(By Thornton W. Burgess)

HAPPY JACK TAKES A HANDOUT

...e trustful but with some re-
serve
Your life and freedom to conserve.
—Happy Jack Squirrel

Happy Jack Squirrel, he of the gray coat and broad bushy tail, had stared unbelievingly when he first seen Fat Johnny Chuck go into the kitchen of Aunt Sally and eat breakfast with her. He had watched through the open door from the doorstep outside. Was Fat Johnny Chuck crazy? It seemed to Happy Jack that he must be.

When at last Fat Johnny came out, Happy Jack was waiting for him at a little distance from the back door. "Are you crazy?" Happy Jack demanded of Fat Johnny.

Fat Johnny put down the piece of cake he was carrying. "Not that I know of," said he. "Why?"

"How dare you go inside there?" asked Happy Jack. He nodded toward the door of Aunt Sally's house.

"Why shouldn't I go in there?" asked Fat Johnny. "I get the best things to eat that I've ever tasted. I would be silly if I didn't go in there, I've never yet seen anything to be afraid of in there. I can always run out if I'm frightened."

"Just the same, I think you're crazy," declared Happy Jack, eyeing Fat Johnny's piece of cake longingly. "Supposing that door should be shut while you're in there?"

"What's the good of supposing? It never has been shut," replied Fat Johnny. He was eating that piece of cake while he talked. When he had picked up the last crumb, he went back into Aunt Sally's kitchen for another piece.

"He's crazy," muttered Happy Jack. He couldn't seem to think of anything else to say.

The next morning he was back where he could watch Fat Johnny go into Aunt Sally's kitchen and stuff himself with the good things that Aunt Sally handed to him. No wonder he was so fat. Without really knowing that he was doing it, Happy Jack moved a little nearer and a little nearer to the dorrstep until at last he was on it. But that was as far as he dared go. When Aunt Sally came to the door he ran back a little way.

She threw him a cookie. My, how good that tasted! Fat Johnny came out and disappeared in the tall grass. Aunt Sally stood in the doorway another cookie in her hand. She talked to Happy Jack, and her voice was gentle and sweet. He moved a little nearer. Not once did he take his eyes from that cookie in her hand. She stooped and held the cookie out to him. His mouth watered. He drooled. Yes, sir, his mouth watered so he drooled. He edged a little nearer. Never had he wanted anything more than he wanted that cookie then. Aunt Sally coaxed. At long last Happy Jack was near enough to stretch out his neck and snatch that cookie from Aunt Sally's hand. Then he turned and ran away with it. He climbed up in a tree and there he ate it. While he is on the ground a good deal he always feels better and safer when he is in a tree.

The next day, he was back at the kitchen door. When he looked in Fat Johnny was not there, but another Chuck was. Aunt Sally called him Little Gentleman. After he had eaten his breakfast and gone, Aunt Sally came to the door with a piece of bread. Happy Jack wanted it, but he was still distrustful. It was a long time before he had courage to take that piece of bread from Aunt Sally's hand. After that, however, he became more trustful and did not hesitate to go to Aunt Sally's back door whenever she called him, and to take from her hand whatever she offered him. But he wouldn't go inside. He still thought Fat Johnny and Little Gentleman quite crazy when they went inside. He was trustful, but not that trustful. He didn't believe that Aunt Sally intended him any harm. He trusted her, but he was trustful with reserve. It was better to be safe than sorry.

DAILY CROSSWORD

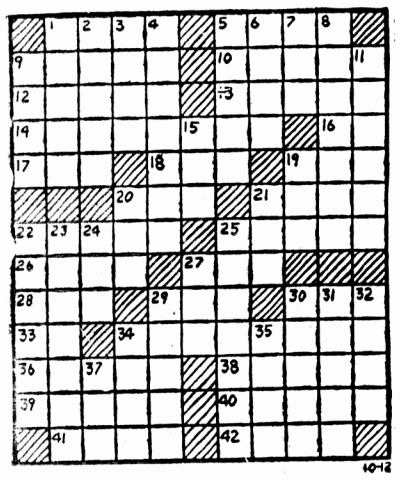
ACROSS

1. Infant
5. Small quarrel
9. Slacken
10. Monkey-like mammal
12. Town (Belgium)
13. Conscious
14. Struggles
16. Mother
17. Female sheep
18. Negative vote
19. The sun
20. Affix
21. Greet
22. External seed coverings
25. Miniature gorge after rain
26. Impolite
27. Loose hanging point
28. Fetish (W. Afr.)
29. Pale
30. Finnish seaport
32. Music note
34. Administered under a mandate
36. Suffered dull pain
38. Appearing as if eaten
39. Drench
40. Vexes
41. Headland
42. Condiment

