(By Thornton W. Burgess)

NIMBLEHEELS IS DIFFERENT

**How fortunate it is that we
In many matters disagree.
—Peter Rabbit.**

This is a very true saying of Peter's. If we all agreed about everything, life would be very dull and uninteresting. It is disagreement that sharpens wits. Disagreement arises from the fact that everybody is at least a little different from everybody else. It is disagreement that makes folks think, and from it very often springs some of the very best things of life.

The mouse family is a very big family. Members of it are found all around the Great World. Ever since he first started out in the Great World, Peter has known several members of this big family. When he has been in the Green Forest, he has often met Whitefoot the Woodmouse. When he has been over in Farmer Brown's barnyard at night, he has met Nibbler the House-mouse who lives in Farmer Brown's barn, and sometimes visits Farmer Brown's house. On the Green Meadows live Danny and Nanny Meadowmouse. They have even lived in the dear Old Briar-patch. You see they do not make their home in the same place all the time. And there is one other whom Peter has met, but does not know as well as he knows some of the others. This is Nimbleheels the Jumping Mouse, who also lives on the Green Meadows or sometimes along the edge of the Green Forest.

This is Nimbleheels, the Jumping Mouse.

Peter was reminded of Nimbleheels when he met Danny Meadowmouse just outside the dear Old Briar-patch. He hadn't seen Nimbleheels since early in the fall, and it was now the edge of winter. "Where is your cousin Nimbleheels?" he asked Danny Meadowmouse.

"How should I know?" squeaked Danny. "I haven't seen him since last summer. Probably he is asleep. I don't understand Cousin Nimbleheels."

"What is it you don't understand?" asked Peter wonderingly.

"I don't understand why he is so different from the rest of the family," replied Danny in his high squeaky voice.

"Is he?" asked Peter.

"He certainly is," replied Danny. "Do you mean in the way he can jump?" Peter wanted to know.

"No," squeaked Danny. "Of course he is the best jumper in the family, but there are some others who are pretty good jumpers. No, it isn't his jumping that makes him different; it is the way he sleeps."

Peter's eyes opened a little wider. "Does he sleep any different from the rest of you?" he asked.

"I should say he does," squeaked Danny. "The rest of us sleep like other folks, for a little while when we are sleepy. We take naps just as you do. But not cousin Nimbleheels. No, sir, not cousin Nimbleheels. He is like Johnny Chuck."

Peter blinked. "What do you mean like Johnny Chuck?" he asked.

"He sleeps all winter," squeaked Danny. "How he does it and why he does it, I don't know. He is the only member of the family that does it. He is the only one who can. So you see he is different from the rest of us. He is one of the longest sleepers I know of."

"I guess Johnny Chuck sleeps longer," said Peter, as if he knew all about it.

"No such thing," squeaked Danny. "Cousin Nimbleheels goes to sleep before Johnny Chuck does. He goes to sleep right in the middle of autumn, and doesn't wake up until way late in the spring. I wouldn't sleep like that for anything. Just think of all the fun he misses."

"But don't forget all the hard times he misses too," said Peter.

"Where is he sleeping?"

"You tell me," retorted Danny Meadowmouse.

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

NO ESCAPE!

In the bidding of the following deal, North was in the unhappy position of being wrong no matter what he did!

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

	♠ — ♥ 9 6 4 ♦ A Q 9 6 2 ♣ 8 7 4 3 2	
♠ A 10 8 5 3 2 ♥ 7 5 3 2 ♦ 5 4 ♣ 9	N W E S	♠ J 9 7 6 ♥ A 10 8 ♦ J 10 7 3 ♣ K Q
	♠ K Q 4 ♥ K Q J ♦ K 8 ♣ A J 10 6 5	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
6 ♣ (1)	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

North-South were not using any four-notrump convention, and so North's five-club call over South's four notrump had no artifical significance. North had played with this partner before and realized that he was apt to bid a hand a little past its value; thus, while North might have leaped to five clubs over three notrump with some partners, he chose the apparently safer course of bidding only four clubs with this partner. It was understandable that North did not want to play at notrump with his distribution!

It was South's wishful thinking that inspired his final slam bid. As he explained later, it seemed that North's "deliberate insistence on a club contract in preference to notrump showed great strength for the minor suit contract," and to South this implied that North must have at least two aces. It is likely that South never even thought about the possibility that North might have a strong dislike of notrump and reason to feel that game could be made in South's first-bid suit!

Even though West opened the spade ace and dummy ruffed, South soon had to acknowledge defeat — he had to concede a heart and a trump.

North's dilemma is pointed up by the fact that three notrump, if he had left the contract there, would have been severely defeated, and that his insistence on the right contract, clubs, was also futile because of South's shortsightedness. Apparently, there was no way by which North could land at the correct spot of five clubs!

