

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
NO SENSE OF GRATITUDE

A defensive slip gave South a notable opportunity in the following deal, but he was found wanting.

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

♠ 10 9 8
♥ A K 6
♦ K 6
♣ Q J 10 8 8

♠ K Q 7 2
♥ 9 4 3
♦ 8 7
♣ K 7 4

♠ J 8 4
♥ A Q J
♦ 10 9 5
♣ A 6 3

♠ N
♥ W
♦ E
♣ S

♠ A 6 3
♥ Q J 10 8 7 5 2
♦ 7 4 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1♦ Pass Pass 4♥
5♦ Pass Pass 5♣
Pass Pass Dble. Pass
Pass Pass

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South, given a reprieve, should have expressed his gratitude by making the contract, but his only reaction was to launch a weird line of play. He overtook the heart nine, ruffed his last diamond, cashed the trump ace, then led a spade to the ace. Next, he cashed all but one of his trumps. Later, he explained that he had been trying to hide his club void in the hope that the defenders would keep clubs and

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PRISONERS OF JACK FROST
Alas, that beautiful to see
A dreadful thing may prove to be.

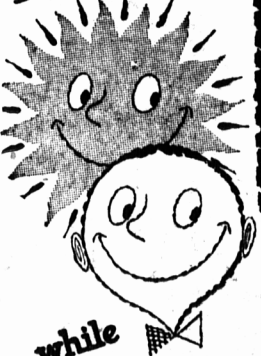
—Old Mother Nature.
It was a beautiful morning. Jolly, round, bright, Mr. Sun climbing up in the blue, blue sky, looked down on a lovely world of white. Early the night before there had been rain. But before morning the clouds had broken away, blown far and wide by rough Brother North Wind. With him had come Jack Frost. He had been very, very busy. He had frozen that wet surface of the snow until it had become a crust of glistening ice. All the twigs of all the trees of the Green Forest were coated in ice. They looked as if they were made of silver. Wherever the sunbeams touched them they shimmered, and glittered, and flashed, as if they were jewels.

It was a wonderful, sparkling, world of white to look upon. But it was a sort of terrible loveliness. You see it meant that many of the folk in fur and feathers would have to go hungry because their food was locked away from them by the ice. Some of the smaller ones might even starve to death.

At a certain place over in the Green Forest four Grouse, grown children of Thunderer and Mrs. discard spades, but this was quite a lot to hope for. West signalled high in clubs, and East held grimly to his king-queen of spades. South's correct play at Trick 3 was to lead the club queen. If East put up the king, South would merely have to ruff, lead a trump or a diamond to dummy and let the club jack ride, discarding a spade from the closed hand. West would win, but another spade discard would now be available. If East ducked the club queen, South would discard the spade immediately, and later lead the club jack through East to establish the club ten.

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been prisoners. Other times when they had slept in the snow it had been very light, and they had been able to burst out of it, throwing it in all directions with their stout wings. This was what they had tried to do this morning, and made the dreadful discovery that they couldn't. Indeed, their wings were quite helpless.

For a little while they kept trying, and trying, then they became quiet. Not knowing what to do, they did nothing. Finally, one of them thought to peck at the roof of their prison. Perhaps he could peck a hole. Presently, all of them were pecking. They pecked, and pecked, and pecked, but it did no good. That crust was too hard. It wasn't easy pecking, and after a while they gave up. It is a dreadful thing to be a helpless prisoner.

ISLAND SCENES
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — A newsreel company spokesman said here there is an increased demand for Newfoundland scenes in theatres across North America, and also for television.

IT MAY BE YOUR LIVER

If life's not worth living it may be your liver!
It's a fact! It takes up to two pints of liver bile a day to keep your digestive tract in top shape! If your liver bile is not flowing freely your food may not digest... gas bloats up your stomach... you feel constipated and all the fun and sparkle go out of life. That's when you need mild gentle Carter's Little Liver Pills. These famous vegetable pills help stimulate the flow of liver bile. Soon your digestion starts functioning properly and you feel that happy, day after day! Don't let your liver stay sick. Always keep Carter's Little Liver Pills on hand. 87¢ at your druggist.

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Tickets on sale at the Old Spain, Cantwell's Pharmacy, Barry's Lunch and Joe Dowling's Service Station.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. In advance
6. Deeds
11. A German (slang)
12. Path of a planet
13. Violent wind of the Russian steppes
14. Join
15. Set up (abbr.)
16. Power to buy or borrow on trust
17. Close to
18. Rowing implements
20. Large worm
21. Former Spanish coin
24. Beginning
25. Comrades
29. Famous national park (Calif.)
31. Girl's name
34. Ponder
35. Half an em
36. Cut into, as with teeth
38. Gold (Her.)
39. Apportion
40. Wax coating
43. Kind of rock
44. Handles (Rom. Antiq.)
45. Bar for slacking threads of a loom
46. Produce

DOWN
1. Warp-yarn
2. City in Texas
3. Belge
4. Exclamation
5. Lair
6. Sets of four persons (golf)
7. Sea eagle (Eur.)
8. Remain
9. Monkey
10. Marks to 'let stand' (print.)
16. Satisfaction for the killing of a man (Govt Law)
17. Fused
18. Comply
19. Vertical circle for measuring elevations
22. Personal pronoun
23. Entitle
26. Music
27. Everlasting (Jap.)
28. Coin
30. Source of light and heat
31. Degrade
32. Country (Eur.)
33. Book of maps
37. Carry (Fr.)
38. River (Fr.)
40. Salary
41. Keel-billed cuckoo
42. Spread grass to dry

Yesterday's Answer:
1. Advance
2. Chicago
3. Belgium
4. Exclamation
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
A Cryptogram Quotation
IZOC KRZKTR OGTW YX OCUJR.
PZUPQRO; Y UTFUO CUTW—OYQC.
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE OLD DEW STILL FALLS ON THE OLD SWEET FLOWERS—SWINBURNE.

