

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
THE ALL-IMPORTANT FIRST PLAY

The declarer couldn't see that his first play in the following hand "made any difference," but he was very wrong.

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

♠ K 8
♥ A Q 6 5 3
♦ K 9 4 2
♣ Q J

♠ A 10 7 6
♥ 5 4 2
♦ K J 8
♣ 9 8 6

♠ Q J 9 3
♥ 10 9
♦ 8 6
♣ 7 5 4 3 2

♠ N
♥ E
♦ S
♣ W

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass
6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

TIMMY HAS AN IDEA

The thrifty always look ahead; The thrifless backward look instead.

—Old Mother Nature.

Mr. and Mrs. Timmy, the Flying Squirrels had taken possession of a birch house on a pole just outside the Green Forest. It was one of several Farmer Brown's boys had put up for his feathered friends. As Mrs. Timmy had said to Timmy, "It was just an easy jumping glide from the nearest tree. Had it been just a little farther out on the Green Meadows, it wouldn't have done at all. Those two little tenants wouldn't have been able to reach that tree in a single jumping glide; they would have been obliged to run across on the ground, and that wouldn't have done at all."

The house was Mrs. Timmy's choice. At first Timmy hadn't approved at all, but once they had moved in he had changed his mind completely. He was as well pleased with it as Mrs. Timmy. There was just one thing that bothered both of them. It was the fact that they had no storehouse near. Their winter supply of food had been stored over near the big apartment tree over in the Green Forest, and

at the first trick; he should have ducked in dummy and ruffed in his own hand. After that success would involve a very simple maneuver. South could merely draw trumps and cash his three clubs, then enter dummy with a trump and throw East in with that carefully preserved spade king. South would discard a heart from his own hand on this trick—and then simply challenge East to lead.



"I'm hungry," declared Timmy.

"This seems to be the only place we have to store any food," said Mrs. Timmy.

"That is too bad, because there isn't room enough here to store much," replied Timmy. "If we look around enough perhaps we can find a hole in a tree or some other place that we can use for a storehouse."

"I've looked around. That is the first thing I did after we had finished our nest. I've looked over every tree anywhere near, and there isn't one with a hollow we can use for a storehouse. We'll have to get along as best we can," said Mrs. Timmy.

"We ought to have found that out before we moved over here. Perhaps we better go back where we were. Winter isn't over yet," said Timmy.

Mrs. Timmy shook her head. "We'll do nothing of the kind!"

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KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

By Zane Grey

WELL, KING, WE CAN BE THE FULL THINGS ARE QUIET DURING THIS FOUL WEATHER!

IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, INSPECTOR!

BUT AT THIS MOMENT A DESPICABLE CRIME IS BEING PUT INTO EXECUTION!

THERE'S TH' SMOKE, YEP! IT'S TH' S.S. BISON!

WE'RE READY FOR HER! TH' CHANNEL BUOYS HAVE BEEN SHIFTED!

JOE PALOOKA

By Ham Fisher

THIS IS MR. AROOPI, OUR "TATAR" EXPERT. HE'LL HELP YOU WITH ANY WORDS YOU FIND DIFFICULT.

THANK YOU, I'M A BIT RUSTY, HAVEN'T SPOKE THE LANGUAGE SINCE THE WAR.

YOU DID EXCELLENTLY, READING THAT SCRIPT IN "TATAR". MR. PALOOKA, NOW WE'RE READY TO SHOOT.

FINE. I'LL READ FROM THE LARGE CARDS... RIGHT?

THIS IS QUITE A PRECEDENT, MR. PALOOKA... WATCH ME FOR A SIGN...

READY... LET 'EM ROLL.

JOE PALOOKA

HENRY

By Carl Anderson

WELL, I MIGHT AS WELL COVER. SO, FORTHWITH, HE PUT UP DUMMY'S SPADE KING AND, WHEN EAST PLAYED THE ACE, RUFFED THE TRICK. SOUTH THEN DREW TRUMPS AND CASHED HIS CLUBS, DISCARDING DUMMY'S SPADE EIGHT, THEN HOPEFULLY TRIED THE HEART FINESSE. WITH THE HEARTS LYING AS THEY DID, HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF AVOIDING THE LOSS OF TWO HEART TRICKS AS LONG AS THE DEFENSE WAS RIGHT, AND SO THE SLAM WENT UP THE FLUE.

It is clear that South attached no importance to the spade king in this deal, but actually that card, properly used, would have insured his contract. South should not have covered West's spade queen

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JUNIOR, COME RIGHT BACK AND COMB YOUR HAIR, YOU'RE A SIGHT!

AW GEE, MOM - MY HAIR'S O.K.

WHO CARES HOW I LOOK!

I'M WILDROOT CREAM-OIL CHARLIE - A LITTLE WILDROOT CREAM-OIL CHUM, AND YOU'LL LOSE THAT SHEEP DOG LOOK!

EVERYBODY CARES EVERYBODY NOTICES YOUR HAIR - JUST TRY WILDROOT CREAM-OIL AND SEE HOW IT PEPS UP YOUR LOOKS!

