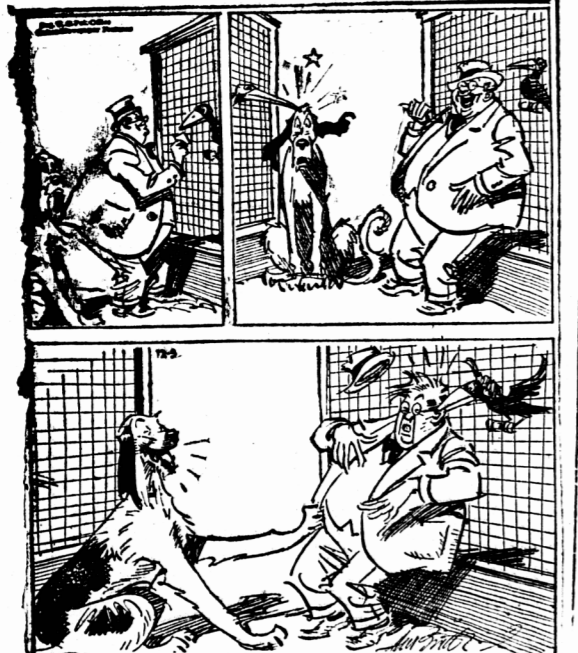


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Contract Bridge
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BY REQUEST
 Freak hands seem to fascinate many bridge players. Scarcely a month goes by without some correspondent asking for a presentation of the most legendary and publicized of all bridge hands — the famous "Duke of Cumberland" and the almost equally renowned "Mississippi Heart Hand." This, despite the fact that both hands have been covered in this column several times during the past ten years, and despite the further point that both hands are sheer double-dummy examples that were unquestionably created by a rife mind instead of having occurred in actual play.

Well, here is a hand that is popular demand. Here is the "Duke of Cumberland" hand.

♠ 10 4 3 2
 ♥ J 4 3 2
 ♦ 8 6 5 4 3
 ♣ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

In the days when this deal was supposed to have occurred, the game was whist, and there was no vulnerability and no exposed dummy. In fact, there was no bidding. As the story goes, some sharper held the south cards and simply invigiled the Duke of Cumberland, sitting on his right, to

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bet a huge sum that South could not take every trick with clubs as trump. Though the entire tale is highly apocryphal, it is hard to blame the Duke for his confidence if he really held that colossal hand — but the confidence was nevertheless misplaced!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
 1. Follow
 6. Division of a play
 7. A burial place
 8. Favorable opportunity
 9. Leather flask for oil
 10. Peruse
 11. Toward
 12. Bamboo-like grass
 13. Metal in thin sheets
 14. Food (Hawaii)
 15. Acquaintance
 16. At one time
 17. Feminine name
 18. Term of endearment
 19. Some
 20. Rubs with oil
 21. Upon
 22. Around
 23. Food
 24. Full of burrs
 25. Passageway
 26. Gumbo
 27. Packing boxes

DOWN
 1. Talk
 2. Sharpen as a razor
 3. An herb of the carrot family
 4. City (Ala.)
 5. Organ of sight

CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation
 GSJJRIK JCNV SLN VDN UAOSRIJ
 AB VNIUNL ONALM—CALUJALVD.
 Yesterday's Cryptquote—WHO DIE OF HAVING LIVED TOO MUCH IN THEIR LARGE HOURS—WATSON.
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Contract Bridge

South takes all 13 tricks. The greatest ease! It does not matter what West opens — let's say heart. South ruffs, and then ruffs a diamond in dummy. Now he leads a trump and just tops whatever card East plays. Another diamond is ruffed. East's last card in the suit, so South merely ruffs a heart or a spade. draws East's one remaining trump, and cashes in five good diamonds, to put his opponents to utter rout and confusion!

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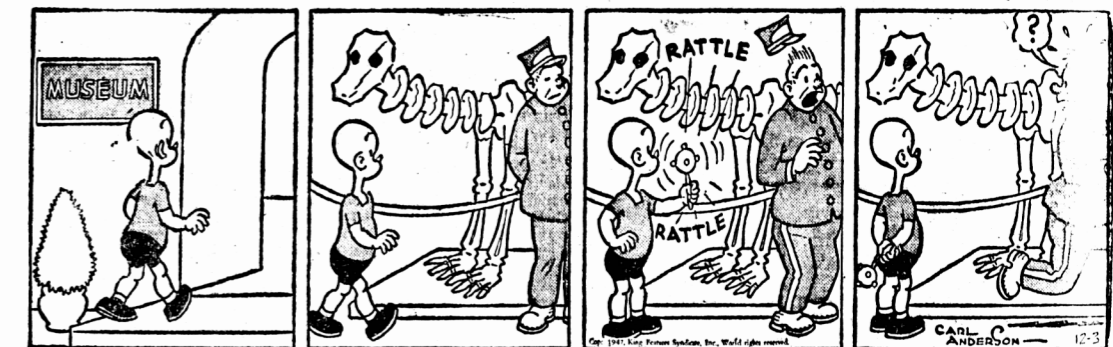
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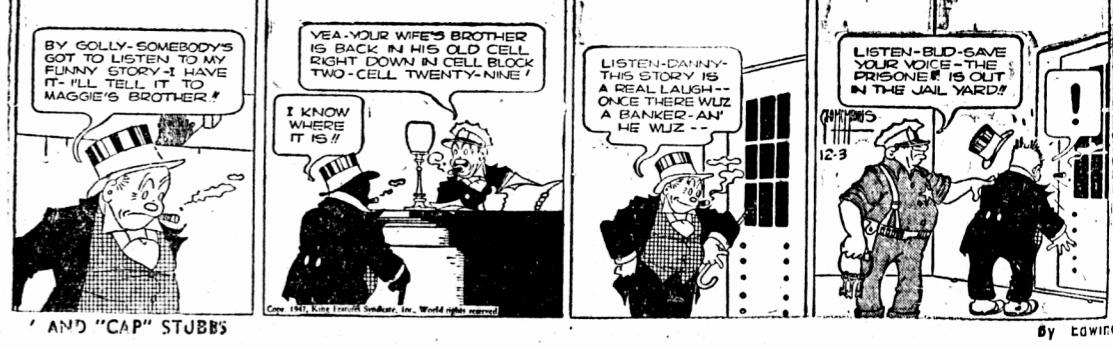
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AND "CAP" STUBBS



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PENNY

