

**Contract Bridge**

By Josephine Culbertson  
EXTRACTING EXIT CARDS

Run-of-the-mill declarers have one very bad habit: they allow the opponents to keep safe exit cards when it would have been easy to extract those cards. Here is an all-too-common illustration:

South dealer  
North-South vulnerable.

♠ 7642  
 ♥ A9763  
 ♦ 4  
 ♣ 5  
 ♠ 5  
 ♥ AKQ  
 ♦ 10875  
 ♣ 987  
 ♠ 10883  
 ♥ Q10  
 ♦ 96  
 ♣ AKJ2  
 ♠ 7  
 ♥ KJ842  
 ♦ J82  
 ♣ 10642

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1 ♣ 4 ♠ 4 ♠ Pass  
 2 ♠ 5 ♠ 5 ♠ Pass  
 Pass Pass

West did well to "boost" the enemy, but his effort should have failed — South should have made five spades with the greatest ease. West led the diamond king and shifted to the club nine. The queen was put up, and on the notion that East might have all the outstanding trumps, declarer led the trump queen. This was not a good play but, as it happened, when East followed with the jack it became obvious that West had the guarded king, which was information well worth having. South, however, did not use this information. Having captured the spade jack, he left the king at large, then cashed his clubs, discarding hearts from dummy. West ruffed the fourth club with his lone heart, and East produced the king for the setting trick.

Knowing where the spade king lay, South should have ruffed his remaining diamond, then cashed

**BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES**

By Thorton W. Burgess

**MRS. GROUSE IS UNEASY**

Experience that you possess. Is never satisfied to guess.

—Mrs. Grouse.  
 What Mrs. Grouse says is true. Experience wants to know. It has learned that guessing is more often wrong than right. Knowledge comes from experience, but never from guessing.

Deep in the Green Forest in a tall hemlock tree, hidden by the broad, green branches, Mrs. Grouse was spending the night. Thunder, her handsome mate, was also in the same tree. So were two of their flock. Mrs. Grouse was not sleeping well. She was uneasy. A little way off down under the snow four more of her flock was spending the night. They had plunged into the snow just as the black shadows came creeping into the Green Forest. Mrs. Grouse had advised them that it would be safer if they too spend the night in the tree, but they had not heeded her advice.

Just as the black curtain of darkness settled down rain began to fall. Mrs. Grouse became more and more uneasy. She dozed in short naps. Every time she awoke it was still raining, and every time she was a little more uneasy than before. She wished that those four young grouse down under the snow were up in that tree with her.

two more clubs. West had started with two spades and surely had at least seven diamonds for his bidding. If he followed suit to three clubs, South could merely cash the heart ace, taking Mrs. Grouse's heart away from him, then throw him in with the trump king to force a diamond return. This, of course, would be ruffed in dummy while South discarded a heart.

If West could ruff the third club, South would not have lost anything. In that case he would simply have to hope that West held the K-x of hearts and would be forced to lead away from it to the North-South combination.

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Tuesday, January 4, 1955

**RIVERDALE - CHURCHILL**

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverdale-Churchill Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Robbie MacKinnon, with an attendance of 12 members and several visitors present. The meeting opened in the usual way. Roll call was answered with an exchange of Christmas presents. Correspondence was read by Secretary.

It was decided to give \$5.00 to T. B. League, also to raise gift to any member in hospital to \$1.00. Each member to make candy to be sold at Christmas concert. It was decided to give each child a treat of a 10c bar and an apple at Christmas concert, also to give treats to shut-ins at Christmas, and to send a hamper of apples each to Sanatorium and Orphanage.

Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Guy MacLeod. Roll call, "A Famous Person," a contest, "20 Questions," was put on by Miss Anne McQuaid and enjoyed by all the members, after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess. Meeting closed with the "Queen."

or to the others in the tree with her. She was worried about what he might do to her four children down under the snow. She wished that there was some way of getting those young grouse up out of their warm beds in the snow. But there wasn't.

Of course Jack Frost might not freeze a hard crust. He might be satisfied with just a light crust on the snow. In that case when daylight came, the young grouse might be able to break their way out. She had done it herself more than once. But, if the crust should be hard and thick enough so that it couldn't be broken by the young grouse it might last for several days, holding them prisoners. Then they would starve to death. There was no food for them down there under the snow. After a long, long time the black shadows began to leave. Just as soon as it was light enough Mrs. Grouse flew down from that tree. Just as she had feared, Jack Frost had formed an icy crust over the snow. Now she was more uneasy than ever.

It was along toward morning that Mrs. Grouse awakened from a long nap. The rain was no longer falling. The air was colder. She became more uneasy than ever. She had a feeling that Jack Frost was busy there in the Green Forest. Her winter coat of feathers would keep her warm. She wasn't worried about what Jack Frost might do to her.