WILDROOT CREAM-OIL

- GROOMS HAIR
- RELIEVES DRYNESS
- REMOVES LOOSE DANDRUFF

GOOD REPORT SON, YOU'RE DOING BETTER LATELY!

SEE WHAT I MEAN?

IT'S GREAT TRY IT!

POGO

By Walt Kelly

FORKYPIKE, THIS IDEA OF BUILDIN' LIL' VOTERS STAGGERS THE MIND!

I NOTICED YOU'RE A WOBBLY.

DON'T BE IMPERTINENT TO THE POWER! AND THE THEORIN' 'CAUSE I'VE GONE BE THE POWER IN FRONT OF IT, TOO.

YOU GONE BE IN FRONT? I THINK I WAS THE CANDIDATE! WHY WE BUILDIN' THESE LIL' HUMAN BEANS TO VOTE FOR ME?

NO... YOU'IS MORE THE DIPLOMATIC STATESMAN TYPE.

LONG AS YOU'IS PARTY-HACKIN' OUT VOTERS WHY DON'T YOU BUILD A MACHINE CANDIDATE, TOO... HE COULD HAVE BUILT-IN CHIMES.

IT WOULD SAVE US RINGIN' DOORBELLS BOSS TWEET!

Napoleon and Uncle Elbr

By Clifford McBride

GREAT SCOTT! MUST BE A BURGLAR, DOWN THERE! WHEN NAPOLEON BARKS LIKE THAT, SOMETHING IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN!

C-C-COME OUT WITH YOUR H-H-HANDS UP!

LIL' ABNER

By Al Capp

THIS PERFUME WILL MAKE ANY MAN IRRESISTIBLE TO GIRLS - IT SMELLS LIKE MONEY! TO DEMONSTRATE ITS POWER, I'VE ASKED THESE UGH-CHAPS TO SUBMIT TO A TEST.

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE HUMAN, FATBACK?

WE'LL SELECT THE UGH-WORST OF THE LOT, DOUSE HIM WITH THE PERFUME - AND THEN WATCH ITS EFFECT ON THE FAIR SEX!

WE ALL AGREE THAT THIS ONE IS THE MOST REPULSIVE!

WELL - HERE HE IS THE GREAT EXPERIMENT!

I WINS, HUH?

RIP KIRBY

By Alex Raymond

SHALL I WAIT, LADY?

NO... NEVER MIND... THAT GIRL WE FOLLOWED LEFT HER PURSE IN A SEAT AT THE THEATRE... I'M RETURNING IT TO HER...

OH! DUDE!

AND JUST WHAT AM I UP TO, DUDE?

I REFUSED TO KILL THAT LAMBERT KID, SO YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT YOURSELF! WELL, LIL', I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU!

YES, LIL', IT'S ME... I'VE BEEN SHADOWING YOU ALL EVENING... I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP TO!

DOTTY DIPPLE

By Ruford

DOTTY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS SHIRT?

IT WAS THE WASHING MACHINE'S FAULT, HORACE!

IT DIDN'T RING THE BELL TO TELL ME WHEN TO TAKE OUT YOUR SHIRTS!

THIS AUTOMATIC AGE! THINGS LIKE THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN ON GRANDMA'S WASH-BOARD!!

TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS

By Edwin

YOU'LL FIND CAP IF YOU RUN ON DOWN TH' STREET - AND HURRY!

THAT CHILD HAS A POSITIVE GENIUS FOR APPEARING AT TH' WRONG TIME!

ISN'T IT JUST WONDERFUL CONSERVATION OF POLITICAL VISION OF THE NATIONAL POLITICAL RESEARCH AND INFORMATION ASSOCIATION... I'VE ASKED ME TO SPEAK AT ITS ANNUAL DINNER!!

BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus

OH-OH - HERE COMES MARGE - IF SHE SEES ME WITH ME HAT IN ME HAND - SHE'LL KNOW I'M GOIN' TO SNEAK OUT!

I'LL SLIP IT UNDER THE TABLE TO AVOID ANY SUSPICION!

WELL - WHAT AGE YOU UP TO?? DON'T PUT ON THAT CYNICAL SMILE - YOU LOOK GUILTY!

WHY - MARGE - HOW YOU TALK! I JUST LOOK AND FEEL HAPPY BECAUSE I'M HOME!!

TILLY THE TOILER

By Bob Gustafson

SURE, I KNOW BUSINESS IS SLOW THIS WEEK, BUT THAT'S NO EXCUSE FOR YOU TO BE STANDING AROUND DOING NOTHING!

THERE ARE LOTS OF LITTLE JOBS TO BE ATTENDED TO - IT'S UP TO YOU TO TAKE CARE OF THEM!

HERE'S A PRIZE EXAMPLE - THIS FILE DRAWER HAS BEEN STUCK FOR I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG!

WELL, FOR ONE THING, I OILED THIS MORNING!

PENNY

By Harry Hoehnigen

WELL, PRINCESS, I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR 'E HOUSEHOLD.

YOU'LL BE GLAD TO KNOW THAT NOW WE CAN AFFORD A NEW DISHWASHER.

HEAVENS, FATHER, WE BOUGHT A NEW DISHWASHER A YEAR AGO.

YES, I KNOW...

AND NOW WE CAN AFFORD IT!