

ESCAPE

By Royal Brown

"I knew him slightly when he was much younger, not much older than you are now. I knew your grandfather rather well. Before, he added dryly, "the finger stuck into the sea of finance that I might be likened to, was forced to withdraw somewhat slyly. The metaphor is deplorably mixed but it will serve. I—" he checked himself abruptly, was silent for a second. Then: "If you have the note my granddaughter left for you, might I see it?"

DANCE TONIGHT

DON MESSER and HIS ISLANDERS

9:00 - 12:30

SPORTING CLUB



That she was afraid might come to light. "You are quite right. She has, I'm afraid, every reason to fear publicity," Jonesey's grandfather assured him. He cleared his throat as if he found it difficult to go on. But he did so. "Ellen left here on the 17th of March last. I did not know that she had gone until dinner was ready. I then discovered a note from her she had placed at my plate. It was written in the classical manner—she read a good deal of fiction, I suspect. The note informed me that when I read it she would be on her way to New York, that she had been offered a place there as an interior decorator."

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

THE WORST OF A BAD BARGAIN Beyond doubt, the dealer in today's deal ran up against a very bad break of trumps, but he made the worst instead of the best of the situation.



The bidding: North East South West 1♣ Pass 4♠ Double Redbl. Pass 4♠ Pass

There was no need for South to jump all the way to four spades, although that contract probably would have been reached anyway in due course. On South's actual play, North could not be blamed for recoubling. West opened the club king. The ace won, declarer discarding a heart, and the spade eight was led. West won while East signalled with a high heart. West, however, had discovered that South could be forced in clubs and naturally continued with that suit, leading a low card.

Declarer muffed and then apparently ignoring the fact that West had been shown to hold five trumps, persisted with the impossible plan of drawing West's trumps. The spade queen knocked out West's last high trump of course, but on the club return declarer, after ruffing, was reduced to two trumps while West still had three. Those two high trumps and the diamond ace were the only tricks declarer could win and he was down no fewer than four tricks, vulnerable and redoubled, for the staggering penalty of 2200 points!

It is true that with West holding all five of the missing trumps, and the defenders getting the jump by attacking the club suit, South could not have done very well, no matter what line of play he adopted. "Troy, N. Y., March 18th: A girl described as pretty, blond, slim and smartly dressed is being sought by the police in connection with the mysterious death in a local hotel during the night of a man identified today as W. Hyslop Anstruthers, a well known New York antique dealer.

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KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

By Zane Grey



JOE PALOOKA

OH! WOLVES!

By HAM FISHER



DOTTY DRIPPLE

OH, TAFFY...

By Buford Tunn



BRINGING UP FATHER

HENRY

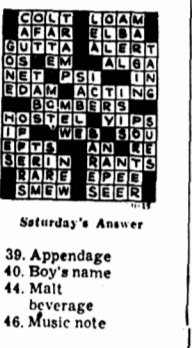
By Carl Anderson



TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBBS

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 7. Sword hit 8. Versia 9. Gourd-like fruit 10. Nostrils 11. Culture medium 12. Spent 13. Kings 14. Fonder 15. Epoch 16. Storage place 17. Guided 18. Famous Russian 19. Dystrosium (syn.) 20. Chum 21. Vat 22. Columbum 23. Simplest 24. Over (poet.) 25. Wrath 26. Gazelle (Tibet) 27. Sham 28. Part of "to be" 29. Cane again, as a chair 30. Garden tool 31. Garret 32. Measures of distance 33. Fish 34. Frosted DOWN 1. Flight of Mohammed from Mecca 2. Aving 3. Shape



- 22. Invalid's food 23. Chief mouth of Niger River 27. Plead to area 28. Dried coconut meat 29. Kinds of caps 31. English musician 32. Drenched 33. Domesticates 35. Right-hand page (print.) 36. Appendage 40. Boy's name 44. Malt beverage 46. Music note

CRYPTOQUOTE

H: JDQK D VDZK HC ADGEZKI GJDD D ZK UEGK-UZKZKNGJ.

Saturday's Cryptquote: GUIDES CANNOT MASTER THE SUBTLETIES OF THE AMERICAN JOKE—CLEMENS.

QUICKIES

By Ken Reynolds



OUR BOARDING HOUSE

By J. R. WILLIAMS



OUR BOARDING HOUSE

With Major Hoople



TILLIE THE TOILER

By Webster



DEATH MYSTERY

Police Hint Murder in Connection with Body Found in Troy, N. Y. Hotel

Victim Identified as W. Hyslop Anstruthers

New York Antique Dealer Gave False Name When He and Girl Registered

None of this meant anything to Bing, he looked up at Jonesey's grandfather, puzzled.

"Go on," the latter suggested. Bing went on to the next.

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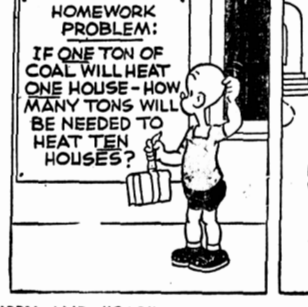
HOMEWORK PROBLEM

IF ONE TON OF COAL WILL HEAT ONE HOUSE—HOW MANY TONS WILL BE NEEDED TO HEAT TEN HOUSES?



PLUMBING & HEATING

LET US SOLVE YOUR HEATING PROBLEMS



DON'T LET HIM STOP TAKING MUSIC LESSONS! THE VERY IDEA!



WHEN IS SHE GOING HOME?? GOOD NIGHT? YOU'RE ALWAYS LISTENING TO HER!!

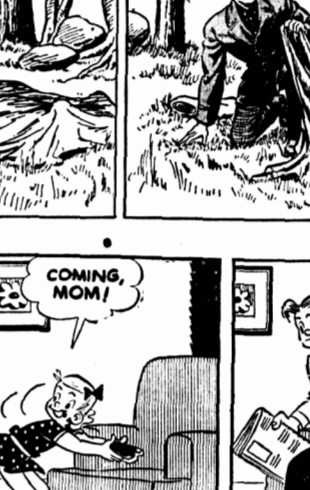


SO MISS JONES DENIES HAVING YOUR DIARY?



REAL FOLKS DON'T TALK LIKE THAT

THIS WORDS SHE SOBBED SEARED MY VERY SOUL!



LISTEN, MISS REPORTER, WANNA BUY MISS TRINKS DIARY ABOUT HER UNCLE?



A SENSATIONAL DOCUMENT! REVEALING DE AGENCY OF A TORTURED HEART!



YES, I'M AFRAID SHE'S TELLING THE TRUTH



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY HAIR



HEAD, MISS DINAH MIGHT I PERMIT ME TO HAND YOU \$1,000, EXACTLY 20 PER CENT OF \$5,000 REALIZED BY SALE OF MY MUSICAL BURLAR ALARM—HAR-RUMPH!



NOT BAD! AND I THOUGHT YOUR IDEA WAS JUST A BUNCH OF MOONBEAMS ON A SUN DIAL! THIS'LL KEEP THE WOLVES FROM FOLLOWING MY SLED!



HI! I'VE HAD MY HEAD IN THE FLOOR BARREL TOO MUCH LATELY, MUST'VE MISSED AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE TOWN CRIER!