

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
WELL DONE!

South's play of the following hand was admirable in all respects.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ J854
 ♥ J72
 ♦ K83
 ♣ A10
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 ♠ AK10
 ♥ 95
 ♦ J1098
 ♣ J743
 N
 W
 E
 S
 ♠ AK96
 ♥ Q43
 ♦ AQ52
 ♣ Q8

The bidding:
 North East South West
 1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
 2♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
 3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass

West decided against leading a club or a trump, which left him with an outright guess, and he was lucky enough to choose the top heart. At least it might have been a chance, whereas the diamond lead would have made things easy for declarer.

East took in his top hearts immediately and continued with the heart ten. West ruffed and now shifted to diamonds, and declarer drew West's remaining trumps while East discarded two hearts and a club.

Now South took stock. Having lost three tricks, he would be in great danger of losing the contract if the diamonds did not break 3-3, and since this break was decidedly against probabilities, South resolved to protect himself if he could. He was sure about one thing: East, who had shown five hearts to the ace-king with a spade void, could scarcely hold the club king, because he certainly would have taken some bidding action on that holding. There was a chance, however, that East held the club jack, and if he also had the diamond stopper, everything would be fine.

So before testing the diamonds, South led the club queen through West. The king and ace covered, and declarer then cashed two more trumps, discarding his own club eight. The last trump was East's undoing—he had to give up the club jack, making dummy's ten good, or abandon his diamond stopper.

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE TRAPPED ONES

Helplessness is hard to bear. Still, it shouldn't cause despair. —Old Mother Nature.

Four young Grouse had gone to bed buried in the snow. Grouse like to sleep that way. They can only do it when the snow is deep, and when it is light and soft. So, whenever there was a chance to sleep snug and safe and warm down in the snow these young Grouse always did it. Hitherto, all the family had slept that way, but this time their mother and father, and ad into the snow had not plunged. They had decided to spend the night up in a tree. Mrs. Grouse hadn't liked the looks of things, and Thunderer, their father, had agreed with her. The brother and sister had decided wisely that father and mother knew best, and so had done as they did.



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Early in the night there had been a light rain which had thoroughly wet the top of the snow. Then the weather had cleared, and Jack Frost had come before daylight. He had frozen that wet snow into an icy crust. All this had happened while they were asleep. When they awoke and tried to fly out of the snow, they found that a dreadful thing had happened; they were trapped. They couldn't break through that icy crust. They were still safe from prowling enemies, and it was still snug and warm down there under the snow, but they were in new and very different danger now. They were in danger of starving to death.

At first they had pecked hard with their stout bills. But soon they grew tired. It wasn't an easy thing to do, and it was most discouraging. After pecking and pecking for a while, they would crouch down and rest, too tired to move, and too frightened to really think. Their helplessness made them hopeless. Helplessness is a very, very dreadful feeling. How those four young Grouse wished they had heeded mother's advice the night before, and spent the night in a tree. They had thought mother foolish not to enjoy that deep snow which was so cold. Now they hated that snow.

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UNION ROAD W. M. S.

The January meeting of the Union Road W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. Harry Newman on January 3; Theme for the month, Evangelism. The church business, meeting opened by singing the hymn, "I do not ask O Lord," followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. Scripture lesson was from Acts, read by four different members, followed by prayers. Roll call was answered by eight members and three visitors. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Norman Green presented the Christian Stewardship reading, Mrs. A. G. Mallett gave a reading for temperance, entitled "Drink Ravages". During the business period several letters were read and discussed. The Treasurer gave a report for 1954, \$120.00 was sent to the Presbytery, \$5.70 on hand. For the program, Mrs. Everett Lamont gave a reading entitled "The Wells of Strength". Mrs. Harold Yeo gave a reading entitled "The Message of the Lights". The program committee for next meeting, is Mrs. Sterling Yeo and Mrs. B. C. Hardy. Three members paid fees. Next place of meeting is the home of Mrs. Sterling Yeo. Collection amounted to \$2.90. Closing hymn was "Work for the Night is Coming," followed by Benediction. Refreshments were then served by the hostess and a social hour spent.

