

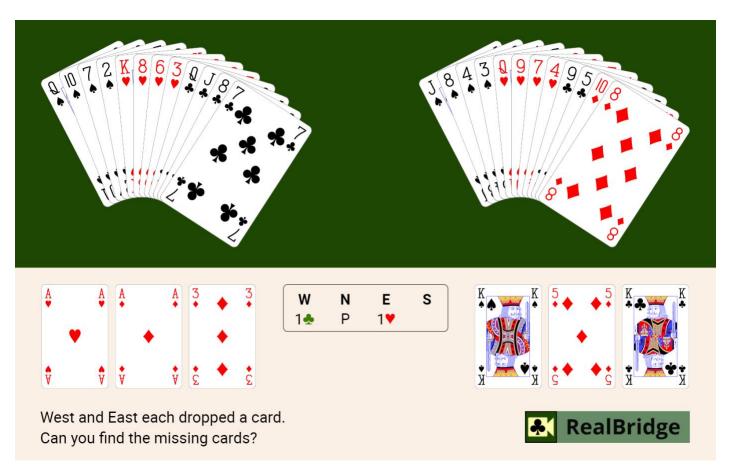
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Puzzle 4 (week of April 24) – again answers are based on opening 1NT of 15-17 and 2/1 Bidding System.



Extra Credit-What is West's next call and why?

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Answer to Real Bridge Puzzle 4:

W's choices of dropped cards: ♥A, ♦A, ♦3

The dropped card must be an Ace as without it they would not have enough to open the bidding. It must be the  $\diamond$  A as with the  $\forall$  A, they would have opened  $1 \forall$ .

E's choices: ♠K, ♦5, ♣K

It has to be a King, as without it they would not have had enough points to respond. It cannot be the ♠K, as that would have made their response be 1♠ and not 1♥. Therefore, the dropped card must be the ♣K.

Extra credit answer to the question, "What is West's next call?":

The answer I think most of us would arrive at is 2♥. Opener has four hearts to provide at least an eight card fit, but they only have 15 points in support of hearts, so they make the minimum rebid of 2♥.