

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

MISSING A GRAND SLAM

North's over-conservative response to his partner's two-notrump opening made the laydown grand slam unbidable in the deal below.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 64
♥ AQ532
♦ K72
♣ 43

♠ 1095
♥ 7
♦ 1043
♣ J986

N
E
S

♠ AK7
♥ K1084
♦ A85
♣ AKQ

♠ J832
♥ 9
♦ QJ96
♣ 10752

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

When South discovered (via the successive Blackwood bids) that North had an ace and a king, he was tempted to bid seven hearts, because North's original jump response implied a long suit. But then South gave the matter deep thought and (unfortunately) concluded that North probably would have made his jump bid on a five-card heart suit headed by A-Q-J, with the side king and unbalanced distribution. If that was the case, only 12 tricks were in sight — so South refused to jeopardize the sure small slam.

Perhaps South should have gone the other way, but there were sound grounds for his fear about the five-card suit, and in any event the greater blame for missing the grand slam could be laid at North's door.

Let's attack the proposition in a roundabout fashion. Suppose that North had held nothing but six hearts headed by A-Q or A-Q-J. Surely, he still would have been warranted in jumping to four hearts. Granted, with this he could not later show a king in response to Blackwood, but with the diamond king he would have the same justification if he had only five hearts.

It follows that with his actual holding North could well afford a stronger bid than four hearts to five. Then South could have gone to the grand slam with complete assurance.

In other words, the size of the jump response is all-important.

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE SAME OLD TRICK

An old trick's just as good as new if it does what 'is planned to do.

—Mrs. Grouse.

From a hiding place, Old Man Coyote was watching a quarrel between Reddy Fox and his cousin Gray Fox. They hadn't seen him. They didn't know he was anywhere about. They were too intent watching each other, snarling, growling and threatening, to give any attention to anything else. So Old Man Coyote stood for a few moments looking on, and all the time wondering what the quarrel was about. Look as he would, he could not see anything over which they might be quarreling. He had hoped he might see a good breakfast that one or the other had caught, but nothing of the kind was in sight. Finally he decided to interfere. He was so hungry that he even thought of trying to catch one of them.

But the two foxes didn't give him a chance to even try anything of the kind. The moment he showed himself they stopped quarreling, then began to slink away in opposite directions. They didn't go far. Reddy Fox sat down at a safe distance where he could watch Old Man Coyote and see what he would do. Gray Fox climbed a little way up in a tree, for he is a good climber. From his perch he could also watch Old Man Coyote. At the same time, he would feel perfectly safe.

Old Man Coyote looked all about him, but saw nothing over which to fight. He did, however, see two or three slightly hollow places in the crust, and being wise in the ways of the Green Forest he guessed what they meant. He guessed that they had been made by Grouse plunging into the snow the night before. And he also guessed that they might now be prisoners under that crust. He was sure of it when he caught a glimpse of Mrs. Grouse walking about not far away.

As soon as Mrs. Grouse saw that Old Man Coyote saw her, she began to move in a little nearer. At the same time she began to pretend. Yes, she began to pretend that she was hurt and couldn't fly. It was an old trick of her's. She had used it many times successfully.

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More than once that trick had fooled a hungry enemy by leading him away from her babies.

"The same old trick," thought Old Man Coyote, and grinned. But he didn't let her see that grin. She came a little nearer, and little nearer. She began to flop about on the snow as if she were badly hurt. She really looked quite helpless flopping there. When Old Man Coyote took a few steps toward her she got to her feet, and began to limp away with the wing dragging as if it were broken. Old Man Coyote wasn't fooled a bit. However, he made a sudden rush as if to try to catch her, and she whirled away on her stout wings. Old Man Coyote grinned more than ever. Then he began walking about, studying the icy crust. He had no doubts whatever now.

"Some of the children of Mrs. Grouse are under my feet right here somewhere, and she knows it," thought he. "If only I could break this crust I might catch one." But he couldn't break it. He wasn't heavy enough. He couldn't break through anymore than those Fox cousins. He couldn't break in, and the Grouse underneath him couldn't break out."

