

Contract Bridge
By Josephine Cluerton

EXCHANGE OF COURTESIES

It is remarkable how often opposing errors cancel each other — as in the following case:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

A 10
Q 9 8 3
7 5 4 3
A Q 2

K 6 5 3 2
A 10 9 2
K 5 4

N
W
E
S

Q 8
A K J 10 7 4 3
8 6
10 7

The bidding:
South West North East
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
Pass Pass

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER TRIES TO BE THRIFTY

From day to day the lazy drift, They've yet to learn the need of thrift.

—Old Mother Nature.

When it comes to a matter of work, Peter Rabbit is lazy. Yes, sir, Peter is lazy. As with other lazy people, he is anything but thrifty. Laziness and thrift never go together. Many of Peter's neighbors are thrifty. Needless to say, they are not lazy.

Peter had watched Happy Jack Squirrel, Chatterer the Red Squirrel, Rusty the Fox Squirrel and Striped Chipmunk working. It seemed to him as if they would run

RIP KIRBY

By Alex Raymond

PLEASE! YOU FRIGHTEN ME WHEN YOU TALK LIKE THAT, PETER!

HARRY MILLBANKS DOESN'T DESERVE TO LIVE! HE SHOULD BE STRIPPED ON LIKE SOME LOATHSOME THING!

TUT MY BOY, VIOLENCE IS THE RESOURCE OF THE UNRESOURCEFUL!

BRAINS MUST PREVAIL! IF THE YOUNG LADY WILL WORK WITH ME, WE MAY RESCUE HER. YOU WILL BE FREE TO PLIGHT YOUR TROTH WITHOUT FEAR.

I'M SICK OF STRATEGY! I'D RATHER TRAP HER! WE MUST TRAP JESSICA'S UNCLE EVEN AS HE TRAPPED HER!

IT COULD BE FATAL. NO DIRECT ACTION, THAT'S WHAT I'M FOR.

By Cliff McBride

Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Cliff McBride

LOOK AT THIS IN THE "CHATTER-BOX" COLUMN, DOT.

LEB SEE.

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By Har Fisher

With the diamond suit lying as it did, three notrump by North-South would have been foolproof, but it was more logical for the pair to choose the four-heart contract.

West opened the diamond king and continued for two more rounds. South ruffed, drew the necessary round of trumps, and then informed his partner that they would need a little luck. As though to prove this point, South forthwith took the club finesse. East captured dummy's queen and led his remaining diamond, and at the end South had to give up a spade trick and acknowledge defeat.

It would have been a very good idea for West to shift to spades at the second trick but, in his defense, it is only fair to point out that

diamond continuation might have been vital against certain holdings. However, since South had been given an excellent opportunity because of the third diamond play, he certainly should have taken advantage of it. After ruffing and drawing the outstanding trumps, he should have entered dummy with a trump, ruffed away the last diamond, and then played the ace and ten of spades. If, as was actually the case, East had the spade king, he would be end-played on the spot, whereas if it was West who had the spade king, South would still be able to try the club finesse.

The hand could have been made in other ways, involving other endplays on East, but the recommended line is the only one which guards South against a final guess.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Light bedsteads
- Squalid section of a city
- External covering of a seed
- Location of "Leaning Tower"
- Draw up
- Entertain
- Lubricated
- Concise
- Jewish month
- Perch
- Indite
- Cuts off, as tops
- Not many
- Retinue
- Mechanical man
- Bark, as a dog
- Disease of a child's mouth
- Moslem title
- Fabulous bird
- I am (contracted)
- Chief Norse god
- Swiftly
- Eat away
- Dens
- God of war
- Italian island
- Period of fasting

DOWN

- Reinder (N. A.)
- Verbal
- Duration
- Vehicles with runners
- Splash with liquid
- Citrus fruit
- Seize and hold without right
- Billiard stroke
- Colts
- Even (poet.)
- Whether
- Greek letter
- Pig pen
- Gained (N. A.)
- Zealous
- Board of Ordnance (abbr.)
- Greek letter
- Domesticated
- Italian river
- Solemn wonder
- Goat
- antelope (Himalaya)
- Assistant
- Worship
- Kind of lily
- Paradise
- Remounted
- Assistant

Yesterday's Answer:

GRAN BOSS
LAME UTA
LAPIN TARTIS
ARISTA DE
GENE GALORE
SITE REFINED
REMOVED PRO
AREJUS ORAL
MY SUPINE
SNIPER RINGS
GOLF ABLE
OLDFESS

IF YOU DID NOT FINISH

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X
is L O N G F E L L O

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
L M L Z C N E T O T N T S O R L O U B S Z H S D
O R L A T S U Z G U L O V U B S — A H Z Z I C

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: FRIEND TO MY LIFE, WHICH, DID YOU NOT PROLONG, THE WORLD HAD WANTED MANY AN IDLE SONG—POPE.

TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS

By Edwin

WHAT, GRAN'MA ??

I SAID—

WHAT ??

DON'T SAY WHAT EVERY TIME I ASK YOU SOMETHING!!

C'M HERE, AN I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I WANT.

WHAT ??

DON'T YOU DARE MERCY!!

HUH ??

WELL, GEE, I DIDN'T SAY WHAT THE LAST TIME—GEE!!

VILLY THE TOILER

By Bob Gustafson

GOSH, MR GIMPINKING IS TERRIBLY ABSENT-MINDED. HE PUT HIS FOUNTAIN PEN IN THE PENCIL SHARPENER AND RUINED IT!

YEAH? I SAW HIM TRY TO SIGN A LETTER WITH A CIGAR!

AND YESTER-DAY HE CAME TO THE OFFICE WITHOUT HIS SOCKS ON

OH, WELL, HE'S BOUND TO IMPROVE NOW THAT HE'S TAKING A MEMORY COURSE

SAY, BOSS, CAN YOU CHANGE A TEN?

SURE!

DARN IT! I FORGOT TO BRING MY WALLET!

BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus

I'M GOING TO DINTY'S THIS AFTERNOON—HANKINS! YOU TAKE CHARGE OF THE OFFICE WHILE I'M GONE!

BUT, GIR—THERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT LETTERS ON YOUR DESK TO BE ANSWERED!

YOUR CORRESPONDENCE IS PILING UP—YOU REALLY SHOULD ATTEND TO IT!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT—TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY!

AND—BESIDES—I WANTED TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE NEW SECRETARY I HIRED FOR YOU.

SO THAT'S HER?

BY GOLLY—YOU'RE RIGHT—HANKINS! I'VE BEEN HERE TOO MUCH TIME AT DINTY'S—I'M GOING TO STAY HERE AND DICTATE SOME LETTERS!

HENRY

By Carl Anderson

HENRY!

YOU PLAY IN YOUR YARD AND LET JIMMY PLAY IN HIS!

SNAP

POGO

By Walt Kelly

THE NOBLE DOG PROTECTED POGO ALL THE WHILE HE WAS A RUN-OF-ORPHAN.

YEP, I WAS EVEN MORE HEROIC THAN USUAL—HEY!

PHAMPH! HE COULD OF AT LEAST OF GOT IN LINE.

MISBIE POKKEY, YOU ARE BEAST AN CUNT. GIVE ME BACK THOSE LOOLY-POOP.

AFTER THAT HONKEY DOOGS BUSINESS SHE AIN'T GONNA MINE!

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

HELP! HELP!

SOMEONE MUST HAVE CLASHED WITH THE ENGINEER!

HELP!

GREAT SCOTT! JO WINTERS! I'D ALMOST FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU! DID YOU SEE THE ENGINEER?

DOTTY DRIPPLE

By Ruford

HORACE, YOU OUGHT TO BRING DOWN YOUR WINTER CLOTHES FROM THE ATTIC TODAY!

OKAY!

DON'T GO UP THERE FREEZING IN THE ATTIC!

I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING, DOTTY—

IT'S EASIER TO WEAR THESE THINGS DOWN A RICKETY LADDER, THAN IT IS TO CARRY THEM.

PENNY

By Harry Hennigsen

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT HERE. I HOPE YOU'RE BRIGHT ENOUGH TO BABY SIT.

WELL, YOU'RE PROBABLY NO WORSE THAN THE REST OF THE GIDDY KIDS NOW-A-DAYS. I EXPECTED IDA NOT YOU.

WELL, IDA AND I TOSSED A COIN TO SEE WHO WOULD BABY SIT FOR YOU, MRS ERP? AND YOU WON?

NO, I LOST!

JOE PALOOKA

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