

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
NEGATIVE VALUE

Everybody knows the value of aces and kings — but at times the knowledge can be a great liability. That is, if a player has too high a veneration for these cards, he is unlikely even to think about the sort of defensive coup that East brought off in the following case.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

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

West opened the heart six; East won and returned the heart five. West took declarer's jack and continued with the four of hearts. East, forced to discard, gave profound thought to the situation — and came up with a brilliant play: he discarded the king of diamonds.

This highly strategic sacrifice by East was declarer's undoing, for now South could not possibly establish his long diamond suit without giving the lead to West, and since South could not win enough tricks otherwise, he had to surrender. East's play speaks for itself when we analyze what would have happened if he had not discarded the diamond king. South, an expert, undoubtedly would have maneuvered as follows:

South wins the third lead, and assume that East discards a club. South then goes to the spade king and returns a diamond. His best chance to keep West off lead is to take the single finesse, and when the queen bids, he returns to dummy with a spade and plays another diamond. When East follows suit with the king, it is an extremely simple matter for South to duck, thus insuring that he can run the rest of the suit while simultaneously shutting out the dangerous hand, West. Obviously, the same result would be secured if East, having failed to discard the diamond king, puts that card up on the first lead from dummy. South simply gives him the trick.

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CLOSE CALL

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Orchestra conductor Andre Katselantz had a close escape early this week when his single-engine plane was forced to land on a sandbank on the Bassac river, the U.S. embassy reported Friday. He was en route from Thailand to the Cambodian capital in a Thai plane when a leak developed in the gas tank.



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

DIPPER PICKED UP

This always true, the blackest night Gives way at dawn to morning light.

—Old Mother Nature.

Never in his life had King Eagle been more sure of a dinner than he was now as he reached to pick up in his great claws Dipper the Grebe, who had fallen helpless on the ice of the Big River. Before he could close these claws on helpless and hopeless Dipper, there had been unexpected interference. Flip the Terrier, barking as if he was trying to bark his head off, had actually tried to grab one of the great wings of King Eagle.

Yes, Flip should have known better. He was too small a dog to be trying to catch any bird with such great wings as those of King Eagle. One of them hit Flip, and knocked him sprawling. In a flash he was on his feet again, and dancing around King Eagle, who had landed on the snow beside helpless Dipper. He didn't give King Eagle a chance to pick up the terribly frightened helpless bird lying there on the ice. It might well have been a question which to fear most, King Eagle or this barking, threatening, little black and white dog. It was the first time Dipper the Grebe had ever seen a Dog so close. And this one seemed to him quite as frightful as was the great bird who wanted him for dinner.

Then a third terrible enemy appeared. At least he was a terrible enemy in the mind of Dipper. It was a two-legged giant. It was Farmer Brown's Boy. Do you wonder that poor, helpless, Dipper was frightened almost to death? He couldn't know that he was a lucky bird. He couldn't know that this terrible two-legged giant wasn't an enemy at all, but the very best friend he could have at this time. King Eagle had at once taken to the air. He screamed with rage, but he didn't dare attack Farmer Brown's Boy. Flip the Terrier had started to grab Dipper in his mouth, but his master had interfered. Now Farmer Brown's Boy picked Dipper up. It didn't make Dipper feel any better to be picked up. No sir, it didn't make him feel a bit better. Farmer Brown's Boy looked him all over, and decided he was unhurt. He guessed what had happened.

"So, you made a mistake and stayed north so long you got caught by the ice," said Farmer

Brown's Boy, as he stroked Dipper. "I suppose you think you are the unluckiest bird in all the Great World. Instead you are one of the luckiest. You don't know it yet, but you will in a few minutes. If Flip and I hadn't happened along just when we did King Eagle would have made a dinner of you."

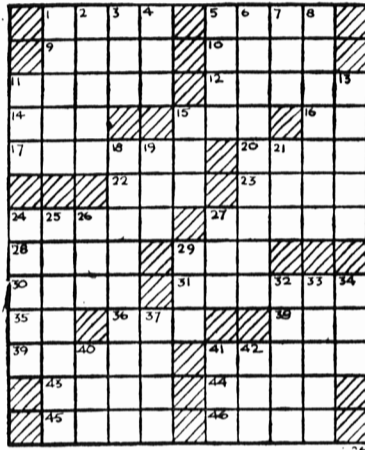
Somehow the voice of Farmer Brown's Boy made Dipper feel better. He couldn't have told why, only that it was so. A voice can sometimes do that to folks who are in great fright. A voice can be wonderfully soothing. It was this time. Farmer Brown's Boy was

