Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

FATAL TRUMP LEAD

It did not seem that the declarer was wrong in leading one round of trumps in the following hand, but an unfortunate situation arose.

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

North: ♠ Q 9 6 5 ♥ K 3 ♦ A K 8 4 3 ♣ 8 2
West: ♠ A 8 3 ♥ Q 9 7 4 ♦ Q 10 6 ♣ Q 9 7
East: ♠ K 2 ♥ 10 8 6 2 ♦ J 7 ♣ K J 5 4 3
South: ♠ J 10 7 4 ♥ A J 5 ♦ 9 5 2 ♣ A 10 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 N T	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West, with a difficult choice of leads, hit upon a heart instead of the club which would have insured the contract's defeat. South won the first trick with the heart jack, cashed the heart king to avoid a block, then led a low trump from the table. East ducking, West captured South's jack and shifted to clubs. South won, cashed the heart ace to discard the other club from dummy, then cashed the top diamonds and led a third round.

East discarded a heart on the third diamond and after West won the trick he laid down the club queen. Dummy ruffed but South was now in great trouble. This was the situation:

North: ♠ Q 9 ♥ — ♦ 8 4 ♣ —
West: ♠ 8 3 ♥ Q ♦ — ♣ 9
East: ♠ K ♥ — ♦ — ♣ J 5 4
South: ♠ 10 7 4 ♥ — ♦ — ♣ 10

South did the best he could by leading the trump queen, but East won, made dummy ruff the high club return—and South could not get out of dummy without losing a trick to West's blank eight of trumps.

South should not have led any trumps. At Trick 3 he should have led to his club ace and discarded dummy's second club on the heart ace, then ruffed a club low in dummy, cashed the top diamonds and given the enemy the diamond trick. Now South would be safe.

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By Thorton W. Burgess

TWO COLLECTORS MEET

Collectors are the slaves of habit. They see a thing they want, and grab it.

—Old Mother Nature.

Trader the Wood Rat was out collecting. That was what he did most of the time when he wasn't looking for something to eat. He had done it so much that it had become a habit. He was always looking for something to add to his collection of odds and ends which he had stored away. He didn't steal things as did his cousin Robber the Rat. If he took something, he usually put something back in its place. That is something Robber the Rat never does. Robber is a thief. That is how he came by his name. His cousin, Trader the Wood Rat, is honest. Anyway, he means to be. It never enters his head that what he puts back in place of something he has taken, may be of no use at all to the one with whom he had traded.

Trader was wandering about just looking. Something came dropping down from a tree-top, and landed on the ground just a little way from him. It was white and shiny. Trader could tell that even though he was some distance away. His eyes sparkled. Anything bright makes his eyes sparkle. He started to run toward this shiny thing that had seemed to drop from the sky. He didn't even wonder how it happened to be falling.

Just before he reached the shiny thing, a harsh voice stopped him. "Caw! Caw!" cried the voice. It was sharp as well as harsh. Down from high in a tree came Blacky the Crow, and perched on a stump at the foot of which lay this shiny thing.

Trader knew Blacky the Crow. He looked up at him in some surprise. "Were you cawing at me?" he asked.

"I certainly was," declared Blacky. "I was warning you not to touch that thing."

"Why shouldn't I touch it if I want to?" demanded Trader.

"Because it is mine. I dropped it. It slipped out of my billl while I was flying over," said Blacky.

"What is it?" asked Trader.

"I don't know. What does that matter?" replied Blacky.

"Where did you get it?" Trader wanted to know.

"I found it," replied Blacky.

"Do you really want it?" asked Trader.

"Of course I want it. What do you think brought it over here for?" replied Blacky.

"What are you going to do with it?" insisted Trader.

"I'm going to add it to my collection," said Blacky.

Trader's dark eyes opened a little wider. "Are you a trader too?" he asked.

"I don't trade, I collect, said Blacky.

"If you let me have that thing I'll give you something else," said Trader.

"I don't want something else," retorted Black in his harshest voice. "That thing is mine, so you may as well forget it."

Trader hesitated. He was trying to make up his mind. Suddenly he made a rush toward that shiny thing at the foot of the stump. He wasn't quick enough. Blacky was down there before him.

BULLFIGHTER NOW O.K.

DEL RIO, Tex. (AP)—Patricia McCormick, 24-year-old bullfighter gored by a bull Sunday, is going to be all right, her physician said Wednesday. He said he didn't believe Pat would do any more bullfighting this season.

Reports Fluoridation Aids Dental Health

OTTAWA. (CP)—The health department reports better dental health among children in Brantford, Ont., since fluoridation of the water supply was started there nine years ago.

