have pointed out the only route to the goal. As has been repeatedly stated, there is usually but one safe chance to get in a bid of a suit of which each partner has four, and that is the original opening; 1926 will see more initial four-card bidding than any previous decade has witnessed. With the 1926 bidding of a light four-card Major, or of a four-card or five-card Major in preference to a No Trump, must also come a better understanding of the modern denial system which is quite a departure from former Bridge theories. When the century was in its teens, writers were fond of asserting: "Minor suits to be played"; and in those days, over-calling a partner's original Major with a Minor was apt to be regarded as a personal affront. The denial theory of today, which will be the standard practice of tomorrow, emphasizes the importance of warning the partner when but two small cards or less of his Major are contained in the supporting hand. In the old days, a player with Minor support for a partner's Major bid, and having but two small cards of the Major—in some cases even with but one—would raise on the side strength, not trump support, was what he needed from his partner. The fallacy of this theory is now being more and more generally recognized, and the additional team-play of the modern denial will be one of the greatest assets of the experts of 1926.

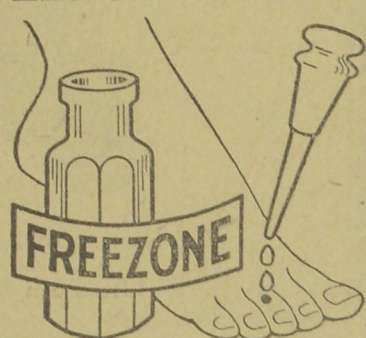
## MRS. THAW WILL RECOVER

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