Believe It or Not!

WILLIAM I (1745-1829)
elector of Hesse
WAS THE FATHER OF 61 CHILDREN
32 OF HIS SONS SERVED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN THE GERMAN ARMIES—HOLDING EVERY RANK FROM PRIVATE TO GENERAL.

OUR BODIES ARE LIKE SHOES WHICH OFF WE CAST MEDICINE IS THEIR COBBLER WHILE DEATH IS THEIR LAST

SPITTING IN Cranecaster Cemetery England

THE CHURCH BUILT TO EXPIATE A MURDER
THE CATHEDRAL OF NOBLEV in the Ukraine WAS BUILT IN 1692 BY A GROUP OF CITIZENS WHO HAD KILLED THEIR LANDLORD AND WHO TOOK DOWN THEIR OWN HOMES TO PROVIDE THE BRICKS FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION THE CHURCH STILL STANDS—BUT THE SOVIETS HAVE CONVERTED IT INTO A WAREHOUSE.

The Lone Ranger

SORRY WE MUST TIE YOU LAWYERS, BUT WE NEED TIME TO GET AWAY

IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT, SHERIFF!

IF YOU WEREN'T NEW AROUND HERE, YOU'D KNOW THE MASKED FRIEND! HANGS ON YOUR SIDE OF THE LAW!

I KNOW! HE'S YOUR FRIEND! AND I KNOW THE BANK WAS ROBBED!

THE NEW CASHIER WHO OPENED THE VAULT LIVES IN YOUR HOTEL, AN THE STOLEN CASH IS IN YOUR OFFICE! I'VE GOT EVIDENCE TO PROVE IT TO YOU, AND I'LL DO IT!

Joe Palooka

USE TH' RIGHT NOW... NOW A HOOK... HE'S OPEN FER A... LISSEN T' ME, WILLY...

WHY DIDN'T CHA DO WHAT I TOLD YA...

YOU KEEP HOLLERIN' SO MANY QUESTIONS IT BALLS ME UP...

I MADE THE GREATEST CHAMPION OF ALL TIME... I... NOW LISSEN... BZZZ BZZZ BZZZ...

I GOT SO MANY INSTRUCTIONS NOW I'M DITTY...

Bringing Up Father

THAT NEW COURSE OF BEAUTY TREATMENTS I TOOK AS EARLY AS I COULD... I MADE ME FEEL SO YOUNG AND CHEERFUL!

JIGGS-DEAR—YOU'RE GOING TO GET BELLY FROM THE WIND!

I THINK THEY'VE GOT A LOT OF NERVE!

BUT, JIGGS—GOO IF YOU GET BIG PRICE FOR THEIR SERVICES!

I DON'T MIND THE PRICE—BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BILL YOU IN ADVANCE!

I'LL LESS I SAID THE WRONG THING 'AS USUAL!

Secret Agent X9

BARGAIN BENNY! WELL, I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU...

THAT I AM A WOMAN DON'T THINK FOR AN INSTANT THAT YOU CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE GENDER! I'DRINE A HARD BARGAIN!

THE AGE OF MALE SUPREMACY IN THE WORLD'S MARKETS IS PAST! A WOMAN WILL ONE DAY BE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES!

YOU'VE GOT ANY VOTE, BENNY! WHEN YOU GET TO THE WHITE HOUSE, JUST GIVE ME THE KEYS TO THE KNOX LOCKS!

IT'D BE A PLEASURE TO SECRETARY THE TREASURE!

IN MY CABINET, YOU'D BE SECRETARY OF ASSURANCE CULTURE! I BELIEVE YOU SAID THAT YOU HAD A BARGAIN OF SOME SORT—

Lil Abner

YO' HIZZIBLE VARNINT! IS YO' A JILTIN' MAH SISTER?

WE'RE JILTIN' EACH OTHER! WE'RE NO LONGER IN LOVE—SINCE WE'RE BOTH BROKE!

SEEMS A DAWGONE SHAME TO WASTE ALL THEM GANG-WIDGES AN' SODDY POP. IS YO' A RICH BACHELOR?

YES, MADAM!

THEN, SHOW YORE APPREE-SHEE-AY-SHUN FO' ALL YO' ET—AN SAVE THIS WEDDIN' FUM BEIN' A FLOP—

—BY MARRYN' MAH OLDER SISTER!

OLDER?— I'D BETTER NOT ARGUE!— SHE HAS AN IRON GRIP!

Henry

Grandma

Muggs and Skeeter

Etta Kett

Tilly The Toiler

Mickey Mouse

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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