

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cluvertson

THE WINNING INFERENCE

The inference declarer could validly draw from the opening lead in the following hand was the key to the entire play.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A 9 8 2
 ♥ 5 4
 ♦ A Q 5
 ♣ A Q 9 4

♠ 7 3
 ♥ 8 6 2
 ♦ K 8 7 5
 ♣ 3 2

♠ K Q J 10 7 5 4
 ♥ K 3
 ♦ J 10
 ♣ 10 6

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	1♦	1♠	2♠
3♦	5♦	5♠	5♠
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

North gave his all, and perhaps a shade more, when he jumped to three spades over West's two hearts, and so he was really gambling when he accepted South's slam invitation. True, the gamble succeeded, but the final contract was none too sound.

West, however, helped things along for the enemy by opening the club jack. South was sure that his selection would not have been made from king-jack, so the finesse was not attractive. He put up the club ace and, after cashing the king and queen of trumps, tried the diamond finesse. West covered the jack and the ace won. South then cashed his diamond ten, led a spade to dummy, and threw his club ten on the diamond queen.

The marked position of the club king was now turned to good account by South, who confidently led the club queen through East. The latter, knowing what was in the wind, unhesitatingly ducked, but South was not to be fooled—in any case, he had committed himself, so he discarded a heart. This, of course, insured the contract, since declarer could win (in all) seven trump tricks, three diamonds and two clubs.

Obviously, it would not have saved East to cover the club queen. South simply would have ruffed, led a trump to dummy and discarded a heart on the established nine of clubs.

If West had not opened the club jack, however, South would have had to do some remarkable guessing. It is true that a trump lead against a small slam is usually a bad choice, but in this case that very lead would have given the defenders their best chance.

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

TWO TIRED FOLKS

Work well done is worth its cost; Poorly done, is effort lost. —Paddy the Beaver.

Paddy the Beaver is a good worker. Mrs. Paddy is just as good. Working hard, and working well, is a family trait. Both of them take pride in their work. Without pride, there can be no really good work. Without help from anyone, Paddy and Mrs. Paddy had built a dam that had made a pond of considerable size. In this pond they had built a fine big house, the walls and roof of which were above water, and had made a great food pile in the water a short distance from the house. All this meant work of the hardest kind over a long period. Trees had to be cut down, then trimmed and cut up in short pieces. These had to be floated out to whichever piece of work was being done. Have you ever tried to build a dam across a brook using just stones and sods and mud and sticks? If so, you know how hard it is to build such a dam so that it will not be washed away in a short time. You know how hard it is to find and stop all the leaks.

It was with just such things, stones, sods, mud and sticks, that Paddy and Mrs. Paddy had built that dam, and they had built it strong enough, and tight enough, to hold back the water in a nice big pond. They were proud of that dam. They had reason to be. They were proud of their house out in the forest. No one else in all the Green Forest had such a house, or could have built such a house.

In mid-winter, when the pond was covered with ice, Glutton the Wolverine had come out on the ice and had torn their house apart. They had been forced to move to an old den in the bank of the brook a little way from where it entered the pond. As if that were not trouble enough, they had discovered that their pond was running away. Each day there was less water under the ice. This meant a leak somewhere in the dam. It was a small leak, and hard to find. When they

nothing about that leak. They could have gotten along without the pond. It would have meant that instead of a pond under the ice, there would have been only the brook just as there had been in the first place. This would have meant that their great pile of food sticks, enough to last them all winter and into the spring, would no longer have been in water. It would have meant that perhaps the ice would have come in a spell of warm weather and that might have meant no end of trouble in getting at their food. It never entered their heads not to do something about that leak. They are that kind of people. When something needs to be done they

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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Bottle stopper
 - Eldest son of Noah
 - Article of virtue
 - Ancient district in Asia Minor
 - Part of ten equal parts
 - District Attorney (abbr.)
 - Old times (archaic)
 - Indian (Bolivia)
 - Lion native
 - Device that measures time
 - Trust
 - Born
 - Lord (abbr.)
 - Pleaded
 - Evening sun god (Egypt)
 - Part of "to be"
 - Web-footed bird
 - A whiff
 - Longed for
 - Extinct bird (N. Z.)
 - Land-measure
 - Breach
 - Music note
 - Employs
 - Part of a coat front
 - Steps over a fence

