

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
TOO GREEDY

When the bidding has clearly revealed the fact that declarer's hand is a "freak," particular care must be put into the defense, and it is an excellent idea to look for the setting trick before trying to "slaughter" the contract. Here's a case in point:

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A Q
♥ 10 9
♦ J 10 9 7 5 4
♣ 7 2

♠ 7 4 2
♥ A 6 2
♦ K 8 2
♣ K 10 6

♠ N
♥ W
♦ E
♣ S

♠ 6
♥ K Q J 8 7 4 3
♦ A 9 5 4
♣

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
3NT	4♠	5♥	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

Inasmuch as West could have made his four-spade bid, South showed good judgment in going on to five hearts. If he had passed for his partner's decision, North might have elected to try for the defeat of the enemy.

West, feeling that he might easily get in a diamond ruff, opened his blank ace, but when the dummy was spread he hastily shifted to the queen of clubs. South took the trick and led a low trump. East won and could have cashed the club king for the setting trick, but he apparently had "vision of wealth," and so returned a low diamond.

South, astonished but very pleased over developments, ruffed the diamond high, led a trump to the ten in dummy, and "pushed" the diamond queen through East. Now there was no defense. East could cover or not, as he chose; South was sure to ruff out the diamond king, draw East's remaining trump, and claim the rest with the ace of spades and good diamonds—he didn't even have to risk the spade finesse.

If East had simply laid down the club king for a sure though modest victory, his side would have collected 200 points. Instead, North-South collected 850 points—which is a substantial "swing" under any circumstances!

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

TOMMY TIT IS FULL OF CHEER
Be rain, or snow, or what you will, Somewhere the sun is shining still. —Tommy Tit the Chickadee.

"Dee, dee, dee, dee! See me! See me! See me!" cried Tommy Tit, as he hung upside down from a twig sipping a drop of water from the tip of an icicle. It was over in the dear Old Brier-patch. "I see you," said Peter Rabbit, "though I don't know any reason why I should," he sounded grumpy. "Dee, dee, dee, Chickadee!" cried Tommy Tit. "Don't be so grumpy, Peter Rabbit. These are hard times, but they could be worse."

"Dee, dee, dee, dee! See me! See me," cried Tommy Tit.

"I don't know how," grumbled Peter. "There is nothing much but bark to eat. And even that is covered with ice in places." "Supposing there wasn't any bark," said Tommy Tit. "That would be worse. You are not going really hungry these days, and some folks are. You may be tired of just bark, but some folks would be thankful if they could eat even that. I'm not having the easiest time ever was to find enough to eat, but I manage. Yes, sir, I manage. I just work a little harder, get about a little more, and use my eyes a little better. Want to know something, Peter?"

"What?" asked Peter. "The sun is shining. Dee, dee, dee, the sun is shining!" cried Tommy Tit, happily, and sipped another drink from an icicle. Before Peter could say anything

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Frosted
2. Performs
3. Painful
4. Demolish
5. Plot of land
6. Book of maps
7. Little child
8. Salary
9. Likely
10. Wearies
11. Consume
12. Man's nuts
13. Belonging to the order of whales
14. Light bedstead
15. Sea eagle
16. A monastery
17. Alumni of a school (humorous)
18. Thrash
19. Land-measures
20. Armor hook
21. Animal's foot
22. Thus
23. Whale killer
24. Come in
25. Persia
26. Prepare for publication
27. French river (poss.)
28. Headland

DOWN
1. Fiber used in making bagging
2. Indian of Peru
3. Epochs
4. Stripe
5. A rock common in Saxony
6. Astern
7. Flowerless plants
8. Edible nuts (P. I.)
9. Mine entrances
10. House plant
11. A rock common in Saxony
12. Astern
13. Flowerless plants
14. Edible nuts (P. I.)
15. Mine entrances
16. Marry
17. Signal system
18. Three: comb. fr.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
is LONG FELLOW
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
HSU AKRZDNO WBDXO ETL HK PO
NDFR, HK BOFROB EDHS HSU IBO-
WOIHL ZOYL HSO LVX KQ SVXTP
EBOHWSORFOLL—PUBKF
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HE SHRUNK INTO A CANCY AND AN EARLDM—CHESTERFIELD.

