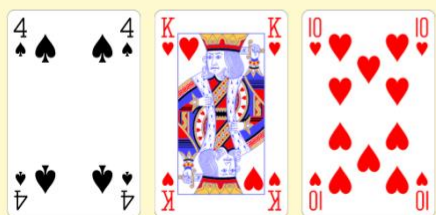
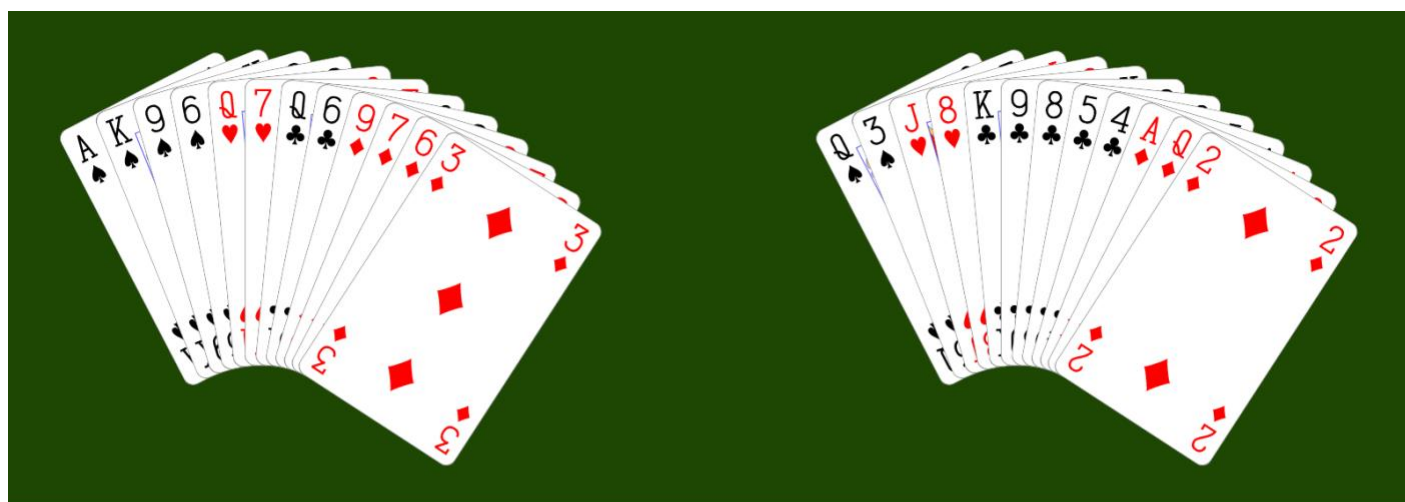


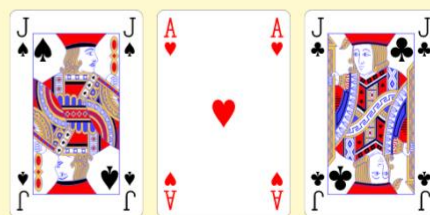


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Puzzle 7 (week of May 15) – again answers are based on opening 1NT of 15-17 and 2/1 Bidding System.



W	N	E	S
	1♥	2♣	P
2NT			



West and East each dropped a card.
 Can you find the missing cards?



Extra Credit-What is East's next call (assuming N passes) and why?

Don't read on to page 2 if you don't know the answer yet!

Answer to Real Bridge Puzzle 7:

E's choices of dropped cards: ♠J, ♥A, ♣J

East is showing 10 to 17 points and a good 5 card suit or a less good 6 card or longer suit. Therefore, **it must be the ♣J** that was dropped as without it the club suit is not good enough to bid.

W's choices: ♠4, ♥K, ♥10

West's 2NT bid shows 12-14 points with a heart stop. The heart stop can't be with the ♥10 as that would give W only 11 HCP and not enough to invite game. West would have bid 2♠ with 10+ points and a good 5 card spade suit, so it can't be the ♠4. Therefore, **it is the ♥K**. Now West has 14 HCP and hearts stopped well.

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

The answer I think most of us would arrive at is 3NT. East has 13 HCP and even some heart help.