

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A SUCCESSFUL RESCUE

The rescue bid made by a certain South in a duplicate game from all the "rules" applying to such situations—but, perhaps as proof that rules were made to be broken, South turned what would have been a zero into "top on the board."

West dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

♠ Q109652			
♥ A6			
♦ K7642			
♣ K73		♠ A J 8	
♠ K 8 3 2		♥ A 10 9 6	
♦ 10 5		♦ K 7 4	
♠ A Q 10 9		♣ 8 5 3	

This was the bidding at the table in reference:
West North East South
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 ♥ Pass
3 ♠ 3 ♠ Dbic. 4 ♠
Pass Pass Dbic. Pass
Pass Pass

It was particularly galling for South to hear his partner bid three spades because the opponents had seemed to be on their way to destruction at a high heart contract. East's double of three spades seemed even more ominous than the East's double of three hearts, which had been a mere nuisance. East's double of three spades was a severe beating, and especially most experts, would not consider taking any action on the South cards, over the double, but this South applied a different line of reasoning and one that had more than a little merit. South decided that the trouble he was in couldn't be much worse, but it might be lessened. It was the next thing to do, and he was sure that his hand would be worthless to North at a spade contract, but it was not wildly optimistic to hope that North's hand would be of value to South at a diamond contract. So South committed what is a "crime" in some circles — he rescued.

It turned out to be an inspired idea. West opened the deuce of hearts. A club was discarded from dummy and East, won. South not only established a heart honor for himself but also set up his fifth card in the suit, and so he went down only 300 points, for top on the board. All the other East-West pairs bid and made three notrump.

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REDUCE SENTENCE
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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

YOUNG BOB IS CAUGHT

For one who bravely meets each test, The worst may in the end prove best.

—Old Mother Nature.

Young Bob White couldn't fly. He had been shot, and the flight feathers of one wing had been cut. Without these that wing was useless. Otherwise, he wasn't hurt. He had been shot late in the afternoon. The gunner had failed to find him, and he had spent a dreadful night alone. Early the next morning, he had heard Bob White whistling for him and had whistled back. That had brought his father straight to him. Very shortly afterward, the gunner and his dog appeared again. This time Bob White led them far away. He did it by letting the gunner get almost within shooting distance, then flying a little way. Finally, he flew over to Farmer Brown's land, where he was safe.

Meanwhile young Bob had left his hiding place. Keeping under cover of the grass, he had started hopefully in search of another hiding place. He hoped to get back where his father and mother and brothers and sisters were, but he got headed in the wrong direction. So it was that he came to a road. He didn't know just what to make of it. He hesitated about crossing it. Finally he got courage enough to try it.

Now it happened that just as young Bob started across the road Farmer Brown's Boy came along. In trying to run faster young Bob lifted his wing slightly. The keen quick eyes of Farmer Brown's Boy at once saw that something was wrong with one wing. Probably, that young quail could not fly. He started after young Bob.

"Without a pair of good wings you won't last long unless you are put in a safe place," said he, talking to young Bob as he ran after him.

It didn't take him long to catch young Bob. Can you guess how that young quail felt? He had been terribly frightened when he had been shot and in the long journey tonight, but it was nothing to his fright now as this great two-legged giant picked him up. He was sure that the very worst thing possible had happened to him.

Farmer Brown's Boy held him firmly, but gently. He examined him thoroughly. "I don't think there's a



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thing wrong with you but the loss of those feathers, which means that you cannot fly until you get new ones," he said. "I'm just going to take you home and put you where no cats or foxes or hawks or owls can get you. I'll keep you safe until

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN | 37. Bodies of land surrounded by water |
| 1. Discharged a gun | 1. Not deep | 38. Thick slice of blacksmith |
| 2. Bird | 2. Natural elevation | 39. Month of the year |
| 3. Where the first atom bomb was dropped | 3. Grampus | 40. One spot card |
| 4. A division of the United Kingdom | 4. Toward | 41. Unexploded bomb |
| 5. Avoid | 5. Alter | 42. Exclamation |
| 6. Water (French) | 6. Vein of a leaf | 43. Performs |
| 7. Cooling device | 7. Leave out | |
| 8. Potato (dial.) | 8. A division of the United Kingdom | |
| 9. Frequently | 9. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" | |
| 10. English dialect form for "thee" | 10. Workshop of a blacksmith | |
| | 11. Rips | |
| | 12. Measure of length | |
| | 13. Merriment | |
| | 14. Beverage | |
| | 15. Man's nickname | |
| | 16. Spanish dance | |
| | 17. Set up (abbr.) | |
| | 18. Native of Rome | |
| | 19. Newt | |
| | 20. Hit (slang) | |
| | 21. Demonstrative pronoun | |
| | 22. Underworld god | |
| | 23. Leavening agent | |
| | 24. Actinium (sym.) | |
| | 25. German aspect | |
| | 26. Behold! | |
| | 27. Land-measure | |
| | 28. Electrified particle | |
| | 29. Lower part of the face | |
| | 30. Tell | |
| | 31. A sand drift | |
| | 32. A low-slung little dog | |
| | 33. Comply | |
| | 34. Poems | |

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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
CHSXI BHG GH GDXNAB UK CHZ
JNU, DAP KDVI CHZ HAK DAHGJKZ
— SKNB.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: THE EVENING STAR, LOVE'S HARBINGER — MILTON.

Believe It or Not!