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DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Tranquility
6. Test
11. The elbow
12. Shelf
13. Early inhabitants of England
14. Fruit of the oak
15. Any fruit drink
16. Frightened
17. Fragments
20. Golf stick
22. At that time
26. Fuss
27. Youth
29. Constellation
30. Harbor
32. Fluttering
34. To long (for)
36. A dry maize
39. Escape (slang)
42. Covered with ivy
43. Sphere of action
45. Wait on
46. Spars
47. Woody perennials
48. Projecting ends of churches

DOWN
1. Father
2. City (Okla.)
3. Receiver of bill of exchange
4. Light bedstead
5. Half ems
6. Set
7. Cast again
8. Aroma
9. Monster
10. Shift
16. Thin
18. Neuter pronoun
19. Elongated fish
20. Food for invalids
21. Japanese shrub
23. Without hair
24. Sea eagle
25. Old horse
28. Post (Ind.)
31. Steal
33. Norse god
35. Mountains (So. Am.)
36. Listen!
37. Across
38. Bog
40. Poker stake
41. Large quantity
43. Wine receptacle
44. Knock

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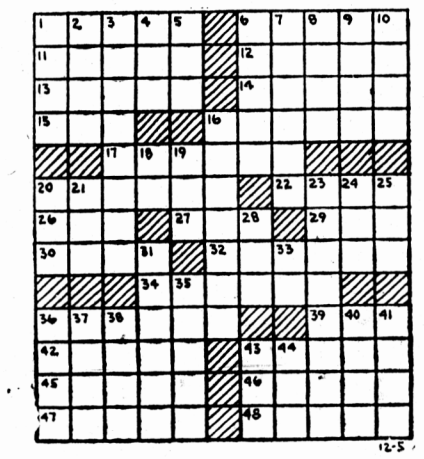
Yesterday's Answer



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is 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, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

Y M P O X T C L G X I M L Z X N X Z M N P D I, O L P O X T C L G X H Z C G H Y F L K Q X Y P — M S H F.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: YOU WILL BEAR NO UNWELCOME PRESENTS TO THE LITTLE CHILDREN—HORACE.

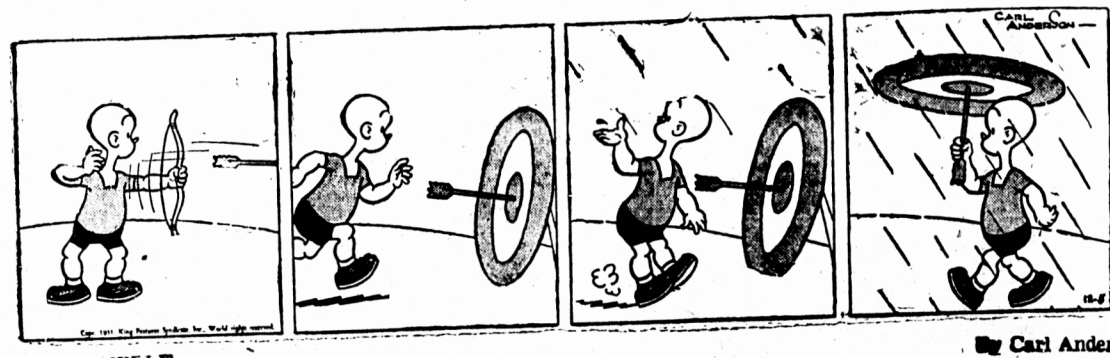
KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

By Ham Fisher

JOE PALOOKA

By Ruford

HENRY.



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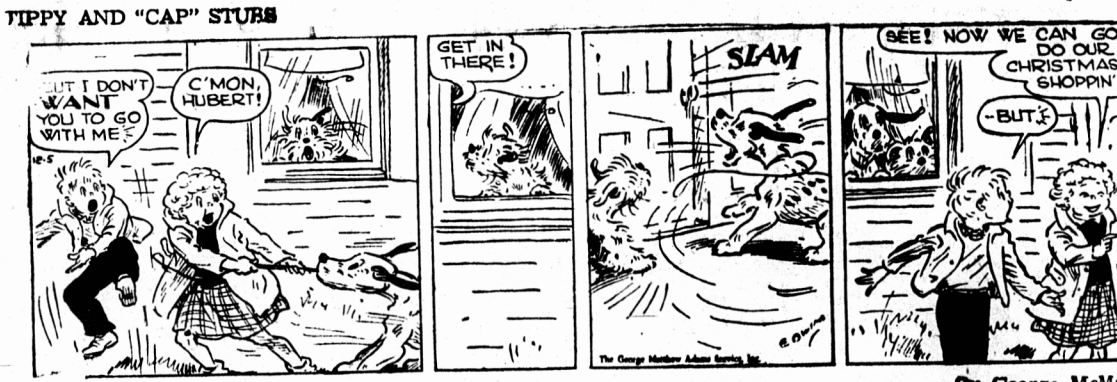
TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS



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TILLY THE TOILER

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LI'L ABNER By Al Capp

MR. KIRBY By Alex Raymond

PENNY By Harry Haenigsen