Grouse couldn't help themselves, and they couldn't help each other. To make it still worse, they knew of no one else who could help them.

HISTORIC ISLES
 The Hebrides Islands became part of the old Kingdom of Scotland in the 13th century after they were ceded by Norway.

KEM-GLO
 THE MIRACLE LUSTRE ENAMEL

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Small bunch of feathers
 - Gen. of "Cetus"
 - Scope
 - Father of Hector and Paris
 - Mountain range in Utah
 - Sun god
 - A maker of spurs
 - Demands
 - Coin (Swed.)
 - Pierce with a sword
 - Lamprey
 - Drudges
 - Group of Pacific islands
 - Goddess of healing (Norw.)
 - Marshes
 - Girl's name
 - Reflects
 - Famous university
 - Electrical engineer (abbr.)
 - Allow to enter
 - Always
 - Valiant warriors (Samoa)
 - Bodies of salt water
 - Chief
 - DOWN
 - Italian seaport
 - Swiss canton
 - Practicable
 - Pounds down
 - Arabian chieftain
 - Timber tree (So. Am.)
 - Bury
 - Something which refracts light
 - Part of "to be"
 - Shoshonean Indian
 - Capuchin monkey
 - Pen-sula (No. Am.)
 - Boils slowly
 - Cry, as a cow
 - Like an ogre
 - A thing of value
 - Vein of a leaf
 - South American river
 - Hands out, as alms
 - Not dead
 - A lariat
 - The middle tunic of the eye
 - Prefix to Scotch names

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:
 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, length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptic Quotation

RCA QY, XFYAY'B GCEOFX S HCEJW
 GCX JYVIY RCA XFY OCCW WYICG
 JVGW—GYHZCJX.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: GREAT IN THE COUNCIL, GLO-RIOUS IN THE FIELD.—POPE.

Henry

Henry is a character who is often seen in various situations, including one where he is in a coal yard.

Grandma

Grandma is a character who is often seen in various situations, including one where she is talking about her new hat.

Muggs and Skeeter

Muggs and Skeeter are characters who are often seen in various situations, including one where they are talking about a package.

Etta Kett

Etta Kett is a character who is often seen in various situations, including one where she is talking about a date.

Jilly The Toiler

Jilly The Toiler is a character who is often seen in various situations, including one where he is talking about a load.

Mickey Mouse

Mickey Mouse is a character who is often seen in various situations, including one where he is talking about a record.

Bringing Up Father

Bringing Up Father is a character who is often seen in various situations, including one where he is talking about a judge.

Fran Striker Secret Agent X9

Fran Striker Secret Agent X9 is a character who is often seen in various situations, including one where he is talking about a swamp.

L'il Abner

L'il Abner is a character who is often seen in various situations, including one where he is talking about a kid.

POULTRY PRODUCERS

Egg prices are low now, yet some top authorities predict high prices for June and July because of the fewer chick sales across Canada. Why not take advantage of this opportunity now, and place your order for February Chicks. We will be setting to order chiefly for February and March. Besides the regular crosses we have a special egg producer's feature this year in Leghorn-Rock cross. Prices for February and March are: Mixed 17c; Pullets 30c. In reduction on orders of 500 or more.

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20-20 VISION
 DR. K.L. BLODGETT
 OF STRATFORD
 AN OPTOMETRIST
 HAS AUTO
 LICENSE PLATE
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THE DIRECTORY OF THE DEAD!
 Drachsmann, Germany
THE LITERS
 ON WHICH THE DEAD ARE CARRIED TO THE CEMETERY ARE INSCRIBED WITH THE NAMES OF THE DEPARTED AND THEN MASSED BEHIND THE MAIN HIGHWAY

DON JUAN de ACUÑA
 MARQUESE de CASA FUERTE
 WAS THE ONLY NATIVE AMERICAN AMONG 64 VICEROYS SENT BY SPAIN TO GOVERN MEXICO OVER A PERIOD OF 300 YEARS (1521-1921)

THE STONE WATCHDOG
 NATURAL ROCK FORMATION

The Lone Ranner

The Lone Ranner is a character who is often seen in various situations, including one where he is talking about a deputy.

Joe Palooka

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