SWAN SURPLUS
BEDFORD, England (CP)—There are too many swans on the Ouse river, so 24 will be swapped for wildfowl owned by the Duke of Bedford.

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NEW TRAFFIC HAZARD

TORONTO (CP) — Mrs. George Gula narrowly escaped being shot Sunday night when a gunman's bullet shattered the window in her car, showering her face with broken glass. Mrs. Gula and her husband were driving past a drug store in west Toronto when the shot was fired. The gunman and an accomplice were being chased by the proprietor of a drug store from which they had stolen \$300. The pair escaped with the money.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Exclamation of sorrow
- Scored
- An attic room
- Rapid current of water
- Dish
- Join
- Blunders
- Not bright
- Goes back
- Rhode Island (abbr.)
- First man (Bib.)
- Fasten
- Cushion
- River
- Waistcoat
- God of war (Gr.)
- Hewing tool
- A wife
- Pole
- Pastry dishes
- Overhead
- Worship
- Lean-tos
- Pneumatic tube
- Cliques
- Resorts

DOWN

- Related
- An African worm
- Disasterous consequences
- Cubic meter
- Covered with a crust
- Chinese dynasty
- Tart
- Withdraw from business
- Amazon estuary
- Arabian chieftain
- Rodent
- "Light's out" signal
- Unit of length (Sp.)
- Going out
- High priest
- Musical studies
- Queen of heaven
- Deeper
- Serpent-lizard
- Obnoxious persons
- Information
- Decay
- Epoch

Yesterday's Answer

33. Serpent-lizard
36. Obnoxious persons
38. Information
42. Decay
44. Epoch

Believe It or Not!

HOVERLANT DE BEAUWELACRE (1758-1840) wrote a history of Tournay, Belgium — POPULATION 5,000 IN 17 VOLUMES

THAT EMIGRATED FROM BOHEMIA TO GERMANY PUSHED ACROSS THE BORDER ON TREE TRUNKS AFTER DARK THIS HOUSE CARRIES THE INSCRIPTION: "THANK GOD I AM ON THE SOIL OF SAXONY BECAUSE MY OWNER SHOWED ME HERE FROM BOHEMIA"

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONG FELLOW

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

BC JPEC UBCR DNOV BPE HNT-
YNO BNU TLJB PRE VOTPRYG OBC
BKZPR QNO-UPOVNR.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: RELENTING FOOL AND SHAL-
LOW, CHANGING WOMAN!—SHAKESPEARE

The Lone Ranner

WHAT HAPPENED, GORMAN? WHILE I WAS HIDIN' THE BANK'S MONEY IN BOOT HILL?

A DEPUTY CAME HERE AND SEARCHED THE HOTEL!

ARE YOU UNDER SUSPICION?

NO, CLIP, BUT MA HANK IS—

AND SO IS THE CASHIER WE MADE OPEN THE VAULT FOR US

Secret Agent X9

OKAY, YOU HEARD INJUN TOM! HE SAID THAT ALDER SWAMP WILL BE TEEMING WITH DEER IN A FEW DAYS!

YEAH! IT'S ONE SPOT WHERE THE SNOW DOESN'T SEEM TO PILE UP!

RIGHT! NOW, HERE'S A ROUGH MAP THAT INJUN TOM DREW OF THE SWAMP AND THE SURROUNDING TERRAIN! THREE-RANGING LEAD INTO THE SWAMP...HERE'S WHAT WE'LL DO—

Hours later, by snowshoe and toboggan, small bunches of hags are laid in trails that lead to Alder Swamp.

Joe Palooka

YEAH... JOE AN' KNOBBY'S BEEN DOIN' A LOT T'HELP HOS FIGHT JOOV'NILE D'LANKENCY.

A GOOD IDEA? WHY? 'CHA HELP 'EM?

