

Contract Bridge
By Josephine Culbertson
ALMOST TOO SIMPLE

An almost elementary point was involved in the deal below, but South was not the only declarer who goes wrong under similar circumstances.

North dealer
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A Q 3
♥ 10 6
♦ Q 5 4
♣ A K 9 3

♠ J 8 6 4
♥ Q 7 3 2
♦ 8
♣ Q J 8 6

♠ 10 9
♥ K 5 4
♦ K J 10
♣ 9 6

♠ 10 2
♥ A J 9
♦ A 7 3
♣ 7 5 4

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

Almost every expert would prefer to bid one spade with South's hand, in response to one club, but the actual two-notrump response was not unreasonable.

West correctly opened the jack of diamonds, and South also played correctly when he ducked in dummy. (If the king lay right, South could always lead up toward the queen.) South won with the diamond ace, then led a club and played low from the board (which was also quite all right). East won and returned the queen of clubs.

Dummy captured East's club return, and South then tested the break of the spade suit, leading out the ace, queen and a third round. East, however, turned up with a stopper, and so declarer now shifted to diamonds. West took his king and continued the suit, and the upshot was that South won only eight tricks — three spade, two diamonds, two clubs and one heart.

Granting that South might have had better luck in spades or clubs, the fact remains that he overlooked the best suit for his purpose. It was inexcusable to end up with only one heart trick. Since South lacked only two of the key cards in hearts—the king and the queen—it was 3 to 1 that repeated finesse would give him the extra trick, i.e., 3 to 1 that East either held one of the missing honors or both of them.

With two heart tricks available, South only had to lead toward the diamond queen to insure his contract.

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES
By Thornton W. Burgess

NOT WANTED
Not wanted. There's no sadder fate. It leads to bitterness and hate. —Old Mother Nature.

Dipper the Grebe, sometimes called Dabchick, smallest of the Grebe family, had had a hard time in truth it was really a dreadful time. To begin with he had stayed longer north than he should have. He had stayed so long that Jack Frost had almost trapped him. He had covered with ice, ponds and lakes which Dipper had planned to rest on during the long flight to a warmer climate. The result was that the day came when his short stubby wings became too tired to carry him to open water of the Big River. He had fallen on the snow-covered ice, and there he was perfectly helpless. Just in time Farmer Brown's Boy had found him, and had taken him to the open water and let him go there.



"What are you doing here?" he demanded.

Now of all the feathered folk, big and little, none is more at home on and in the water than Dipper the Grebe. He spends most of his time by day and by night on the water. In the water he gets all his food. So now the instant Farmer Brown's Boy let him go he was at home and lost all his fear. He felt fully able to look out for himself, and was no longer afraid of any one or anything. It was a blessed feeling. There isn't any more pleasant feeling than that of feeling free and wholly unafraid.

Now this open water was a place in the Big River where the water ran too fast for Jack Frost to freeze it over, but it wasn't running too fast for Dipper not to feel perfectly at home. He found other folks there. Mr. and Mrs. Quack, the Mallard Ducks, were there. Some of their cousins, the Black Ducks, were there. All of these were simply resting there. They are good flyers, strong and swift on the wing. There was a certain place, not too far away, where

they could find food. You know they are not fish eaters, like Sawbill the Merganser and some others. So they paid no attention to Dipper.

But Sawbill, the Merganser, was there, and he didn't welcome Dipper at all pleasantly. "What are you doing here?" he demanded. "You should have gone on farther south long ago."

"I know it," admitted Dipper. "But now I'm here I think I'll stay awhile to rest. Is there good fishing?"

"Not good enough. There are too many fishermen as it is," retorted Sawbill.

"I haven't seen any others," said Dipper.

"Listen!" exclaimed Sawbill. Dipper listened. From the farther shore came a sharp rattling sound. He looked over at Sawbill. "Is that the Kingfisher still here?" he asked.

"He certainly is, and he won't be at all glad to see you. Only yesterday he was complaining to me about the fishing," replied Sawbill.

"Well, he doesn't have to stay unless he wants to," retorted Dipper.

