

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cuberton
FAULTY PLAY

North-South cooperated well in reaching the right contract, below, but South made a common error in the play.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠K7 ♠963
♥QJ103 ♠AK10
♦K54 ♠74
♣Q107 ♠62
♠AQJ54 ♠J85
♥2 ♠74
♦A987 ♠62
♣A32 ♠J85

The bidding:
South West North East
1 Pass 1NT Pass
2♣ Pass 3♣ Pass
3♦ Pass 4♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Many unformed players in South's position would rebid the suit over North's one trump, reasoning that for one thing the A-Q-J-5-4 is immeasurably superior to the A-9-8-7, as in diamonds, and for another, that the "future," if any, lay in the major suit. Observe, however, that this two-spade rebid would unquestionably bring nothing but a pass from North, whereas the actual two-diamond bid gave North sound reason for a raise in the minor. Then, when South properly showed his spade strength, North could well afford to raise on king-small.

West opened the heart queen and led a second round. South ruffed, led to the trump king and took a diamond finesse. West played low without hesitation, and South re-peated the finesse. Now West won, of course, and his diamond return gave East a ruff. South still had to concede a club, so the contract was doomed.

Discussing the play, South said that he had been afraid to draw trumps because if he found a normal 4-2 spade break and it then developed that the diamond king was offside, he would be helpless against the opposing run of hearts. So it had seemed desirable to try

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thorton W. Burgess

THE WORKERS AT WORK

He cheats himself who tries to shirk. Life's greatest privilege — to work. —Paddy the Beaver.

Peter Rabbit had just had a narrow escape. A big tree had crashed, and if he had not jumped just when he did he might have been badly hurt by it. It was near the pond of Paddy the Beaver in the Green Forest. The tree had just been cut down by Mrs. Paddy.

"What did you do that for? Were you trying to kill me?" cried Peter, angrily.

"What did you get in the way for? Couldn't you see that I was cutting down a tree?" replied Mrs. Paddy. "I thumped a warning with my tail," she added.

"How was I to know what it meant?" asked Peter.

"Everybody who lives around here knows what it means when the beavers slap the ground with out tails. They know a tree is about to fall," said Mrs. Paddy.

"That's right," said Paddy, who had been looking on and listening. "Whenever we cut a big tree, we give a warning when it is about to fall. Then if anybody gets hurt it is their own fault. You were lucky, Peter Rabbit. Yes, sir, you were lucky."

Peter wasn't listening. He was staring at that fallen tree. It really was a big tree, big enough to have killed him had he been caught under the trunk. He had come over here with his cousin, Jumper the Hare, to see for himself if beavers really do cut down big trees. Here

was proof that they do. He looked at Paddy. He looked at Mrs. Paddy. He looked at the fallen tree. "I still don't see how you do it," said he.

"Stay around a while, and you'll see how we do it," said Paddy. Then he added, "You'll have to excuse us now, we have work to do."

He and Mrs. Paddy began cutting off the limbs of that fallen tree. Some of those limbs were big. They were almost small trees in themselves. To cut them off, looked like a tremendous job to Peter. Paddy went to work on one limb, and Mrs. Paddy went to work on another limb. The chips began to fall. Some of those chips were surprisingly big. When the big limb that Paddy was at work on was cut off, he started to cut it up in pieces. They were rather short pieces.

"What are you going to do with those?" asked Peter.

"Take them out to the food pile," said Paddy.

"Where is your food pile?" asked Peter.

"Out in the water," replied Paddy.

"That's a funny place for a food pile. Why don't you make it on land?" Peter wanted to know.

"What good would it do us on land when everything is buried in snow and it is hard to get around?" asked Paddy.

"What good is it out in the water when the pond is covered with ice?" asked Peter.

Paddy looked at Peter pitying-

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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. A fig of India
6. Dress, as feathers
11. Worship
12. Depart
13. Swing around
14. Irritating
15. Coin (Jap.)
16. Rocks
17. Name of one of Santa Claus' reindeer
20. Vigorous
22. Cooly
26. Irate
27. "— t. i. Kid"
28. Notion
29. Concluding part of a performance
30. Frostings
32. Sure
35. Kind of cap
38. Any climbing vine
39. Excuse
41. Little islands
42. Kind of nut
43. A rosary
44. Steel splint of a short metal skirt (Armor.)
- DOWN**
1. Elapse
2. Not working
3. Rate per pound
4. Part of "to be"

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A Cryptogram Quotation

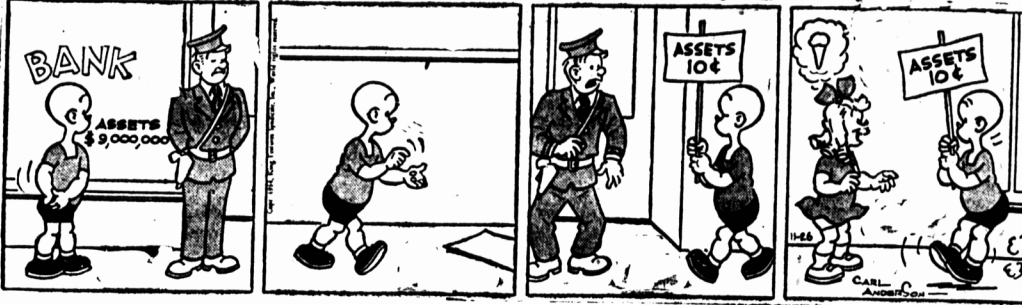
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AYJUKTD. NYYZ XPVA GKYS PO
HYT JTV CEKTDY YLCYTMKGY-
JATPQV.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: THERE ARE SOME OTHER THAT ACCOUNT WIFE AND CHILDREN BUT AS BILLS OF CHARGES — BACON.

Redeign the Red Nosed Reindeer



Henry



Grandma



Muggs and Skeeter



Mickey Mouse



Tilly The Toiler



Bringing Up Father



Li'l Abner



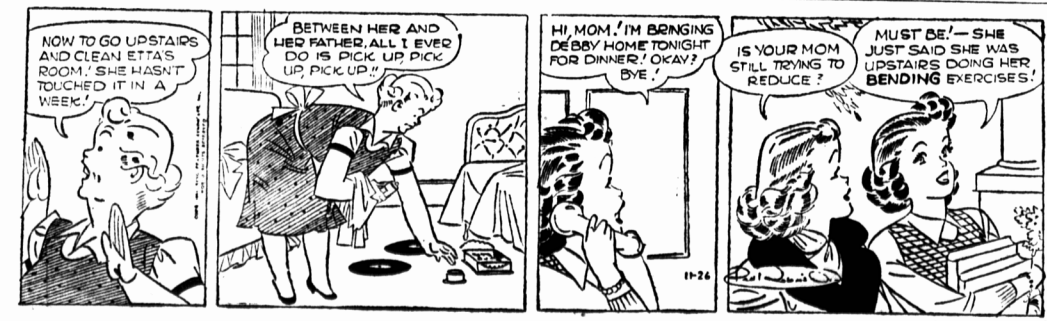
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