

By Zane Grey

BABY'S COUGH
BABY'S OWN COUGH SYRUP
 BELIEVES DEEP DOWN WHERE COUGHS HURT!
 PLAN CONSCRIPTION
 TAIPEH, Formosa, Dec. 16 — (AP)—The Nationalist Parliament gave its final approval Saturday to a bill authorizing conscription of Chinese men between 18 and 45 if the need arises. The measure will be submitted to President Chiang Kai-Shek for signature.

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES
 IS IT TRUE
 A thing seems thus; a thing seems so;
 The truth is difficult to know.
 —Old Mother Nature

Refrigeration
SALES and SERVICE
 Repairs To All Makes
MOTORS
 Rewinding and Repairs
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCE
 Repairs
Palmer Electric
 PHONE 1444

New Year's Eve Celebration
 At The
Charlottetown Hotel
BUFFET SUPPER
 AND
DANCE
 Supper Served from 11 p.m. until 1 a.m.
 Dancing from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.
 Tickets, \$7.00 per couple
 To avoid disappointment place your Reservations early. Phone 1170.
 Tickets should be picked up by December 28

BOXING DAY CIVIC HOLIDAY
 As resolved by City Council, I hereby proclaim Boxing Day, December 26th, to be a Civic Holiday in Charlottetown.
J. D. STEWART, Mayor.

Contract Bridge
 By Josephine Culbertson
BRIDGE EXPERTS: PART 3
 Today's deal is the third example of bad bidding by experts, as promised earlier this week.

South dealer:
 North-South vulnerable.
 ♠ QJ104
 ♥ Q653
 ♦ A72
 ♣ K5
 ♠ 8865
 ♥ 1087
 ♦ 2
 ♣ 1053
 ♠ 32
 ♥ J
 ♦ KQJ9
 ♣ 64
 ♠ AK7
 ♥ AK94
 ♦ S
 ♣ AQJ52

As in the case of the two hands published yesterday and the day before, this deal occurred at rubber bridge in a prominent New York club, and the North-South players were nationally-known experts. It must be admitted that in this case they ran up against some bad luck, but the fact remains that the final contract was not as good as it could have been. This was the auction:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5	Double
6♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
7♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

South said later that he had been tempted to open with two clubs, and when he heard North's jump notrump response to the actual one-club opening, he (South) had only one problem to solve — whether a grand slam or a small slam should be the destination.

This was certainly a justified thought, and no severe criticism can be attached to the calls South made thereafter. His six-diamond bid, in the face of East's double of five diamonds, may look peculiar, but South wanted to tell his partner that he could supply second-round control of the suit, in case North was curious. Whether this six-diamond call actually conveyed that information is doubtful, but in any case the bid should have been innocuous.

The truly questionable action in the bidding seems to be North's bid of six spades. It was very obvious that South's spade bid had been only a control-showing measure (since he had failed to bid the suit over two notrump), so what could North hope to attain by raising spades at the six-level? This call virtually forced South to bid seven hearts — and the bad trump break at that contract defeated it.

Oddly enough, seven spades would have been a laydown contract, as would seven notrump!

LAUD ART SCHOOL
 WINDSOR, N.S. — (CP) — Guy Henson, Director of Adult Education, had praise for the first school of arts and crafts which had just closed in Windsor. During the six week course 99 attended classes in leatherwork, gardening and landscaping, civic affairs and various handicrafts.

KING COLE TEA
 Dependable Quality

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED
 IF YOUR BOSS WANTS HIS PRIZE STALLION BACK HE'LL PUT THE \$5,000 RANSOM IN THIS TIN CAN!
 HE'S RIDING TOWARD THE FOOT OF THE CLIFF... ALONE!
 I'M WARNING HIM HE'LL NEVER GET HIS HORSE BACK ALIVE IF HE TRAILS US!
 SERGEANT KING'S HORSE! SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO HIM!