A 32-page report by Dr. H. K. Brown, chief of the department's dental health division, today said there has been a "statistically significant and progressive" decrease in dental caries among Brantford children.

The drop in caries in the 1948-54 period was about 79 per cent in the 6-8 years age group, 44 per cent in the 9-11 group and 36 per cent in the 12-14 group.

Mechanical fluoridation in Brantford was started for the first time in Canada in June, 1945. Since then a concentration of one to 1.2 parts of fluoride per mission has been maintained continuously in the water supply, compared with a natural concentration of about 1.6 parts per million in Startford.

The report said:

"The hypothesis that a concentration of about one-part per million of fluoride in the drinking water, mechanically added, inhibits the development of dental caries . . . is further substantiated by the 1954 survey findings."

DAILY CROSSWORD

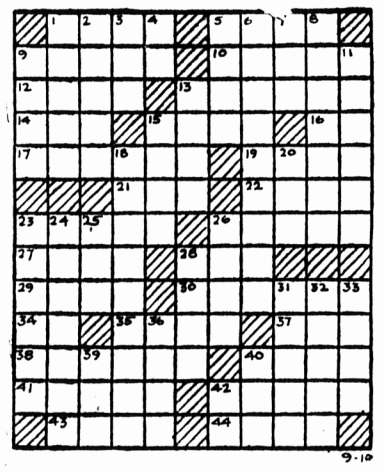
ACROSS

1. Ready money
5. One-spot cards
9. Article of virtu
10. Pierced with horns
12. Metallic rocks
13. Double (Bot.)
14. Fasten
15. Horse's foot
16. Tanganyika Territory (abbr.)
17. Add condiments to food
19. Little island
21. Old times (archaic)
22. English river (poss.)
23. Endure
26. Animal
27. Throw
28. Bog
29. Leather jug for oil
30. Whole
34. Greek letter
35. Require
37. Prefix in German names
38. Of an epic
40. Forward
41. More painful
42. Wearies by tedium
43. Spreads grass to dry
44. Islands (Gulf of Mex.)

DOWN

1. Co-discoverer of radium
2. Sphere of action
3. Little girl
4. Exclamation
5. Exchange premium
6. Sure
7. Epoch
8. Decides
9. Conical masses of thread
11. Hate
13. A tie
15. Contain
18. Condemned to punishment
20. Body of water
23. Ranges of activity
24. A tall fan palm
25. Viper
26. Flex
28. Touch
31. Elephant's tusk
32. Parts
33. Finishes
36. Fruiting spikes of grain
39. Anger
40. Long, feather neckpiece
42. British Columbia (abbr.)

Yesterday's Answer



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

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

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 Cryptogram Quotation

D A P S N C K N I D S S G J K I M K K G K 2
G J D G J K S N Q K P . D A P D S S J K S H Q K P
U H Z K I D V Z K P C H Z J N I I D X K — U D I I K F .

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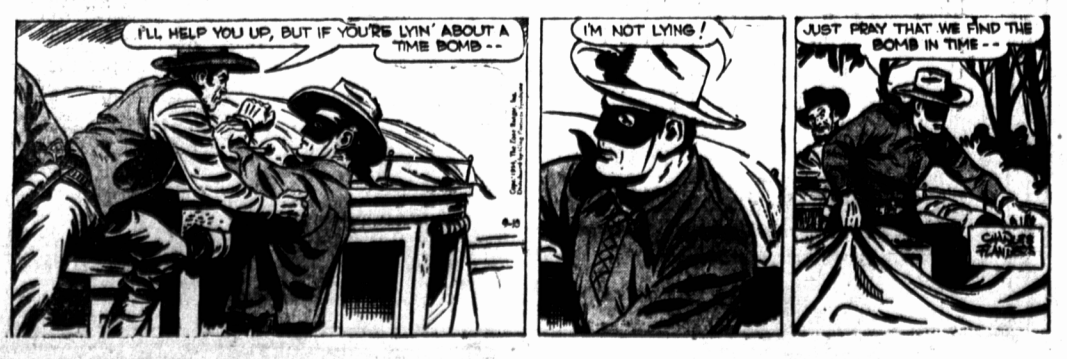