"If it just rains it won't matter," thought Mrs. Grouse.

"If it just rains it won't matter," thought Mrs. Grouse. "But if it stops raining, and Jack Frost comes around and covers the snow with an icy crust, those children are going to be in trouble. They have no idea what trouble they will be in. They will be prisoners unless they can break the crust themselves. If they are prisoners they will have no food down there. I hope Jack Frost stays away."

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**DAILY CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**  
 1. Not good  
 4. Nose, as of a pig  
 9. Piece of skeleton  
 10. Large artery of heart (pl.)  
 12. Poker stake  
 13. Produce  
 14. Body of salt water  
 15. Greek letter  
 16. Music note  
 17. Blunder  
 18. Pagan  
 21. A voucher of money owed for food  
 23. River (Fr.)  
 24. Garret  
 26. Alloy of copper and zinc  
 27. Pall handle  
 28. Warm in the sun  
 29. Casts again  
 31. A Spanish hero (Lit.)  
 34. United Nations (abbr.)  
 35. Lever  
 36. Wine receptacle  
 47. Capital (S. Dak.)  
 40. Native (Arabia)  
 41. Potatoes (Ital.)  
 42. Choking bits  
 43. Relieves  
 44. Single unit
- DOWN**  
 1. Foolish blunder (colloq.)  
 2. Region near the South Pole  
 3. River (Eng.)  
 4. Small pad containing powder  
 5. Undershot water-wheel  
 6. Metalle rock  
 7. The eye; in symbolism Rags  
 8. Foundation  
 11. Fish nets  
 15. Skylike  
 19. Gull-like bird  
 20. Highest mountain in Peru  
 22. Nuclei of starch grain  
 24. Sudden  
 25. Headbands (Gr. Antiq.)  
 26. Occupied  
 28. Emphasize  
 30. Frolic  
 32. Semblance  
 33. Pecks  
 38. Greek letter  
 39. Obsolete  
 40. Past

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	49	50

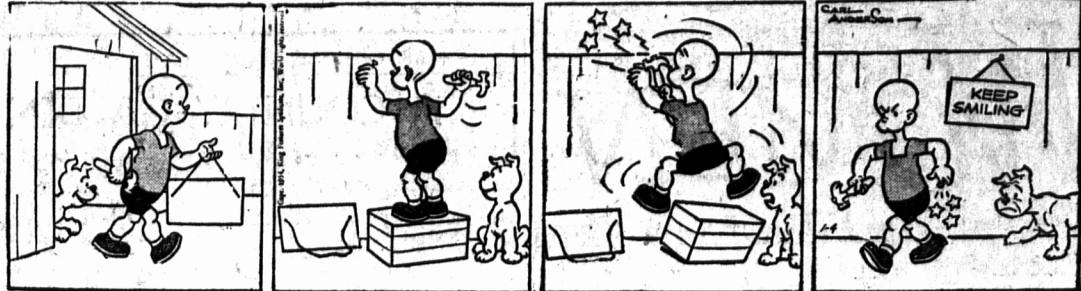
**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:**

AXYDLBAAXR  
 is LONGFELLOW

Do it later 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  
 KXM VAT TMN HKOAA DFAAH VB  
 KXM VAT HNMK DAVNMH-HNOB-  
 GCIBM.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SOME RESPITE TO HUSBANDS THE WEATHER MAY SEND, BUT HOUSEWIVES' AFFAIRS HAVE NEVER AN END—TUSSER.



By Carl Anderson



By Charles Kuhn



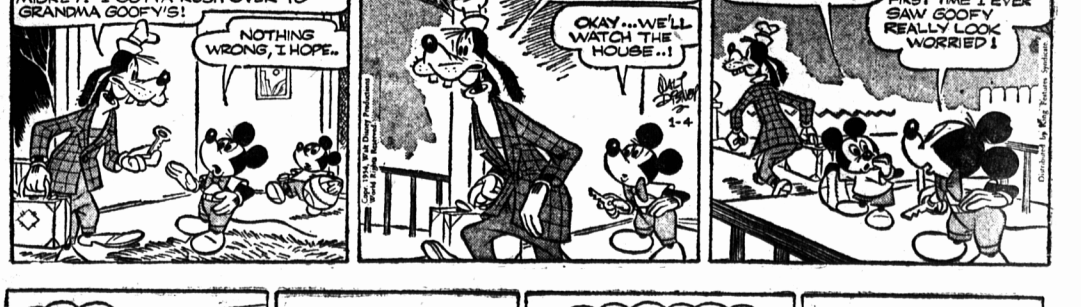
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By Paul Robinson



By Bob Gustafson



By Walt Disney



By George McManus



By Mel Graff



By Al Capp

The Lone Ranger



By Fran Stryker

Joe Palooka



By Ham Fisher