Bridge

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Today's deal is one of the classic "double dummy" problems in bridge. By "double dummy" is meant that you're allowed to look at all four hands as you try to work it out.

The problem was com-posed by the late Walter Duranty, one of the great journalists of our time. When he composed this problem in 1951, Mr. Duranty stated simply that the final contract was an impossible six with South as spades, declarer. Actually, there is no conceivable bidding sequence that could get South to a six-spade contract. So I have created an "impossible" sequence, which is based on the assumption that South had his nine and four of clubs mixed up with his spades; and, hence, thought that he possessed a six-card spade suit headed by the A-Q-J-10.

Both sides vulnerable.

Opening lead: Three of .

For those who might want to try to figure out how South can fulfill his six-spade contract on his own power, take a few minutes off to study the four hands. For those who want the solution immediately, here it is.

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Declarer wins the opening trump lead with his ace, after which he cashes three more trumps, gathering in the adversely-held pieces. On the last three trump leads, dummy's ace, king, and queen of clubs are discarded. Then follow four club leads, the board's four diamonds being discarded. South's fourth club lead is the four-spot, which East has no option but to win with his

As can be observed, East's remaining five cards are five hearts. After having been put into the lead with the eight of clubs, East has no choice but to lead a heart, thereby trapping his partner's queen, and enabling dummy to win five heart tricks. Thus South comes home with his contracted-for twelve tricks: four spades, three clubs, and five hearts.

The reader will note that the slam contract could have been defeated immediately if West had opened his ace of diamonds at trick one, upon which East would have discarded a heart or a club. At trick two, West would then have led another diamond, which East would have ruffed. But it will also be noted that with the actual trump opening, the defenders couldn't have done a thing about preventing declarer from making twelve tricks as he played the hand.

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