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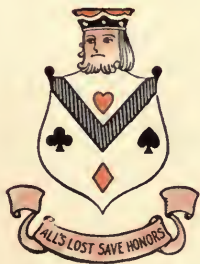


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Ah, make the Most of what
 [We yet may Take,
Before we lose the Lead, and
 [let Them make
=Trick after Trick! While
 [we throw down High Cards,
Sans Lead, sans Score, sans
 [Honor, and sans Stake!





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A Book of Bridge Rules un=
[derneath the Bough,
A Score Card, Two new Packs
[of Cards, and Thou
=With Two Good Players sit=
[ting opposite,
Oh, Wilderness were Paradise
[enow!







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- Myself, when Young, did ea=
[gerly Frequent
Bridge Tournaments, and heard
[Great Argument
=About this Point and That.
[Yet, after all,
Came out no Better Player
[than I went.





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And if the Card you hope=
[fully Finesse
Capture the Trick,—your Part=
[ner Smiles! Oh yes!
=And you smile Broadly! But,
[if it be Caught
By the Fourth Hand,—your
[Smiles are somewhat Less!





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But if in Vain down on the
 [Stubborn Score
You gaze; and make it No
 [Trumps, just once more,—
=With Strength in Every Suit,
 [but with No Ace,—
How then, — when Dummy
 [calmly Lays down Four!







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For, Trump or No = Trump,
 [though with all the Rules,
Of different Masters and of
 [different Schools,
=I've played with Players of
 [all Sorts,—but I
Have never beaten anything,—
 [but Fools!





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Alas, how Subtle Bridge al=
[luring Woos!
And robs me of my Nightly
[Beauty=Snooze.
=I often Wonder what Bridge
[Players gain
One=half so Precious as the
[Sleep they Lose.





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Oh, Threats of Loss, and
[Hopes of Golden Store,
One thing in Bridge is Cer=
[tain,—'tis not Lore!
=One thing is Certain, and
[the Rest is Chance:
The Hand that holds the
[Cards will win the Score!





May W. Weston 07.

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Some for the Gain of Penny

[Points, and Some

Sigh for the Lovely Prizes yet

[to come.

=Oh, take the Prize and let

[the Pennies go,

Nor heed the winning of a

[Paltry Sum.





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When You and I our Last
[Bridge Game have played,
The Games will go right on
[by Those who've Stayed,
=Who of Our Coming and
[Departure heed
As the Heart Ace should heed
[a little Spade.





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We are no other than a Mov=
[ing Row
Of Magic Dummy Hands that
[Come and Go.
=Played to the Last Trump
[by the Hand of Fate,
By whom our Hearts are
[Shuffled To and Fro.





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