DOWN

1. Beneath
2. Solitary
3. Phloem (Bot.)
4. Lengthens
5. Full of slate
6. Church seats
7. Wine receptacle
8. Disturbance
9. Contest of speed
11. Actually
15. Unhappy
19. Salt (Chem.)
20. Malt beverage
21. Squeeze
22. Fragrant smells
23. An ancient river
24. Fish
25. Male geese
27. A son of Jacob (Bib.)
29. Walks through water
30. Ring-shaped coral reef
31. Harass
32. Poems
34. Botch
35. Melody
37. Shade of a color

Yesterday's Answer



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

TCY CYIOMFI NXJXJOXN ZDXY PDX PHJXG ZXNX YMP DCNF, CYF JMYXI YMP GTCNTX?—XJXNGMY.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: OFFICIOUS, INNOCENT, SINCERE; OF EVERY FRIENDLESS NAME THE FRIEND—JOHNSON.

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

"FANCY" BIDDING

At first glance South's bidding in today's deal must appear rather fancy, but there was more than a grain of logic in his reasoning, and one thing is sure: his side scarcely could have reached the good game contract in any other way.

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Double	Pass	2 ♥ (!)
2 ♠	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♦
Pass	4 ♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

There was very little to the play. West cashed two spades, then shifted to the club king. South had no trouble in keeping control on all fronts, and since West's diamond queen was easily ruffed out (before South drew trumps), it was easy for South to hold his loss to two spades and one club.

This writer would scarcely like to be quoted as recommending responses on three-card major suits to partner's takeout doubles but it is very hard to criticize South when the fact is plain that "normal" bidding almost certainly would have resulted in failure to reach game. Observe that if South makes the orthodox two-diamond response, and West, as before, bids two spades, North cannot conceivably risk coming with three hearts. It is true that South might show strength by jumping to three diamonds on the first round, but there are few experts who would go that far.

South's heart response was based on his confidence that North, in doubling one major suit, was "begging for" a response in the other major, and South felt that his A-J-10 of hearts were at least the equivalent of a four-card suit such as 9-6-5-2.

CROWDED AREA

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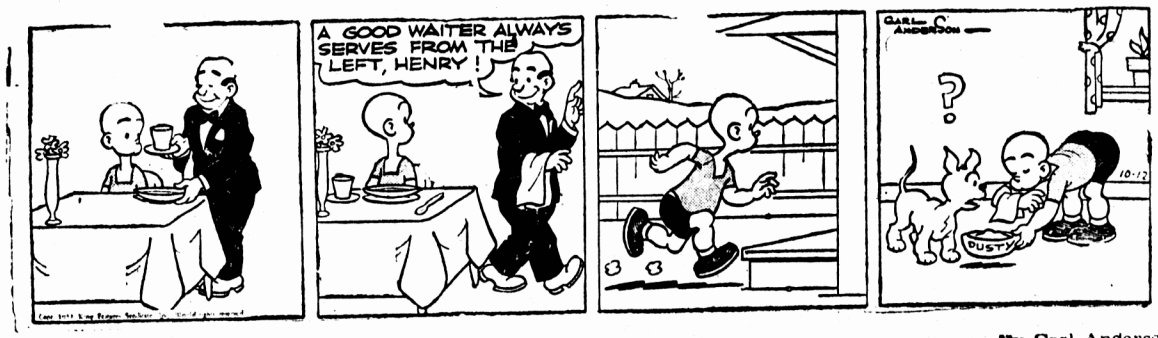

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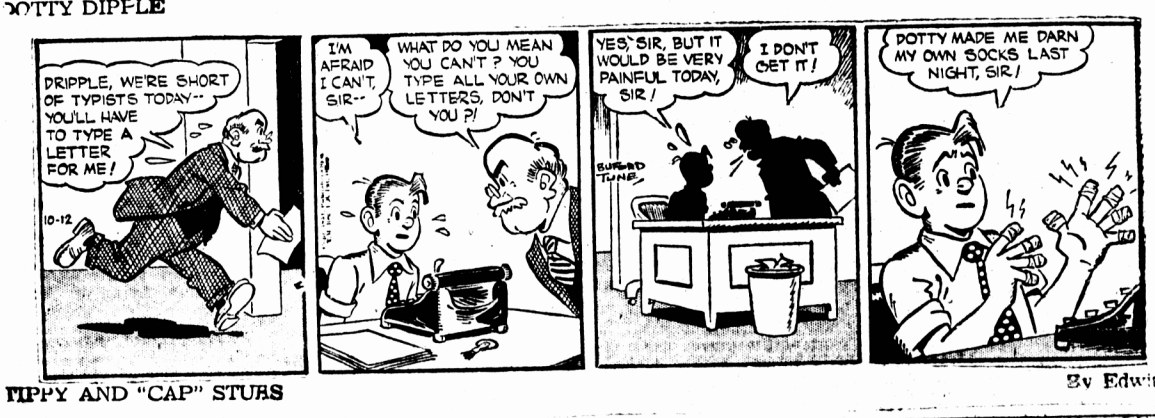
DOTTY DIPPLE



