Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

HE DIDN'T LOOK AHEAD

East needed greater foresight in the defense of the following hand.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable

	♠ A K Q 6 ♥ 7 5 4 ♦ K 10 8 ♣ 4 3 2	
♠ 5 2 ♥ A K J 8 2 ♦ 9 2 ♣ 9 8 6 5	N W E S	♠ J 10 8 7 ♥ 10 9 6 3 ♦ 5 4 ♣ Q J 10
	♠ 9 4 3 ♥ Q ♦ A Q J 7 6 3 ♣ A K 7	

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
3 ♦	Pass	6 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

North's opening spade bid was rather injudicious ,to say the least, since he was not prepared to make a sound rebid over any suit take-out South might make. However, since North did open with a spade, it would have been less dangerous to rebid his four-card suit (unorthodox as that action always is) than to give the encouraging diamond raise. Certainly, after that raise South would have been a Milquestoast to stop short of six-odd.

West opened the heart king and continued with the ace. Declarer ruffed and led out every one of his trumps, discarding two clubs from dummy. West let go his two worthless spades and one heart; East, forced to hold a spade stopper and thinking that he had to keep his clubs, first surrendered all of his hearts and then found he would also have to give up a club.

Now South cashed the three top spades in dummy — and West was squeezed. The heart seven was still in dummy, and since East could not guard it, West had to keep a high heart. This, however, reduced him to two clubs, and declarer had no trouble taking the fulfilling tricks with the ace, king and seven of clubs.

The moment East learned that declarer had six trumps, he should have realized that he, East, could not keep full protection in spades and clubs. He would have to hold four spades, hence could keep only two clubs. East could, however, guard the spade suit and hold the one heart needed to take care of that suit, so it goes without saying that he should have abandoned the clubs.

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thorton W. Burgess

THE STALK THAT SHOOK

Seeming trifles rule each day
All though life it is that way.
—Reddy Fox.

Reddy Fox knows whereof he speaks. Long, long ago Reddy learned that what seems to be a trifle may prove to be most important. He learned never to overlook a thing because it seems unworthy of notice. He has had many a good dinner because his habit of noticing little things.

There had been a great snowstorm. It had made Reddy and Miss Reddy prisoners in their own home a few days. At first the snow lay deep over everything. They could not walk on it because it was too soft. They could only wade and flounder through it, an no one can hunt successfully that way. Now a hard crust covered it. It was strong enough for Reddy and Mrs. Reddy to move about on it. They might not find anything to eat, but they could at least look for something, and this was a thing they had not been able to do for two days.

Just now Reddy was down on the Green Meadows, which of course were no longer green. There were places where there were tall weed-stalks with brown heads full of seeds. Now those brown heads of the weeds were just above the snow. From where Reddy was sitting he could see a certain big weed-stalk with its head a little above the icy crust.

The big seed-head shook just a very little, as if a Merry Little Breeze had given it a puff. Had you or I been in his place, we would not have noticed it. Reddy did. He had trained himself to notice little things like that. Now he fixed his eyes on that weed. For a moment or two it was perfectly still. Then it moved ever so little. Had a Merry Little Breeze passed that way? Reddy was sure it hadn't. There had been no Merry Little Breezes around this morning. Reddy got to his feet. Very, very softly he crept toward that big weed. Every few steps he stopped. He waited until that weed-stalk seemed to shake a little. It shook only a very little, but Reddy's keen eyes saw it every time.

Presently Reddy was close enough to that brown weed-top. He crouched there. Where the stalk came through the crust there was a small opening. On the crust right beneath that brown top he saw tiny brown shucks of seeds. There was just the tiniest shaking of that weed.

"It's a mouse," said Reddy to himself. "It's a mouse." His stomach seemed to turn over at the thought, and his mouth watered a little. He held his breath, but he had to let it out again before anything happened. There was no movement of that weed. It was perfectly still. Disappointment filled Reddy. Still he waited. He waited and waited. No one knows better than Reddy Fox the value of patience.

Once more he held his breath. The brown head of that weed was really shaking now. One or two tiny brown seeds dropped from it on the crust. A small gray head appeared in the opening beside the stalk. A moment later a mouse came out and started to gather seeds. Reddy sprang. The shaking of that weed had been a trifle, but it had given Reddy Fox at least a start for a dinner.

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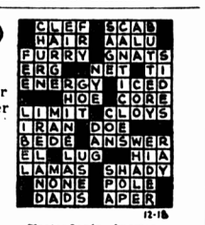
DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

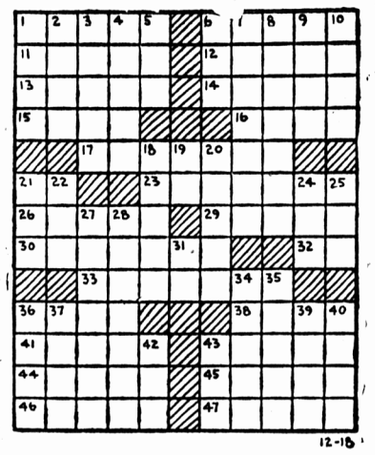
1. Subside
6. Strike-breakers
11. Beads used as money (Am. Ind.)
12. Per. to organs of hearing
13. African antelope
14. Move easily
15. Spar
16. Placed a ball on a tee (golf)
17. Fish
21. Masculine pronoun
23. Inactivity
26. Musical instrument
29. Weepy
30. Argue
32. Electrical Engineer (abbr.)
33. A sweet, breadlike loaf (Swed.)
36. Flower
38. Moisture (pl.)
41. Sheeplike
43. A competitor
44. Adolescent years
45. Arrange in a line
46. Tapestry
47. Touchy

