

# BOWSER AT CARDS

### He Teaches the Missus How to Play Euchre and Loses.

### SHE IS ACCUSED OF CHEATING

After Winning Two Straight Games and Then Retires for the Night—An Unfortunate Alms Seeker Breaks a Marathon Record.

By M. QUAD.

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MRS. BOWSER had said something at the breakfast table about doing some housecleaning that day, but if Mr. Bowser heard he made no comment and took no interest. After he had departed she put in a hard day's work cleaning one of the bedrooms, and Mr. Bowser might have patted her on the arm and said a few words of praise when he came home to dinner. He did nothing of the kind, however. Some one had passed a lead nickel on him during the day, and while he didn't exactly ache for a row, it was apparent that he felt edgewise. There was irritation on the other side, but peace remained unbroken. Dinner had been over for an



"YOU'VE ROBBERED ME OF TWO GAMES, AND I HOPE YOU ARE SATISFIED."

hour and Mr. Bowser had skimmed over his paper and finished his cigar when he suddenly asked:

"Why don't you learn to play euchre, so that we can go out for an evening occasionally?"

"Why, I know how to play," replied Mrs. Bowser.

"That is, you think you do."

"But I'm sure I do. I believe I'm a pretty fair player."

"Humph! Suppose you get the cards out."

"All right."

There had been several games of euchre played in the Bowser family, and in each and every instance there had been a row, caused by Mr. Bowser's queer understanding of the rules of the game. On the last occasion Mrs. Bowser had said that she would never play cards with him again, and therefore he was considerably surprised at her present willingness. She got out the table and cards, and as Mr. Bowser looked more closely at her he didn't feel easy in his mind.

According to Hoyle.

"Is this game going to be according to Hoyle?" he asked as the cards were ready.

"Just as you say," she replied.

"Well, we'll make it Hoyle, and neither of us will do any kicking. In the best of good nature I warn you that I shall win at least five games out of six. You are too sensible to get mad over it. As I'm the better player, we'll start off by giving you the first deal."

"Thank you, but we are to go by Hoyle," she laughed. "We will cut for the deal."

"I see. Don't want any favors, eh? Well, the deal is yours. Perhaps you'll get one trick of the first game. It's your lead."

"As I deal, it's your lead."

"So, Mrs. Bowser, you've begun already," he exclaimed as he held his cards suspended. "It's a mighty queer thing that we can't have a game of cards without your getting mad over it."

"Stop right there!" said Mrs. Bowser as she laid down her cards. "It is your first lead, according to Hoyle or anybody else. If you don't know that, then you don't know how to play!"

"I don't, eh? Well, let it go. I'll give you all the advantage. Clubs are trumps, and you play to that ace of diamonds."

"I take it with a trump."

"You do? You have a diamond and must follow suit. Don't attempt any trickery here, Mrs. Bowser!"

"I have no suit. Play to that trump."

"Are you leading trumps?" he shouted.

"As you see."

"But who ever heard of such a thing? That shows you know nothing of the game! Take it back and lead a small heart."

Mr. Bowser Loses.

"I know what I am doing, Mr. Bowser. That calls for a trump from your hand."

"Well, take it, then," he growled, throwing down the only one in his hand. "If a man plays cards with a child he must play as the child does. What are you counting two for?"

"Because I took all the tricks."

"Oh, you did? Well, you needn't

chuckle over it and bob around like a hen with her head cut off. I simply gave them to you. Now I'll show you something."

Mr. Bowser dealt the cards and turned up a heart. He hadn't a trump in his hand and therefore passed for her to make it. She said spades, and he brought his fist down on the table and shouted:

"Spades! Spades! But you can't do that!"

"But why?"

"Because you must make it next!"

"I can do as I like, Mr. Bowser, and I make it spades. Play to the Joker—and that—and that!"

She had all the trumps, and he didn't get a trick. His first impulse was to leave the table and call her a cheat, but something in her look quieted him down, so he only muttered:

"I'll give you a game just to encourage you. It's your deal. Diamonds are trumps, eh? Well, play to that!"