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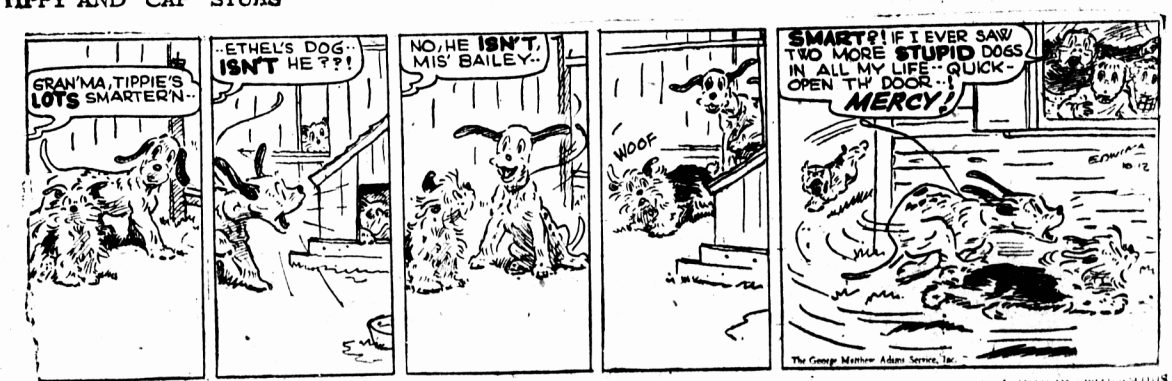

BRINGING UP FATHER

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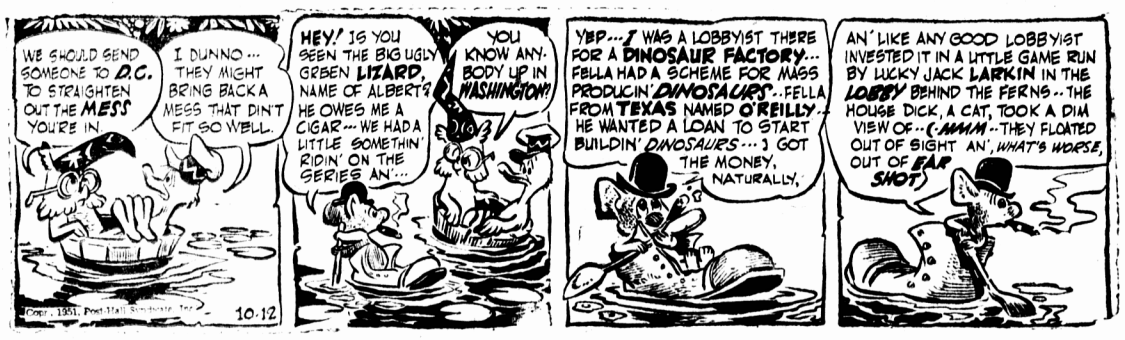

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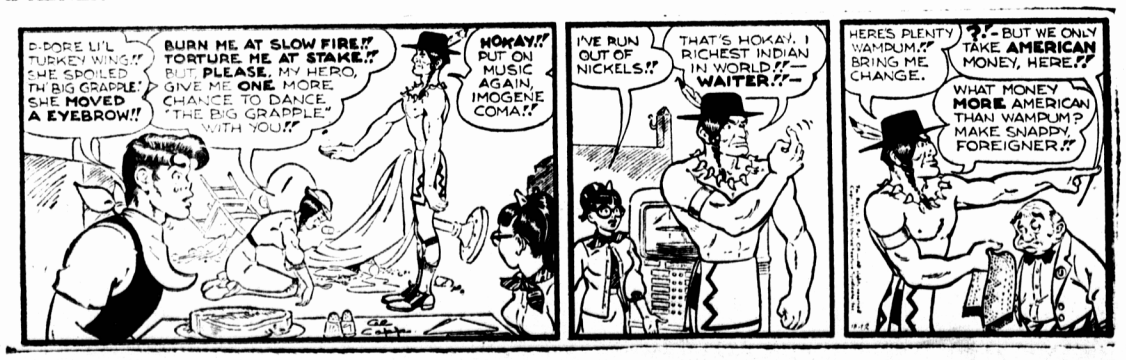

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