

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Pioneer Days In P. E. I.

By F. H. MacArthur

Oil and coal are but poor substitutes for the old growth hardwood that went into crude iron stoves. Why the very odor of burning hardwood was something to talk about. The heat spread out in every direction, and there was no dirty soot for the housewife to clean up.

In front of every box-stove was a wide railing where the settlers could place their feet and toast them to their heart's delight. When a man could live like that he lived after the manner of the early patriarchy, he was sitting on top of the world.

When the family went to bed, they slept in great feather ticks, warm and soft as a breeze in June. The snow might patter on the roof above their heads, yet they cared little whether it was a blizzard or only a gentle fall.

The wind without might roar and whistle and gently rock those humble homes. It mattered not. The buildings were well made, everything was firmly fastened.

On stormy days, the people sawed and split plenty of wood to keep the home fires burning, for it was hard to start a fire once it had burned out. They never fished or hunted when a big storm was raging; but they had plenty to do about the home. Mother and daughters got out the best silverware and scrubbed and polished it till it shone like a mirror; the menfolk

ants, and ever one of them as hungry as wolves on account of their living out-of-doors so much.

After father had read the Bible and offered up his evening prayer, candles were snuffed and all went to bed. They slept the sleep of the just till dawn came peeping through the attic windows. Then up they got, fresh and ready for another day's adventures.

The air without is crisp and pure and full of pleasant sounds, but there is no noise. Everywhere there is life abundant but there is no confusion, no factories with smoking chimneys to pollute the air. As yet, the axe had not robbed the forests of their glory. Nature lay about them lovely and unspoiled.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

OPPORTUNISTIC DEFENSE

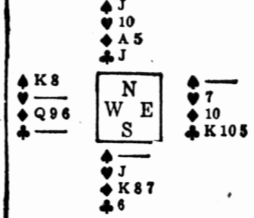
SOUTH made a mistake in the following hand, but it probably would have been harmless except for the fact that he had a very keen opponent.

South dealer North-South vulnerable.

South: A J 9 3, 10 9 8, A 7 5, 8 7 7, K 8 7 6, 2, A 4, 9 6 3, Q 2. North: Q 10 4, 7 3 2, 10 2, K 10 9 5, 4.

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

West decided that stand-pat tactics would not defeat the game contract, so he tried out the rather desperate lead of the club queen. South held up his ace, and West then led his club deuce. South took this trick, led a spade to the ace and returned a trump to his king. West won and led back a low spade. South ruffed, and overtook his heart eight in dummy and ruffed another spade, then finessed to the diamond jack, reaching this position:

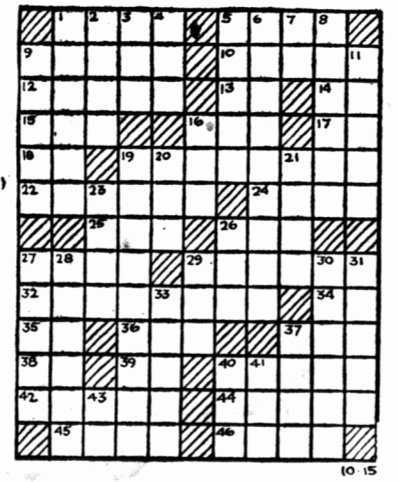


Now South threw East in with the club. West discarded the low spade, and everything depended on East's return. The average East would simply exit with the trump—and squeeze his own partner! If West gave up the spade king, dummy's jack would be good; if a diamond, declarer's three diamonds would be winners. East, however, did not fall into this trap. He returned the diamond, and South was helpless. South could have brought off a squeeze against the best defense if he had left the high trump in dummy instead of his own hand. Try it.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1. Spoke, 5. Crust on a wound, 9. Extinct Arakanian tribe (W. I.), 10. Harmonizer, 12. Of greater age, 13. Lagan em, 14. Delirium tremens (abbr.), 16. Pastry dessert, 16. Fuel, 17. Diminutive of "Louise", 18. At home, 19. Defense, 22. China (poet.), 24. Frozen deserts, 25. Corrode, 26. Part of "to be", 27. False, 29. Promises, 32. Likened, 34. Farm animal, 35. Bone (anat.), 36. Game at cards, 37. Portion of a curved line, 38. Guido's lowest note, 39. Land-measure, 40. Smitty, 42. To give back, as money, 44. Bay window, 45. River (Sib.), 46. A drop of moisture. DOWN: 2. Assistant, 3. Suffix used in adjectives, 4. June bug, 5. Vapor, 6. Plotted, 7. Indefinite article, 8. Island of the Statue of Liberty (former name), 9. Subject, 11. Stupefies, 16. Merry, 19. French explorer who founded Quebec, 20. Head, 21. Frost-ed, 23. Gang, 26. Malt beverage, 28. A coin, 29. Scrub brushy, 28. A lodging place, 30. For, 30. Ale, 31. Greedily, 31. Surname, 38. Large artery of the heart, 37. Melody, 40. Watch pocket, 41. Coin (Swed.), 43. Personal pronoun.



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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE PAINFUL SURPRISE

Leson learned the painful way. A lesson in the mind to stay. —Reddy Fox

Reddy knows. Yes, sir, Reddy knows. He has learned many lessons the painful way. And what he has learned he never forgets. Usually such lessons are learned through mistakes. Because they are really learned, those mistakes are seldom made a second time.

In the moonlight over the Smiling Pool, Reddy Fox was watching his young son making a mistake. In fact, he had never seen Qwaak and he was grinning as he watched. Young Reddy was creeping through the grass toward the Smiling Pool, hoping to take Qwaak the Night Heron by surprise. He didn't know anything about Qwaak.

The young Fox was filled with eagerness as he crept along as close to the ground as he could get. But he didn't allow that eagerness to lead him to make any mistakes through his impatience. He crept through the grass slowly, carefully, without making a sound. When he reached the edge of the bank where he could peep over he found that Qwaak had moved a few steps from where last seen. Also, he was no longer standing with his back toward the shore, as he had been when the young Fox had last seen him.

Young Reddy drew back slowly. Then he circled around so as to try to reach the edge of the bank right opposite Qwaak. All the time, his father, Reddy Fox, was peeping out from some rushes at the head of the Smiling Pool and watching all that happened. "The scamp is doing all right," he thought. "When he is a little older, he'll be as good a hunter as I am. But, he has got to learn who to hunt, and who not to."

The young Fox reached the edge of the bank, ready to spring before the heron could spread his wings. He lifted his head slightly to look. Qwaak saw him. Quick as the young Fox was at his leap, Qwaak was as quick. A big stout wing was lifted, and that was all that the young Fox had to get hold of. The next instant he felt a sharp pain on one shoulder. It really hurt. It was made by the stout bill of the heron. It made the young Fox yelp and go on of the wing. Qwaak didn't fly away. He didn't try to fly. He drew back his head, ready to strike again. That long neck of his enabled him to strike a very hard blow. The young Fox had been lucky in that that first blow had not struck him in an eye. It had torn his coat over the shoulder, and it might make it lame for a little while; but it would have been worse, very worse, had he lost an eye.

Now Young Reddy wasn't a quitter. He was at a disadvantage because he couldn't circle around that heron on account of the water. He moved back and forth along

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