Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A CRY FOR HELP

A correspondent raises a plaintive cry for help in the following letter:

"My regular partner — who is otherwise quite sane — has such a penchant for overcalling that I beg you to say a few words on this subject. For example, he was South in the deal below.

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1 ♠	2 ♦	Dble.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

"West opened a spade, and East cashed the two top cards. He returned a low heart, and West took the queen and returned a heart to East's ace. East then led back a spade, and South ruffed with the ten of dimonds. West, instead of overruffing, discarded a club .

"South now tempted the fates further by laying down the ace of trumps and continuing with the queen. West was happy to take the trick, and equally happy to lead back to the nine of diamonds, forcing out South's jack. South saw his danger and shifted to clubs, but West came up with the ace and drew South's last trump.

"Now came the bitterest blow of all. West led a club to his partner's king, and dummy was squeezed! It held the queen of spade and the J-10 of hearts. If it discarded the spade, East would cash a low spade; and if dummy parted with a heart, East would return a heart to West's king and West would collect a low heart also.

"South made only three tricks, so we were set 1400 points! Can anything be done about this sort of thing?"

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Very little! If a player takes a loss of 1400 points on a hand in which his opponents might not even score a non-vulnerable game, the case is pretty hopeless. But perhaps other players will profit from this horrible example. South's two-diamond overcall may have looked relatively safe, but it was an example of sheer neck-stretching.

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By Thorton W. Burgess

YONG BOB WHITE LEARNS SOMETHING

Use your tongue for find out
Matters you would know about.
—Old Mother Nature.

Redtail the Hawk, one of the biggest of the Hawk cousins, was sitting high on a dead limb of a tall tree from which he could see everything going on in and around Farmer Brown's dooryard. From high up in the blue, blue sky where he had been circling just for the pleasure of riding the up currents of warm air, he had seen one of Bob White's children in a pen in that dooryard. Now he was on one of his favorite perches, watching to see what more he could find out.

Like all hawks, Redtail has very wonderful eyes. Little is to be seen that he misses. Presently young Bob White came out from under the little pile of brush beneath which he had been hiding. Redtail saw at once that one of young Bob's wings had been hurt, and guessed that it had been done by a terrible gun. "So that's it," said Redtail to himself.

For a long time the big hawk sat on the dead limb high up in the big tree. He didn't move a feather After a bit the young quail forgot that Redtail was there.

He was carrying something. It was clutched in the great claws of both feet.

Now that pen in which Bob was living was right beside the hen yard. Bob spent much time watching the hens running about. He thought them very silly. He was watching them now. Suddenly he was reminded of the unpleasant visitor who had tried to get into his pen. A young rat had appeared in the henyard, and almost at once was joined by another. They drove the hens away from the grain that Farmer Brown's Boy had put out for them. It was plain to see that those hens were afraid. They kept their distance from the two young robbers. They scolded as they watched the two rats greedily gobbling up the grain but they made no atempt to drive them away. Presently a third young rat joined the other two.

A few minutes later a startling thing happened. Yes, sir, a startling thing happened. It was so unexpected that although young Bob was himself in no danger he was as startled as were the hens, who ran about frantically in all directions. Redtail the Hawk had seemed to drop out of the air in their very midst.

Mingled with the shrieks and cackling of the hens, was a sharp squeal. At once the great wings of the big hawk began to beat and lift him up in the air. Then young Bob saw the reason for the slow with which the big hawk went up. He was carrying something. It was clutched in the great claws of both feet. Up and down, up and down, moved the great wings. Young Bob could see now what it was clutched in those great claws. It was one of those three rats. Up out of the henyard Redtail slowly beat his way, and headed for the Green Forest, taking that rat with him. Almost at once the hens were quiet. They acted as if nothing unusual or strange had happened. They had been more startled than frightened when Redtail had come down in their midst. Redtail could have taken one of them. But he hadn't. The big feathered hunter had proved himself a friend rather than an enemy.

