

Heres another Chinese finesse in the waiting ...

with : QJ5 -----|-----A76

It is normal to lead the Q for a running finesse.
This play guarantees two tricks wherever the King is ..

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K4
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Suppose you had QJ5 -----|-----A76 and led the Queen and it won the trick.

This would leave these cards :

J5 -----|-----A7

and we are back to a Chinese finesse position.
We will continue by playing the Ace { hoping the King will drop} and then leading to the J.

You might have this holding :

QJ52 -----|-----A763 now there are other possibilities but most would lead the Queen for an initial running finesse.

and if the Queen wins we are left with :

J52 -----|-----A76

and by now you should recognise that this is yet another Chinese finesse position.
We continue by leading the Ace and then playing low to the Jack.

There will be other positions that do crop up ;in general if you ever find yourself with :

(Honour) xx ----- (Ace)xx

then the correct play is to lead the Ace (or lead low to the Ace) and then low to the Honour.

How would you play ? : J1052 -----|-----A763

The chances of making 3 tricks may seem slim to you but there are possibilities.
At any rate leading the J or 10 looks the normal first move:

So let us say that we lead the 10 and we will say that it loses to the opponents Queen.

That leaves : e.g J52 -----|-----A76

and the Chinese finesse is here again. We have (Hon)xx----- (Ace)xx
and know {!} to lead the Ace and then low to the J.