

Contract Bridge

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THE NOTRUMP BIDDER

Theoretically, the player who opens the bidding with one, two or three notrump has made a limit bid, and he should take no further action unless he is forced to do so by partner's response. In practice, however, this very logical partnership understanding may be put to a severe strain, and there may be the strongest temptation to bid again "on one's own."

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

♠ 9 6 4
♥ K Q 10 9 8
♦ K 8 2
♣ 9 7

♠ 7 3 2
♥ A J 8
♦ Q 9 5
♣ 6 4 3

♠ 7 3 2
♥ A J 8
♦ Q 9 5
♣ 6 4 3

♠ 7 3 2
♥ A J 8
♦ Q 9 5
♣ 6 4 3

The bidding:
South West North East
3 NT Pass 6 NT Pass
4 NT Pass Pass Pass

Since South had a minimum three-notrump opening in high cards (25 points) he had no clear right to bid the grand slam, but his possession of all the aces went far to justify this action. After all, North needed quite a hand to bid six over three without an ace!

West had a good, safe opening, the queen of spades. South won, cashed his other spade trick, then ran the hearts. East's first discard was easy — he gave up his last spade! — but the fourth heart forced a hard decision. East concluded, however, that it was more dangerous to unguard clubs than diamonds, and so he discarded the diamond three — a good decision, obviously, since the club discard would have automatically delivered four club tricks to the enemy.

South threw his low spade on the fourth heart, and West gave up a club. This sequence of discards from right and left convinced declarer that East had elected himself protector of the club suit, while West engaged to take care of spades and diamonds. South, however, set out to prove that West had taken on too large a commitment.

The fifth heart drew another diamond discard from East, and South also threw a diamond. West relinquished the spade eight. Now South cashed the three top clubs.

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JURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

MRS. GROUSE TRIES AGAIN
Try again, Tomorrow may Win with what has failed today.
—Mrs. Grouse.

Mrs. Grouse is a wise old bird. She has been around a long time, and this would not be so had not her small head been filled with certain kinds of wisdom. She had lived long enough to have learned all the dangers which a Grouse is likely to meet. And she had learned all the best ways of avoiding those dangers. She had seen dreadful things happen, and she never had forgotten the lessons learned from these dreadful happenings. Also, she had learned not to be discouraged, but to try and try again what at first had proved a failure.



By and by there was a sound that caused Old Man Coyote to lift his head and listen. Mrs. Grouse listened too. Someone was coming that way. It was someone big, for the sound of branches of trees being brushed against, and the occasional breaking of ice-covered twigs, could mean no one small. Old Man Coyote showed his teeth, but made no sound. Then he turned and slipped away as silently as a moving shadow. A moment later who should come in sight but Farmer Brown's Boy. He was on snow shoes. With these he could travel over that hard crust with no trouble at all.

Farmer Brown's Boy had come over to the Green Forest for a purpose. The truth, he was worried about Thunderer the Grouse, and Mrs. Grouse, and their six children. He knew all about their habit of sleeping in the snow. He knew just what could happen, and too often does happen, when unexpectedly Jack Frost cranks the snow over. So now, he had come over to the neighborhood where he knew the Grouse had been living, hoping to see them, and relieve his mind.

Mrs. Grouse had dodged out of sight as soon as she saw him. Now, and West was squeezed. If he gave up the spade jack, dummy's nine would be good; and when he actually discarded a diamond, the spade was thrown off from dummy and the diamonds were good.

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she appeared again as Farmer Brown's Boy stopped, and began looking about. His sharp eyes almost at once saw a slight hollow in the surface of the icy crust. Knowing as he did the ways of the Grouse, he guessed at once what it meant. He was sure of it when Mrs. Grouse ran out from under some brush almost at his feet, and began to limp and flutter as if she were hurt. She was trying the old trick that had failed with Reddy Fox and Old Man Coyote. It failed now, yet it didn't fail. It didn't lead Farmer Brown's Boy away, but it made him doubly sure that some of the children of Mrs. Grouse were under the crust near where he was standing. He looked about more carefully. He saw another slight depression, then a third, and finally a fourth. Each one of these had been made by a Grouse plunging into the snow. But where were they now?

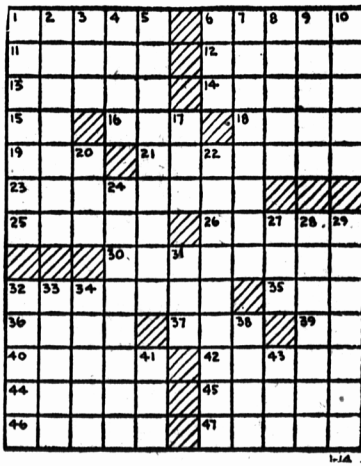
TOOK IT LITERALLY
PIRBRIGHT, England (CP) — Guardsman Jonathan Pirkington followed orders when the company sergeant-major shouted "get out of my sight." He was jailed for two years and sentenced to discharge for desertion at a court martial after having been out of the army's sight for eight years.

NO FORESTS
Greenland has no forests, but dwarf willow and birch trees cover some areas.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. Sleeveless garment
6. Proficient
11. A shade of green
12. Underworld river (Myth.)
13. More agreeable
14. Ancient Arabian measure
15. Cerium (sym.)
16. Property (L.)
18. "King — a Shakespearian play
19. Single unit
21. In a nasal manner
23. Acts out again
25. Marked "to omit" (print.)
26. Largest continent (pos.)
30. Coming from the west
32. Golf club
35. Organ of hearing
36. Title of Hindu queen
37. Malt beverage
38. Rhode Island (abbr.)
40. Speak
42. Fluid in tissues (Pathol.)
44. Concise
45. Warning signal
- DOWN**
1. American grape
2. One to whom property alienated
3. Turkish measure (var.)
4. Always open air
5. 8-winged
7. Fallen in class
8. Girl's name
9. Small bottle
10. Man's nicknam.
17. American Indian
20. Lamp-stand
22. Without nationality
24. Carrying the most news
27. Angered
28. Frightened
29. People of Syria
31. Indian of a Keresan tribe (N. Mex.)
33. Badgerlike carnivore
34. Cavities in bones (anat.)
38. Scotch variant of "Auld" (N. Mex.)
41. Whole rusk
43. Before



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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
Z Q V J H P F Q S A X C O V Y W Y C D
S O X X N B A W Z D E W P , F U A W E Z V
Q X D E F Q S W O J W Y C D J H P F Q S - N X X P W.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: FOR ME, THERE'S NOUGHT I WOULD NOT LEAVE FOR THE GOOD DEVON LAND - NEWBOL.



By Carl Anderson
By Charles Kuhn
By Wally Bishop
By Paul Robinson
By BoB Gustafson
By Walt Disney
By George McManus
By Mel Graff
By Al Capp