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Reverse Auction Bridge

The objection made to the *nullo* is that one never knows-how seriously the partner's hand may interfere with the success of the contract. At Auction, if you have the six highest trumps, you are absolutely sure of 6 tricks, no matter what your partner has, but in *nullos* you may have all the deuces and treys in the pack and yet win a number of tricks in your dummy.

To remedy this, many persons are playing the *reverse bids*, which are to turn poor hands into good ones. Any bid "reversed" ranks just below the same bid straight. Two reversed diamonds will be outbid by two diamonds; but three reversed hearts will beat two hearts. In the play, the ace is the lowest card and the king is the next lowest, so that the deuce is the best of the suit. Not only the trump suit but all the suits are reversed when a reversed bid gets the contract. At no-trumps, the same way. There are no honors in anything, and the tricks have the same value as if the bid was not reversed.