

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
TRUE SAFETY FACTS

Any declarer of reasonable experience can and does use safety plays when the need is apparent. But that is not enough. The truly competent declarer always provides against the most improbable breaks if the effort costs him nothing. Here is a case in point:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	5NT	Pass
6♥	Pass	7♦	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

West decided to open a trump, and when dummy was put down declarer must have felt very well satisfied. Certainly, he had every right to feel that way, but excellent as his prospects were, he still should have realized that there was a chance of losing a trick.

Actually, South drew trumps, then led a low heart to the queen and discarded a spade on the ace of clubs, but when he tried to run the rest of the hearts he was severely shocked to find that West had the suit stopped. Desperate, South cashed the spade king and tried the finesse to the jack, but this lost and he ended up by going down two.

The only conceivable way of losing his grand slam contract was to run up against a very bad heart break. To guard against that as well as possible, South should have won the third round of trumps in dummy, then cashed the club ace, discarding a spade. Now it could cost nothing to cash the king and ace of spades and ruff a third round, simply on the chance of dropping the queen. As may be seen, this is what would have happened, and now declarer could go to the heart queen and discard a jack, thus avoiding any possibility of a heart loser.

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE YOUNG CHUCK IS UNDECIDED

The wise, whatever may betide, Will always for himself decide. —Old Mother Nature.

Down in his home among the rocks of a ledge in the Green Forest, a young chuck was whimpering softly to himself. He was a frightened young chuck. Buster Bear had been trying to pull the rocks away and get him. The young chuck had not dreamed that anyone would even try to get him down there. He hadn't supposed that anyone could move those rocks and great stones. You see, he had had no idea how strong anyone as big as Buster Bear could be. For a while Buster had worked hard. He had tugged and pulled, and pulled and tugged at big rocks that were in his way. Smaller ones he had tossed this way and that way. Little by little had opened an entrance into that ledge. And all the time the young chuck down below had been shaking with fright.

Now, Buster Bear is like some other folks, a good worker by spells. It is one thing to start a thing, and something else to finish it. Many are good starters, but poor finishers. Buster Bear is one of that kind. He will work hard for a little while then give up. He does not intend to give up. He loses interest. He stops to rest, then sees something else that interests him and forgets all about the work he had been doing. Buster was less than half way down to that young chuck when he lost interest, and went wandering off into the Green Forest.

Of course, the young chuck did not know that Buster had gone away. He couldn't hear him, but that didn't mean that he had gone away. He could be just waiting outside. So, it was a long time before the young chuck ventured to go up for a look outside. Before he came out, he looked long and carefully on all sides. He couldn't see Buster Bear anywhere. He was sure that Buster was not on that rocky ledge now. He ventured to climb out. What a sight! This didn't look at all like that same ledge. Rocks and stones had been pulled and thrown this way and that way.

While he was still staring about, his neighbor, Trader the Wood Rat, appeared. He had been away during the visit of Buster Bear. He saw right away that his own home down among the rocks had been torn open. There was no need to tell him what had happened. "So, that big black bully has been here!" cried Trader in his squeaky voice.

"How did you know who had been here?" asked the young chuck. "No one else in all the Green Forest would have pulled those



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rocks apart," replied Trader. "I suppose now I'll have to make a new home." "Do you think you can find another place here?" asked the young chuck. "I'm not even going to try," squeaked his neighbor. With that he turned and disappeared among the trees. "I guess I better do the same thing," thought the young chuck.

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But, where could he go? Where else in the Green Forest would he find a place where he would be wholly safe? Buster had not succeeded in getting him. In fact, Buster had gotten only a little way despite all the rocks and stones he had pulled out. Would he be safer anywhere else? The young chuck was undecided.

