

Contract Bridge
By Josephine Culbertson

WHICH WAS WORSE?
The deal below had a curious re-
percussion. It was watched by sev-
eral experts, and at the end the
players had to wait until these
"kibitzers" were through arguing
and shouting at each other over
who — South or West — had con-
tributed the more deplorable per-
formance!

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
♠ 10863
♥ K10862
♦ A Q J
♣ 4 9
♠ Q 7 2
♥ A Q 7 4
♦ 9 6 5 3
♣ A K J 7 5 2
♠ A
♥ J 9 5
♦ 10 7 2

The bidding:
East South West North
4♥ 4♠ 5♣ 6♠
Pass Pass Dbie. Pass
Pass Pass
Before getting to the plays take

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so intrigued (and appalled) the ex-
pert spectators, let's consider the
bidding.
Offhand, it seems that North
was a little ambitious in leaping
to six spades, since the enemy could
have beaten two tricks at
the heart contract, and six spades
could have been beaten at the start.
But there was much to be said
for North's slam leap — in fact,
on a non-double-dummy basis it
was far superior to West's double
of the slam. West was not in any
position to know that he could lay
down the ace of diamonds and then
give his partner a diamond ruff!

West proved that point by not
even considering the lead of the
diamond ace — he opened a heart.
Obviously, this should have been
extremely fortunate for South, but
he soon returned West's courtesy.
South discarded a diamond from
the board, and with that remark-
able play he lost the slam. Now
the on-side position of both dia-
mond honors, the ace and queen,
could do nothing substantial for
South; he had to lose one trick
to the diamond ace and another to
the club king.

The assembled experts could not
agree on which was worse — West's
opening lead, or South's diamond
discard from dummy. Surely, a dia-
mond or a club lead by West would
have been far more logical; and
as for South's play — why discard
a diamond and then need both a
club and a diamond finesse, when
by discarding a club the slam would
come home if only the diamond
queen would be captured?
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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thorton W. Burgess
IN NICK OF TIME

In nick of time will always do,
If it is worth the chance to you.
—Jumper the Hare.
There are some people who seem
to always be satisfied to do things
in the nick of time. They seem to
be perfectly happy to escape danger
in the nick of time, when they
might have had plenty of time.
Peter Rabbit had gone over to
the Green Forest, and with his
cousin, Jumper the Hare, had fol-
lowed the Crooked Little Path up to
the pond of Paddy the Beaver.
Peter wanted to see Paddy cut
down a big tree as Jumper had
told him Paddy often does. How
could anyone with only teeth cut
down a really big tree? It was that
word big that bothered Peter. He
wondered if when he saw the trees
that Paddy cut they would seem
really big to him.



"Don't tell me that you cut down
that tree, because I can't believe
it," said Peter.

Peter had been so startled when
unexpectedly Paddy the Beaver had
slapped the water with his tail,
making a report like a gun, that
before he realized what he was
doing he had jumped right out into
the water. He had managed to swim
ashore. Then jolly, round, bright

few minutes ago, you were sitting
on part of the rest of it," chuck-
led Paddy.
"What do you mean I was sitting
on it?" demanded Peter.
"This time, Jumper the Hare
chuckled. "He used that tree in
making that dam," said Jumper.
"I suppose I have to take your
word for it," said Peter.
Paddy shook his head. "No," said
he. "You don't have to take my
word, or Jumper's. Mrs. Paddy is
cutting down a tree now. We'll go
over and watch her."
He led the way along Laughing
Brook above the little pond. Pres-
ently they came to another small
pond. Not far from the edge of the
water were several aspen trees, one
of which was a tall tree, and big
around. Jumper the Hare suddenly
took to his long heels. Paddy
plunged into the water, and dived.
Peter didn't know what to make of
it. Then Jumper jumped, and Peter
jumped and ran. Even as he jump-
ed, the biggest of the aspen trees
crashed right at his heels. He cer-
tainly had jumped in the nick of
time.

DRAMA DIRECTOR

MELBOURNE (CP) — The Aus-
tralian Elizabethan Theatre Trust,
formed to commemorate the Aus-
tralian tour by Queen Elizabeth
early this year and to establish a
national opera and ballet, has ap-
pointed Hugh Hunt, noted English
director, as executive officer.

York

Miss Aletha Brown, York, was a
recent visitor to North River, where
she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs.
Elmer Yeo.
Mrs. Peter Proud spent Thursday,
in the city.
Mr. Eric Sproule, York Manse,
is spending a short time at Hall-
fax, N. S.
Mrs. Westley Matthew, York, was
the guest of her two brothers Har-
old and Will Stewart, Marshfield,
on Thursday, November 18.
Much sympathy is extended to
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lewis, and Mr.
and Mrs. Claude Lewis of the death
of their grandmother the late Mrs.
William Lewis, at the age of 92
years, at Freetown.
Mr. Edison Hardy, Halifax, spent
the week-end at his home in York
with his wife and family.
Many friends are glad to hear
that Mr. Elmer Brown is much im-
proved in health. He is a patient in
the P. E. I. Hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Willard Murray
were in the city on November 20.
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Moore and
two children Norma Gail and
James, City, were the recent guests
of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis.
Miss Helen Lewis, City, spent the

**Ottawa Mayor To
Seek Re-election**

OTTAWA (CP) — Mayor
Charlotte Whitton, Ottawa's
scrappy chief magistrate for more
than two years, has decided she
can't stay out of this year's munic-
ipal election fight.
After two days of indecision
week-end in York, the guest of her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lewis.
Miss Elizabeth Anderson, City,
was the guest of Miss Mary Watts
over the week-end.
Mr. Geo. Watts, York, who is a
patient in the P. E. I. Hospital,
spent the week-end at his home in
York.
Miss Christine Proud, teacher at
Wilmet School, spent the week-end
at the home of her parents, Mr.
and Mrs. Peter Proude, York.
Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Vessey, Mrs.
W. D. Cooke, York, Elmer Brown and
son Arthur, attended the funeral on
Monday of their aunt Mrs. Osbert
Enman of Vernon River.
Mr. and Mrs. Leith Brown, York,
attended the Memorial Service held
in Zion Church, City, on Sunday
morning where a window was un-
veiled for the late Rev. Carlyle
Webster.

Mayor Whitton announced Satur-
day she would be a candidate for
re-election to a two-year term.
She broke the news at a closed
meeting of the Charlotte Whitton
Committee of Women, her staunch-
est supporters since she entered
city politics four years ago as a
controller.
The 58-year-old mayor had an-
nounced two days earlier that be-
cause of a "get Whitton" alliance
she said had formed against her,
she did not want to run again.
The reason for her change of
heart, she said, was a deluge of
appeals for reconsideration. She
did not want to "let my friends
down."
But she stuck to her charge that
Liberal and Progressive Conserv-
ative political machines had joined
forces to beat her by urging be-
hind David Burgess, one of three
men candidates already in the
field.
The machine, she said, be-
longed to George McIlraith, Lib-
eral member of Parliament for Ot-
tawa West, and O. F. Howe, his
Progressive Conservative oppon-
ent in the last federal election. Both
men denied the statement.

SOUVENIR COLLECTORS

WEYBURN, Sask. (CP)—Origin
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