

Contract Bridge
By Josephine Culbertson
HIS STRATEGY BACKFIRED

A "strategic" double by East in the following hand failed to throw the declarer off his stride.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ Q 10 4
♥ A Q 10 8
♦ A 7 6 4
♣ 9 2

♠ A K J
♥ 8 5 2
♦ J 9 7 3
♣ K 6 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1♥ 1♠ 2♦ Pass
3♠ Pass 5♦ Pass
Pass Pass Redbl Pass

There is a primary (and paradoxical) difference between experts and average players in respect to doubling a high contract for penalties: the average player usually has something in mind when he doubles (which is obviously not a bad idea) whereas the expert is likely to have nothing. If he is void, he hopes to protect his partner by doubling. That was East's (later avowed) purpose in doubling five diamonds, but the trouble was that West had nothing of value in trumps, either.

West opened the spade eight, East won with the jack, and laid down the spade king. South ruffed and cashed the diamond king, learning that all the missing trumps were held by West. Since the heart finesse would always be needed, no matter how the rest of the cards lay, South stopped drawing trumps long enough to take that finesse. When the heart queen held, things looked brighter. The club nine was now led and passed. West winning and returning his last spade. Declarer cashed the queen and jack of diamonds, then led a heart to the ace and cashed the diamond ace to draw West's last trump. South, of course, discarded a heart on the trick.

There were no trumps left in any hand but this did not disturb South much — East certainly should have the king of clubs for his spade bid and final double. So South took another club finesse, laid down the club ace, and claimed the contract with his last high club.

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

ABOVE AND BELOW
Joy for one another's woe;
All through life you'll find it so.
—Old Mother Nature.

Snow lay deep over the Green Meadows, the Old Pasture and the Green Forest. There was a light crust over the snow, a smooth icy crust. It glistened when the sunbeams touched it. Up in the Old Pasture Reddy Fox tested that silvery crust by walking a few steps on it. Mrs. Reddy sat in the doorway of their underground home where they had found shelter from the great storm. "How about it?" asked Mrs. Reddy.



Finally he sat down to rest and to try to make up his mind where to go next.

Reddy made a little jump. He landed lightly, and the crust didn't even crack. "It is all right, my dear," said he. "It isn't all right, snapped Mrs. Reddy. She was hungry, and hunger made her cross. Crossness often is a sign that someone is hungry. "Well, my dear, it is better than that soft snow. That was so soft and so deep, that we couldn't get about. We can get about now. And if we have luck, we may find others getting about too, and be able to get a dinner," said Reddy. He was trying to be good-natured. "There's nothing good about it," grumbled Mrs. Reddy, as she joined Reddy on the crust. "Do you realize how long it is since we had a mouthful to eat?"

"All the more reason why we should start hunting while we can get about," replied Reddy.

So, Reddy started in one direction, and Mrs. Reddy started in another direction. Reddy went down on the Green Meadows, which of course were white now instead of green. He hoped he might find some mice foolish enough to come out on the crust to get the seeds in some of the weed tops, which were just above the crust.

Reddy hunted this way and hunted that way, but all in vain. Finally he sat down to rest and to try to make up his mind where to go next. Reddy really was in distress. It was so long since he had even a mouthful to eat that it seemed as if his stomach was the only thing he could think of. Not only was he hungry, but he was cold in spite of his warm fur coat. This was because there was no warmth

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NEW ARGYLE
Mr. Arnold and Charles MacEachern of New Argyle, were in the City recently.
Mr. Ralph MacKinnon was a visitor to Charlottetown on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Coles, Milton, were visitors to New Argyle, on Sunday.
Mr. Alfred MacPhail, Bonshaw, was a recent visitor to New Argyle.
Messrs. William MacDougall and Louis Stewart were visiting in the City recently.
Mr. Calvin MacPhail, Bonshaw, was visiting in Charlottetown on Sunday night.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert MacDougall were in the city recently.
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- DAILY CROSSWORD**
- ACROSS**
1. Music character
2. Big
3. Crust on a wound
5. Covering on head
10. Abode of Egypt's blessed dead
11. Covered with fur
12. Small insects
14. Unit of work
17. A wing
15. Meshed fabric
16. Music note
17. Vitality
20. Frosted
22. Garden tool
23. Apple center
24. Boundary
27. Satiates
28. Persia
29. Female deer
30. Early British monk and historian
31. Reply
35. Elevated train (shortened)
36. Carry with difficulty
38. Hawk parrot
39. Tibetan priests
41. Not sunny
42. Not any
44. Long stick
45. Fathers (Affectionate term)
16. One who mimics
- DOWN**
1. Make butter
2. Big
3. Goddess of healing (Norse)
4. Cook in fat
5. Aromatic spice
6. Nonmetrical hymns or chants
7. A wing
8. Covered with butter
11. Charge for professional services
13. Lateral boundaries
15. American humorist
18. That part of Germany west of the Rhine
19. Obtained
21. Cry, as a dove
24. Misrepresented
25. Erin
26. Insane
27. Peruse
28. Loose
33. Kind of duck
34. Beam
37. Employs
40. Extinct bird (N. Z.)
41. Resort
42. Jump

Yesterday's Answer

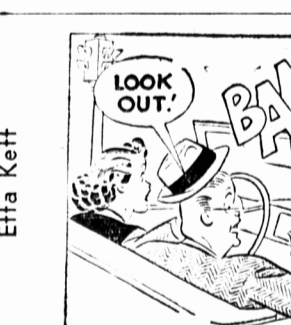
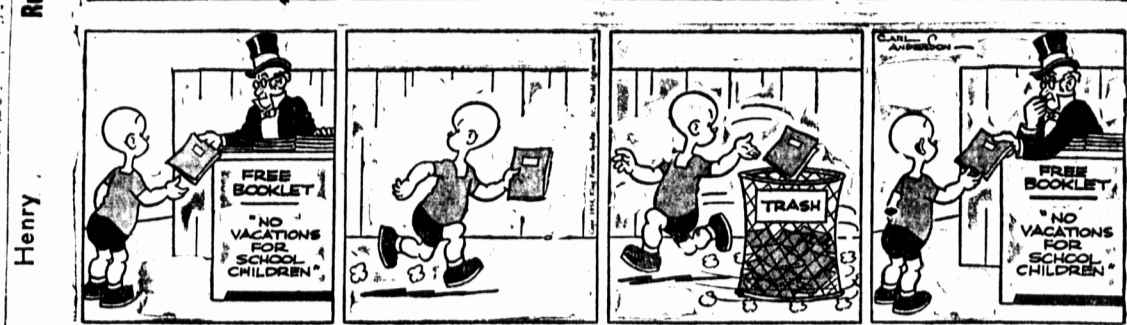
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
is LONG FELLOW

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
A L C J L H N D B R T S D C N D J L L G
X L H V L M L T. T L R V Q L G B Z D E G P D G C
D P R V P L Y W H H V S M L G.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: AND WHEN NIGHT DARKENS THE STREETS, THEN WANDER FORTH THE SONS OF BELIAL—MILTON.



By Robert L. May
By Carl Anderson
By Charles Kuhn
By Wally Bishop
By Walt Disney
By Bob Gustafson
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