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In response to a 1NT opening,

- 4NT is a quantitative bid, asking the opener to bid a small slam if he holds a maximum hand (16-17 HCP).
- The Gerber 4. is a convention bid, asking the opener how many Aces he has... It is a very easy to remember convention, and very useful when the responder holds a strong unbalanced hand



Problem E20526 The only thing that matters here is to know how many Aces the opener has in hand. If he's got 2 of them...small slam, indeed !



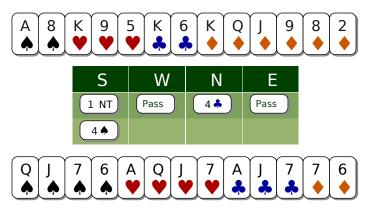
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Developments

The responses to a 4. Gerber conventional bid are quite usual :

- 4 4 or 0 Ace
- 4♥ 1 Ace
- 4 2 Aces
- 4NT 3 Aces

5. is K asking, with the same response system



Problem E20528 In response to his partner's 4. (Gerber), the opener bids 4. to show 2 Aces. The responder will safely call a small NT slam. Had the partner used a 4NT quantitative bid, they would have missed this slam, as the opener has a minimum 1NT opening hand.