DAILY CROSSWORD

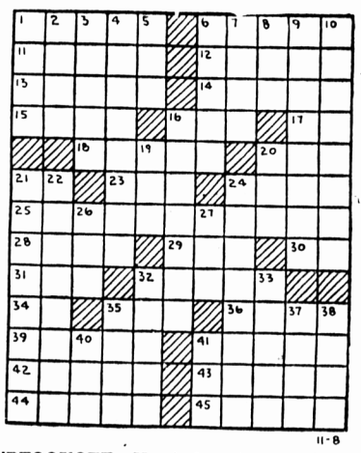
ACROSS

1. Three-banded armadillo
6. Spectacles (shortened
11. More infrequent
12. The five books of Moses
13. Skill
14. Genus of ground beetles
15. Long-eared rodent
16. Tear
17. Old Dutch (abbr.)
18. Bower
20. High priest
21. Apostle (abbr.)
23. Gypsy husband
24. A French cheese
25. Natives of Venezuela
28. Frosted
29. Medieval type of short tale (Fr. Lit.)
30. Close to
31. Devoured
32. To roll in waves
34. Sign of infinitive
35. Southeast by south (abbr.)
36. A sunk fence
39. Silk scarf (Eccl.)
41. Thong
42. Fanatical
43. Noblemen
44. Strikes
45. Become confused

DOWN

1. Bow
2. Amazon estuary
3. The palm cockatoo
4. Made reference
5. Skill
6. Step
7. Splendor
8. Epoch
9. Former English colony, now two states
10. Most disreputable (colloq.)
16. Founder of Rome
19. Pen-name of Charles Dickens
21. Epoch
21. Airplane pilots
22. Of the chest
24. Blasted, as flowers
26. Born
27. Fruiting spike of grain
32. Plant ovules
33. Having ears
35. Slide
37. Scrape (Scot.)
38. Projecting end of a church
40. Arabian garment
41. Mineral spring

Saturday'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

XCHXMT GM KXFK HOLX, GM TIJ KXFK KMFI, BVI AMK CH AVHM VCI XMFRMB XMIM—HXMIOTFB.

• **Saturday's Cryptoquote:** THE VANQUISHED HAVE NO FRIENDS—SOUTHEY.

Ripley's—Believe It or Not!

The combined reign of father and son lasted an uninterrupted 147 years. Makham Sigh ruled the state of Kurauva, India, for 75 years (1703-1778). The rule of his son and successor Raghunath Singh lasted 72 years (1778-1850) and was only terminated when the 98-year-old Raghunath was slain in battle.

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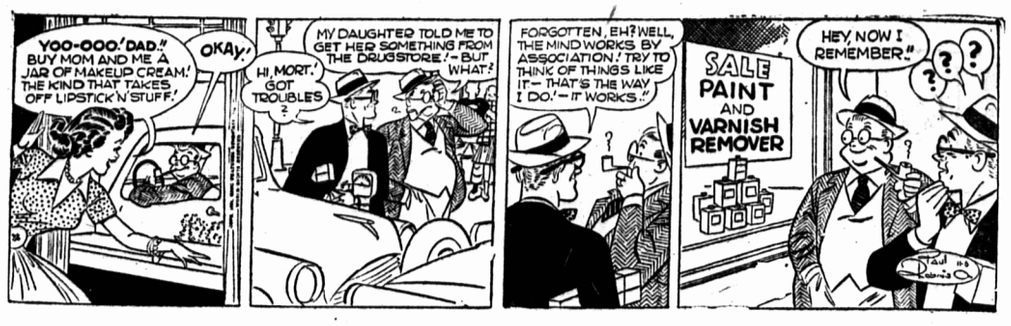

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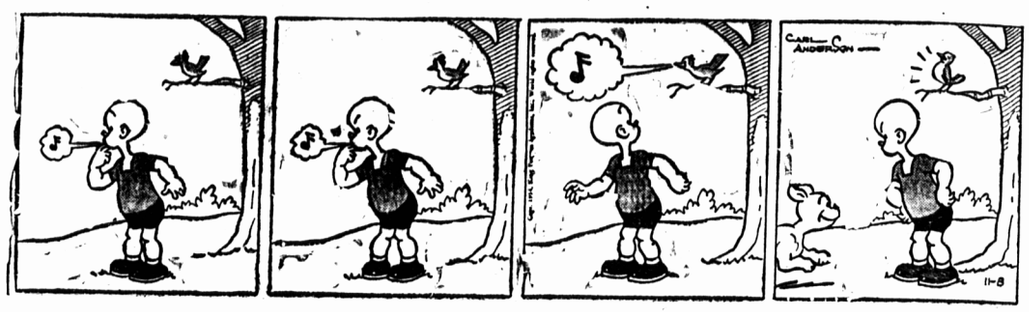