She played, and while Mr. Bowser got two tricks she scored her point and won the game. He looked at her with a January expression, but had nothing to say. He had the four bowers and the Joker under his thumb and was stacking the hand. When the cards ran off and hearts came trumps, however, he had only one in his hand and was obliged to pass. She made it next and took every trick.

"Why—why did you make it next?" he demanded.

"To suit my hand," she replied.

"Are you playing euchre or booby?"

"I'm playing to beat you."

"Oh—ah! After the cheating and swindling I have witnessed on your part I should be justified in refusing to go on. But I'll play the game out just to show how easy it is to beat you."

He Mislays His Temper.

Mr. Bowser was a fair player, but the cards ran against him. He didn't lay it to luck, however, but to Mrs. Bowser, and shoving back from the table he said:

"You've robbed me of two games, and I hope you are satisfied!"

"That will do," she answered as she rose. "The truth of the matter is that you are no player!"

"You are talking to me?"

"To you, sir."

"And I'm your husband?"

"Yes, sir. Don't shout your lungs out or pump the blood to your head. You are always bragging about what a player you are, but you barely know one card from another. If you want to spend half an hour taking lessons I'll—"

"Woman, such talk to me! Why—why—"

"Be calm, Mr. Bowser. If you don't want to learn the game you needn't. But if you are as poor at poker as you are at euchre the men at the club must have a soft snap. What were you about to say?"

"I—I was about to say that I remained at home this evening to enjoy my own fireside, and you—"

"Beat you two straight games at euchre," she finished. "I also remained at home to enjoy my own fireside, but you seem anxious for a row. There is no occasion for one. You simply play euchre just well enough for me to beat you. Why don't you let me give you some pointers?"

"I'll be hanged if I'll stand this!" shouted Mr. Bowser, as he rose up and began throwing his arms about.

A Race For Life.

"Well, we are all through for tonight," she answered. "I have some work to do upstairs, and as it is still early you might run out and take a few lessons somewhere."

"When she had disappeared Mr. Bowser put on his hat and coat and walked out to cool off.

The cooling process hadn't had time to set in when an old man walking with the aid of crutches struck him for a dime.

"I'll dime you, you old fraud!" shouted the victim of euchre.

The belated pedestrians witnessed a curious sight. The old man threw away his crutches and fled, and Mr. Bowser took after him at top speed, and as they went clattering along the sidewalk at a gait of ten miles an hour the sound thereof was like the rush and roar and clatter of many waters suddenly let loose upon the land.

A man may run at the gait of twenty-five miles an hour, but if the pursued is making thirty he cannot be overhauled. Mr. Bowser steadily lost ground for half a mile, and then stopped under a tree to get his breath and mutter:

"So I ought to take lessons in card playing, had I? Think of the fall of her! And to me—me, her husband! Why, I'll go back home and beat her!"

"Who'll you beat?" asked a police man who had softly slipped up on him.

"Your wife, I suppose? Well, I've had an eye on you for some time, and you'd better go slow, or I'll make your heels break your neck! Move on with you!"

Head Over Heels.

When a girl throws a fellow over he realizes that youth must have its fling.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Case of Necessity.

First Chapple—My dear boy, you should never laugh at your own jokes.

Second Chapple—Oh, confound it all, I've got to. I could never stand the everlasting silence that comes after them unless I did.—Fun Magazine.

Waiting.

"When she wasn't looking I kissed her."

"What did she do?"

"Refused to look at me for the rest of the evening."—Wasp.

## Long Staple Cotton.

I notice in the Nashville Banner, a piece from the Advocate, stating how the farmers of Marlboro county are improving their cotton staple by crossing sea island seed with ordinary short staple upland cotton seed. I became interested in the matter, and would be glad if you would write me where I can buy from one to five bushels of pure sea island seed and what they will cost me per bushel. If you will do this you will greatly oblige.

T. G. BELL.

Our reply to the above is as follows: "Dear Sir: There is no pure sea island cotton planted in this section now. We have referred your letter to W. H. Dunkin, clerk of court, Charleston, with the request that he give you the desired information or get some planter of sea island in that vicinity to do so.

