

**Contract Bridge**

By Josephine Culbertson  
PRUDENCE PAYS OFF

Duplication of values, including duplication of hand-patterns, came very close to getting North-South into trouble in the following deal.

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ KJ3	♥ 1097
♦ KQ9	♣ 8643
♣ QJ4	♠ K532
♠ 8652	♥ A10
♦ A710	♣ K532
♣ QJ10	♠ K532
♠ 97	♥ A10
♦ A710	♣ K532

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1NT Pass 5NT Pass  
Pass Pass Pass Pass

Since North-South had 34 high-card points, they might well have contracted for six notrump instead of stopping prudently at the five-level, and in fact it is fair to say that if this deal came up at duplicate a great many pairs would arrive at a slam. One can only conclude that South must have been afflicted with second sight to decline North's strong slam urge. (By the same token, North couldn't have been criticized in the least if he had bid six notrump over South's opening bid.)

West's opening lead against the actual five-notrump contract was of course the queen of clubs, and when East discarded a spade on this lead, declarer promptly ducked. West's club continuation, however, was taken by South-East having discarded another spade — and declarer then cashed the three spade tricks, ending on the table. West discarded a heart. The diamond queen was now led, and East, waiting to cover the jack, played 'ow.

But South was in no hurry to lead another diamond. He cashed his three hearts, again ending in dummy, and observed with some interest that West, after a bit of squirming, discarded a club. The true state of affairs was now clear to South. He led a club to his king and threw West in with the last club. Obviously, West had to return a diamond, and whether he led the ten or the eight, declarer was assured of the balance. Actually, West led the eight. Dummy played low and East had the unhappy choice of letting declarer win with the diamond nine, or sacrificing his king so that the diamond jack could take the fulfilling trick.

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**BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES**

By Thornton W. Burgess

**SAWBILL PAYS TRIBUTE**

Some tributes that we have to pay are robbery along the way.  
—Sawbill the Sheldrake.

The Big River was frozen over for most of its length. Only here and there was there open water, where it ran too swiftly to freeze. On an old stump on the bank, King Eagle had been sitting. It was beside one of these open places. He had been watching Mrs. Quack, Mrs. Black Duck and Sawbill the Merganser. The mergansers are duck folk who do not have flat bills like most ducks, but long narrow bills, the edge of which are like a saw. They live on fish. And a live fish usually is slippery and hard to hold. That is why the merganser bills are long, and narrow, and saw-toothed. With such bills they can hold on to fish they catch.



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The fierce yellow eyes of King Eagle watched every move those ducks out on the water made. Mrs. Quack and Mrs. Black Duck thought he was watching them. That was their mistake. He was watching Sawbill. Presently Sawbill dived. He is a famous underwater swimmer. He had seen a fish. The instant he disappeared under water, King Eagle leaned forward, with his wings lifted just a wee bit. He was ready to take to the air. When Sawbill bobbed up on the surface again he had a fish. King Eagle screamed. It was a fierce scream. At the same instant he took to the air. "Drop that fish! Drop that fish!" screamed King Eagle, and flew straight at Sawbill.

"Sawbill didn't drop that fish. Instead he plunged under water again. Looking down from above King Eagle could watch Sawbill under water, and could follow him in the air. So it was that when Sawbill had to come for air, King Eagle was right over him. "Drop that fish! Drop that fish!" screamed King Eagle as before. Sawbill didn't do it. He had caught that fish, and he meant to have it for his own dinner. He dived again. This time he couldn't swim as far as he did before, and when he came up there was King Eagle right over him. He was screaming as before. Again Sawbill

dived. This was repeated once more. This time when Sawbill came up, King Eagle was almost close enough to snatch that fish, or perhaps to catch Sawbill himself. Sawbill let go of the fish. It floated on the surface while he once more dived and swam away. This time when he came up, King Eagle was flying over to the old stump on the bank, and he was carrying that fish. Sawbill shook himself. "The old robber," he muttered, and he settled himself on the water to watch for another fish.

Now all this time Reddy Fox had been lying flat on the snow, hiding among some bushes back of that old stump, and watching all that went on. His mouth was watering as King Eagle flew toward him. Reddy was very, very hungry. For two days he had been a prisoner of the snow in his den in the Old Pasture. This morning there was an icy crust, and he was able to run about on it. He had caught a mouse, but a mouse was hardly a breakfast. Perhaps King Eagle would drop that fish when he reached shore. He hadn't much hope of this, but being an opportunist, Reddy long ago learned that the unexpected does happen sometimes.