headed straight for the open water. High overhead King Eagle circled and watched. He saw Farmer Brown's Boy with Flip at his heels moving toward the black open water. When they reached the edge of it Farmer Brown's Boy stopped and put Dipper in the water. For just a moment nothing happened. Dipper was too surprised. Then suddenly it came to him that he was free. Like a flash he dived. When he came up again he put only his head out of water. He was no longer helpless, and hopeless.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. Venture
5. Mark of an injury
9. Sacred picture (Russ. Ch.)
10. Minute skin disease
11. Disclosed
12. Near (poet.)
14. Single unit
15. Portion of a curved line
16. Greek letter
17. Sewed with stitches
20. Roman poet
22. Concealed
23. A symbol of marriage
24. Helper
27. Maxim
28. Antelope (Afr.)
29. Friar's title
30. On the ocean
31. Sugar-cane shoot
35. Neuter pronoun
36. Japanese shrub
38. Employ
39. Mother-of-pearl
41. Diminutive of Anne
43. Part of speech
44. French city
45. Throw
46. Mimicker
- DOWN**
1. Goddess of the hunt
2. Fields
3. Spawn of fish
4. Conclude
5. Box scientific ally
6. A covenant
7. Part of "to be"
8. Harvesting
9. Boy's nickname
10. Long, narrow elevation of land
15. Find the sum of
18. A dictionary
19. Goddess of healing (Norse)
41. By way of
24. Once more
25. A moment
26. Owning
27. Constellation
28. Back
29. Cry of a dove
32. Unit of weight
33. Variety of willow
34. Born
37. Lairs
40. Cry of a dove
41. Miscellaneous
42. Pinch



YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

One letter simply stands for another. In this example... 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 code letter is different.

A Cryptogram Quotation
M E Y R J T I P C E O J Q M Y J T U O A R Y U
Q X I Y, I Y S J A Y! I Y S J A Y! Q P T D O Y Q Q P S
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: YOU BEAT YOUR PATE, AND FANCY WIT WILL COME. KNOCK AS YOU PLEASE, THERE'S NOBODY AT HOME — POPE.

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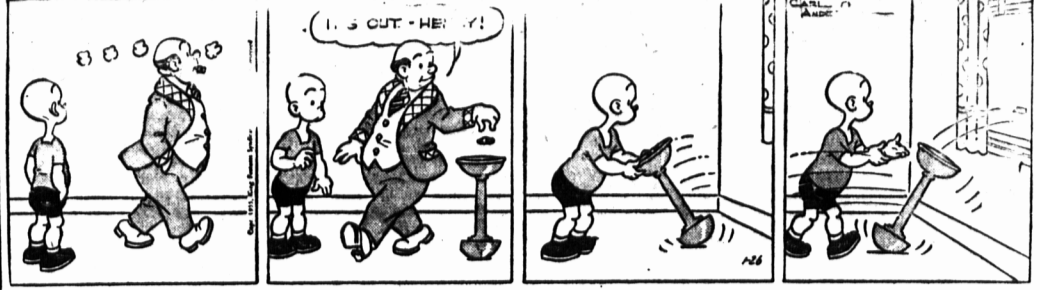
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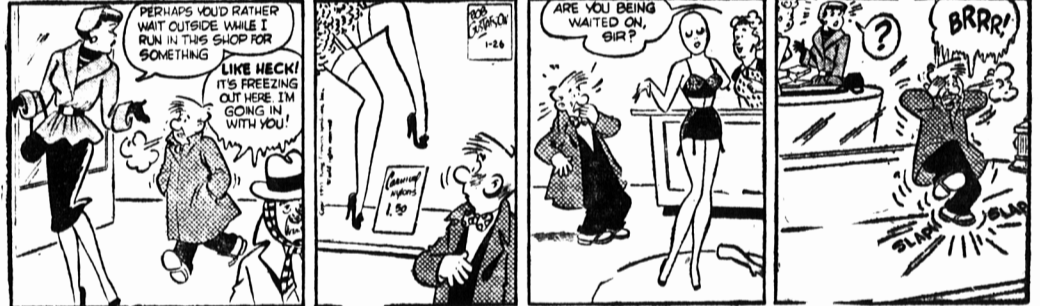
Grandma



Muggs and Skeeter



Etta Kett



Tilly The Toiler



Mickey Mouse



Bringing Up Father



Li Abner



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