

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
HOAX DELUXE

One of the most remarkable things about bridge is the success that occasionally can be gained from jettisoning sure tricks. There is a large class of such plays; the following is simply a striking example:

South dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ Q10
♥ J753
♦ QJ964
♣ AK

♠ 8742
♥ AK10
♦ K10
♣ Q96

♠ AKJ95
♥ 9
♦ A73
♣ J852

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

West opened the deuce of hearts; East won and returned the suit. South ruffed the second heart and looked for the safest way to play the hand for 10 tricks. Since all of the trumps were equal, he could cross-ruff without fear of an over-ruff, and in that way he could count on taking seven trump tricks — making dummy's two trumps separately — plus the ace of diamonds and the two top clubs.

It is standard technique to cash top cards in side suits before embarking on a cross-ruff, so South began by laying down the ace of diamonds. It was at this point that East made a sensational play: he dropped the king of diamonds. South should not have been side-tracked — there was always the possibility that East, a fine player, was being very "cute" — but South could not see anything except the 12 tricks which were now apparently there for the taking. Why cross-ruff for 10 tricks when it was "obvious" that he could win five trumps, five diamonds and the two top clubs? Why indeed! South abruptly gave up the cross-ruff plan. He drew trumps — incidentally exhausting all of his own in the process — then took the "automatic" diamond finesse to dummy's nine.

South's face was a study in incredulity and horror as East pounded with his diamond ten and cashed two more heart tricks, defeating the contract.

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ONE-YEAR SENTENCE

QUEBEC (CP)—Joseph Veilleux, 45, was sentenced to one year in penitentiary Tuesday for having plotted to rob a bank at St. Prosper, Que., two years ago. Veilleux, a garage employee at Ste. Rose, Que., 60 miles south of Quebec City, was charged with having agreed to provide three men with burglary tools knowing they were to be used in a bank robbery.

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

YOWLER WATCHES AND WAITS

Loveliness is as you see it. To another may not be it. —Old Mother Nature.

At a lovely, shallow pool in the Green Forest stood two fawns. They were at the edge of the water. The early morning sunbeams touched their white-spotted coats of warm buff color. Their big, dark, soft eyes were filled with wonder, for this was the first time they had visited this part of the Green Forest. It was lovely there. At the moment, mother was not with them, but she was not far away and they were not afraid. It was a lovely and peaceful scene. The pretty little twins had no thought of danger. How could there be danger in such a lovely place? There couldn't be. No, sir there couldn't be.

But there could be, and was. On the bank on the other side of that little pool, hidden by overhanging low-growing boughs of a young spruce tree, Yowler the Bobcat crouched close to the ground, his fierce yellow eyes hungrily watching the two young deer. He was hungry, very hungry. He had hunted all night without success. He saw no beauty in that lovely scene. All he saw was a dinner, and what a dinner!

One of the fawns walked down the bank into the water and put her slender nose down to drink. How Yowler did wish that she was on his side of the pool. How he did hope that those young deer would come across. He wondered where Mother Deer was, and he hoped that she was not too near. Mrs. Lightfoot is supposed to be a very timid person, but Yowler knew that those small hoofs of hers are sharp-edged, and she knows how to use them. She would use them, too, if her fawns were in danger. If he was to catch one of them he must do it when she was not about. It was tantalizing to crouch there and watch those fawns so near, yet still out of reach. All he could do was to be patient. Fortunately for him he had long ago learned how to be patient. Many a dinner would have been lost but for patience.

A dry stick snapped on the other side of the pool. Yowler's fierce yellow eyes turned and he stared at the spot from which that snapping sound was coming. A moment later, Mrs. Lightfoot stepped into view. She came down to the water's edge. Her slender nose was lifted as she tested the Merry Little

Breezes. Fortunately for Yowler they were not blowing from his direction to her. Her big ears were opened wide to catch every little sound. For a few minutes she stood without moving, just looking, listen-



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ing, and smelling. It seemed to Yowler that she never would move. But she did. She walked along the bank a little way, then waded out

New Ambassador To Chile Forecast

OTTAWA (CP)—The new Canadian ambassador to Chile likely will be Paul-Emile Renaud, 57, a native of St. Remi de Naperville, Que., it was learned Tuesday. He now is director of the historical research and reports division in the external affairs department.

He would succeed Leon Mayrand, 48, of Montreal, recently appointed Canadian commissioner on the Laos truce supervisory commission.

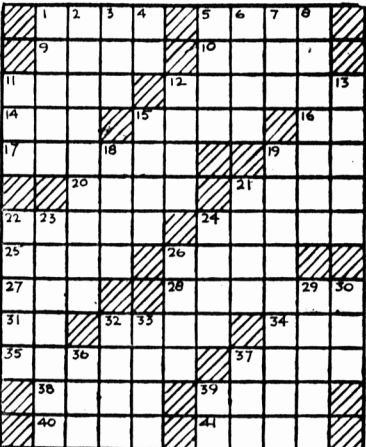
Mr. Renaud, educated in Montreal, Paris and London, was called to the Quebec bar in 1921 and joined the external affairs department in 1929. He has served in Geneva, Brussels, Berne and Ottawa.

where some water-lilies grew. She pulled a lily by the roots, and began eating. The twins watched her, and in their soft eyes was wonder and curiosity. It was the first time they had seen mother getting food in the water.

Mother suddenly threw up her head. A Merry Little Breeze had danced across from the opposite shore and tickled her nose with a faint but unpleasant scent. The Merry Little Breeze danced off, taking away that faint scent. It had been so faint that Mrs. Lightfoot wasn't sure she really had smelled it.