"Longlegs the Heron is here too, and he won't be any better pleased to see you," declared Sawbill. "It looks as if I'm not wanted," said Dipper.

"You're not!" retorted Sawbill.

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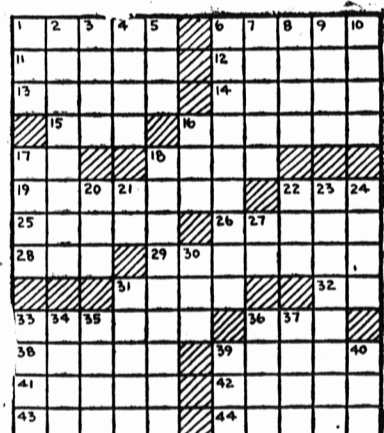
Signed:—

The Commissioners of the Village of Spring Park.
J. EDMOND ARSENAULT, Chairman

Dated January 21st, 1935.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. Musical instruments
6. Solidifies (colloq.)
11. Semblance
12. Poet
13. Prince of apostate angels (Arab. rel.)
14. Cleanse of soap
15. River (Sp.)
16. Government financing plan
17. Earth as a goddess
18. Foundation
19. Southern state
22. Beast of Burden
25. Traveled back and forth
26. Hawaiian island
28. Unhappy
29. Encountering
31. Thin coating
32. Indefinite article
33. Bathhouse near water's edge
36. Caress
38. Aside
39. Capital (Fr.)
41. Bunko (var.)
42. Living
43. Capital of Drenthe province (Neth.)
44. Broader
- DOWN**
1. Crowat
2. A sun shade
3. Island east of Java
4. Exchange premium
5. Compass point (abbr.)
6. Principal city of Palestine
7. Leave off a syllable
8. Food fish
9. Fall to win
10. Let it stand (print)
16. Cheat (slang)
17. Breaches
18. A game using a shuttlecock
20. Help
21. Exist
22. Keel-billed cuckoo
23. Curative
24. Token
27. Close to
30. Guido's highest note
31. A mockery
33. Measure (Small-foot)
34. Genus of Old World swifts
35. Forbids
36. Dialect used in Buddhist scriptures
37. Dry
39. Animal's foot
40. Varying weight (Ind.)



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
O VXNEP MU FBODVZ NA O SMZ
UMI BTBI: NVA RMTERNEBAA NE-
WIBOABA—GBOVA.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SHE CAN BOTH FALSE AND FRIENDLY BE, BEWARE! BEWARE! — LONGFELLOW.

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ALL SPEND ONLY WHAT'S NECESSARY

DON'T WORRY, THE BANKER WILL REIMBURSE ME.

WON'T YOU, HIRAM?

OH, YES! YES, INDEED!

Secret Agent X9

Experienced woodsman, Sijun Tom suddenly puts on a burst of speed...

HEY, TOM! TOM!

Leaving his cohorts far behind, he jumps into a sharp ravine...

WHERE'D THAT INJUN GO? THE SHOW HAS COVERED HIS TRACKS!

HE RAN OUT ON US!

By Fran Striker

Li'l Abner

WHY DOESN'T EVERYBODY PRESERVE THEMSELVES IN A DEEP-FREEZER, LIKE I DO?

WHAT'S GOOD FOR GENERAL BULLMOOSE IS GOOD FOR THE COUNTRY!

ER—SIR! SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG—THE ICE IS MELTING!

YOU'RE FIRED!—OUCH!—WHAT'S THAT? MY FINGER!

JUST A WATCH-CHARM, SIR, IT'S CALLED SLOBBO-ICE. IT NEVER MELTS. ALL SLOBBOVIA IS MADE OF IT!

By Mel Graff

Joe Palooka

THAT'LL BE FIVE DOLLARS.

HERE'S TH' DOUGH!

A THOUSAND DOLLAR BILL... I COULDN'T CHANGE THAT... WHY, NOBODY...

LAY OUT TH' DOUGH, LEAVY... I'LL GIVE IT TO YA LATER...

OHAY, BOSS... UM, WHOBY, LEAVE A FIN.

By Al Capp

By Ham Fisher