I'D LIKE TO! THEY KIN USE A GUY LIKE ME WHICH IS IDEALISTIC.

THERE GOES KNOBBY NOW.

HEY...HEY, KNOBS...

OSH... 'LO, 'N' BOY.

Ham Fisher

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT?—NO 15-YEAR-OLD CHILD COULD OF KNOCKED OUT ME, TH' CHAMP!

TRUE—BUT HE DID! AN' THOUSAN'S O' OTHER KIDS SAW IT!

THOSE LITTLE SEABERMOUTH'S WILL SPREAD THIS ALL OVER TOWN!

TH' CHAMP'LL BE DISGRACED!

LOCK TH' DOORS! THEM KIDS GOTTA STAY HERE, UNTIL TH' CHAMP KNOCKS OUT THIS 15-YEAR-OLD CHILD!

LEAVE 'EM AT HIM!

Henry

YOU HAVE QUITE A COLLECTION O' NEIGHBOR KIDS' PHOTOS, GRANDMA!

BUT HOW COME THEY'RE ALL SIDE-VIEWS, EXCEPT THIS ONE LITTLE FELLER?

WELL, YA SEE, TH' DAY I TOOK TH' PICTURES...

...HE'S TH' ONLY KID WHO SHOWED UP WITH HIS FACE WASHED ON BOTH SIDES!

CHAS. KUHNI

Muggs and Skeeter

HEY, FEE-VEE! WHAT ARE YOU CATCHING?

DOG FISH!

WHAT ARE YOU USING FOR BAIT?

CAT FISH!

SMART ALECK!

Etta Kett

DON'T LOOK NOW, THERE GOES THE 'FREAK OF THE WEEK'!

YOU MEAN CREEPY? BUT I THOUGHT YOU TOLD ME HE WON A POPULARITY CONTEST LAST FALL!

UM-HUH! UNDER FALSE PRETENSES!

THE DOP! HE TRICKED SIMPLY ALL THE GIRLS INTO VOTING FOR HIM!

HE WENT AROUND SAYING THAT HIS DAD WAS GOING TO GIVE HIM A BIG YELLOW CONVERTIBLE FOR CHRISTMAS!

Tilly The Toiler

EMERGENCY USE ONLY

WELCHER HANST PAID HIS BILL FOR SIX MONTHS?!

EVERY TIME MAC GOES TO COLLECT, HE WONT LET HIM IN!

BAW! I'LL GET THAT MONEY OUT OF HIM, WHEEF IF I HAVE TO BREAK HIS DOOR DOWN!

I THINK HE MEANS IT!

YEAH!

Mickey Mouse

GEE... I HATE TO GO THROUGH GOOBY'S PERSONAL THINGS... BUT MAYBE WE'LL FIND SOME CLUE TO HIS DISAPPEARANCE!

THERE'S THE TROPHY HE GOT FOR WINNING THE SACK RACE AT THE SCOUTS' PICNIC LAST YEAR...

HERE'S A PICTURE OF ALLICENT... THE GIRL WHO JILTED HIM THREE YEARS AGO...

AND HIS TENNIS RACKET... MEMBER WHEN HE WAS TRYING TO LEARN LAST SUMMER?

GOSH, UNCA MICKEY... WE'VE GOTTA FIND HIM!

WE WILL, MORTY! I PROMISE!

Bringing Up Father

MR. JOGGS—YOUR WIFE JUST STEPPED OFF THE ELEVATOR—SHE'S HEADED THIS WAY!

YOU FELLOWS SIT TIGHT! I'LL MEET MAGGIE IN THE OFFICE AND TAKE HER HOME! SHE WON'T COME IN HERE!

OH—HELLO—MAGGIE? I WAS JUST LEAVING! I'LL TAKE YOU HOME!

NO! YOU RUN ALONG—DEAR! I HAVE A FEW LETTERS TO WRITE! I'LL USE YOUR PRIVATE OFFICE!

Li'l Abner

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By Mel Graff

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