

Contract Bridge.

By Josephine Culbertson
WHEN EXPERT PARTNERS
DISAGREE

Usually, when experts disagree over the bidding of a bridge hand, such close issues are involved that there can't be an absolutely clear-cut decision. But in the following case it does seem that North's position was far more logical than South's.

Worth dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
North-South 60 on score.

♠ J2
♥ K9762
♦ J
♣ AK853

♠ 84
♥ AQJ
♦ 53
♣ 942

♠ AQ109763
♥ AQ8
♦ QJ4

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 2♠ Pass
2♥ Dble. 3♠ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♠ Pass
4♥ Pass 4♠ Pass

The opening lead had little bearing — South had 12 ironclad tricks. Then came the matter of "placing the blame."

South insisted that North should have bid four spades, not four hearts, over South's obvious cue-bid of four diamonds.

North's rebuttal — with which this observer agrees — was that South "missed the boat" by failing to make the key bid at any time. That bid, North said, was four hearts, and North pointed out that South had had two chances for that call. The first opportunity was when East doubled three hearts. A four-heart bid by South at that point would have clearly announced first-round control; and the same message would have been conveyed by South's bidding four hearts (instead of four diamonds) over North's four clubs. North maintained vigorously that since he could not look to South for a void in hearts, he certainly could not afford to give any greater encouragement than he had already given when he stretched to keep the bidding open over South's three pades.

North's argument seems valid. No one could have criticized him, at the score, if he had passed to three spades; and since he actually made the chance-giving bid of four clubs, he could scarcely afford to bid four spades over the four diamonds.

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

OLD MAN COYOTE WONDERS

Investigation often pays
In many unsuspected ways.
—Old Man Coyote.

Old Man Coyote was one of the Green Forest folks having a hard time. Like Reddy Fox, Mrs. Reddy, and their cousin, Gray Fox, he was going hungry most of the time. There had been a heavy fall of snow. It lay deep all through the Green Forest, too deep for anyone without snowshoes to get about. Old Man Coyote had tried it, and all he could do was to founder. He gave it up, and went back to his den. There he tried his best to sleep and forget his troubles while he waited for the snow to pack down, or melt, or become covered with an icy crust strong enough to bear, his weight. Then he would get out and hunt for something to eat.



Presently he was where he could see them

It was a long wait. Yes, sir, it was a long wait. But at last there was a light rain. Then Rough Brother Northwind and Jack Frost,

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any use for the other. Usually they keep out of the way of each other. I wonder what they can be quarreling over. It must be something to eat.

He began to move swiftly but quietly toward the place from which the sounds of that quarrel came. Now and then he stopped to listen. Another Merry Little Breeze brought the voices of Reddy Fox and Gray Fox. They were snarling and growling at each other. You and I would have thought it a most unpleasant sound, but Old Man Coyote didn't think so at all. In fact, it was a pleasant sound to him, for he felt sure that they must be quarreling over something good to eat.

If it was good for them, it would be good for him. And he knew he was big and strong enough to take it away from them. Presently he was where he could see them. Their teeth were bared as they snarled at each other. But look as he could — and there was nothing the matter with Old Man Coyote's eyes. He couldn't see a single thing on that shiny crust that was good to eat.

FISH STORY

GORING, England (CP) — Two hours after losing a fish which took his hook and line, Fred Senior landed a 4½-pound dream in the Thames near this Oxfordshire village. Inside the fish he found the hook and line.

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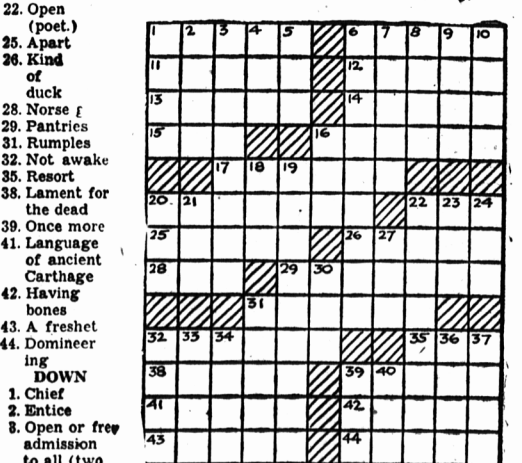
DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. High up
 6. Fundamental
 11. Indian coin
 12. Man's name
 13. Any system of belief
 14. Anglo-Indian agent (var.)
 15. Female fowl
 16. Having passage-ways between seats
 17. Lived
 20. Hoaxed
 22. Open (poet.)
 25. Apart
 26. Kind of duck
 28. Norse god
 29. Pantries
 31. Rumples
 32. Not awake
 35. Resort
 38. Lament for the dead
 39. Once more
 41. Language of ancient Carthage
 42. Having bones
 43. A freshet
 44. Domineering
- DOWN**
1. Chief
 2. Entice
 8. Open or free admission to all (two words)