IF 2 SIMILAR TOY BALLOONS ARE INFLATED TO DIFFERENT SIZES AND JOINED TOGETHER THE AIR IN THE SMALLER BALLOON WILL FLOW INTO THE LARGER BALLOON

THE AMAZING JOURNEY OF THE "HOMEBIRD"

A 20-FOOT SLOOP WAS BUILT IN SOUTH AFRICA BY 3 FARMHANDS WHO TRANSPORTED IT 250 MILES BY OXCART TO PORT NATAL AND THEN SAILED IT TO DOVER, ENGLAND—8200 MILES IN 10 MONTHS, 6 DAYS

MRS. WILLIAM F. WENKE is the daughter of a lawyer, sister of a lawyer, and granddaughter of a lawyer.

The Lone Ranger

THE LONE RANGER KEPT HIS WORD! HE STOPPED THE RED RIVER GANG!

LAWMEN WERE TRAPPED!

IT'S BETTER TO SURRENDER THAN GET KILLED!

DON'T SHOOT! I SURRENDER!

THEY'RE UP TO US BOYS!

Li'l Abner

IT'S A MAD IDEA, LOVERBOYNIK—BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET TINY IN THE SADIE HAWKINS DAY RACE. WILL YOU HELP ME?

I WILL, WIGGLES-WORTH!

EVERY SADIE HAWKINS DAY, OLE MAN MOSE MAKES A PRE-DICK-SHUN—AND IT ALLUS COMES TRUE!

WHAT ADVICE HAS 'O' GOT FO' MAH LI'L BROTHER?

"A BOY'S BEST FRIEND IS NOT ALWAYS HIS MOTHER!"

??-WHAT DO THET MEAN?

CUSSED IF AH KNOWS THASS TH' MOST INFOORTIN' THING 'BOUT OLE MAN MOSE'S ADVICE... 'O' CANT TELL WHAT HE MEANS—UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!

Joe Palooka

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you can fly again."
So Farmer Brown's Boy took young Bob home. He put him in a wire pen in a place where he had both shade and sun. There was a box for him to hide in if he wanted to. He kept young Bob supplied with food and with fresh water. It didn't take young Bob long to show that Farmer Brown's Boy was not to be feared; that he was a friend who could be trusted. From time to time he heard the bang, bang of distant guns, but they never frightened him. Without knowing how he knew, he did know that he was safe. So it was that what had seemed the worst thing that could happen was proving to be the best thing that could happen. Things really do turn out that way more often than folks think.

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Etta Kett

DON'T I SEE WALLY DRIVING A PRETTY BLONDE AROUND?

COULD BE! THAT'D BE LIZ!

WE LET HIM USE OUR GARAGE FOR FREE—BUT SO HE WON'T HAVE MONEY TO SPEND ON HER, I CHARGED HIM TEN DOLLARS A MONTH RENT! THAT'LL BUST HIM!

SHE WON'T DATE HIM UNLESS SHE SEES HIM OUT HIS BACK AND CAN'T TAKE HER PLACES!

SO THAT'S WHAT HE MEANT!

HE PHONED, SAID HE WAS SORRY—HE WASN'T GOING TO USE OUR GARAGE ANY MORE—HE COULDN'T AFFORD IT!

Henry

OOF!

Grandma

LOOK AT MY NEW BALANCING BOARD, GRANDMA!

SHUCKS, BETCHA THAT'S NOT AS HARD AS IT LOOKS!

I'LL USE MY TRUSTY OL' ROLLIN' PIN, A LEAF FROM TH' TABLE, AN'...

Muggs and Skeeter

WELL... WELL...

AREN'T WE PRETTY?

LOOK... IT WASN'T OUR IDEA!!

GRANDMA JUST HAPPENED TO HAVE A LITTLE YARN LEFT OVER!

Mickey Mouse

CONGRATULATIONS, NEPHEW! YOU PASSED THE BRAVERY TEST!!

YOU'RE NOW A FULL BLOOD BROTHER OF THE HUKKAYUCCA TRIBE!!

WHY DO I GET INTO THESE THINGS...?

LOOK, FELLOWS, I APPRECIATE THE HONOR... BUT DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS GOING A LITTLE BIT TOO FAR?

SHHH! YOU WANT TO SPOIL EVERYTHING?

Tilly The Toiler

I'VE INVITED TILLY OVER FOR A VERY SPECIAL DINNER AND I'M GONNA COOK IT MYSELF.

CAN I HELP?

YOU CAN GET THE THINGS I NEED FOR THAT RECIPE EITHER WHILE I TAKE OUT THE POTS AND PANS.

OAFLEY!! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO HELP ME.

I YAM!

HERE'S TH' ROUND OF DRAWN BUTTER!

Bringing Up Father

MARIE IS COMPETING IN A TV AMATEUR CONTEST TODAY! SHE'S SCHEDULED TO SING AT FIVE O'CLOCK!

IT'S AFTER FIVE NOW, JIGGS!

GOLLY-SHE'LL KILL ME IF I MISTAKE HER ACT—I HOPE IT ISN'T OVER!

IT MUST HAVE BEEN AN AWFUL SHOCK—IT BLEW EVERY TUBE IN THE SET! WE WENT OUT OF COMMISSION.

I WONDER WHAT'S WRONG? EVERY SET IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD GOT BLOWN UP AT THAT TIME?

IT ALL HAPPENED AT FIVE O'CLOCK—DO YOU THINK THEY EXPLODED AN ATOM BOMB AT THAT TIME?

Joe Palooka

SAY, YOUNG MAN... I WANT A COPY OF THAT PHOTO... I'M SIGHTLY PROUD OF A PICTURE WITH JOE PALOOKA!

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