

Contract Bridge
by Josephine Culbertson
A HOPELESS EFFORT

A realistic count of East's distribution, as it was clearly marked in the following hand, would have told South that the line of play contemplated was hopeless.

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

♠ 10 4 3	♥ Q 7 9	♦ 8 2	♣ 3
♠ 6 5	♥ A K 7 5 4 3	♦ K Q 4	♣ K 7
♠ A K Q	♥ J 9 7	♦ J 10 6	♣ J 10 6
♠ N	♥ W	♦ E	♣ S
♠ 8 2	♥ A 8 7 6 5 2	♦ A 8 5 4 2	♣

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	3 ♣	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the three of spades — the preferred lead from any ten-card holding headed by the ace or better in partner's bid suit — and East cashed in two tricks. East then shifted to the jack of trumps. This was taken in dummy, and declarer discarded two clubs on the high hearts. Next, to test the trump situation, declarer cashed the king. When West showed out, declarer must have realized that it would be dangerous to play the king and ace of clubs and then try to ruff a club with dummy's low trump, but he presumably could not see any other hope, so he risked that line. Needless to say, East over ruffed the third club, and that settled the matter, for down one.

If South had taken the slight trouble to count East's marked distribution he would have known that the club-ruffing idea was not merely risky but hopeless. East had shown two hearts, three diamonds, and certainly had at least six spades for his preemptive bid. Thus he could not have more than two clubs and would inevitably over-ruff dummy's four-spot. That being so, South should have ruffed a heart — over-ruffing East if necessary — then run off every trump. On the last trump West would be squeezed. South's own hand would be reduced to the ace and two clubs; dummy, to one heart and the king-small of clubs. If West kept the high heart he would have to give up his club stopper; if he guarded clubs, dummy's heart would become good.

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

DIPPER BECOMES ANXIOUS
For most mistakes we have to pay. In worry, if no other way.

Dipper the Grebe had overstayed in the Far North. He had hated to leave for the Sunny South. Even when his neighbors, the Duck folk, took to the air and headed for the Sunny South, he remained. He was having extra good living there. Jack Frost had not yet frozen the lake over, and Dipper liked to think it wouldn't be done for some time to come. That was his mistake.



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So it was that one morning he found that the whole lake had been covered with ice, excepting around the spring-holes where he was. He knew that the time had come when he must take to his wings, and that he would have to fly his hardest for some distance to keep ahead of Jack Frost. Now the Grebe folk are not too fond of flying, although they are good flyers. They are great swimmers and divers. They love to be on and in the water. They can swim under-water for long distances, just as Billy Mink and Little Joe Otter can. But when they do take to their wings they fly well and fast.

Dipper had need of flying well, and flying fast. He had intended to stop at the next lake, but when he got there there was no open water. Jack Frost had been there ahead of him, and had covered all the lake with ice. He didn't worry too much because he was sure there would be open water in the next lake. There wasn't. He took time enough to circle all around

that lake, looking for open water on which he could rest. He needed to rest. He was beginning to get tired. And he suspected that before he reached the next lake he would be very tired.

"I'll have to find a little open water, at least a spring-hole," thought he. "Yes, sir, I will just have to find a little open water. I wish I hadn't overstayed back home." Most of the feathered folk think of the places where they make their nest as home, even though they spend less time there than elsewhere.

Looking down as he sped over the Green Forest, which was now white instead of green, he seldom saw any of the Green Forest folk. Most of the feathered folk who live there in the summer had long ago left for the Sunny South. Once he saw Flatthorn the Moose, who, because of his long legs, was not too much bothered by the snow. Once, shortly after he left on his long journey, he saw Wanderhoof the Caribou. There were many other Caribou with him. They were pawing away the snow to get at the tender moss on which they live. Dipper was getting more and more worried. His wings were be-

ginning to ache a little. You see, he had to move them very fast for they were small and narrow, the kind of wings for flying fast, but not the kind for floating in the air and resting, as the Hawk folk do. Dipper could fly fast, but he couldn't stop the fast motion of those wings and stay up in the air by just spreading them. He must keep them moving, and moving fast, to stay in the air at all. So Dipper the Grebe was worrying more and more. He couldn't go down anywhere and hope to get up in the air again, excepting on open water. There was no open water. Dipper was paying for over-staying.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Young Liberal Association will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, January 21st at the YMCA, Charlottetown. The supper meeting at 5:30 will be addressed by Honourable Dougald MacKinnon, Minister of Public Works and Highways.

