

Contract Bridge

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CONSISTENCY ABOVE ALL

There is one thing that a bridge player must be: consistent. He can overbid a shade on most hands, or underbid, and if he has expert partners they will make the proper allowance for his known tendency. There is no salvation, however, for the player who underbids one hand and overbids the next, or who is guilty of other forms of inconsistency.

It is one of these "other forms" which we will examine now:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ J 8 7 2
♥ 10 4
♦ A K Q 7 6
♣ 5 3

N
W
E
S

♠ Q 6
♥ A K 9 5
♦ 8 3
♣ Q 7 4

♠ A 10 9 5 4 3
♥ J 8
♦ J 10 2
♣ K 10

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1♣ Pass
1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass
4♠ Pass Pass Pass

South had no play whatever for his four-spade contract, and although he went down a trick more than he should have, this was merely just punishment insofar as North was concerned. North's raise of spades was not a thing of beauty!

Discussing the matter in post-mortem, North made this remarkable statement: "I was on the fence about opening the bidding with one diamond, but when I did, and you (South) responded in spades, I thought I'd better give you another chance."

We have called this a remarkable statement, and so it is in pure logic, but the sad part of it is that the same sort of statement, based on the same peculiar reasoning, is heard time and again. Players whose bridge characters and records are clearly "conservative" harbor all sorts of qualms and doubts about making light opening bids, even in third position, but once they have spurred themselves over this barrier, they go right ahead and raise partner's minimum response as though they were forced to rebid.

There was nothing wrong with North's opening diamond bid, but his voluntary raise of spades was an act which fairly begged for trouble, in the light of South's original pass.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 16—(Reuters)—More than 12,000 farmers and 6,000 persons from other professions and trades will leave the Netherlands for Canada during the next nine months under the auspices of the Central Emigration Foundation. It was announced today.

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

LITTLE STRIPES MEETS TWO STRIPES

The wise will always be discreet and be polite to all they meet.
—Jimmy Skunk

Little Stripes, smallest son of Striped Chipmunk, was really out in the Great World. He was out too soon. Anyway, that is what his mother thought. He himself didn't think so—not when he started out. He hadn't intended to leave home. Curiosity had led him farther and farther until he was lost. I suspect he would have said that he wasn't lost, but that his home was.

Over at the end of the stone wall he had met his cousin, Chatterer the Red Squirrel. Until then he hadn't known he had any cousins. He saw he had never seen anyone outside his own family.

Chatterer had appeared very suddenly. He disappeared just as suddenly. Once more Little Stripes was alone. Over in the Green Forest Thunderer the Grouse was drumming. He is called Thunderer because the sound of his drumming is very much like the sound of distant thunder. Chatterer had told him that Thunderer was a bird, but that didn't mean a thing. Little Stripes had never seen a bird. He had no idea what a bird was like. The longer he listened to that drumming over in the Green Forest, the more curious he became. Nothing in all the Great World grows faster than curiosity.

"I'll just run over there and see that bird. Then I'll know what a bird is like. That red-coated cousin of mine said that bird won't hurt me," said Little Stripes talking to himself.

He got down off the old stone wall and started across the old road between the old stone wall, and the beginning of the Green Forest. He was half way across when from beneath the bushes on the other side of the old road a small head appeared. It was black with a little white stripe from the top of the forehead right down the nose. Little Stripes stopped and stared. Who could this be? Was this somebody to be afraid of? He didn't know. Because he didn't know, he was afraid. At least he was distrustful. That showed the beginning of wisdom in Little Stripes. It's always wise to be distrustful of the unknown. Little Stripes stood perfectly still in the middle of the road and stared at the little black-faced stranger peeping from under the bushes. He stared most impolitely. You know it is always impolite to stare at another person. The little black-faced stranger

stared back just as impolitely. It was the little stranger in the bushes who moved first. He came out from under the bushes into the old road. He wore a black coat with two white stripes. His tail was bushy. Anyway it would be bushy when it had grown a little more.

"Who are you?" asked the little stranger.

"I'm Little Stripes," replied the small chipmunk. He was much smaller than the other, and he suddenly felt smaller than he really was.

"I've never seen you before. Where did you get those stripes?" the little stranger asked.

"I don't know. I've always had them. What's your name?" replied Little Stripes.

"Two Stripes," replied the other.

"I take after my father."

"Who is he?" asked Little Stripes.

"Jimmy Skunk," replied small Two Stripes. "My father isn't



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afraid of anybody. Who is your father?"

"He is Striped Chipmunk," replied Little Stripes.

"I don't know him," said Two Stripes. "Where are you going?"

"I'm going to see the bird making that noise over among the trees," said Little Stripes.

"I'll go with you," replied Two Stripes.

