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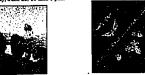
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# Harry Fishbein a man of legend



brushed its competitors' courageous effort aside and ceded it to oblivion.

My first meeting with Fishy will remain a Tiffany centerpleee, for it was as rare as a 20-carat stone from the depths of South Africa. He and his wonderful partner Eddie Piner, an exceptional performer too, were the proprietors of the famous Mayfair Bridge Club on W. 67th St.

I arrived late one afternoon intending to talk TV. Desoto and the coming event. Harry would have none of it. He quickly schowledged that he thought he still owned a '39 Pectadr oreaster that was garged somewhere in Long Island, but his only real interest was his club, bridge and its participants.

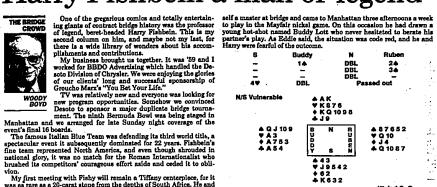
What an evening! I got unstuck at 3 a.m. the next morning after Harry's abefore-bedtime breakfast. There was pain on his face when I left him, but I was due at 385 Madison at 9 a.m. He couldn't believe business preceded pleasure. In spite of my dilapidation, a trip to Fishy's world was a wonderland occasion. I'm only sorry Groucho never had the pleasure as upmanship was his major and Harry was probably as good a storyteller as the comedian.

Many of Harry's great moments are memories held by his closest friends. Lenny Harmon, Milton Petrie and the late Lee Hazen and Charlie Solomon, but today's comes from his wonderful partner, Eddie Piner.

Charite Solumon, and was the Piner.

The mish-mash of mingled-origin people who passed through the portals of the Mayfair was complex. One who did so often was the dapper, but many knew dangerous, stone-faced quiet Rubin Shriber. Harry and Eddle knew the bulge in his breast pocket was more than a nable fail of fifty's.

wallet full of fifty's. Ruben's beat was the Brooklyn waterfront, but he considered him-



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As you can see, the bidding was paleozoic and should have been punished. Declarer's major problem was getting to his hand. He won the spade king in dummy and immediately played a small trump towards his hand. Ruben was caught napping and played his 10, declarer's jack and Buddy's acc.

On the spade continuation, dummy won the ace and played the trump king and diamonds from the top, losing only three aces. Buddy started howling at trick (6) and by (12) he could be heard all over Manhattan.

started howling at trick (6) and by (12) he could be heard all over Manhattan. Harry was at the table in a second, for Ruben wasn't known to be merciful, and he quickly removed the hot shot in hopes of saving his life. Eddie, on the other hand, slipped into Pilot's spot, spewing soft-spoken small talk as he dealt the next hand.

Not once did he look to Ruben whose hands were at the ready, as his murderous eyes tracked the departed. Later he was heard to ask, "Does that punk have any insurance?" Needless to say, Buddy Pilot never darkened the Mayfair's door again once Harry suggested it could be his last deal. Within a year, Ruben was never seen again either. Eddie suggested he may have lost interest in bridge or something more vital.

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