DOWN

1. Artificial alloy of gold or silver (Egypt. Archeol.)
2. Biblical name
3. Tossed about by the waves
4. Egyptian town
5. Remnant
6. Droop in the middle
7. Tillage
8. Short aria
9. Ordered
10. Vehicle with runners
18. Language (humorous)
19. At home
20. Species of pepper
21. In what manner
22. Blunder
24. Anger
25. Affirmative vote
27. Mon like gas
28. An aerial
31. Low Latin (abbr.
34. Roman magistrate
35. West Indian island
36. An eccesiastical court (R. C. Ch.)
37. Across
39. Desire
40. A weaver's reed
42. Letter of the alphabet
43. Rodent



Yesterday's Answer



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

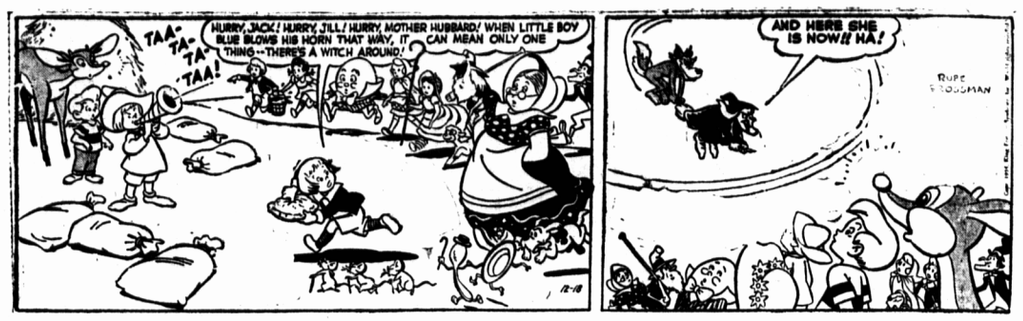
One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

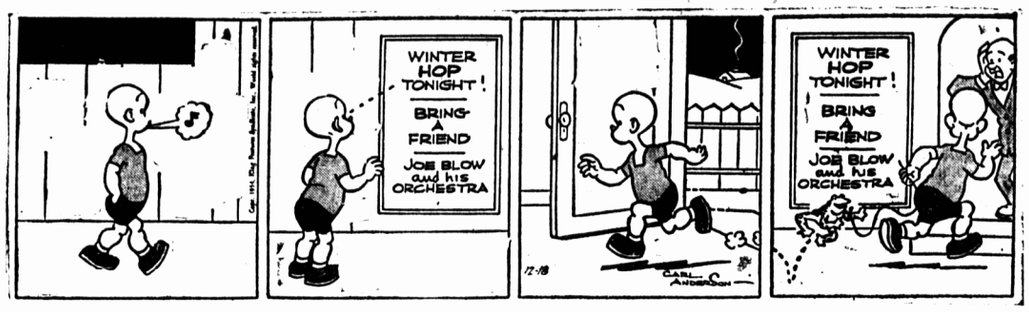
I T L Z L H Y R S H Y O R I E R E S T T B T F Z C Y H D Q E B Y E G I T F R M F H T L Z H - C Z L T Y M R — S Z H U C D T Q.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: YET WE SHOULD NOT, HOWE'ER BESIEGED, DELIVER UP OUR FORT OF LIFE —MASSINGER.

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer — By Robert L. May



Henry — By Carl Anderson

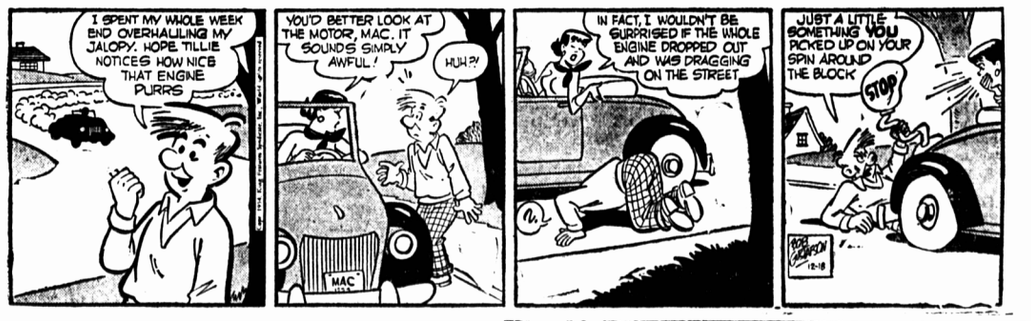


Grandma — by Charles Kuhn

Muggs and Skeeter — By Wally Bishop

Mickey Mouse — By Walt Disney

Tilly The Toiler — By Bob Gustafson



Bringing Up Father — By George McManus

Li'l Abner — By Al Capp

Secret Agent X9 — By Mel Graff

Joe Palooka — By Ham Fisher

The Lone Ranger — By Fran Striker