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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES
By Thornton W. Burgess
YOUNG JERRY HAS VISITORS
Sympathy expressed in deeds. Not mere words, is what one needs. —Jerry Muskrat.
When Young Jerry Muskrat had started up along one bank of the Big River, a few little stars were twinkling in the darkness overhead. More and more stars appeared out of nowhere and twinkled like the others. At long last Mistress Moon began her climb up in the dark sky, and flooded the Green Forest, the Green Meadows, the Big River, and the Smiling Pool with soft silvery light. Mistress Moon looks down on many strange



Contract Bridge
By Josephine Culbertson

THE ALL-IMPORTANT REBID.

Possession of three or four high-card points, or about one honor-trick, over the minimum opening requirements does not automatically justify a strong rebid. The distribution of the hand, good, bad or indifferent, remains a factor of vital importance, and this applies even when partner's response has been highly encouraging.

All of which is by way of saying that South's bidding in this case was inexcusable.

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
♠ K Q
♥ A K 6
♦ J 10 9 7 5
♣ 10 8 4
♠ A 10 7
♥ J 9 8 5
♦ 4 3
♣ J 6 3 2
♠ 8 4 3
♥ 7 3 2
♦ A K Q 8
♣ A K 7

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 3 ♦ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
5 ♠ Pass 6 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

North's actual slam bid was relatively unimportant, and not very costly, because South had already "gone overboard" when he reached five diamonds.

The outstanding flaw in the auction was South's four-club rebid. In the debate following the hand, South pointed to his 16-point (4-plus honor-trick) holding, and insisted that with "so much overage" he had been fully justified in bidding the four clubs. What South ignored, however, was that his distribution could not have been worse! Experts follow a sound principle in this respect: they mentally deduct a point (or some fraction of an honor-trick) when faced with this utterly barren 4-3-3-3 hand-pattern. Thus, instead of regarding South's hand as "strong" an expert would consider it only fair, and would not dream of going past the three-notrump level voluntarily.

When South, instead of properly bidding three notrump over three diamonds, carried the auction to the four-level, North could not be greatly blamed for visualizing more winners in the South hand — and in any case, to repeat, the damage had already been done.

The first self-binder operated on western Canadian farms was produced in 1884.

Ramsay-Lord Wedding

A pretty autumn wedding took place at Carleton Place, on Saturday, October 24, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Keith Lord, when their daughter, Marion Leona, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony, with Lloyd Eric, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin D. Ramsay, Hamilton, P. E. I. Rev. Lloyd Archer performed the ceremony in the presence of 25 guests.

The living-room was attractively decorated for the happy occasion. Mrs. Ralph B. MacCaull had charge of the wedding music.

The bride entered the room on the arm of her father who gave her in marriage. She was attired in a street-length gown of smoke blue, with pearl trim, black velvet hat and black accessories, and a corsage of deep-red Bettertime roses.

Her only attendant was her sister, Mrs. Douglas Crossman, Albany, who was attired in a dress of blue-grey woven shantung, with black velvet trim, black velvet hat and black accessories and a corsage of American beauty

roses. Mr. Horace MacFarlane, Summerside, brother-in-law, of the groom, was best man.

The bride's mother chose for her daughter's wedding a frock of wine taffeta, with white ratine slubbed stripe and a corsage of yellow tulle roses. The groom's mother was attired in a dress of blue silk with bead trimming and a corsage of pink tulle roses.

A buffet lunch was served. The table was centred with a beautifully decorated three-tier wedding cake, flanked with pink and white carnations, between tall lighted tapers. Those assisting in serving were: Mrs. Harvey Bernard, Mrs. Earle Sawler, Miss Joyce Lord, and Mrs. Ralph MacCaull.

The bride and groom left on a wedding trip to the Mainland. For travelling the bride donned a coat of blue with shawl collar.

They will reside on return, in Hamilton, where the groom is a prosperous farmer. Previous to her marriage the bride was on the office staff of M. F. Schurman. The best wishes of their friends go with this young couple for a long and happy wedded life.

—BQ.
Elienne Brule, the French explorer, first saw the Niagara river in 1611 or 1612.



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