

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
NOT GOOD ENOUGH

South did fairly well in the deal below, simply by taking the contract away from the opponents, but the victory could have been much more profitable.

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

98742
Q832
543

AK9
KJ72
AK10
8

N
W
E
S

KJ10
854
1098
J953

KQJ1053
AQ6
Q762

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♦	Pass	1♥	1♠
2NT	Pass	3♥	3♠
4♥	Pass	5♥	Pass
Dble. Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

With the cards lying as they did, East could have made six hearts, but it is only fair to observe that even a five-heart contract was hard to reach in safety. East might have taken out West's double of four spades, but from his point of view that auction was highly debatable. West opened the king of clubs, saw dummy's singleton, and shifted to the ace and low trump. Dummy won and South ruffed a heart. He then cross-ruffed clubs and hearts until, with four cards left in all hands, dummy was reduced to one heart and three diamonds while South himself had one trump and three diamonds. Even though the diamond king could scarcely be right, considering the bidding, South had no choice but to try the finesse when East played the diamond eight, and the upshot was one-trick defeat of the contract.

South was very unwise to get himself into a position where the diamond finesse was vital. He was on solid ground when he ruffed three of dummy's hearts and two of his own clubs, but when he finally led the queen of clubs, and West covered with the ace, the right play (very obviously) was to let West win the trick while a diamond was

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

WATCHING FOR A DINNER

The opportunist, quick of eye, Never lets a chance slip by.
—Old Mother Nature.

Reddy Fox is an opportunist. It is very, very seldom that opportunity passes him by. He is always watching for the unexpected, and is always ready to make the most of it. Reddy and Mrs. Reddy have to get almost all their food the hard way. They not only have to find where it is, but having found it they have to catch it. Most of their food is living food. Black Pussycat is famous for catching mice. Reddy Fox is an even better mouser than is Black Pussycat.



Mrs. Reddy grinned. "I know what's the matter with you," said she.

Winter is the hard time of year for Reddy and Mrs. Reddy, as it is for many others of the Green Forest and the Green Meadow folk. More than once Reddy had wished that he had wings. Yes, sir, he has wished that he had wings.

"If I had wings," said he to Mrs. Reddy, "I could fly down where it is so warm that Jack Frost never gets there." "I would fly down where it is so warm that Jack Frost never gets there," said Reddy. "I know what's the matter with you," said she. "You're hungry. You know perfectly well that you wouldn't do any such thing. You would be just like King Eagle. He could go away down where it is warm if he wanted to, but he and Mrs. Eagle are still around."

It was true. King Eagle and Mrs. Eagle had not gone south. They might if the weather got bad enough, but so far they had somehow managed to get enough to eat, and still refused to go where it was warmer. They are great home-lovers, and they hated to leave the neighborhood of the big nest they had occupied for several years which was over on the Great Mountain. Not even the great storm which had buried everything deep in snow, had driven them away. Reddy was watching King Eagle now. He was over on the shore of the Big River, and King Eagle was perched on an old stump beside the black water that was running too

fast right there to freeze over. Reddy was watching King Eagle, and King Eagle was watching some of the duck folk out on the water. They were watching for a fish. And everybody was watching for a dinner. Perhaps Reddy had the least hope of getting a dinner there, but being an opportunist he was watching on the chance that something might happen that would give him the dinner he so much needed.

Among the duck folk out on the black water, which looked so cold that it made Reddy Fox shiver, were Mrs. Quack, the mallard duck, Mrs. Black Duck, and Sawbill, the Merganser, who is often called Shell-drake. "There is King Eagle over on a stump, and he is watching us," said Mrs. Quack to Mrs. Black Duck.

"I wonder if he thinks he can catch one of us," said Mrs. Black Duck. "He ought to know better." "Just then Sawbill dived. When finally he came up he had a fish in his bill. King Eagle screamed, and took to his wings. He was trying to frighten Sawbill into dropping that fish."

HISTORIC FLIGHT
The first official air mail in Canada was flown from Montreal to Toronto in June, 1918.



DAILY CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | DOWN | |
| 1. Goddess of discord (Gr.) | 1. Blunders | 19. Leg joint |
| 5. Exhibition | 2. Thin bird | 21. More prepared |
| 9. Sultan's decree | 3. Not working | 22. A plant with rough, tongue-shaped leaves |
| 10. Fortified | 4. Those selected | 23. Music note |
| 12. Boring tool | 5. Distant | 24. White matter of the brain |
| 13. Indian coin | 6. Indeed (Anglo-Ind.) | 28. River (Lat.) |
| 14. Not awake | 7. Body of Kaffir warriors | 31. Thus (L.) |
| 16. Mischievous person | 8. To embark again | 35. Biblical name (poss.) |
| 17. Hit (slang) | 9. Girl's name (sym.) | |
| 20. Bromine (sym.) | 11. Lower | |
| 21. Act of turning on an axis | 15. Hawaiian food | |
| 25. Symbol appearing in Lloyd's register | 18. Having no equal | |

YESTERDAY'S ANSWERS

1. A. 2. B. 3. C. 4. D. 5. E. 6. F. 7. G. 8. H. 9. I. 10. J. 11. K. 12. L. 13. M. 14. N. 15. O. 16. P. 17. Q. 18. R. 19. S. 20. T. 21. U. 22. V. 23. W. 24. X. 25. Y. 26. Z.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

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

V P R B V H E J V P S P E E F B O P M V P J M
P M F C J W V L B S R F Q B W E X B V F C P K
Z J R E P S P E E V P J Z F Q B W M J V S Q W L

Yesterday's Cryptogram: **FAME IMPATIENT OF EXTREMES, DECAYS NOT MORE BY ENVY THAN EXCESS OF PRAISE—POPE**

BRIGHTEN YOUR TREE
with colourful glistening packages of **WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT CHEWING GUM**

Let the attractive red, white and green packages of Wrigley's Spearmint Gum help to brighten your Christmas tree... and besides, most everyone loves chewing Wrigley's Spearmint Gum because it's so healthful, wholesome and inexpensive!

