



Milton Work's coup

Milton Work's coup (also called Morton's tenace)

This coup is a kind of setback in a trump contract. Most of the time, you and dummy get a balanced suit

Kx/Qxx or Kxx/Qx

And you have an idea about where the Ace lies... When you play a low card towards the honor which is situated after the Ace, your opponent is embarrassed... he has to make a choice :

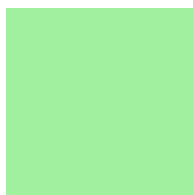
- Jump in with the Ace and give you a trick
- Or not play the Ace and take the risk of never making it

The opponent has to make an unenviable choice...

Example : you are South, playing 4♠ ; you believe Ace ♦ is in West's hand, how do you operate the suit ?

S	W	N	E
1 ♠	2 ♥	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

K	Q	8	7
A	7	4	
8	4	2	
K	8	5	



A	J	10	9	5	3
A	J	7	6	5	
Q	2				

Exercise 4641. Play 2 to the K... West has to make a choice. If he plays Ace, he gives you 2 tricks. If he doesn't, he might never make his Ace (you are going to play Ace ♥ and discard Q ♦)