

Contract Bridge
By Josephine Culbertson
ONE COMMON-SENSE RULE
Contrary to widespread opinion, there are very few "rules" in bridge that remain valid under all circumstances. But there is one, based on nothing but common sense, that always should be observed, and that is: if you have opened a minimum hand, do not rebid unless you are forced to do so by partner's response. Too many players still follow the example set by North, below:

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

♠ K 6 2	♠ A 5
♥ A K 10 7 7	♥ Q J 10 5
♦ K 4 3	♦ K 6 2
♣ 10 8 7	♣ Q J 10
♣ 8 3	♣ 8
♣ A J 10 5	
♣ 9 6	

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

North knew, or should have known, he counted high-card points on a minimum, and consequently he had nothing further to say over South's one-club opening. True, a two-club opening might be better, but there was no assurance in that case that in any case North simply could not afford to open.

As it happened, South was very far from being his negative no-bump response, so he could not be blamed for rebidding over North's two clubs. If North had good reason for rebidding, game was by no means out of the question.

When North-South went to two hearts, the fact was in the line of play that had decided to start doubling even if North passed. He had played against that particular North before, and knew the rebid. But North made a 3♥ and then a 4♥. Doubtless he was in the "muck silence" of the moment up to that point, he hit three trump.

That's doubly really called for a heart lead by West, but the latter's actual choice of the club nine — a rather surprising choice — turned out very well. South won the ace and finessed the ten of hearts. West knocked out the king of clubs and declared unavailably to clear the hearts. After that the defenders took the rest of the tricks, collecting 1400 points!

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It was much the same way with Yank Yank the Nuthatch. He also was in one of Farmer Brown's Boy's birdhouses. Sammy Jay was

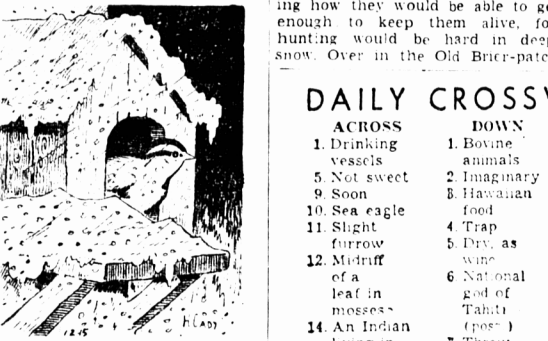
BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thorton W. Burgess

THE GREAT STORM

There's loveliness in falling snow, But bitter hardship too, I know. —Farmer Brown's Boy.

Farmer Brown's Boy was wholly right. He was standing at the kitchen window, looking out. Snow was falling steadily. It had been falling ever since daylight. At first, it had been very lovely, for it began with big feathery flakes. For eyes that can see beauty of design there is nothing lovelier than a big flake of snow. Later the big flakes had given way to fine flakes that were more like grains. They had fallen faster and faster, and now as he looked out it was as if a white curtain had been drawn to shut away everything outside. The feeding shelf for his feathered friends was piled with snow. He had brushed off several times, but it seemed useless. Anyway, no birds were coming, for no birds were moving in that storm.



He was sure that he himself would not be hungry, at least not too hungry, before the great storm ended.

Tommy Tit, the Chickadee, was snug and warm in one of the birdhouses Farmer Brown's Boy had left up in a tree in the Old Orchard. Tommy Tit had gone in there the night before with his crop and his stomach full of sunflower seeds that he couldn't have swallowed another if he tried. Now, as he peeped out and listened to the hissing of the fine grains of snow pough Brother Northwind was blowing past his doorway, he was sorry for some of his friends whom he suspected must be hungry. They were the ones who had either not been weather-wise, or had had no way of preparing for this great storm. He was sure that he himself would not be hungry, at least not too hungry, before the great storm ended. The food with which he had stuffed himself would keep him warm for that is what food does when it is not used up too fast. Because he was keeping perfectly quiet, and would continue to do so, he wouldn't use the food too fast. So Tommy Tit wasn't worried.

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Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1954
POINT DE ROCHE SCHOOL
October and November Report.

Grade X—1. Benny McCormack.
Grade IX, Sr.—1. Joan McCormack; 2. Johnny McCormack; 3. Vincent McCormack.
Grade IX, Jr.—1. Katherine McCormack; 2. Joseph McKenna.
Grade VI—1. Terence McCormack; 2. Doreen McCormack.
Grade V—1. Rita McCormack; 2. Donald King.
Grade III—1. David McCormack.
Grade I—1. Joan McInnis.
Highest average in Senior Grades — Benny McCormack.
Highest average in Junior Grades — Terence McCormack.
Teacher — Mrs. Cecelia McCormack.

where Peter Rabbit and Mrs. Peter. They had finally gone into the old house of Johnny Chuck's grandfather that was in the very heart of the Old Bier-patch.

PURINA FED TURKEY'S
Order Now
ADDISON MacCABE ALEXANDRA

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Drinking vessels
5. Not sweet
9. Snout
10. Sea eagle
11. Slight furrow
12. Misdrift of a leaf in masonry
14. An Indian living in Utah
15. Sun god
17. Fasted tightly
18. Places where deposits are washed for gold
21. Trouble
22. Vend
23. Dear
25. Rub on
27. Disturbed
30. Headland
34. Luzon native
35. Hanging ornament
37. Unspecified amount
39. This
40. Tibetan gazelle
41. Wooden plug
43. Ward off, as a blow
45. Misfortunes
46. Toward the lee
47. Title added to name of certain Brahmins (pl.)

