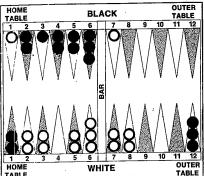
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● DUPLICATING THE NUMBERS

In the example, white rolls a 3-1.

White is substantially ahead in the race and is threatening to divarner his back men for an easy awin. He would, of course, prefer to have rolled a two to this to the black 3 point or to bring his then playing any 1. This play is bad be-



cause we would be killing a prospective builder for our 4 point.

A second play is worth considering to clear the 8 point entirely by moving to the 7 and 5 points. This would give us an extra man on the 7, 8 and 5 points with which to close out the point on a subsequent roil. The main drawback to this line lies in the prospect of black fulting one of one men. If we must play the next after the bar, the outer that the prospect of black fulting one of one through the bar, the outer that the bar, the outer has 3 point before white his that and exaspes.

The third play, advancing the man on lank's 7 point, will reduce the chances of being hit by coming closer to the threatening opponent. Because white must avoid being hit to maintain his lead in the race, he adopts this last line. The only question is how far he should advance from black's 17 point. By coming all the way to black's 11 point. By coming all the way to black's 11 point. By coming all the way to black's 11 point. By coming all the way to black 10 point, we leave only two sand double ones to hit. By coming to the black 10 point, we leave threes, 2-1 and double ones to hit. However, you will see that black we have the search that he would be faced white does. By staying on the black 10 point, white so and the point white so have a soon and the way to black 10 point, white so cover his loss man on his 3 point and also to advance in white's beach. In other words, threes will play well for black no matter what while does. By staying on the black 10 point, white can completely duplicate the soon of the point white so cover his loss that he hotsoot's choice of either hitting or covering his 3 point. After finding the duplication of

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After finding the duplication of threes, most backgammon players would congratulate themselves and push the one from the 6 to the 5 point.

A truly fine player would play from his 8 to his 7 point for his one. This play gives white an extra builder for his 4 point in case he doesn't get hit on the next rôll.

Open reds will keep safe cause we would be killing a prospective several nights on shelf

Wine writers are asked a lot of ques-tions by people who are generally in-terested in upgrading their own appre-ciation. While some questions are quite esoteric, others are common to many. Let's tackle the more-frequently-asked oueries.

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How long can wine be kept once opened? If refrigerated, three or four overnights will be safe. If kept on the kitchen shelf, as most reds are, two are safe and three probably okay, presuming the top is firmly sealed. All wines will soften and lessen in time, of course, but these parameters are usually dependable.

What are the best red and white ordinary wines to buy? Presuming the word 'jug' means availability in 1.5 liter bottles, I would today recommend the new August Sobastiani Mountain Chablis (about \$4.50) as my when the say choice, he Monteery They red says choice, he Monteery They red to the says choice, he Monteery They red with the says choice, he Monteery They was the says choice, he Monteery They yet with the says the says choice, he Monteery They yet with the says the

78 Classic Red Wine (about 89) for a Why is wine so expensive? Compared to what? Actually, the cost of wine to-day control of the control o



some wine clearly is too expensive. To explain these, try "ego" and "greed." This business has those elements in it,

too.

What are the best wineries to visit in
California? Mondayi (best tour), Ber-

Drink wines no more than two years beyond their violage date, except three or four for Chardonnay. Drink reds as follows: Beaujolais (1-2 years), Zinfandel (2-4 years), Pient Noir and Burgundy (3-7 years), Pient Noir and Burgundy (3-7 years), Pient Noir and Burgundy (3-7 years), Petite Sirah and Rhones (5-8 years). Cabernet Sauvignon and Bordeaux (3-10 years), and any Italian wines made from the Nebbiolog rape, i.e. Barolo, Spanna, Gattlinara and Barbarsco (6-10 years).

What Michigan wines day our recommend? The only winery that makes wine competitive with the French, German and California standards in the southwestern corner is Tabor Hill.

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California? Mondavi (best tour.) Beringer (most interesting history and man California standards in the caves) and Sterling (good self-conducted tour.), all from Napa. In Sonoma, Napa. In Sonom



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