

## Modest Maidens

By Jay Alan

## ANSWERS TO Carnival QUESTIONS

By HASKINS

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Q. How many hairs are there per square inch on the human head? C. H. L.

A. Normally, a square inch of average scalp has about 1000 hairs. Blondes usually have more hairs and redheads fewer. Black and brown heads run nearer the average.

Q. When was coffee first drunk in this country? B. Z.

A. In 1668 the people of New Amsterdam began to drink coffee instead of beer at breakfast.

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hiring three veteran gag men,

who will now sit down and re-

member a new script for their

man.

While pushing its plan to

make the House of Lords purely

ornamental, the Attlee govern-

ment will of course provide that

their highnesses be dusted off

from time to time.

Loud cries of "Warmonger!"

in the Muscovite dialect bring

to mind the oldest of thieves'

dodges: That of bawling "Stop!

What has anyone to suggest

for the infirmities of old age in

a boy wonder, after he's been

a couple of weeks on the job of

heading a food-conservation

drive?

A smart move is that of the

Kentucky hen which changed its

sex, as under the new arrange-

ment it has the week off in-

stead of Thursday.

One more jump in the price

index and it is believed the gar-

bage-disposal problem will be

come purely academic.

A couple of additional mag-

netic poles discovered in the Arctic are described as "local," and

of interest only to Boy Scouts

in the vicinity, with compasses.

A thought at this point for

the losing gold coach, shortly to

roam the land with no outlook,

no Social Security number, no

forwarding address.

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REG'LAR FELLERS

By Gene Byrnes

Answer to Question No. 1.

Yes. In U. S. A. one in eight

marry between 15 and 19; in

Canada one in 16; in Italy, Bel-

gium and Australia, one in 20;

in England one in 50; in Ire-

land and Norway, notwithstanding

the many beautiful Ingrids and

Colleens, one in 100. No won-

der in U. S. A. older women

find it hard to get husbands.

Source Metropolitan Life Statistics.

Answer to Question No. 2.

No. Scientists have been study-

ing walking by means of motion pictures, etc. They conclude

that when man arose from walk-

ing on all fours he began swing-

ing his arms partly to keep his

body from rotating too fast with

each step while on one foot, and

partly because the swinging

helped propel the body forward.

Try walking without swinging

your arms. Screwy, isn't it?

Answer to Question No. 3.

Because, as Psychologist E. A.

Betts shows, they were not

tought in childhood to pro-

nounce each letter clearly. Many

school children can't pronounce

"w" — the hardest letter. They say

"wat" for "rat" etc. He advises

teaching children rhymes that

have many letters hard to pro-

nounce. The easiest is "m"—

which is why their first word is

"mama"—then on through y, n,

t, d, h, g, ch, sh, z, l, s, to r—the

hardest.

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Answer to Question No. 4.

In today's hand the point

count is employed to arrive at a

correct suit slam. North has a

count of 24, a good two no

trump bid.

South's bid of three spades is

not a strength-showing bid. It

simply says, "Partner, I have a

five-card spade suit." North's bid

of three no trumps conveys the

fact that he does not want to

play the hand in spades, so

South, with his bid of four diamonds,

says, "How would you like to play it in diamonds?" It also tells North that South has

two suits of at least five

cards each. Even if his partner

does not have the King or Queen

of diamonds, North can see that

if the diamonds break two-two,

a slam on diamonds can be

made. The ace of hearts and

the king of clubs will take care

of the three off-cards, and the

spade suit can be established by

ruffing.

North's deductions are cor-

rect, even with a heart opening.

Declarer goes up with dummy's

ace of hearts, and discards his

losing heart on the king of

clubs. Since the diamond suit

split two-two, he lost only one

diamond.

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a minimum of 16 for one no

trump and 22 for two no trump.

Milton Work made this count

popular 20 years ago, and even

in those days it had been well

established in whist. Dick Rich-

ards referred to it as the "pitch"

count.

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