

Contract Bridge
By Josephine Culbertson
NOT A PURE GUESS

On the surface, it seems that declarer must make a successful guess in such a hand as the following, but it is not quite that simple.

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

♠ A 6 3	♥ K 10 5
♦ A Q 10	♣ A 9 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT Pass Pass Pass

West opened the five of diamonds and South captured East's king.

South then paused to count tricks, sure and potential. In the sure category were two spades, two hearts, two diamonds and one club, and South could justifiably hope for the other required tricks in the major suits.

Apparently, South had the same resources in spades and in hearts, and so it was just a guess, which he should try to develop. But South looked deeper — with this analysis:

If he tried for the spade suit he would have to finesse to the jack, and if the finesse lost, East would go in. Then, whether East returned a diamond or a club, South would be at a disadvantage.

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER IS FULL OF QUESTIONS

If there's something you would learn Use your tongue to knowledge earn. —Peter Rabbit.

Ever since he could first kick up his heels Peter Rabbit had been full of questions. Long, long ago he learned that the way to find out about things was to use his tongue; and he has been using it ever since.

Just now he was full of curiosity about Paddy the Beaver and Mrs. Paddy. He was visiting them over in the Green Forest. They were very busy trimming a tree that Mrs. Paddy had cut down. It made Peter tired just to watch them. Peter never does any work himself, and he cannot understand how anyone can really like to work.

"Don't you get awfully tired?" he asked.

"Of course we get tired," replied Paddy. "It is a good thing to get tired."

"Are you going to cut down another tree?" asked Peter.

"If we don't cut down a number of trees, we'll go hungry through the winter," replied Paddy.

"That's going to be an awful lot of work," said Peter.

"Anything worth having is worth working for," replied Paddy.

"I don't see why you have to do all this work now. These trees will always be here when you need them," said Peter.

"They wouldn't do us much good here. We need them cut up and in our food pile," said Paddy, as he trimmed off another limb from the fallen tree.

"I don't see how you live all winter down in the water," said Peter.

"We don't," said Paddy.

"When you cut trees, do you make them fall just where you want them?" was Peter's next question.

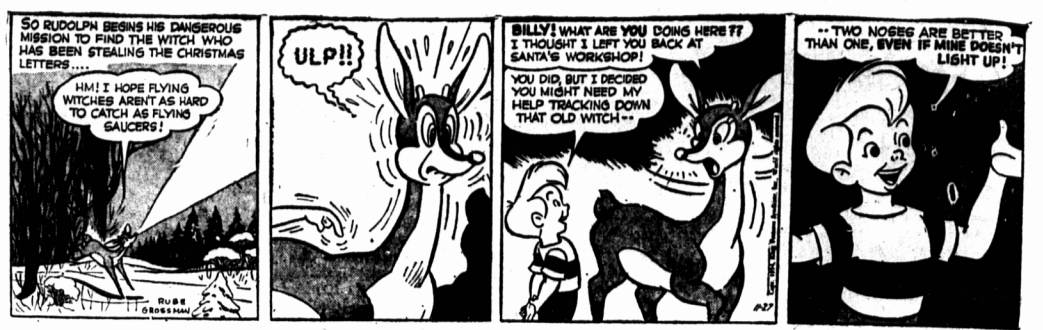
"No," said Paddy. "We never know just where they're going to fall. That is why we always give a signal when a tree is about to fall. Then anyone near can watch out and not get caught by it. Sometimes a tree falls just the wrong way, and makes a lot of extra work."

"Is cutting trees the only work you and Mrs. Paddy do?" Peter wanted to know.

"That's a foolish question," retorted Paddy. "Do you think that house out there grew? We built it. Look at that dam. We built that. There wouldn't be any pond here if we hadn't, and building that dam was a lot of work. Sooner or later we've got to dig some canals."

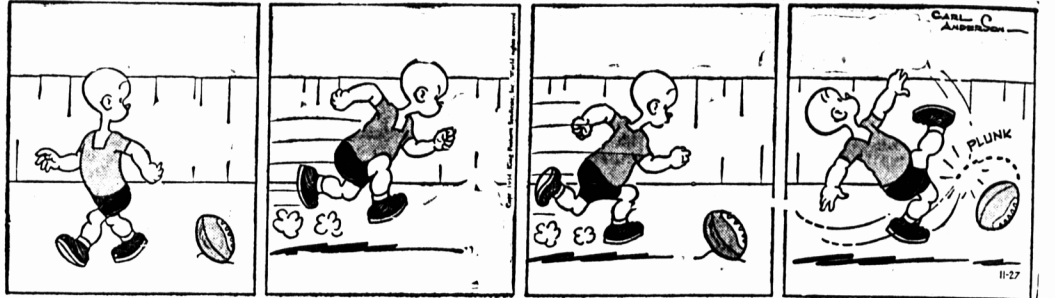
"What's a canal?" asked Peter.