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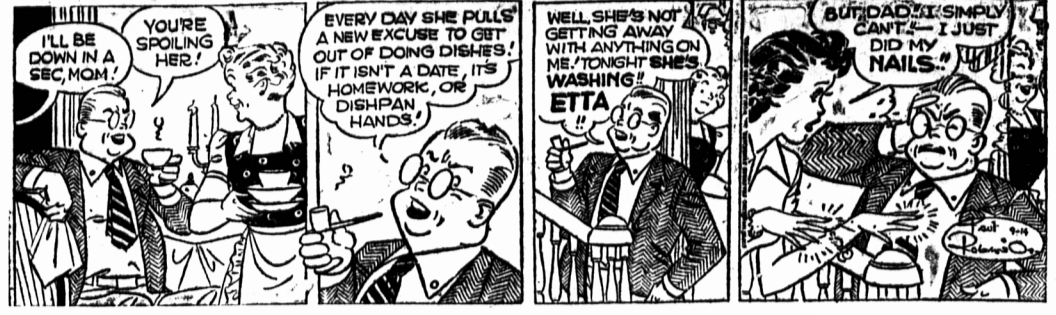
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COLUMBUS HIGGINS AUGUSTINE WASHINGTON ANDREW JACKSON AND NAPOLEON PARKER WORK ON THE SAME FACTORY IN BROOKLYN, N.Y.
THE PRINCE CHARMING WHO MARRIED THE REAL CINDERELLA KING MYCERINUS of Egypt IN 3000 B.C. WAS WALKING WHEN AN EAGLE DROPPED A TINY SLIPPER AT HIS FEET. THE MONARCH ORDERED EVERY GIRL IN HIS KINGDOM TO TRY ON THE SMALL SHOE AND MADE ITS OWNER—RHODOPIS—HIS QUEEN
THE GHOST RIDER OF IRON Spain
THE WATERFALL OF MEA-ZURI FORMS THE OUTLINE OF A CAVALRYMAN ON A HORSE
2 BANANAS IN ONE SKIN Submitted by DENNY EKLBERG, Lincoln, Mass.

Cinderella's Husband, King Mycerinus of Egypt, who ruled the Nile country about 3000 B.C. is the true husband of the original Cinderella. Her real name was Rhodopis. She was an Egyptian maiden who saw her slipper snatched up by an eagle. The bird carried it to Memphis 500 miles away and dropped it at the king's feet. The monarch was struck by the small size of the slipper and made a search for its owner. It would fit none but her own slender foot. When he found her, he made her queen of Egypt. This is the original source of the Cinderella fable. Tomorrow: The Mother of the Week.

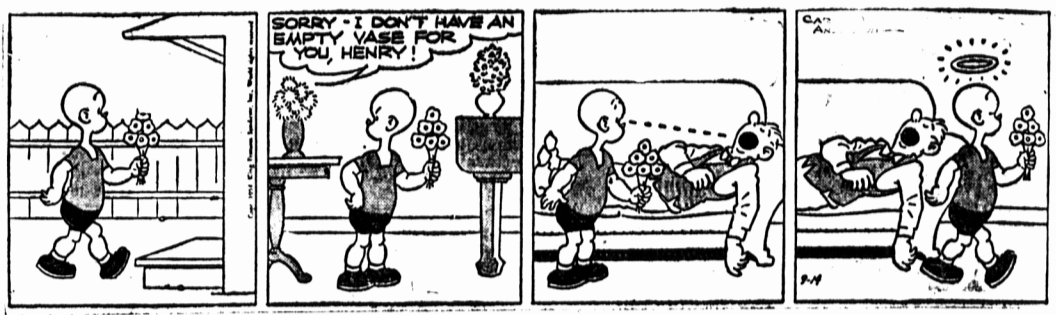
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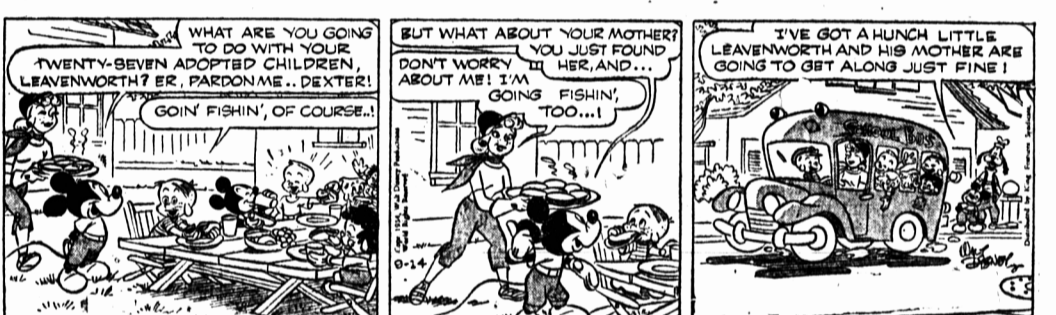
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