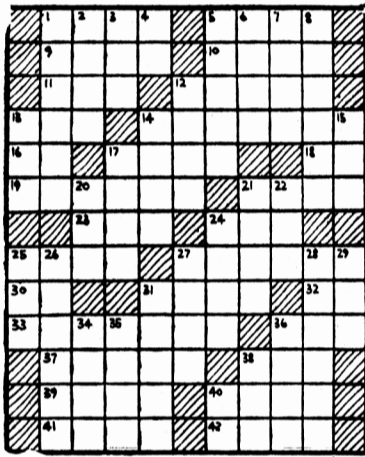
INDIAN LAKE

The name of Chibougamau Lake in Northern Quebec is derived from an Indian word meaning "the water is stopped."

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Street
 - Sport
 - Man's name
 - Genus of a ruckoo
 - Skullful
 - Youth
 - A catkin
 - White linen vestment
 - Separate from others
 - Therefore
 - Entreaty
 - Erubesc
 - Flowering shrub (var.)
 - Mass of ice
 - Slack
 - Trouble
 - Weaver's reed
 - Polished
 - Pennsylvania (abbr.)
 - Peasant
 - Greek letter
 - City (Ga.)
 - Turf
 - Edible rootstock
 - Old times (archaic)
 - Chiefman (Arab.)
 - Woman's title (Ger.)
 - Tidy
 - Weapons

- DOWN**
- A horse's gait
 - Implore
 - Island (Fr.)
 - A blow (slang)
 - Island group (S. Pac.)
 - Subtle
 - A son of emanation
 - Resort
 - Forearm bone
 - Epistle
 - On the ocean
 - Donkey
 - A holy
 - Nasal sound
 - Music note
 - Melody
 - Bang
 - Blunder
 - Music note



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
I S 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, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation
X U D F P M Y X C P K Q S F F Y P U G B J J V , R S J
B J C P F T K J Z P Y T W W M - R X A W U .

Yesterday's Cryptogram: PUBLIC WRONGS ARE BUT POPULAR RIGHTS IN EMBRYO—DARLING.

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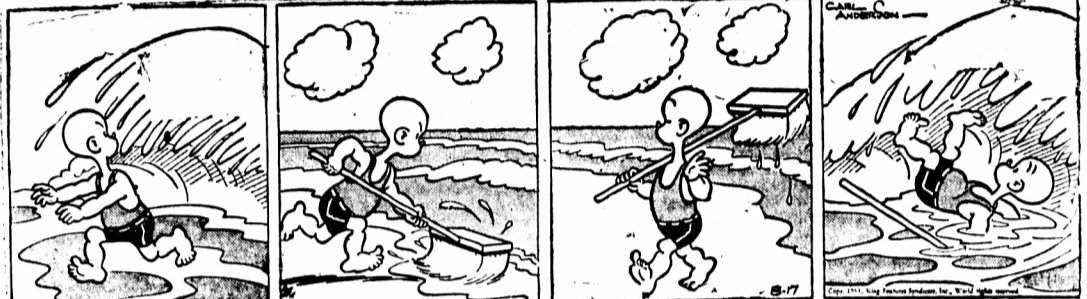


JOE PALOOKA



By Ham Fisher

HENRY



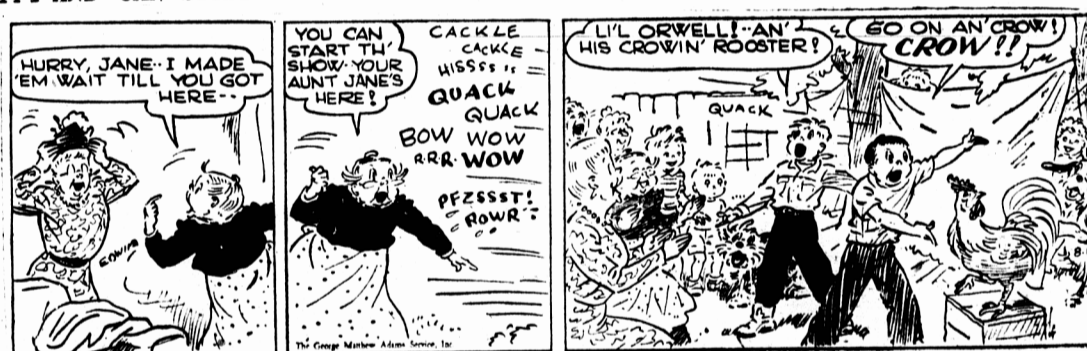
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DOTTY DIPP-LE



By Rufort

TIPPY AND "CAP" STURS



By Edwin

BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

TILLY THE TOILER



By Westover

PENNY



By Harry Haenigsen

DANCE

EAST ROYALTY RINK HALL
FRIDAY, AUGUST 17th.

George Chappelle and His Merry Islanders
Busses Leaving I.M.T. 9:30 and 10
Admission 50 cents

Canteen service Free Check Room

POGO



By WALT KELLY

LIL' ABNER



By Al Capp

RIP KIRBY



By Alex Raymond