

THE L.P.U. ANNUAL BALL
 CLOVER CLUB
 THURSDAY, FEB. 16th.
 AL. BLANCHARD'S ORCHESTRA
 Old Time and Modern Dancing

FARMERS ATTENTION
 NIGHT CLASSES IN FARM MECHANICS
 AT
 THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
 CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.
 If you are interested in Blacksmithing, Welding, Soldering, Tool Sharpening, Rope Work, etc., come to the Vocational School on Monday, February 20th at 8 P.M.
 The hours and nights of instruction will be arranged to suit the convenience of the majority.
 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
 R. M. MacLEAN, Supervisor.

NEW BONDING PROCEDURE
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 — (CP) — The United States Treasury announced today a new bonding procedure to permit a speedier flow of foreign goods into the American market. Treasury sources said it may result in an increase in merchandise from Canada. The scheme involves a simplified type of import duty bond which United States importers will deposit with their Government. Thus assured that any additional duties on imports will be paid, the Government will forego some of its customs regulations and allow the imports to move to market.

LABORATORIES HELPED
 Before Canada could become one of the world's great wheat producing countries, Dominion agriculturists had to develop a number of new grain varieties to meet conditions in the West.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1. Diacolor
6. Shaft of a column (Arch.)
11. Fitchers
12. Shade of red
13. Ascend
14. Musical composition
15. Self
16. Piece of vocal music
17. Liked better
22. Chinese river
24. Head covering
25. River (NE, Belg. Congo)
26. Mohammedan religion
28. Tie again
29. Coze through
30. Paddle-like process
31. Part of "to be"
32. Outlook
35. Solemn promise
36. Exclamatory
39. Wade in shallow water
42. Eye
43. Benefit
44. Kernei
45. City (Fr.)
46. Sharp points

DOWN

1. Wither
2. Small branch
3. Writer of fables
4. Anger
5. Nova Scotia (abbr.)
6. Scotch tea cake
7. Appropriate
8. Constellation
9. Small lump, as of butter
10. Guido's highest note
14. Not firm
15. Line of juncture
18. Eccstatic
19. Soak flux
20. Pen-name of Charles Lamb
21. Suppose (abbr.)
22. Small bundle of straw
23. Employee
27. Sign of zodiac
28. Wealthy
30. Festival
32. Chummy
34. Sweetie note
37. Voluble fowls
38. Female
39. Kettle
40. Topaz humming-bird
41. Son of Jacob (Bib.)
42. Openings (anat.)
44. Great Britain (abbr.)

Yesterday's Answer

1. N
2. W
3. E
4. S
5. N
6. W
7. E
8. S
9. N
10. W
11. E
12. S
13. N
14. W
15. E
16. S
17. N
18. W
19. E
20. S
21. N
22. W
23. E
24. S
25. N
26. W
27. E
28. S
29. N
30. W
31. E
32. S
33. N
34. W
35. E
36. S
37. N
38. W
39. E
40. S
41. N
42. W
43. E
44. S
45. N
46. W

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
 A X Y D L B A A X R
 is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

R M H R O F Z G D W N R X F K H C H S R B K W
 F Z N M H H ' N B W R X X N M F D R C N,
 R K G R X X N M H O C F D G W M R X X J H !—
 O F O H.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: AND BEARS HIS BLUSHING HOURS THICK UPON HIM—SHAKESPEARE.
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L'I'L ABNER

RIP KIRBY

by Alex Raymond

PENNY

by Harry Hoeligen

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W Burgess)

THE BAD ONE

There's nothing that is quite so sad as finding people wholly bad.
 —Nibblet the Mouse.

Nibblet, young son of Nibbler the Mouse, had been out in the Great World, which really was only Farmer Brown's woodhouse, for nearly a week and he felt quite grown-up. He didn't yet think he knew all there was to know, a mistake that many young people just starting out make, but he did feel that he had learned a great deal. He had. The first and most important thing he had learned was to be afraid of everything new and strange until he was sure there was nothing to fear. He had found that it paid. He had found a spring trap that looked perfectly harmless. Never before in his short life had he ever wanted anything as he had wanted the bit of cheese with which that trap was baited. But because it was strange he was afraid. Then he had seen something dreadful happen to another Mouse who was too greedy and bold to be afraid. He never would forget that lesson.