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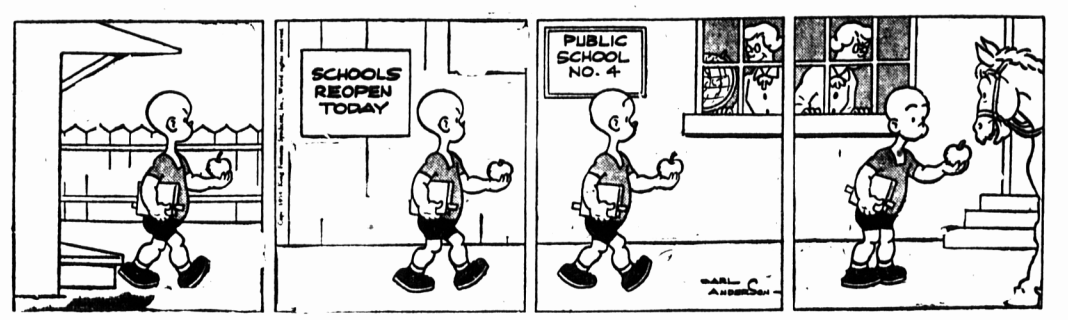

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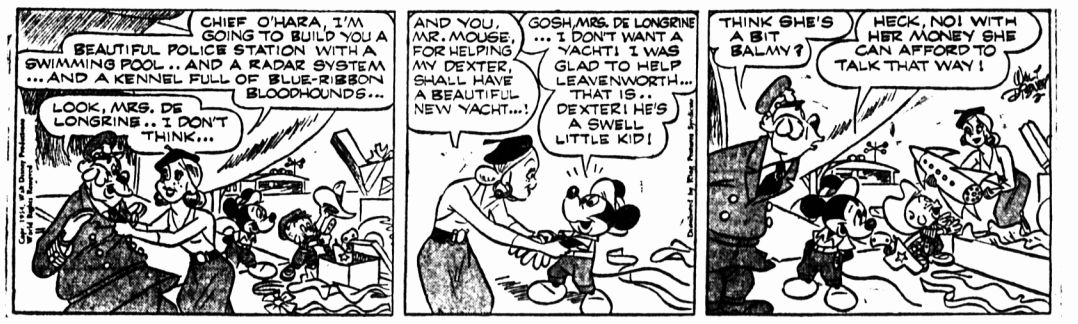
Etta Kett — By Paul Robinson

Grandma — By Charles Kuhn

Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney



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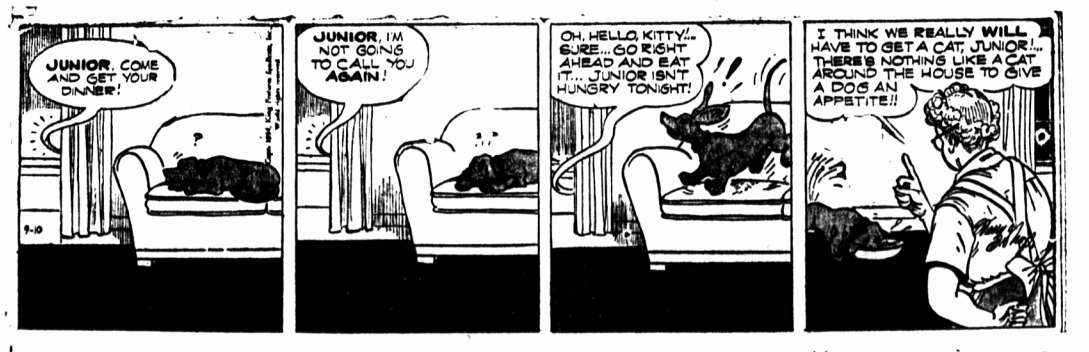

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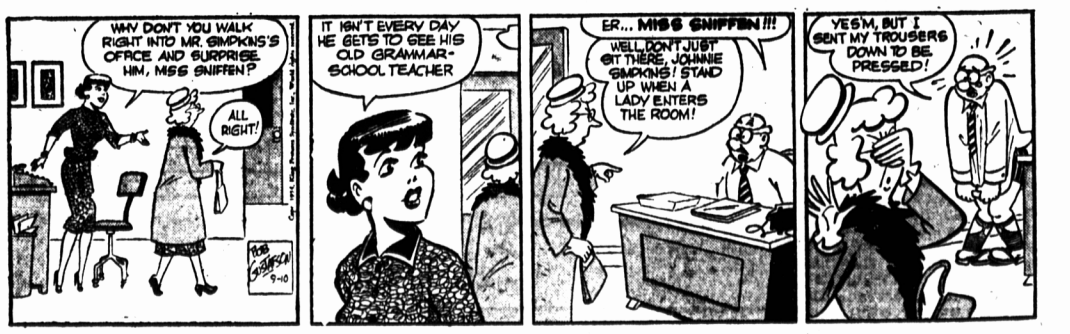

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