Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

AN OUT-OF-POSITION DECISION

When a bidding situation involves a pure question of judgment, no great blame can fairly be attached to whatever decision is made. But there are cases in which any decision is out of order—and the following hand presents a typical illustration.

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

This was the bidding in a rubber game at a leading New York bridge club.

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Double	4 ♥	5 ♦
5 ♥	Double	Redble	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the king of spades, and South could not avoid the loss of a spade, a diamond and two clubs, for a penalty of 600 points.

Some readers will probably attribute this outcome to the lightness of South's one-heart opening; others will question North's redouble of five hearts, pointing out that North was not particularly blessed with high cards. But both of these observations skirt the true essence of the recorded bidding, which was South's inexcusable action-taking in a position that demanded a pass.

The pretense, of course, is to South's bid of five hearts over East's five diamonds. South later admitted that he had made the bid as a sacrifice—that in view of North's preemptive raise indicating little defensive strength, and South's own meager defensive values, it had seemed certain that the opponents could make their contract.

There was not a grain of merit in this argument, because the hard fact was that South was not in the "saving position." North occupied that role, not only because he was the "last to speak for his side," but because of the special nature of his preemptive raise. One of two things had to be true: North had either leaped to four hearts on solid offensive-defensive material, in which case five diamonds could be doubled and punished; or North, having voluntarily raised hearts to the four-level, would certainly not hesitate to save against five diamonds if that sacrifice seemed advisable.

The sum and substance were that North had the right to read South's five-heart bid as a show of strength, not weakness—hence North's redouble.

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By Thorton W. Burgess

THE HATED SMELL

The day is brighter for the night.
And safety often lies in fright.
—Old Mother Nature.

It was a lovely autumn morning. The Green Forest never looked more beautiful. Old Mother Nature had painted the leaves of the trees in many shades of red, and yellow, and brown, and green. They carpeted the floor of the Green Forest in mingled colors. It was the season of gladness, yet there was no gladness in the Green Forest. There was only sadness, and great fright.

Lying in that clearing was a young deer.

Mrs. Lightfoot the Deer and her twins stood in a thicket looking out at a little clearing. Lying in that clearing was a young deer. Only a moment before he had been quietly browsing on the other side of that little clearing. There had been the report of that dreadful gun. He had bounded across the clearing only to fall at the second report of that dreadful gun. He had been killed by a hunter, for this was the open hunting season.

As they stared in wide-eyed fright the hunter stepped out from among the trees on the other side. It was then that one of Mother Westwind's children brought to them the mingled scent of the smoke from the dreadful gun, and the man smell. Now it added to their fright. It was a hated smell from the very beginning. Without knowing why, they did know that this two-legged person was the cause of what had happened to the young deer lying there on the ground.

Mother turned and slipped away without a sound. The twins did just as she did. They kept right at her heels. For the first time in their lives they knew fear so great that it was terror.

Mother led them to a great windfall deeper in the Green Forest, and behind this they waited for some sign that they were being followed. Presently mother told them to lie down, for they were safe. They still were two frightened young deer; more frightened because they did not understand what they had seen. They asked mother what had happened, and why. She shook her head. "I don't know why it happens," said she, "but it does happen every year at this lovely season. The Green Forest is full of those two-legged hunters, who somehow kill while they are still far away. I hope you got the smell of that one."

Both the young deer nodded their heads. "We did, and we hate it," said one of them. "It makes us afraid."

"I hope you will always hate it, and that it will always make you afraid," said mother. "It is only at this season that there is this dreadful danger from these two-legged hunters. But you will be safer at all times if the man smell makes you afraid."

"I hate it," repeated one of the twins.

"So do I," said the other.

"Keep right on hating it," said mother. "You will live longer if you do."

DAILY CROSSWORD

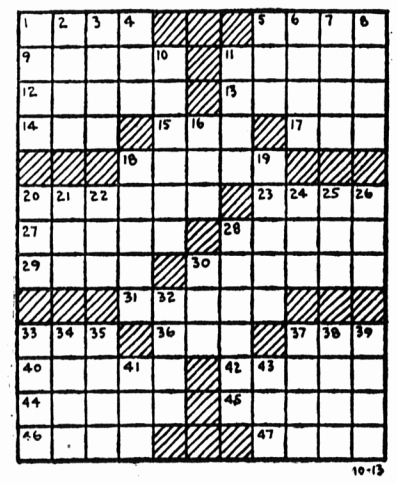
ACROSS

1. Native of Scotland
5. Leg bone
9. Shows strong affection
11. Glistened
12. Bay window
13. Peddles
14. Wander about idly
15. Guido's highest note
17. French river
18. A. U. S. President
20. Close
23. Snare
27. Eagle's nest
28. Sheep-like antelope (Russ.)
29. Skin
30. Native of Ohio
31. Live coal
33. Open (poet.)
36. Ventilate
37. Monetary unit (Latvia)
40. Cered
42. German river
44. Choice group
45. Alaskan river
46. Bristlelike part
47. Fold over

DOWN

1. A hard blow
2. Girl's name
3. Roman poet
4. Golf mound
5. Chinese silk
6. Cry, as a dog
7. Covered with ink
8. Headland
10. Large, heavy hammer
11. False
16. Kind of song
18. Old-womanish
19. Step
20. Weaken
21. Short, connecting pipe
22. Anger
24. River (Sp.)
25. Moslem title
26. To wash ore, for gold
28. Kind of wine
30. Japanese sash
32. Manufactured
33. Has debts
34. Wan
35. A way out
37. Similar
38. Soon
39. Wait on
41. Greek letter
43. Famous section of Boston

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

L Y S X Z K Y S Q D E Z J S L W M U Y L W S E U S Q , S E W S E L Y Z E M U Y L , X Y D R R W M U Y L W S E C Z D T Z — Q Z B Z E Z .

