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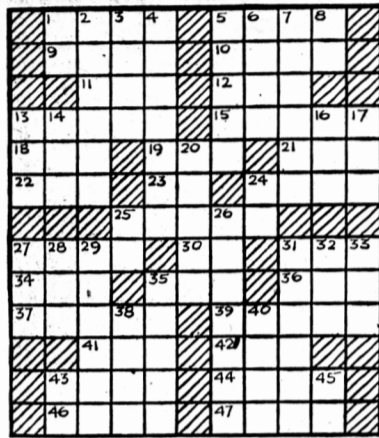
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## DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. Float
  5. Arrived
  9. Jewish month
  10. Persia
  11. Frozen water
  12. Coin (Port.)
  13. Runs away
  15. An animal of the desert
  18. Symbol of indebtedness
  19. Girl's nickname
  21. Guido's highest note
  22. Goddess of night
  23. Half an egg
  24. Whirlpool
  25. Variety of willow
  27. Nonsense!
  30. Tantalum (sym.)
  31. Cutting tool
  34. Finnish seaport
  35. Caak
  36. Falsehood
  37. Shrivel
  39. Turn inside out
  41. Anger
  42. Free
  43. Handle
  44. Supports
  46. Matured
  47. River (Fr. DOWN)
  1. Sun god
  2. Farewells



**Yesterday's Answer**  
40. Contents  
43. Rough lava  
45. Senior (abbr.)

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:**  
A X Y D L B A A X R  
L O N G F E L L O W  
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**  
L M L Z C E L K U Z A. R U B L M L Z S L N L D D I Z C.  
B T F F Y C B L I W A T S V D Y L N I Z Z T L V  
O U I S L Q N L D D — N U F L Z T V E L

Yesterday's Cryptogram: THE TREE WILL WITHER LONG BEFORE IT FALL—BYRON.

**GOES TO PHILIPPINES**  
HONG KONG—(CP)—Thomas R. Rowell, director of education here until his retirement last year, will assist the Philippines Government in its program of teacher training to staff its expanding rural school system. He will join an eight-man team of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

## Two Can Sing

by James M. Cain

CHAPTER FIVE

Part Three

"You sang like an angel," she said, "and I'm terribly proud of you, and—that's right. Hold me close."

I held her close a long time, and then she started to laugh. It was a real cackle, over something that had struck her funny. I could see that.

"What is it?" I asked.  
"You."  
"Tonight? At the hall?"  
"Yes."

She just kept right on laughing and didn't tell me what it was about. Later on though, I found out.

We sang Syracuse, Cincinnati and Columbus after that, the same program, and I did all right. She paid my hotel bills, and offered me \$50 a night on top of that, but I wouldn't take anything. I was surprised at the reviews I got. Most of them wrote her up and let me out with a line, but a few of them called me "the surprise of the evening," said I had a voice of rare power and beauty, and spoke of the "sweep and authority" of my singing. I didn't exactly know what they meant, but I liked them, all right, and saved them all.

The Columbus concert was on a Thursday, and after we closed with the duet again and took our bows and went off, a little Italian in gray spats followed Cecil into her dressing room and stayed there quite a while. Then he left and we went out to eat. "Who was your pretty boy friend?" I asked.  
"That was Mr. Rossi?"  
"And who is Mr. Rossi?"  
"General secretary, business agent, attorney, bodyguard, scout, and chief cook and bottle washer to Cesario Pegano."

"And who is Cesario Pegano?"  
"He's the American Scala Opera Company, the only impresario in opera who ever made money out of it."

"And?"  
"I'm under contract to them, you know. For four weeks, beginning Monday. After that I go back to New York to get ready for the opera season there."

"No, I didn't know."  
"I didn't say anything about it."  
"Then after tonight I'm fired?"  
"No, I didn't say anything about it, because I thought I might have a surprise for you. I've been wiring Pegano about you, and tonight he sent Rossi over . . . Rossi thinks you'll do."

"What?" Me sing in grand opera?  
"Well, what did you think you were learning those roles for?"  
"I don't know. Just for something to do. Just so I could come down and see you."

It turned out I was to get \$125 a week, which had upped \$25 from what he had offered, and that was what they were arguing about. I was to get my transportation, pay my own hotel bills, and have a four week contract, provided I did all right on my first appearance.

I thought it was the screwiest thing I had ever heard of, but I finally said yes . . .

We left Chicago the next day, just the two of us, because Wilkins went back to New York after the Columbus concert. The first thing we did, after we got hotel rooms, was go around to the costumers. I had to get fitted out for "La Boheme," "Rigoletto," and "La Traviata."

They were opening in "Boheme" on Monday night and I was to sing the role of Marcel. There are no rehearsals for principals in the American Scala. You know your stuff or you don't get hired. But I was a special case, and Pegano wasn't taking any chances on me. He posted a call for the whole "Boheme" cast to take me through it Sunday afternoon. They couldn't get the theatre, for some reason, so we did it downstairs in the new cocktail lounge of the hotel, which they didn't use on Sundays.

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