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CLINTON W. I.

—Mrs. Thomas Sullivan was hostess to Clinton W. I. on December 14. The meeting opened with the Institute Ode and Creed. The roll call was answered with 10 members exchanging Christmas gifts.

The report of the three card parties showed a profit of \$32.95. Mrs. George MacKay, Red Cross convener, passed out sewing and yarn for one sweater. \$5.00 was voted for the Tuberculosis League. Mrs. W. Riley is to get Christmas boxes for the shut-ins. Mrs. I. Pickering is to buy and deliver the School Children's treat. Mrs. I. Henderson and Mrs. I. Pickering are attending to the hot school lunches. One new member joined. The next meeting is to be at Mrs. C. Woodside's, and Mrs. George Riley and Mrs. S. Woodside on the program. The program consisted of contests on the potato and history. A discussion on methods of serving potatoes finished the program. Singing of "The Queen" closed the meeting. The hostess served a jainty lunch.

**IF YOU DRIVE... Drink TEA**

**DAILY CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**
1. Circular
  6. A U. S. bank, or a president
  11. Unblind
  12. A serf of ancient Sparta
  13. Coffee seeds
  14. Tally
  15. Perform
  17. Fail to win
  18. Grow old
  21. American moth
  22. Southwest wind
  23. Short allegoric stories
  26. Degrade
  27. Of Asia
  31. Mien
  33. Secure
  36. Chinese measure
  37. Fresh
  38. Smell
  39. Writing fluid
  41. Of Norway
  43. Come in
  47. Formed an electric arc
  48. Fish net
  49. Bamboo-like grass
  50. Plant ovules
- DOWN**
1. Polish vigorously
  2. Single unit
  3. The eye; in symbolism
  4. Girl's name
  5. One who pictures in words
  5. Exclamations of pleasure
  7. Feat in social rank
  8. Apart
  9. A famous code
  10. Guide
  16. A Sanskrit school (Ind.)
  18. The wallabe (Braz.)
  19. Talk
  20. Epoch
  24. Slandered
  25. Ease of manner
  28. Small hotel
  29. One spot
  30. Not old
  32. High priest
  33. Device to determine presence of objects under water
  34. Worship
  35. Power
  40. Leg joint
  42. Man's nickname (poss.)
  44. Blind
  45. Remnant
  46. Property (L.)

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**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:**

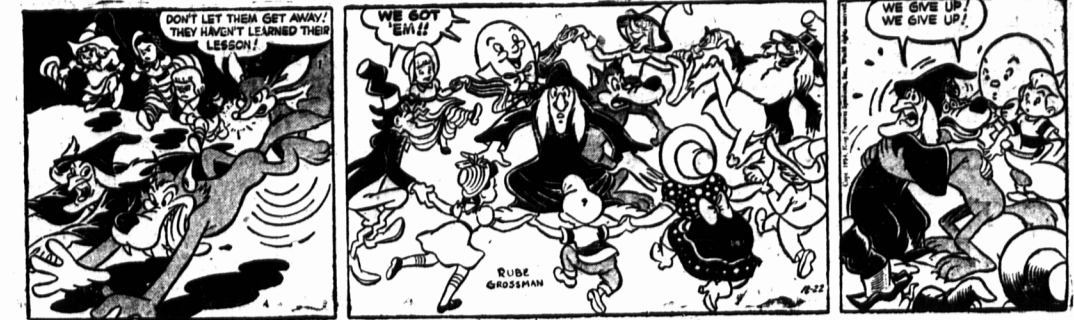
**A X Y D L B A A X R**  
**is**  
**L O N G F E L L O W**