JOE PALOOKA
 GOOD LORD... I CAN'T STAND IT... I'VE GOT TO TRY... I'VE GOT TO GO TO...
 TRANSLATION — REVIVE HIM WITH THE COLD WATER... AND WE'LL RESUME AGAIN!
 CRASH

HENRY
 RING RING RING
 THIS IS HENRIETTA! BRING OVER A LITTLE FLOUR AND I'LL BAKE YOU A CAKE!
 RING RING RING

DOTTY DIPPLE
 HORACE, THE HOUSE IS AWFULLY WARM TONIGHT— WILL YOU OPEN THE WINDOW A LITTLE WIDER?
 I CAN'T, DOTTY!
 WHY NOT?
 YOU PUT SO MUCH STARCH IN THESE PJAMMAS, I CAN'T BEND MY ELBOWS!

TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS
 NICE TAFFY— HERE'S ONE OF TIPPY'S TOYS TO PLAY WITH...
 TIPPY! BE QUIET! YOU CAN'T COME OUT CUZ TAFFY'S AFRAID OF YOU...
 LOOK— ISN'T TAFFY CUTE?—
 SQUEAK SQUEAK
 ...TH' WAY HE PLAYS WITH TIPPY'S RUBBER RABBIT...
 MERCY! TIPPY! STOP IT!!

BRINGING UP FATHER
 OH-OH! ME GOLT IS ACTIN' UP AGAIN!!
 YOU MAKE ME SICK! I DON'T BELIEVE YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO GET OUT OF GOING TO THE OPERA— I'M GOING TO CALL THE DOCTOR!
 YES— MRS JIGGS— I'LL BE RIGHT OVER— VERY GOOD!!
 BY GOLLY, I'M ENJOYIN' HAVIN' THE GOLT!
 BUT— DOCTOR— THE OPERA—
 NO-NO! HE MUST KEEP OFF THAT FOOT— HE'LL BE LAID UP A WEEK!

TILLY THE TOILER
 TILLIE IS MAKING A MONKEY OUT OF THAT NOVELIST
 HARLEY, YOU'RE SURELY MAKING FUN OF ME! YOU'RE MAKING FUN OF ME!
 SURELY, YOU'RE SURELY MAKING FUN OF ME!
 AND I WON'T STAND FOR IT, DO YOU HEAR? DO YOU HEAR? DO YOU HEAR?
 WHAT A DESCRIPTION I CAN WRITE OF A NOVELIST WHO PRESENTS BEING KIDDED!

PENNY
 B'YE, PENNY!
 LONG HERRY!
 WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT, MOTHER, HERRY ATE THAT WHOLE PLATE OF RUDGE.
 REALLY?
 WELL, THEY SAY THE WAY TO A MAN'S HEART IS THROUGH HIS STOMACH.
 CREEPIES! WITH HERRY IT'S NOT A HERRY WAY...
 IT'S A SUPER NIGHT...!!

POGO
 HEIDY, POGO, US IS READY TO PRACTICE UP THE CAROLS. IS YOU IS?
 DICK US ALL WITH BOSTON CHARLIE WALLA WALLA WASH, AN KILAMAZOO! NORAS FEEBZIN' ON TH' TROLLEY, SWALLER DOLLAR CALLIFLOWER, R ALLEGROO...
 HOW CAN YOU LISTEN TO THIS WORDS? WHO LISTENS TO THE WORDS?
 MAN'S BEST FRIEND, THE NOBLE DOG, LIE BASKING ON THE HEARTH OF THE HEARTH. THEY BEEN WARMIN' OVER THAT CAROL SINCE 1948 AND IT STILL FITS COZY ON MY EAR.
 WISE GUY!
 LET'S TRY GOIN' TO SAUERKRAUT NEXT