MADE AGAS

S	O	R	E	S					
C	H	A	I	R					
G	O	D	T	I	M				
C	H	E	E	R	F	U			
B	E	T	H	E	L	A	C	T	
H	A	M	A	L	E				
S	I	C	A	R	I	E	D		
C	O	N	T	R	A	B	L	E	
A	N	E	A	B	L	E	S	O	N
R	O	A	R	D	E	D	E		
F	I	N	E	D	E	D	E		
D	A	I	D	E	S				

Yesterday's Answer

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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, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A X Y D L B A X X R
I S L O N G F E L L O W

F K H H E K L H B K F A X O F H S O O F K B X K V L' E O D A S H K V K Z R B T D L O I K I O.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: FOR HE WILL NEVER FOLLOW ANYTHING THAT OTHER MEN BEGIN—SHAPESPEARE.

King Of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



Rip Kirby

By Alex Raymond



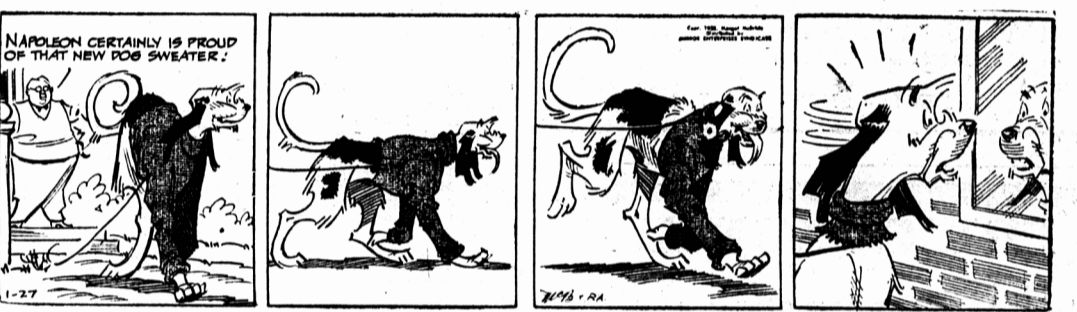
Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



Li'l Abner

By Al Capp



Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



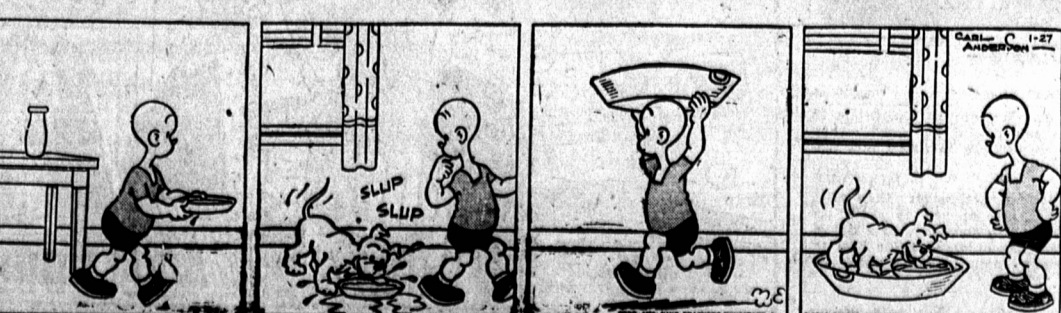
Dotty Dripple

By Ruford



Henry

By Carl Anderson



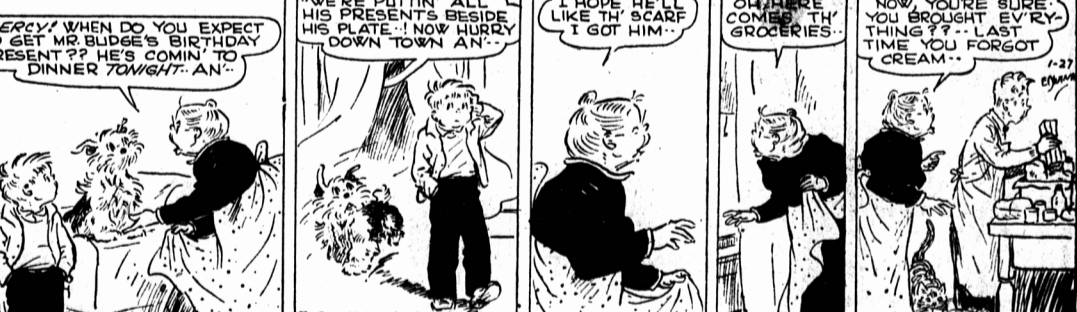
Pogo

By Walt Kelly



Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwin



Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



PENNY

By Harry Hoegen



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