

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

HE WAS "WAITING":

East had the doubtful distinction of making one of the most remarkable passes on record in the following deal.

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

♠ K J 7 4
♥ A 10 9 8 6
♦ Q 5 3
♣ 10

♠ A Q 10 5
♥ K Q 5
♦ A K 6
♣ A K J
N W E S

This was the bidding in a very serious rubber game at a New York club where the players are certainly supposed to "know what goes on at a bridge table."

South West North East
1 ♠ (1) Pass 3 ♠ Pass (1)
Pass Pass

It is a safe conclusion that when South put in his super-psychic opening bid, not even he could hope for such success! Quite innocently, North gave his partner a double raise — a slight stretch, incidentally — and then came East's utterly fantastic pass! That this pass was fantastic should require little proof. In East's own hand, and presumably within his view, were no fewer than 26 high-card points. 6½-plus honor-tricks — nine honor cards, not counting the spade ten, which is certainly shown something. So how could South possibly have the values for an opening bid? Even if South held every missing high honor — in other words if neither West nor North had an

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE MAKING OF A HOME
A home is what its tenants make it; Where love holds sway and won't forsake it. —Old Mother Nature.

It was mid-winter. The ground was frozen hard. Snow covered most things. There was ice along the edges of all the brooks. Ice covered the ponds, and part of the Big River. For many of the Green Forest and Green Meadow folk it was a hard and unhappy time, for food was hard to find. Despite all this there was a lot of happiness in a certain neighborhood where two young foxes were starting to make a home for themselves out in the Great World. They were Too-Smart and Soft-Eyes, who were very much in love with each other. Too-Smart had come first to that neighborhood. He had thought to live there alone and keep it for himself. Now they were busy making a home. They were making over an old Woodchuck home. They were lucky. The ground there was sandy. The entrance and the

hall down to frost line was already big enough. Had it not been they would have had hard work to make it so, for to that point the ground was frozen hard. Below that it was almost clear sand. There were no big stones, no rock in the way. Foxes do not have digging feet, as do woodchucks. They can dig if they have to, and do. But they prefer to use old homes that will not need very much digging. Of course digging in sand is not too hard, and the two young foxes didn't mind the work at all. After all they were making a new home, their first home. They took turns in digging and pushing the sand out. While one was at work the other would go off hunting. Sometimes they went hunting together. Once or twice when Too-Smart had been extra lucky he brought home what he had caught and gave it to Soft-Eyes. Once a dog came nosing about in the neighborhood. Too-Smart led that dog away. It wouldn't do to let a dog know where that home was. The young fox led that dog far away, then broke his trail and circled around to his home again. "We'll have to keep watch for dogs, my dear," said he. "When one is in the neighborhood we must do just what I did this time." Soft-Eyes nodded. "It will be fun," said she. "What will be fun?" demanded Too-Smart. "Leading dogs away from our home," replied Soft-Eyes. "You leave that to me. That's my job," retorted Too-Smart. "No dog can catch me," declared Soft-Eyes. "If they can't catch you, they certainly can't catch me. You know you tried to catch me and couldn't." "If a dog comes around, you stay right down inside the house and leave him to me," ordered Too-Smart. Soft-Eyes just grinned at him, then disappeared inside the house. There was still much to be done in



"What will be fun" demanded Too-Smart.

STELLA MARIS SCHOOL

- Honor Roll for December. Grade XI—(Over 85%)—Doris Andrew, Lorina Peters, Bernadine Gauthier. (80% to 85%)—Edmond LeClair, Edwin Peters, Leslie Hiscott. (70% to 80%)—Kathleen Walsh, Jeanette McInnis, Margaret Dolron, Adele Kelly, Allison Gallant, Geraldine Turner. Grade X—1. Patricia Gauthier; 2. Mary C. Gallant; 3. Eric Peters; 4. Phyllis Gallant; 5. Teresa Irene Gallant; 6. Dixie Kirwan. Grade VIII—1. Kevin Blaquiere, Donald Gallant, Noreen Gallant and Geraldine Peters; 2. Clara Arsenault; 3. Gregory Gallant and Lionel Dolron and 2. Norman Charles Gallant; 3. Oswald Gallant. Grade VII—1. Ann Gauthier; 2. Clara Gallant; 3. Wanda Gallant. Grade VI—1. Frances R. Gallant; 2. Emelda Blaquiere; 3. Florence Pineau. Grade V—1. Urbain Gaudin; 2. Kevin Gauthier; 3. Mary Eileen Dolron. Grade IV—1. Ronald Gauthier; 2. Bernard Dolron; 3. Audrey Dolron. Grade III—1. Joanne Gallant; 2. Rose Marie Pineau; 3. Donald Gallant. Grade II—1. Dora Gallant; 2. Eric McEwen; 3. Rose Marie Gallant and Jeanette Blaquiere. Grade I—1. Lester Gallant; 2. Barbara Gauthier; 3. Estelle Gallant. Grade II—1. Mark Gallant; 2. Carolyn Gallant; 3. Kenneth LeClair. Sister St. Mary Eugenia—Principal.

Rip Kirby



By Alex Raymond



King of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



Lil Abner

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DAILY CROSSWORD ACROSS 1. Oriental course 2. The sign Capricorn 3. Cutting part of a knife 4. A collar edging 5. In bed 6. One's parent 7. Balance (abbr.) 8. Cooling device 9. American moth 10. Half ems 11. Per. to what is seen 12. British author: Bulwer- 13. Capital (of U.S.) 14. Famous whistpool (Norway) 15. Sum up 16. Masculine pronoun 17. Retired 18. Indian mulberry 19. Belonging to them 20. An ancient tower city (Bib.) 21. Eat away 22. A rural deity (Rom. Myth.) 23. Flower 24. Constellation 25. Diadema 26. A star of coal 27. British Museum (abbr.) 28. Mountain 29. Point of compass 30. Letters of a language 31. Flower 32. Constellation 33. Diadema 34. A star of coal 35. British Museum (abbr.) 36. Full of rats

DAILY CROSSWORD ACROSS 1. Dull and uninteresting 2. Edible mollusk 3. City (Nev.) 4. Sharpener, as a razor 5. Soft, silly person 6. On the port side (naut.) 7. Evening (poet.) 8. Thoron (abbr.) 9. Part of "to be" 10. Art of making clay products (sym.) 11. Iridium (sym.) 12. Epoch 13. Anesthet. 14. Article 15. Subtle emanation 16. Protecting frontpiece of a cap 17. Paddle-like process 18. At home 19. Fanciful 20. Ovum (Biol.) 21. Hawaiian bird 22. Spawn of fish 23. Herbs used in pickling 24. Rugged mountain crest 25. Tidy 26. Girl's name 27. Obtains 28. Luck (Ir.) 29. Mother who hunts 30. Covered with 31. Insect 32. Fortune 33. Cut off the tops 34. Celebes ox 35. Gayer 36. Note as wine 37. Earth (L.) 38. Music note 39. Protective covering 40. Monetary unit (Latvia) 41. Portion of a curved line 42. A doe

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR LONGFELLOW One letter simple 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 FWUVJEBHJL UWTA QWO LHKSWX ATK UVBHC RWWDK ENVJ BAAM HJC DWXATK-TWSNAKEAT. Yesterday's Cryptogram: IT IS ONLY TO THE HAPPY THAT TEARS ARE A LUXURY—MOORE.

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