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New Students Accepted
CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 3, 1955
Stenographic — Commercial — Secretarial

Bringing Up Father

MASSE—IT SAYS HERE YOUR BROTHER DANNY HAS WRITTEN A BOOK AND IT'S A BEST-SELLER!

OH—HOW WONDERFUL!

MY FAMILY ALWAYS HAD LITERARY TALENT! MUST SEND COPIES TO ALL OUR FRIENDS IN SOCIETY—THEY'LL BE TERRIBLY IMPRESSED!

WHAT'S THE TITLE OF DANNY'S BOOK?

"TWENTY YEARS IN STATE PRISON"—IT'S HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY!

Joe Palooka

IT'S YOUR FAULT... NEVER HOME... ALWAYS OUT PLAYIN' CARDS... GOONIN'... WE GOT NO HOME LIFE...

YOU SHOULD TALK... WORK ALL NITE AN' THEN GO OUT DRINKIN' GOONIN' YA FINISH SLEEPIN'...

I WOULD THINK YOU PEOPLE WOULD BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT POOR TOMMY THAT'S FIGHTING EACH OTHER.

I'M S-SORRY... OH, POOR TOMMY... OH, MY BOY...

EASY, SELMA... EASY... H-H-HIS GONNA BE OKAY... UH... AIN'T HE, SIR?

Secret Agent X9

JOE, IF THAT ISN'T THE SECRET THAT THE LATE DOCTOR EXHIL CONCEALED IN HIS PAINTING, WE'VE FLUNKED IN BOTANY!

THE PAPER DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME!

THESE EQUATIONS AND MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGICS WILL MAKE SENSE TO THE MEN WHO CAN READ THEM, JOE!

PHIL, THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT CARETAKER I DON'T LIKE!

A few minutes later—
HERE THEY COME! GET BUSY WITH THE HAMMER AND CHISEL!

ALL SET!

George McManus

MERCIFUL HEAVENS! WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT?

MOM! MOM! DID YOU HEAR HIM? IT WAS THAT CUTE NAVY FLEET GOING OVER!

IT SOUNDED MORE LIKE A FLYING EARTHQUAKE!

OH! THANK YOU, MR. SIMPKINS.

YOU'RE LOSIN' MONEY, IT'S GIVIN' TILLIE TIME OFF WITH PAY.

NONSENSE, WHIPPLE! I'M SAVING MONEY!

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Ham Fisher

PIERRE, I'M GIVIN' A SMALL RECEPTION TO INTRODUCE TINY TO THE YOUNGER SET. I'LL INVITE 100 GIRLS.

AND THE ENTIRE FRESHMAN CLASS OF YALE.

—THASS BETTER! AN' I'LL HAVE A GANG, TOO!

MONEY IN ADVANCE, PLEASE!

WHY THE HURRY? YOU'VE HANDLED THE RECEPTIONS FOR ALL MY WEDDINGS?

YOU WERE WEALTHY THEN!—BUT MY CREDIT AGENCY JUST WARNED ME—YOU'RE BANKRUPT!

MEANWHILE—BACK HOME—ODDWICKE BEHAVES ODDLY FOR A VALET.

Mel Graff

WAKEN ME? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

WHY DID YOU WANT ME TO LET US IN THE BANK AN' OPEN THE SAFE?

I CAN'T DO—

YUH CAN, AN' YUH WILL! OR YOU'LL NEVER SEE DAYBREAK!

GET GOIN'!

Redolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

(SHRIEK!) NOBODY CAN STOP THE WITCH FROM GETTING WHAT SHE WANTS!

OH, NO! LITTLE BOPEEP CAN!

THAT DOES IT! NOW IT'S BOPEEP'S TURN!

IN THAT CASE, YOU COULD USE SOME WATER! RIGHT, JACK?

Henry

—GIVE ME A RING TOMORROW. I MAY DECIDE TO MAKE UP WITH YOU! —GOODBYE!

—AND FURTHERMORE HENRY...

RINGS \$50. UP

JEWELER

Grandma

GRANDMA, ISN'T THERE A MISTAKE IN THIS ORDER OF THE DOZEN DECKS O' CARDS FOR YOU?

OH, NO, THAT'S WHAT I ORDERED!!!

YA SEE, SINCE SCHOOL STARTED I'VE BEEN BEIN' LONESOME. I'VE BEEN PLAYIN' SOLITAIRE.

I'VE WORN OUT SIX DECKS O' CARDS ALREADY...

Muggs and Skeeter

HOLD MY BOOKS. I WANT TO SEE WHAT MY FORTUNE IS!

IT SAYS I AM DESTINED FOR GOOD FORTUNE AND HIGH ADVENTURE!

SEE! NOW YOU HOLD MY BOOKS!

HURRY UP, DOUBLE-DIP!

...WHAT DOES IT SAY?

IT JUST SAYS "GET BACK ON YOUR DIET!"

Mickey Mouse

GOSH... ANOTHER GIFT FOR UNCLE FROM EVERYWHERE!

UNCLE MICKEY... DID YOU SEE ALL THIS MAIL SINCE YOUR BROADCAST?

UNCLE! GUDGER! THESE LETTERS ARE FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY... AND SOME OF THEM SAY THEY ARE STARTIN' GUDGER BUILDINGS IN THEIR OWN CITIES...

IT'S DOWNRIGHT TOUCHIN', NEPHEW!

Tilly the Toiler

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