He had learned to keep out of sight when Black Pussy or Flip the Terrier was in the woodhouse. He had learned that Bowser the Hound wasn't much interested in trying to catch mice, and that the two-legged giants who passed back and forth through the woodhouse were the easiest of all to hide from. These were the only enemies to watch out for, or it seemed.

Then one evening as he was about to scamper across to the other side of the woodhouse he discovered a stranger in the pan in which the two Dogs had had their dinner. Nibblet blinked and blinked again. This stranger looked like a Mouse grown to be a giant. He had a long, bare, scaly tail like his own only ever so much bigger. His head and face were Mouse-like only big. He must be a giant cousin, Nibblet was suddenly filled with envy. It must be wonderful to be as big as that. Were he as big as that he wouldn't be afraid of anything. No, sir, he wouldn't.

"Look at the big bully. He won't leave so much as a crumb for us. He's bad, that fellow. He's all bad," said another Mouse who had joined Nibblet.

"I've never seen him before. Who is he?" asked Nibblet.

The other Mouse looked at him pityingly. "You don't know much, do you? I thought everybody knew Robber the Rat; and no good of him," said he.

"He's dirty," declared Nibblet in disgust. "I've never seen any one so dirty. Does he ever wash himself. He doesn't look as if he does." Nibblet was himself very neat, washing his face and hands often, his tail also and keeping his coat clean. He was very particular about these things as most Mice are.

"I suppose he must, sometimes, but whenever I have seen him he has looked as he does now. I guess he doesn't care how he looks. I heard it said that he hasn't a friend in the world outside his own family, and from what I have seen I guess that is true. The rest of the family are just like him. They are a greedy, dirty, ugly lot. Never let Robber find you far from a hole too small for him to follow you through. And don't forget that he can gnaw a small hole big, and fast! Never let him chase you into a place that hasn't another way out. You will be out of luck if you do. You are sure will," declared the other Mouse. He paused for breath. "Do you mean he would hurt me?" cried Nibblet, his eyes wide with shocked surprise. "Isn't he sort of a cousin?"

"I suppose so, but that hasn't anything to do with the matter. Just let another Rat appear. He approached the pen from which Robber was eating the last crumbs. Robber turned on him with a squeal of rage. The other turned tail and ran.

"I guess what you said is all true," squeaked Nibblet. It was Robber the Rat in a bad one.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

NOT THE HAND FOR A SQUEEZE

The squeeze play is virtually a mystery to many players, but, by the same token, some new experts are too "squeeze conscious"; observe this case:

South dealer.
 Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 6 5 4
 ♥ K Q 10 9 3 2
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ A K Q J 9 8

N
 W
 E
 S

♠ A 10
 ♥ A J 7
 ♦ A K Q
 ♣ A K 6 4 3

This deal occurred in a match-point duplicate game, and in almost every case North became declarer at six hearts. This contract was easy—in fact, an extra trick could have been made by taking a chance that the trumps would break 2-2.

One North-South pair, however, landed at six notrump, via this bidding:

South West North East
 2NT Pass 4♥ Pass
 6NT Dbl. (anal bid)

West led the spade king. South thought for a long time, and ducked. West then led the spade eight.

Declarer, obviously playing for a squeeze, cashed his three diamonds (discarding a club from dummy) before running the hearts, and his plan would have succeeded except for the alertness of the defense. If East had discarded his seven of spades, West would have been squeezed. When the last heart was cashed, dummy would have only two other cards, a spade and a club. South's last two cards would be the ace and queen of clubs. If West kept his club king guarded, he would have to abandon the spade suit, and then dummy's spade six would be good.

Actually, however, East held grimly to the spade seven, and West let go every one of his spades to guard the club suit. Down one!

West's double and his opening lead marked certain cards in his hand, hence South should have used a different technique. He should have taken the first trick, cashed all the diamonds and hearts, keeping the spade ten and the ace-queen of clubs in his own hand, and then thrown West in with a spade, forcing a club return.

WHAT'S A STAR?

There are countless millions of far-distant, superheated, self-luminous gaseous bodies called stars and each one is a sun in itself.

The Minstrel Revue

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 Holy Redeemer Hall
 Wednesday and Thursday
 February 15th and 16th.
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 —Peppy Dancing—
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by Zane Grey

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by Haro Fisher

HENRY

by Carl Anderson

DOTTY DIPPLE

by Buford

TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS

by Edwina

BRINGING UP FATHER

by George McManus

TILLIE THE TOILER

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PENNY

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