s, forced to show r first, had a much quence. Gitelman's pical of the partnerne couldn't find any native. Moss had to o force to game, and il (and strength-show-1 forced the diamond e at a high level. Alno money-back guartook a reasonable shot or key cards with four that his partner had a many red cards. After eys plus the queen of man asked for specific I the king of spades.

nt. West could have ing of hearts (with five th would also have alshow the king of clubs) clubs (with six clubs). It hand was unlimited, already invited a grand reason Moss could find not to ask about the king that Fred held it himself, fear of finding acc-low the West hand, because d shown six-four in the if he held accace-low in the king of spades would cr.

tion: The first six bids of the hen: $4 \otimes -4 - 4 \text{ NT}(?) - 7 \otimes - Pass$. Over four y-card-ask is less complex des. At the end, East placsix-four in the minors and card-ask) the club king.

10: 6NT 7; 6♦ 6; 5NT,

Gitelman & Moss 44
Sadek & Elahmady 57

West dealer; neither side vulnerable

WEST	EAST
AAQJ92	♠ K 7 4
♥ A K J	♥ Q 6 4 3
♦ K Q 7 2	♦ A 5
4 7	♣ AJ43
Gitelman	Moss
1 🛧	2 NT
3 ♦	3
4 NT	5 💠
6 🛇	7 🛧
Pass	
Sadek	Elahmady
1 🌧	2 👫
2 ♦	2 🏚
4 👫	4 ♦
4 NT	5 🌺
5,1,15	
6 ♥	7 🛧
Pass	

Moss' two-notrump response was standard for decades in American bidding but must now be classified as old-fashioned: a balanced hand with game-forcing values. After two natural bids, Gitelman asked for key cards (the reply showed 0 or 3), then for third-round heart control. He was willing to take his chances on coping with his fourth-round diamond loser if East held fewer than four hearts. Hadn't Eddie Kantar written an entire chapter on disposing of fourth-round losers?

The Egyptians' auction started differently but ended similarly. Elahmady's two-step to two spades was game-forcing and suggested three-eard support. Sadek took advantage of a rare opportunity to splinter in his partner's suit, then asked for key cards for spades (note the different reply), then for third-round heart control.

BWS Auction: 1 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 3 = 3 = 4 - 4 = 4 = 5 - 5 = 5 = 5 = 100Train - P West can't be sure what spe-

cific extra value has stimulated East's encouraging noise, but whatever it is seven spades must have decent play.

Awards: 7 NT 10; 7♠ 9; 7♥ 7; 6 NT 4; 6♠ 3; 6♥ 2; games 1.

Gitelman & Moss 53
Sadek & Elahmady 66

North deals and opens two hearts; East-West vulnerable



Moss had a maximum hand for his overcall, so encouragement from across the table caused him to make a positive move that suggested lack of heart control. Sadek's one-round force did not suggest a liking for clubs, so Elahmady had to tread gingerly: He showed general strength, then diamond support in the context of inability to bid notrump. Sadek had no option in choosing the final contract.

BWS Auction: If West advances with three hearts, will he accept three notrump? This uncertainty argues for a heavy raise to four clubs, though we would not choose it. West wants to show diamonds and clubs without forcelosing three notrump—impossible. So we endorse both auctions.

Awards: 5♣ 10; 5♦ 7; 4NT. 4♣ 4; 4♦ 3; 6♣, 6NT 2; 6♦ 1.