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OLD MAN COYOTE'S DISAPPOINTMENT

Some disappointments have excuse; They sharpen wits for future use.

—Old Mother Nature.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

CATECHISM FOR DECLARERS

Whenever a declarer is tempted to assume that a certain card is marked in this or that opposing hand, it is an excellent idea to stop and ask himself: "Suppose that ace (or king or queen) isn't where it's supposed to be? Can I make the contract anyway?"

In a surprising proportion of cases the answer will be "yes." For example:

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards in North and South hands.

The bidding: South West North East 1♥ 2♣ 2♦ 2♠ 4♥ Pass Pass 5♥ Pass

East gave long consideration to sacrificing at five spades but, luckily for his own side, decided against it.

In a case of this sort the player can't simply "save" at the current level and let it go at that—he must have reasonable assurance that he won't have to sacrifice at the six-level if the opponents bid a slam. Obviously East couldn't be too confident that the enemy couldn't make a slam.

West opened the king of clubs, and after winning with the blank ace, declarer cashed two high hearts, then turned to the establishment of the diamond suit. East took the third round of diamonds, and his shift to spades proved very annoying to South, who quite apparently had counted on the ace of spades to be in East's hand, with the spade bid.

South should have been somewhat more cautious. Success was in sight right from the start, even if the ace of spades was wrong (as it was so very likely to be). Instead of risking the loss of a diamond to East, the dangerous hand, South should have put that

Yes, sir, he had high hopes. Many times he had stood on the shore of the pond of Paddy the Beaver, looking out at Paddy's house built in the water. Many times in winter he had walked out on the ice to the roof of that house. Sometimes the Beaver scented had come up through little air-holes, and driven him almost crazy with longing for a Beaver dinner. Always he had found that roof impossible to tear open. You see, before the coming of Jack Frost, Paddy and Mrs. Paddy had plastered that roof with mud. It had worked all in between the sticks of which that roof was made. Then when Jack Frost had come he had frozen it hard, so hard that not even Buster Bear could pull it open.

Now, melting snow was up on the Mountain and on the foothills had made a flood, and the water had come down with such force that with the help of a big log it had brought down, a hole had been knocked in the Beaver dam. The water which had been rising fast in that little pond began to go down almost as fast. Paddy and Mrs. Paddy with the help of two young Beavers whose home farther up in the Green Forest had been washed out, were working hard to mend that break in the dam. In spite of all they could do the water soon was running out of that pond faster than it was coming in, for that was a bad break; it was when he noticed how fast the water was going

club jack in dummy to excellent use. After drawing trumps, ending in dummy, all South had to do was to lead that club jack and discard a diamond giving the trick to West. Then the diamond suit could have been ruffed out easily and safely.

Keeping behind that house so that only his nose and one eye could be seen from the other side as he peeped around, he saw Mrs. Paddy come nearer, and nearer. Then while she was still out in the deepest part of what was left of the pond, she suddenly disappeared. Presently, Old Man Coyote heard faint sounds coming through the wall of that house. He guessed that Mrs. Paddy was inside.

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down that Old Man Coyote's hopes began to rise. What if so much water should run out that that house would no longer be out in the water? Then he could walk out to that house, and perhaps get into it. If not, he might catch one of those Beavers going in, or coming out.

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KINGSTON UNITED W. M. S.

Mrs. Bert Willis was hostess to the members of the Kingston United Church W. M. S. on Wednesday evening March 9th.

Mrs. Earl Willis was in charge of the devotional period. The meeting opened with hymn "Come Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire". Portions of Scripture were read by Mrs. McKinnon and Miss Erma Newson followed by Prayer and the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Forteen members answered to roll call with a verse of Scripture and one visitor was present. Collection amounted to \$4.84 and Friendship Fund 53 cents.

Mrs. Heber Barrett read two letters from Mrs. Cutcliffe and Mrs. Sproule also a "Thank You" letter was read from the "Gillespie Family."

ACTIVE CAREER

GALT, Ont., (CP)—The home of Mrs. Maurice Dale has been filled with mementos of her four years as headmistress of a girl's school in Trinidad, as a wartime church worker in Halifax and YWCA secretary at Brantford.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 1. Files. 2. Military motor vehicles. 3. Bar of silver. 4. Inactive instrument. 5. A foray. 6. A decorative border. 7. Cerium (sym.). 8. Instrument to measure distance. 9. A boat used on canals. 10. Guide. 11. Entitled. 12. A neighborhood gathering for work. 13. A sign of the Zodiac. 14. Egypt's capital. 15. Fuss. 16. A hostel or inn (archaic). 17. Gold (sym.). 18. A son of Zeus (Gr. Myth). 19. Streetcars (Eng.). 20. Sky-blue. 21. Hinder by estoppel (Law). 22. The telegraphic code is named for him. 23. Shabby. 24. Of the sun.