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer



By Robert L. May

Henry



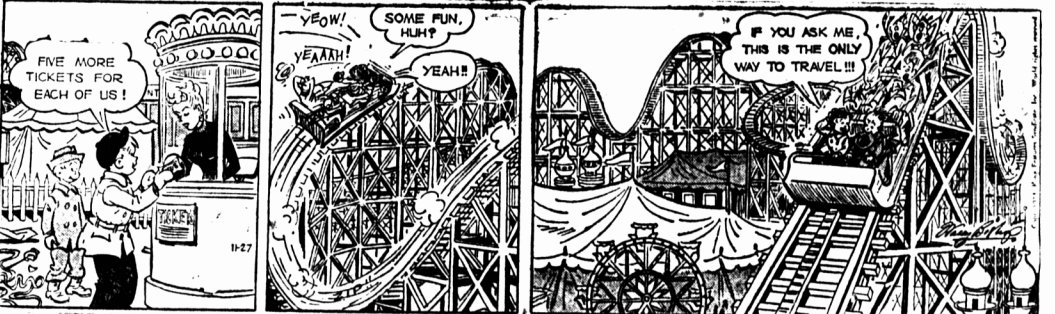
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Grandma



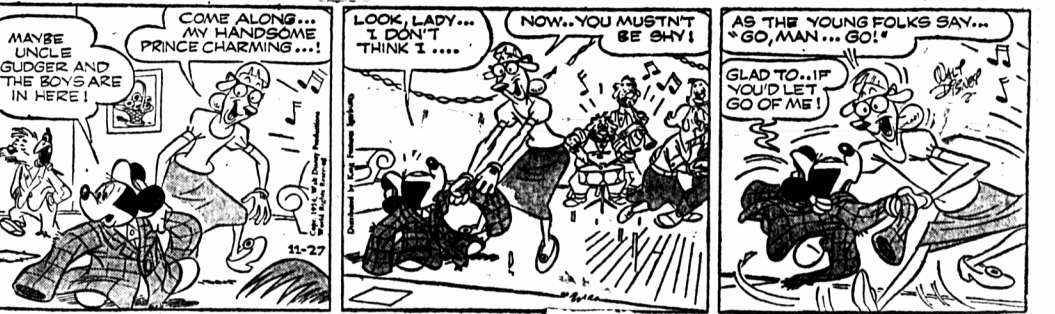
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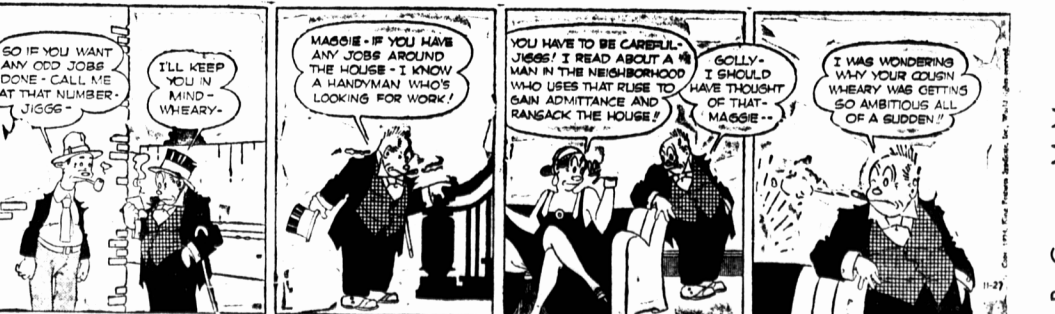
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Tilly The Toiler



By Bob Gustafson

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

L'il Abner



By Al Capp

The Lone Range



By Fran Striker

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. A killer whale
 5. Cozy spot
 9. Thin cereal
 10. Additional
 12. Rolls
 13. Discharged
 14. Against (prefix)
 15. A film on copper
 16. Coin (Peru)
 17. Disfigure
 18. Affix
 19. Outline of a dramatic work
 22. Warble (anal.)
 23. Lubricated
 27. Arising from a title
 29. Opening (anal.)
 32. Fuel
 33. Male descendant
 34. Call to mind
 36. House (It.)
 37. Beetle
 38. City in Columbia (post.)
 39. Ancient language
 40. Apportion
 41. Vexatious person
 42. Part of the verb "be"

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
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- DOWN**
1. River (Venez.)
 2. Stole cattle
 3. Equatorial constellation (genitive)
 4. Island off South Jutland
 5. Extremely wicked
 6. A way out
 7. A narrow streak
 8. General course
 9. Vitreous
 11. God of wind (Baby.)
 15. Equal
 17. Virulent (Med.)
 20. Meshed fabric
 21. Lubricate
 24. French explorer of the Mississippi River
 25. A wearing away
 26. A ruler
 28. Little child
 29. Spoken
 30. Rechart
 31. To daunt (archaic)
 35. Part of the eye
 36. Plural of "calo"
 38. Part of a locomotive

A Cryptogram Quotation

VXOV XMINH URZ BAA LDV VM
XNHB VXB AXOILEBAA MU VXB
XMMG-VOZRLM

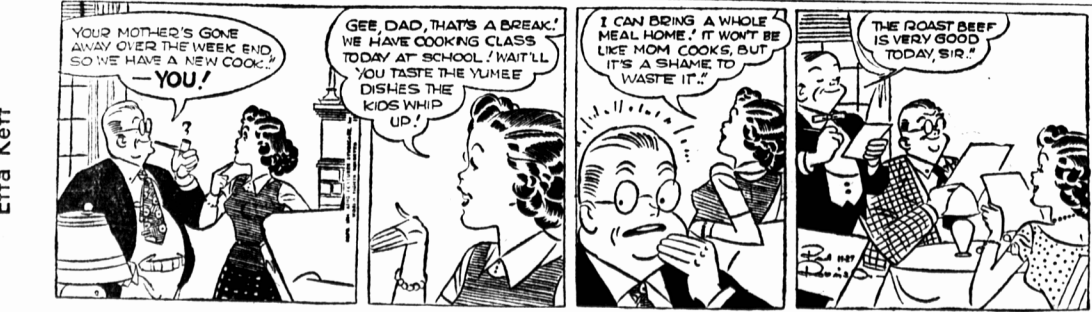
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