DOWN
1. Bovine animals
2. Imaginary
3. Hawaiian food
4. Trap
5. Dry, as wine
6. National god of "Tahiti" (pop.)
7. Throw from a saddle
8. Soil directly to a social group
9. A consumer
10. Distress signal
24. Die
26. Twilled fabric
27. Go by
28. A place of ideal perfection
29. A social group
31. Tidal floods (Brit.)
32. Breathes noisily in sleep
33. Remain
36. The prickly pear
38. Girl's name
42. Letter of the alphabet
44. Malt beverage

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	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
is LONG FELLOW

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
W F G Q K Z G F Q X E P Q U P U L G X J H
J F U P J L M H B W M T Q R C W B V L T X L
J W Z H J H W Y K H X L R W B I L C Q X—
R H R B G.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: A BRAVE MAN STRUGGLING IN THE STORMS OF FATE—POPE.

for a **MERRIER CHRISTMAS**

WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT CHEWING GUM

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Secret Agent X9

DOCTOR EXILL HAD AN OUTDOOR AQUARIUM?

YES—HE DAMMED UP A SMALL CREEK RUNNING THROUGH A WAREHOUSE PART OF AN JOB WAS TO FEED THE PET FISH IN THE POOL—

Minutes later—
JOE, THE POOL COULD BE THE POND REFERRED TO IN THE PAINTING!

IT'S BEGINNING TO BUILD, PHIL!

THAT MUST BE THE POND DOWN THERE, JOE!

AND IT'S GOT CATTAIL PLANTS IN IT! REMEMBER THE SECRET MESSAGE? 'END OF CAT IN POND'!

Joe Palooka

I'D LIKE TO WALK HOME WITH YOU, I WANT TO GAB A BIT.

I GOT NOWHERE TO TALK ABOUT?

I'D LIKE TO MEET YOUR FAMILY.

THEY AIN'T NONE, THEY'RE NEVER HOME, AN' WHY'D YOU WANTA MEET THEM?

OH, JUST LIKE TO KNOW PEOPLE, HOW ABOUT US HAVING A HOT CHOCOLATE?

NOPE, WHY DON'T YA MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!

Bringing Up Father

HOW ARE YOU MAKING OUT—JIGGS?

I HAD SOME TROUGH LUCK! YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY!

GWH—THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY!

BUT I'M NOT KIDDING—HE REALLY WAS THIS BIG!

IN FACT HE WAS ALMOST AS BIG AS THE ONE I CAUGHT!

Effie Kett

DIG PUDDING HE GRABS HIMSELF A CUSHY JOB, WHILE WE BLOW OUR BEANS OUT PUFFING UP BALLOONS!

COME ON, LET'S TAKE 'EM OUT IN THE PARKING LOT—I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

CREEPLY YOU DOLL! HOW'D YOU GET THEM BLOWN UP SO QUICKLY!

HEY! WHO LETS THE AIR OUT OF MY TIRES?

Li'l Abner

??—WHUFFO IS YO' C-CRYIN'?

I'M S-S-S-CARED OF YOU!!

AH IS S-S-CARED O' YO'—TOO!!

AWFULLEST NIGHT O' M-MAH L-LIFE!!

M-MINE, TOO!!

HOW SWEET!!

(SWEET!!—IF THIS SORT OF THING GOES ON—I'LL LOSE THAT BOY!!)

Mickey Mouse

I HEAR YOU REFUSED TO DONATE LUMBER TO MICKEY MOUSE'S CLUB FOR LONELY PEOPLE...

THAT'S RIGHT! I WOULDN'T GIVE A STICK OF... SAY, WHAT'S THAT THURSDAY CLUB OF YOURS DOING HERE ON WEDNESDAY?

NO!

WE'RE GOING TO MEET HERE EVERY DAY UNTIL WE FIND SOME WAY OF GETTING LUMBER FOR THIS WORTHY CAUSE!

I DROVE THE LUMBER OVER, MYSELF—TO BE SURE YOU GET IT IN TIME!

SWELL, MR. CRUMLEIGH... THANKS! I KNEW YOU WERE A GOOD GUY AT HEART!

Henry

GRAB THOSE WHOPPER WHIPPERSNAPPERS! I'LL TEACH THEM TO SPOLL MY FUN!

THEY CAN'T GO FAR WITH ALL THOSE LETTERS TO CARRY!

H-HEY! W-WAIT FOR ME!

KEEP A SHARP EYE OUT, WOLF, AND CALL OUT IF YOU SEE THEM!

YEAH—IF I DON'T FALL OFF FIRST!

Mugs and Skooter

JUST A MINUTE, YOUNG MAN!

OH, HELLO, MISTER SAME WARDEN!

...HAVE YOU BY ANY CHANCE, NOTICED THIS SIGN...?

NO HUNTING IS SURE!

NO HUNTING IS WHO'S SWANKING?

Tilly the Toiler

I THINK THAT MAP OF THE CITY LOOKS GOOD UP THERE.

WHAT A STUPID-LOOKING MAP!

YOU SAID IT BOY! IF I HAD A MAP LIKE THAT I'D NEVER HAVE MADE IT UP ON THE WALL!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY MAP?

UUP! ER NOTHING, BOSS!

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

THE BRIGHT SUNSHINE WILL WAKE YOU IN TIME FOR SCHOOL—HENRY!

IS THAT TH' FELLER THEY CALL FIBBER JONES?

YEAH, AN' CAN HE TELL SOME WHOPPERS!

THEY SAY HIS STORIES ARE TH' BEST IN TH' WHOLE STATE! BUT, O' COURSE, MAYBE TH' PEOPLE WHO SAY THAT...

HAVE NEVER HEARD YOU SPIN A YARN, GRANDMA!

Grandma

12-15 CHAS. KUHNS

Micky Mouse

12-15 CHAS. KUHNS

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