- DOWN 1. A bee's home. 2. City (Okla.). 3. Eager. 4. Short for "pohoh-myelith". 5. Both. 6. Man's nickname. 7. East northeast (abbr.). 8. Lamprey. 9. Went before. 10. A boat used on canals. 11. Venice. 12. Insane. 13. Type measure. 14. Tissue (anat.). 15. Jewish month. 16. A source of aid. 17. Afternoon. 18. Detests. 19. Receptions. 20. Metallic rock. 21. Hawaiian bird. 22. Neuter pronoun (astron.). 23. Detests. 24. Quantities of paper. 25. River. 26. (Miss.) 27. Ringlet. 28. One of the bears (astron.). 29. Prophet. 30. Natives of Mindanao. 31. Mother. 32. Enemy scout.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

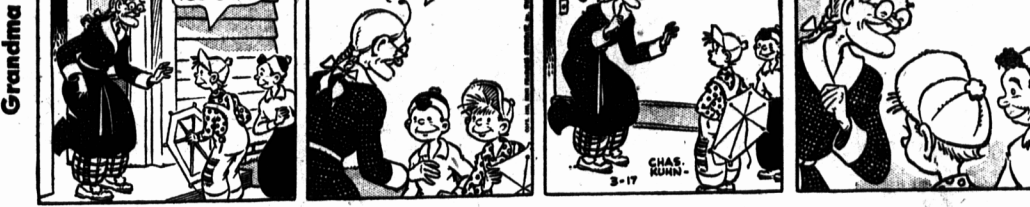
One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

Cryptogram: PWKQ AIYTKQO UA FRYI KQ. QKBWJ QR WUA FKAQIY QWKO WVAJRN!—BRVFIYV.

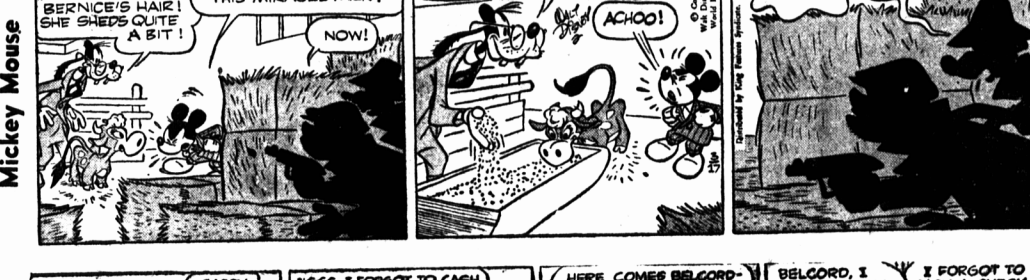
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: YOUR RAILROAD IS ONLY A DEVICE FOR MAKING THE WORLD SMALLER—RUSKIN.



Henry



Grandma



Mickey Mouse



Bringing Up Father



Muggs and Skeeter



Erta Kent



Tilly The Tailor



Joe Palooka



The Lone Ranger

Advertisement for Export Canada's Finest Cigarette featuring a woman's face.

Advertisement for Aspirin with the headline 'STOP THAT HEADACHE'.

Advertisement for Minard's Cement with the headline 'Drive out ACHES'.

Enjoy chewing Wrigley's Spearmint every day!

Our Boarding House Major Hoopie

Comic strip panels for 'Our Boarding House Major Hoopie' showing a man talking to a woman.

Believe It or Not!

Advertisement for 'Believe It or Not!' featuring a man's face and text about Lake Vrana.

Comic strip panels for 'L'E Abner' showing a man talking to a woman.

Comic strip panels for 'Secret Agent X9' showing a man in a trench coat.

Comic strip panels for 'Society' showing a man talking to a woman.

Comic strip panels for 'By Al Capp' showing a man talking to a woman.

By Carl Anderson

By Charles Kuhn

By Walt Disney

By George McManus

By Watly Bishop

By Paul Robinson

By Bob Gustafson

By Ham Fisher

By Fran Striker