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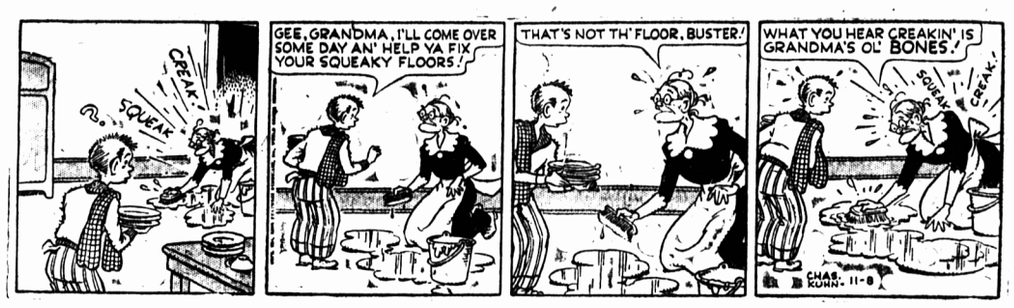

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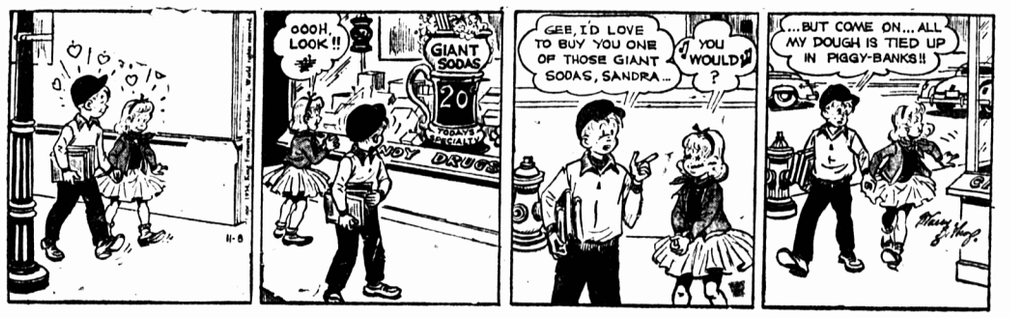
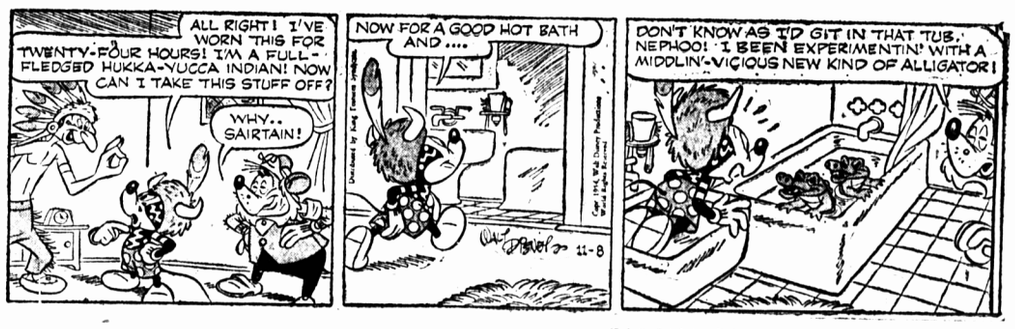
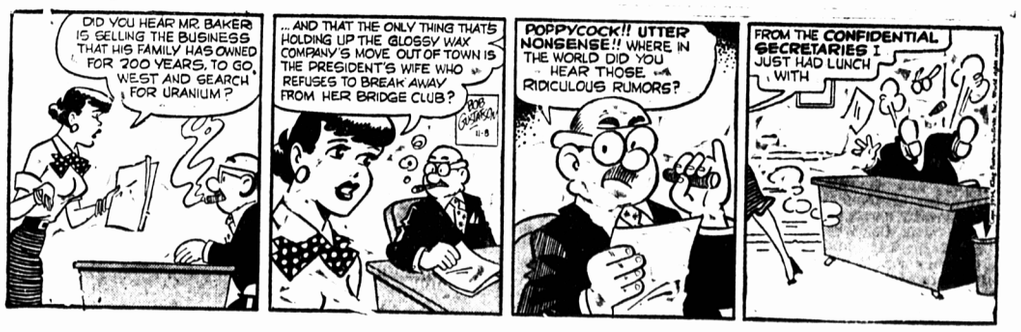


Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney



Tilly The Toiler — By Bob Gustafson



Bringing Up Father — By George McManus

Joe Palooka — By Mel Graff

The Lone Ranner — By Fran Striker

Li'l Abner — By Al Capp

Secret Agent X9 — By Ham Fisher