LIL ABNER
 DON'T BE ALARMED, DARLINGS!— IT'S MERELY FEARLESS FOSDICK, THE DETECTIVE. HE'S PROBABLY COME HERE TO GUARD THE SILVER!
 CHOKETTY— (IN THE OLD DAYS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN TRUE!) UNFORTUNATELY MRS VAN GOLDBRICK, I AM NO LONGER A DETECTIVE. I WAS RECENTLY UNJUSTLY DISMISSED FROM THE FORCE
 BUT I MUST GO ON DOING MY DUTY AS I SEE IT?— AND SO KINDLY ACCOMPANY ME TO SLUGGSY'S POOLROOM?
 HOW DARE YOU? DOES YOUR DUTY NOT PLAY EVERY TOM, DICK, AND HARRY?
 LET US HAVE NO MORE SENSELESS CHIT-CHAT, IF YOU PLEASE!
 AFTER YOU, MRS. VAN GOLDBRICK!

RIP KIRBY
 WHY DID YOU SHOOT DOWN OUR PLANE?
 ORDERS, MY DEAR MR. KIRBY! YOU SEE, I KNOW YOUR NAME! THE SUEIK CALLED UPON ALL HIS CHIEFS TO STOP YOU IF POSSIBLE, WHETHER YOU APPROACHED EL KAZAR BY AIR OR DESERT!
 WHAT ARE THE FURTHER ORDERS OF YOUR MASTER?
 HE IS NOT MY MASTER! THE HAWK FLIES AND POUNCES AS HE PLEASES! PERHAPS IT WILL NOW PLEASE ME TO DROT AND KILL THE NEXT SANDTORM WILL TAKE CARE OF ALL THREE OF YOU!
 YOU ARE A FIERCE MAN, HAWK. BUT NOT VERY SMART! A CHILD SHOULD KNOW THAT I CAN BE MORE VALUABLE TO YOU ALIVE THAN DEAD!



"Do you believe all the things you hear?" the small Caterpillar wanted to know.

"Ever since I was big enough to kick up my heels I've heard that you Woolly Bears know what kind of a winter is ahead; that you know whether it is going to be long and hard, or short and mild," replied Peter.

"Folks do get queer ideas," said the little black-and-brown Caterpillar. "Why should I know any more about what the whether is going to be than anyone else does?"

"I don't know, but folks say you do," replied Peter.

"Just what do they say?" Woolly Bear wanted to know.

"They say that if the brown middle part of your coat is extra wide, the winter is going to be mild, but if it is extra narrow, the winter is going to be long and hard," explained Peter.

Woolly Bear stopped. He looked at Peter. "Do you believe that?" he asked.

Peter looked a bit confused. "I didn't say I believe it, I said what I've always heard," he replied.

"Do you believe all the things you hear?" the small Caterpillar wanted to know.

Peter shook his head. "Not all the things," said he. "But when everybody says a thing is so, why it seems to me it must be so."

"Does everybody say that I can tell what the winter is going to be like?" the small Caterpillar asked.

"Well, perhaps not everybody. But a lot of folks say so," replied Peter.

"Would you like to believe it?" asked Woolly Bear.

Peter grinned. "I would this year," said he.

"Why this year?" asked Woolly Bear.

"Because it seems to me that the brown part of your coat is extra wide," replied Peter. "That means we are going to have a good winter."

"You mean, it means that if it is true," said Woolly Bear.

"Yes, I know just as much about it as I do," replied the furry Caterpillar, and started on again.

Peter looked disappointed. He was disappointed. "Do you mean that you don't know a thing about it?" he asked anxiously.

"Do you?" asked Woolly Bear.

"No," replied Peter, "not a thing."

"Neither do I," said Woolly Bear and once more began to hurry on.

"But the brown part of your coat is extra wide," cried Peter.

"Maybe it is, and maybe it isn't. I don't care either way, and I don't know what kind of a

By Walt Kelly

By Al Capp

By Alex Raymond

By Ham Fisher

By Ruford

By Carl Anderson

By Edwin

By George McManus

By Westover

By Harry Haenigsen