DAILY CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | 1. Geometric solid | 2. The study of the heaven's | 3. Forbid | 4. Elevated train | 5. Mince | 6. Spoken | 7. Period of time | 8. Fortified seaport (abbr.) | 9. Falsehoods | 10. Track game | 11. Stringed instrument | 12. Instrumental composition | 13. Therefore | 14. Fairy (Pers. Myth.) | 15. Negative vote | 16. Surgeon's small kn. | 17. United Nations (abbr.) | 18. Feast | 19. Asian river | 20. A fish | 21. Revolve | 22. Melody | 23. Garden amphit. | 24. Dozes | 25. Not working | 26. DOWN | 27. A shade of red | 28. Engage | 29. Local self-government | 30. Musical instrument | 31. Goddess of beauty | 32. Fall in drops | 33. Epochs of time (geol.) | 34. A division of time (geol.) | 35. Note in the scale | 36. Metal |
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

IS XYDLBAAXR
A 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
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DSK CKM XN RJHK AXDS DSKG-
K GKL NJH.

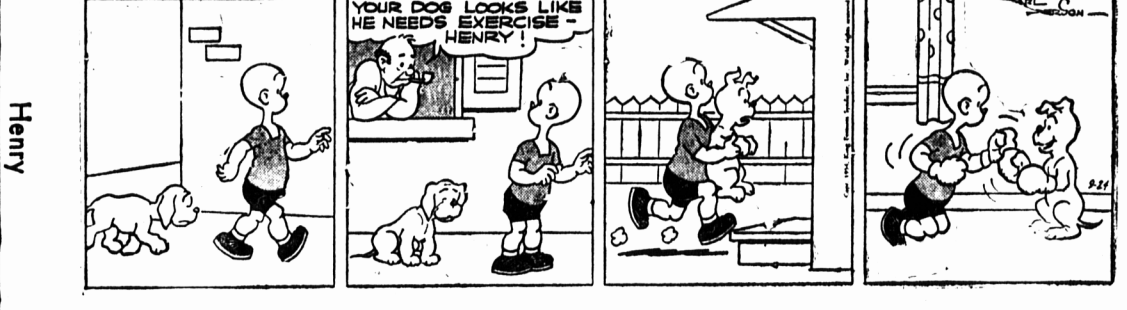
Yesterday's Cryptogram: "BUT WHO DID EVER" IN FRENCH AUTHORS, SEE THE COMPREHENSIVE ENGLISH ENIGMA? — DILLON.



By Roy Crane



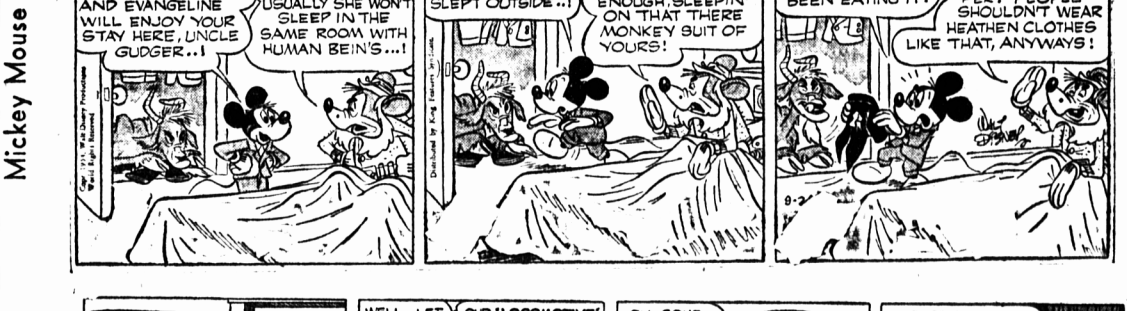
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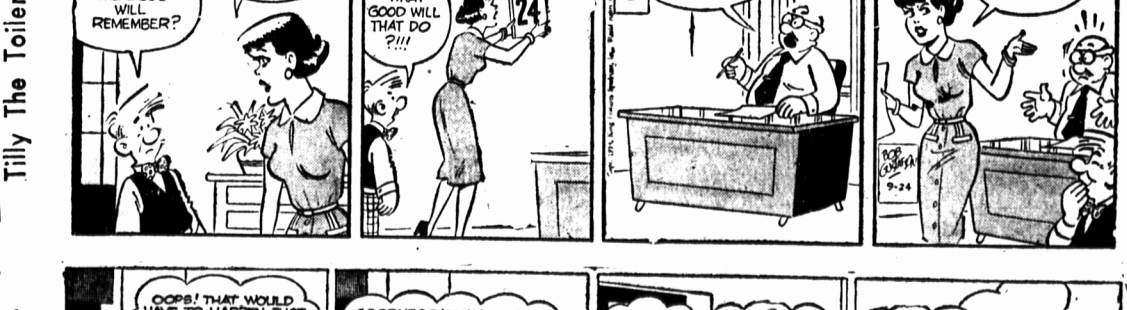
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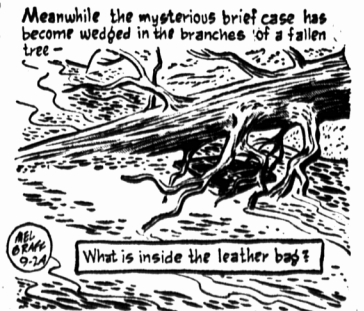
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Secret Agent X9



By Mel Graff



By Tilly The Toiler



Joe Palooka



By Ham Fisher



By Bringing Up Father



The Lone Ranger



By Fran Striker



By Li'l Abner