Saturday's Answer

4. Charge for professional services
6. Confuses
8. Part of window frame
9. River (Ger.)
10. Guide
16. Malt beverage
18. Court
19. Outfit
20. Perched
21. Travel back and forth
22. People of Odessa
23. Through
24. Bitter vetch
27. Fish
30. Viper
31. Earn
32. Amperes (abbr.)
33. Broth
34. Moon goddess (Rom.)
36. Pastry dish
37. Man's nickname
39. Yarn
40. Sticky substance (slang)



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

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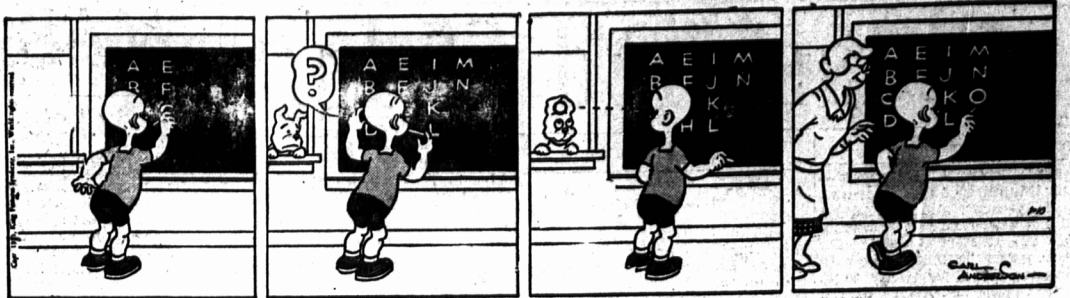
One letter simply stands for another. In this example, A stands for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, as apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

SJMJIWKLR AIIM, YLZ TGYMMIB,
NGYLRKLR BICYL!—TGYOJTVYJSJ.

Saturday's Cryptquote: AND THOUGH THOU SLAY US, WE WILL TRUST TO THEE—HAY.

Henry



Grandma



Muggs and Skeeter



Etta Kett



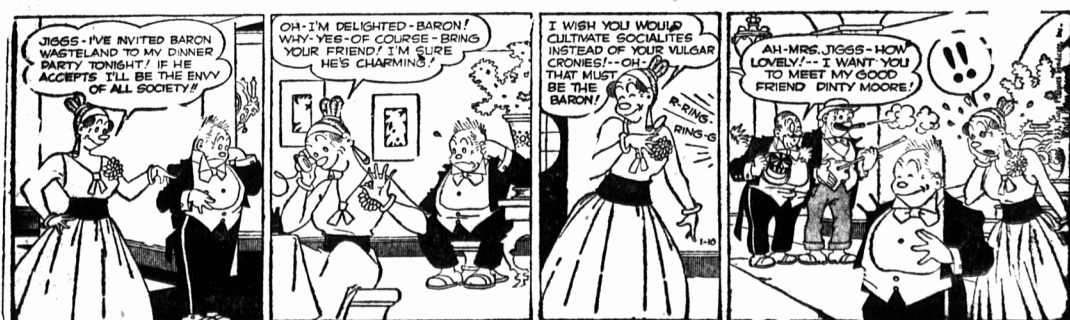
Tilly The Toiler



Mickey Mouse



Bringing Up Father



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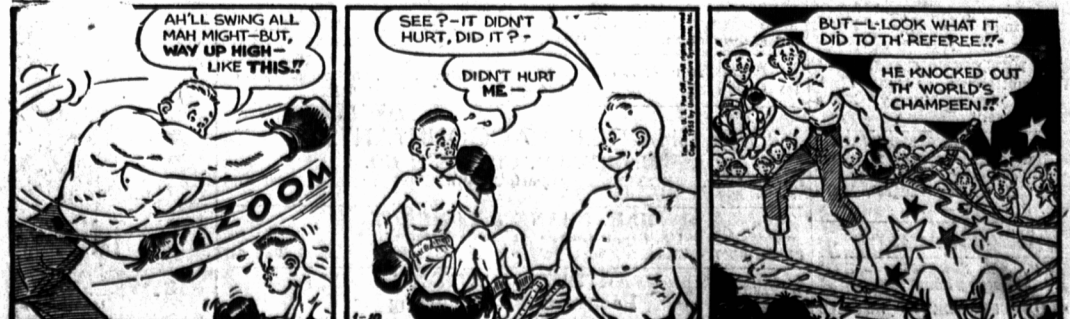


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