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Secret Agent X9

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NOW, THEN — WALK OFF TWENTY PAGES WITH YOUR HANDS HIGH!
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EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL, INSIDE, JOE?
COZY! I HAD TO GIVE THE OTHER GUY A MILD SEDATIVE, BUT I DON'T THINK I BROKE MY KNUCKLES!
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PHIL, WE PLAYED OUR CARDS JUST RIGHT! I WAS SUSPICIOUS OF THAT CARETAKER FROM THE START!
TO THINK THAT HE DIED FOR A PHONY SCRAP OF PAPER IN A TINY BOTTLE!

Bringing Up Father

BOLLY-I SURE AM TIRED TONIGHT! IT'S GOOD TO SIT DOWN!
I ONLY HOPE MAGGIE DOESN'T THINK UP SOME CHORES FOR ME TO DO!
OH-HOW SWEET OF YOU! COURSE WE CAN USE YOUR TICKETS TO THE OPERA TONIGHT! JIGGS ISN'T DOING A THING!
AS SOON AS I FINISH HERE—MAGGIE—IT GETS AT THAT LEAK IN THE SINK!

Joe Palooka

EVERYBODY IN TOWN SEEMS TO BE ON HAND.
THIS WAY, JOE.
THANK YOU.
HEY, FELLAS... IT'S TOMMY... AN' JOE?
H... H... FELLAS... THANKS, JOE.
I'LL BE BACK LATER, CHUM.
YIPPEE?
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Tit. And his voice was the most cheerful sound the Green Forest had heard that morning. "Everything is wrong with the weather," snapped Blacky. "It is too cold. There has been too much wind. The snow is too deep. Things are covered with ice. How can a fellow get anything to eat in weather like this?"

"I do," said Tommy Tit. "I have to work harder to get it, but I do get it. Have you noticed that the sun is shining. Dee, dee, dee, see me! See me!" Tommy Tit almost turned a somersault. Then he flew away.

"The little scamp is right," muttered Blacky. "The sun is shining. Maybe if I do work a little harder, fly a little farther, and use my eyes a little better, I'll find more to eat. These are hard times but they could be worse." He spread his black wings and flew off to work a little harder.

"Dee, dee, dee, Chickadee!" came the cheerful voice of Tommy Tit from the distance.

Henry

ON OUR STAGE
WHAMO THE MAGICIAN

LEARN HOW TO SAW A LADY IN HALF! ENTIRE COURSE ONLY 2¢

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WELL, YA ARE! UNLESS O' COURSE WE COULD FIX IT! SO YOU'D HAVE A...

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Mugs and Skooter

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Etta Kett

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HAD TO REFUEL IN THE TROPICS! LOOK AT THE LOAD OF AMAZON DANDELIONS THE NATIVE GALS GAVE ME FOR FREE!

WOW!

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Jilly The Toiler

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NO WONDER MR. SIMPKINS SAID HE WAS GOING OFF THE RIGID DIET HIS DOCTOR PUT HIM ON

WELL, DID YOU STUFF YOURSELF WITH ALL THAT SCRUMPTIOUS FOOD?

ALL I COULD EAT WAS SALAD AND BLACK COFFEE

LOSE YOUR APPETITE?

HECK NO! MY DOCTOR WAS SEATED RIGHT NEXT TO ME!

Mickey Mouse

CELEBRATE THIS NEW HOUSE Y' HAD BUILT FER US, NEPHEW!

THOUGHT WE'D HAVE A LITTLE SNACK TO CELEBRATE.

SWELL!

MICKY, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US—FROM THE TATTOOED MAN TO THE BEARDED LADY—I WANT TO THANK YOU FER THIS BEAUTIFUL CLUB-HOME...

I CAN'T HELP IT! I JUST HAVE TO KISS YOU!

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WHAT'S IN THAR?

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The Lone Ranger

SHERIFF'S ORDERS! I'M LOOKIN' FOR STOLEN MONEY!

MA HANK SEEMS TO BE IN TROUBLE!

FOUND THIS IN YOUR DECK, MA HANK!

YO' HINTIN' I STOLE IT?

I'LL TEACH YO' TUM CALL ME A THIEF!

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