"We would advise you, however not to undertake to breed an upland long staple. It is a long, tedious process, which has already been worked out by others. You can get the upland long staple seed at one dollar per bushel from any of the following Marlboro farmers: Webster variety from E. W. Evans, Bennettsville, or R. D. Rogers and Bro, Bennettsville; Allen variety from C. P. Hodges, Brownsville, and Peeler variety from Napier Bros Seed Farm, Blenheim. All of these are good varieties that have been carefully bred up by years of selection. They have sold here this year from 18 to 32 cents a pound and produced about the same as short staple."—Bennettsville Advocate.

## A Spissitudinous Intellect.

If some one told you that you had a "spissitudinous intellect," what would you do to him? The pertinent use of the expression by Mayor Gayner of New York has probably sent more persons to the dictionary than anything that has happened since Mr. Cleveland spoke of "innocuous desuetude." But it is merely a cumbersome way of saying that you are slow-witted. A young woman put the same thing vividly and picturesquely when she said that her brain worked "like a June-bug in a dish of oatmeal."—The Youth's Companion.

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**Legal Advertisements.**  
**Auditor's Notice.**  
For the purpose of taking tax returns for the year 1913 the Auditor's office will be open from January 1 to February 20, inclusive, except on the days mentioned below, when I or my agent will be to take returns  
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"Cades, 22  
"W. C. Wilson's store, 23  
"Benson, 24  
"Bloomington, 25  
"Morrisville, 26  
"R. D. Gamble's store, 27  
"W. R. Graham's store, 28  
"Rome, 29  
"Hemingway, 30  
"Ard's X Roads, 31  
"Johnsonville, 1  
"Vox, 2  
All personal property, poll, commutation road tax and dogs must be returned in township and school district in which the taxpayer resides.  
J. J. B. MONTGOMERY,  
County Auditor.  
12-12-t2-20

**Summons for Relief.**  
(COMPLAINT SERVED).  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG,  
Court of Common Pleas.  
A. C. Hinds, Plaintiff,  
against  
William Lucas, Defendant.  
To the absent Defendant, William Lucas:  
You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to said complaint on the subscribers, at their office in Kingstree, S. C. within twenty days after the service thereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
Dated November 28, A. D. 1912.  
KELLEY & HINDS,  
Plaintiff's Attorneys.  
To the absent Defendant, William Lucas:  
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE—That the complaint in the above-entitled action is filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Williamsburg county.  
KELLEY & HINDS,  
Plaintiff's Attorneys.  
11-28-6t

**Tax Notice.**  
The tax books will be open for collection of taxes for year 1912 on the 15th day of October next. Tax levy as follows:  
For State..... 5½ mills  
" Ordinary County..... 3¼ " "  
" Roads..... 1 " "  
" Chaingang and Bridges..... 1 " "  
" Con Sec..... 3 " "  
A tax of 50c on dogs.  
For High School in Kingstree 2 " "  
" retiring bonds " 2 " "  
" " Greelyville 4 " "  
All parties between the ages of 31 and 60 years, inclusive, are liable, unless exempted by law, to a poll tax of \$1.00, also a commutation tax of \$2.00.  
Levy for special school districts as follows:  
Nos. 19, 25, 32, 34, 40, 43, 47, 49, 53, 55 and 56—2 mills.  
No 31—3 mills.  
Nos 6, 16, 22, 26, 28, 29, 36, 37, 39, 41, 42, 45, 46, 48, 50, 51 and 52—4 mills.  
No 23—12 mills.  
No 24—6 " "  
No 27—7 " "  
Stock law fence on all stock in Suttons and part of Anderson and Penn townships.—mills.  
Upon all unpaid taxes after December 31 a penalty of 1% will be added for January, 1% for February and 5% to 15th day of March next, after which the books will be closed and executions issued upon all unpaid taxes.  
By an act amending Sec 397 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina the county Treasurer is prohibited from leaving his office for the purpose of collecting taxes, therefore I can make no outside appointments for the collection of taxes.  
Those who desire to pay their taxes through the mail would expedite matters by dropping the Treasurer a postal asking for the amount of their tax, so as to avoid sending the wrong amount, also stating the township or townships (if property is owned in more than one) and if possible give school district where property is located; also state whether poll or road tax, or both, are wanted. After paying taxes examine your receipts and see if all your property is covered; if not, see about it at once.  
By following the above suggestions complications and additional cost may be avoided.  
J. WESLEY COOK,  
9-19-t12-26 County Treasurer.