All young Liberals are cordially invited to attend and take part in the meeting. Those who plan on attending the supper meeting are requested to notify Mr. F. A. Large, Secretary of the Prince Edward Island Liberal Association under whose auspices this meeting is being held.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Toothed pieces
 - Leave out
 - Ancient unit of weight
 - Coronet
 - Eskimo boat
 - Fields
 - A spree (slang)
 - Cries
 - Greek letter
 - Exclamation
 - Part of "to be"
 - A net for the hair
 - Part of "to be"
 - A shore
 - Like slate
 - Knock
 - Masurium (sym.)
 - Salt (chem.)
 - Appearing as if eaten
 - Range of Rocky Mountains (Utah)
 - Begone (slang)
 - Schemes
 - Lones, as feathers
 - Island of Napoleon's first exile (poss.)
- DOWN**
- Raise to third power
 - National legislative body (U.S.)
 - Over-span
 - Contend
 - Chief
 - Linguistic stock (Indo-Chin.)
 - Lamprey
 - Milpond
 - Young girl
 - Unhappy
 - Typing measure
 - Sick
 - An arrogant, overbearing person
 - Wheaten flour (Ind.)
 - Young girl
 - Unhappy
 - Typing measure
 - Sick



Yesterday's Answer
40. An arrogant, overbearing person
41. Wheaten flour (Ind.)
42. Young girl
43. Unhappy
44. Typing measure
45. Sick

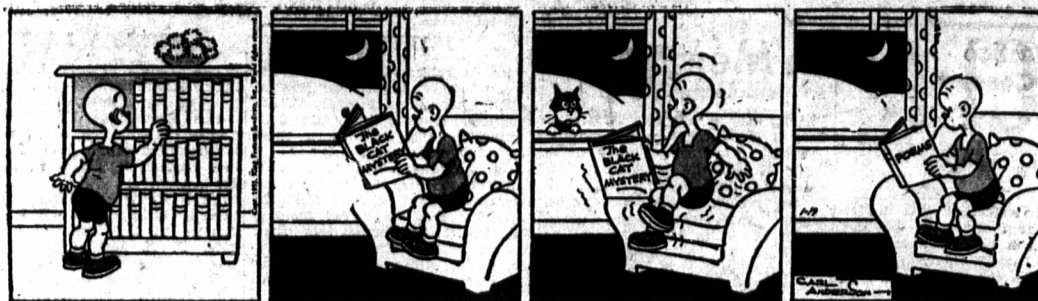
DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
is LONG FELLOW

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

N I N A H L C H F E D W A O H N K C A C N K !
C H F D W T, U W C Y U X H C N L X Q F D W H
I C C F - T W A C H.

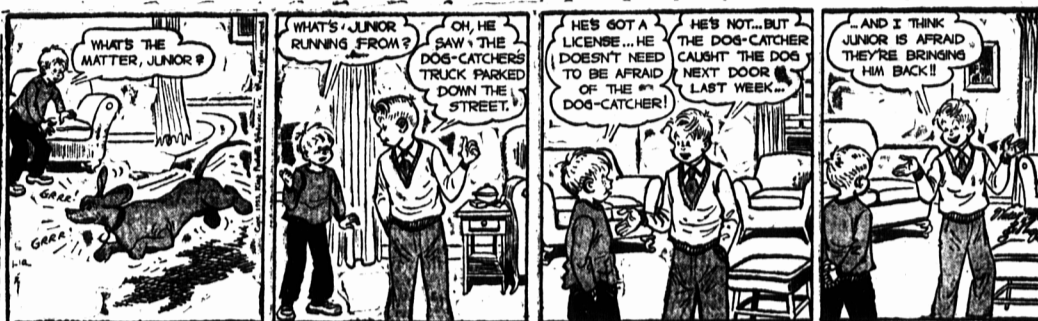
Yesterday's Cryptquote: BESIDES WHAT HOPE THE NEVER-ENDING FLIGHT OF FUTURE DAYS MAY BRING—MILTON.



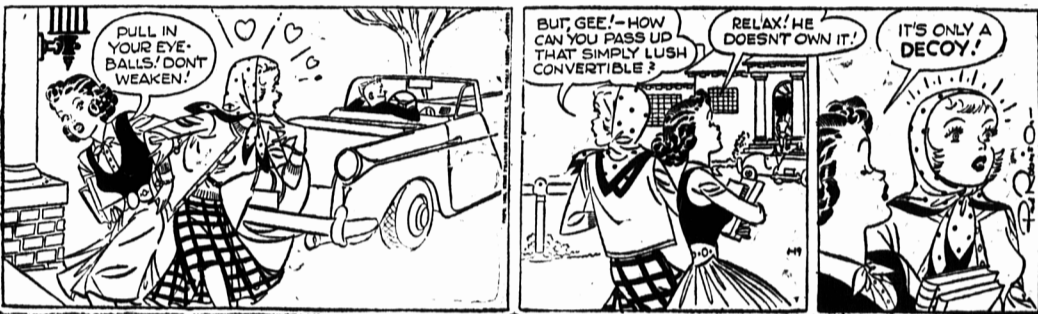
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