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

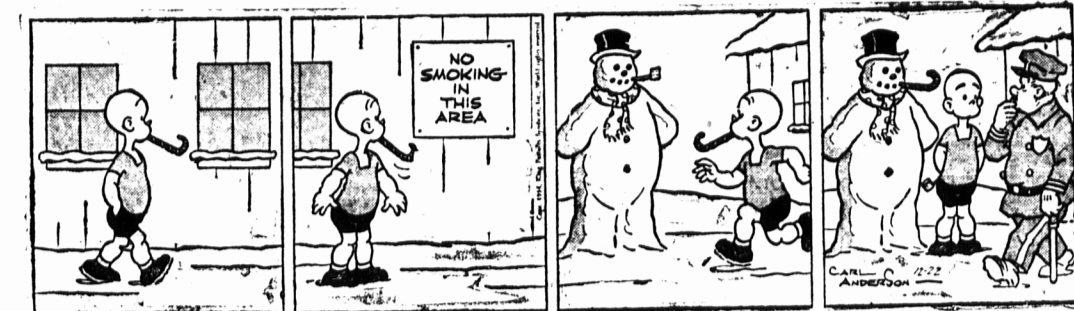
**A Cryptogram Quotation**  
**T U P E U I B A S C D S A S A W S D F I U D T**  
**W P C I E U I M S I N C M R K D C Y J C K I S M,**  
**C M M R G A S G Y B F P C I E J U L K S D.**

Yesterday's Cryptogram: **REFORMS ARE LESS TO BE DREADED THAN REVOLUTIONS, FOR THEY CAUSE LESS REACTION—DARLING.**

Redolph the Red Nosed Reindeer



Henry



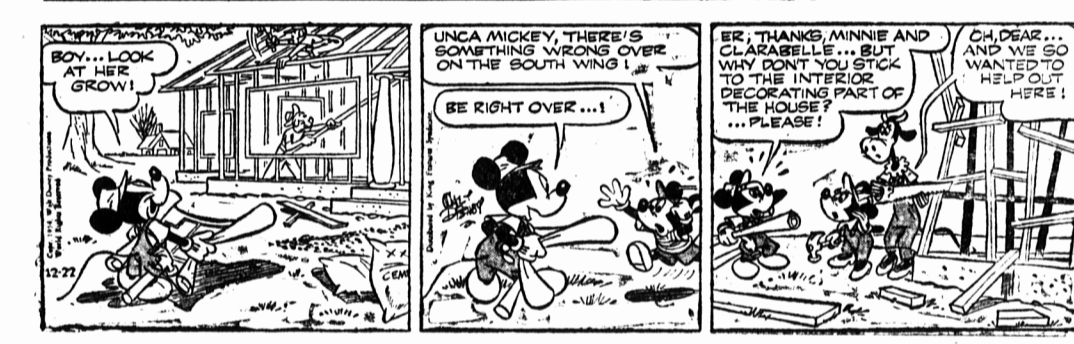
Grandma



Muggs and Skeeter



Mickey Mouse



Jilly The Toiler



Etta Kett



Li'l Abner



The Lone Ranger



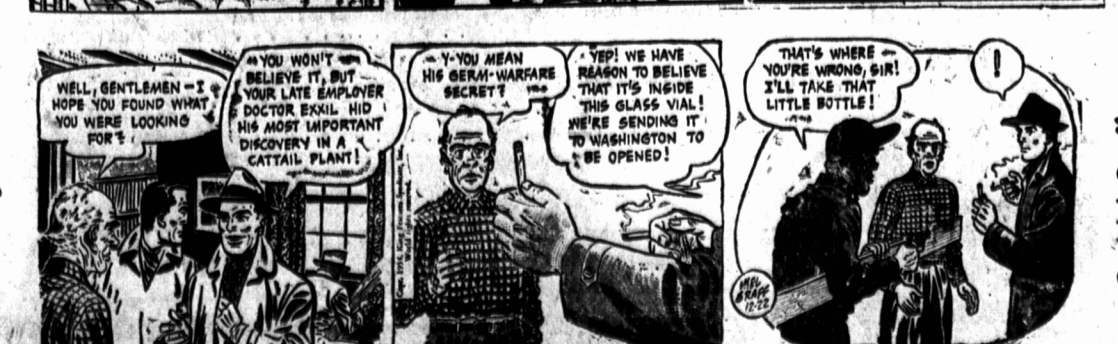
Bringing Up Father



Joe Palooka



Secret Agent X9



By Robert L. May

By Carl Anderson

By Charles Kuhn

By Wally Bishop

By Walt Disney

By Bob Gustafson

By Paul Robinson

By Al Capp

By Fran Striker