**Notice to Creditors.**  
Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of W. A. J. Moore, deceased, have been granted me, and all creditors are hereby directed to present statements, duly attested, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment to the undersigned.  
L. W. MOORE,  
12-12-4tp Administrator Estate of W. A. J. Moore.

**Notice of Sale**  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, by virtue of a warrant of attachment issued by H. O. Britton, Clerk of Court, in the matter of J. L. Nexsen against R. E. Ward and Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. to me directed, I have levied upon two bales of cotton and will offer for sale and sell the same on the first Monday in January, 1913, the same being the 6th day of January, 1913, to the highest bidder, for cash, and apply the proceeds of such sale to the payment of the amount due J. L. Nexsen for advances.  
GEORGE J. GRAHAM,  
12-12-3t Sheriff Williamsburg county.

**Partition Sale.**  
THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY.  
In the Court of Common Pleas.  
Sophie Tisdale and Benjamin Scott, Plaintiffs,  
vs  
Rachel McBride, Thos McBride, Charley McBride, John McBride, Mack McBride, Dave McBride, Daniel McBride, Viola McBride, Dock McBride, Daisy McBride, Heyward McBride, Jury Scott and Orrie Scott; The Bank of Kingstree, a corporation duly chartered under the laws of the State of South Carolina, and H. M. Cooper, T. M. Cooper and J. F. Cooper, co-partners trading under the firm name of Cooper Brothers, Defendants.  
NOTICE OF SALE.  
Pursuant to the judgment in the above entitled action, dated December 18, 1912, I will offer for sale before the court house door in Kingstree, South Carolina, on salesday in January, 1913, the same being the 6th day of January, 1913, month, between the legal hours of day to the highest bidder for cash, the following described premises, to wit:  
All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, lying, being and situate in the county of Williamsburg and State of South Carolina, containing one hundred (100) acres, more or less, and bounded and described as follows: On the North by lands of Joe Scott; on the East by lands of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Corporation; on the South by lands of T. A. McCrea and on the West by lands of Mitchum.  
Purchaser to pay for papers.  
H. O. BRITTON,  
Clerk of Court for Williamsburg county. 12-19-3t

**Final Discharge.**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1913, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, I will apply to P. M. Brockinton, Judge of Probate of Williamsburg county, for Letters Dismissory as Administrator of the estate of J. F. Scott, deceased.  
J. F. SCOTT,  
12-12-4t Administrator.

**Trespass Notice.**  
All persons are hereby warned against trespassing on lands of the undersigned in Hope and Laws townships, either by cutting or removing wood, hunting any kind of game or allowing stock to run at large. Violators will be dealt with according to law.  
W. N. CLARKSON,  
125-4-tp Heinemann, S. C.

**Final Discharge.**  
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1913, at 12 o'clock noon, I will apply to P. M. Brockinton, Judge of Probate for Williamsburg county, for Letters Dismissory as Guardian of the person and estate of Alba M. Parrott.  
W. M. McELVEEN,  
12-5-4t Guardian.

**Notice.**  
Notice is hereby given that the Auditing Board will meet in annual session on Thursday after the first Monday in January, 1913, at 10 o'clock a. m. All persons having claims against the county are hereby required to present the same on or before that date.  
J. N. HAMMET,  
12-19-3t County Commissioner.

**Registration Notice.**  
The office of the Supervisor of Registration will be open on the 1st Monday in each month for the purpose of registering any person who is qualified as follows:  
Who shall have been a resident of the State for two years, and of the county one year, and of the polling precinct in which the elector offers to vote four months before the day of election, and shall have paid, six months before, any poll tax then due and payable, and who can both read and write any section of the constitution of 1895 submitted to him by the Supervisors of Registration, or who can show that he owns, and has paid all taxes collectable on during the present year, property in this State assessed at three hundred dollars or more.  
H. A. MEYER,  
Clerk of Board

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