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: AND MUTUAL LOVE MAY BE COMPARED TO HEAVEN — COOKE.

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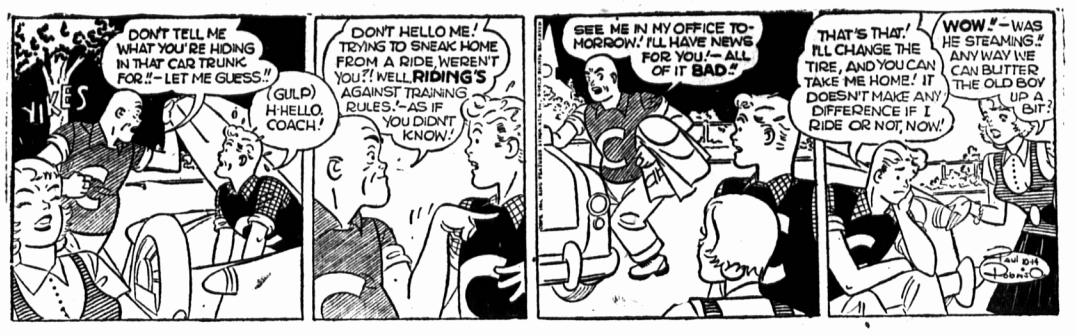

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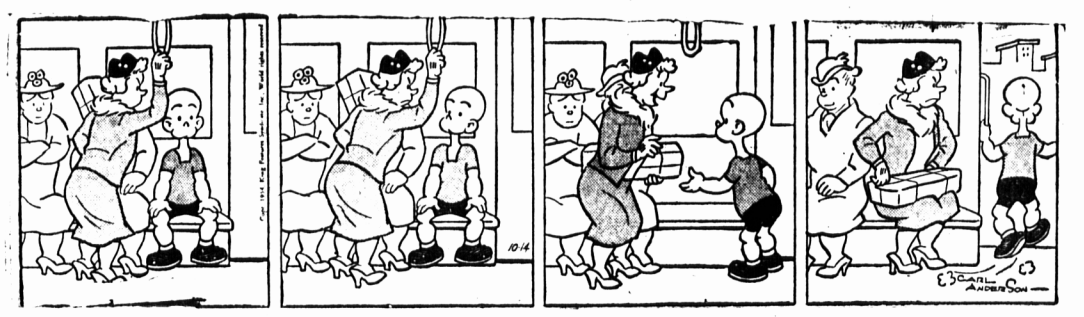
Henry



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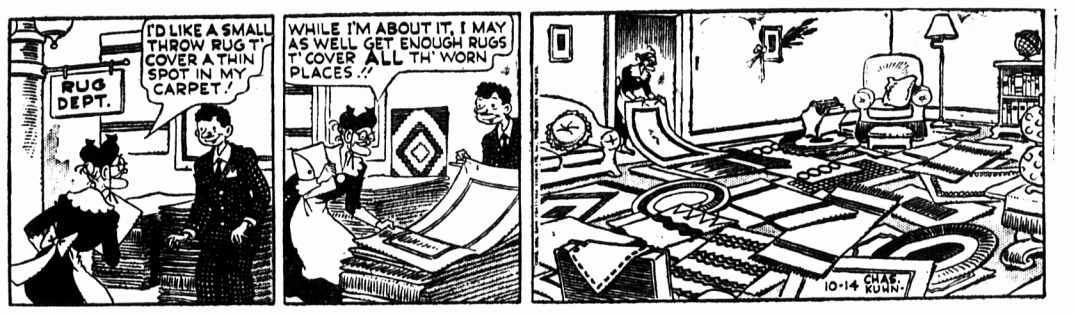
Grandma



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Muggs and Skeeter

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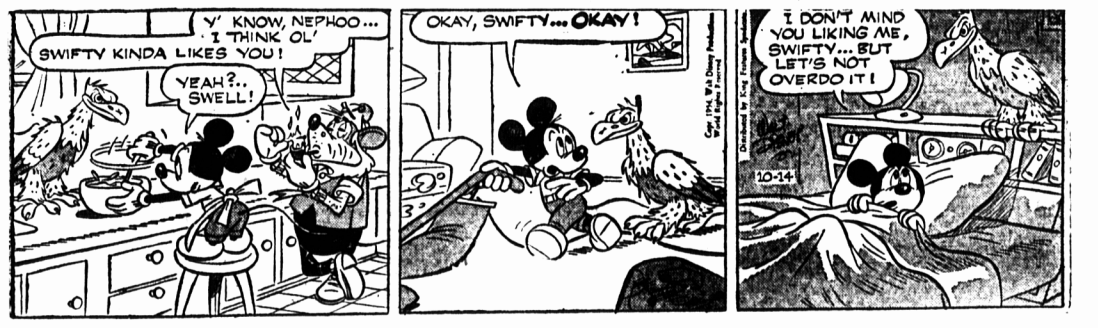
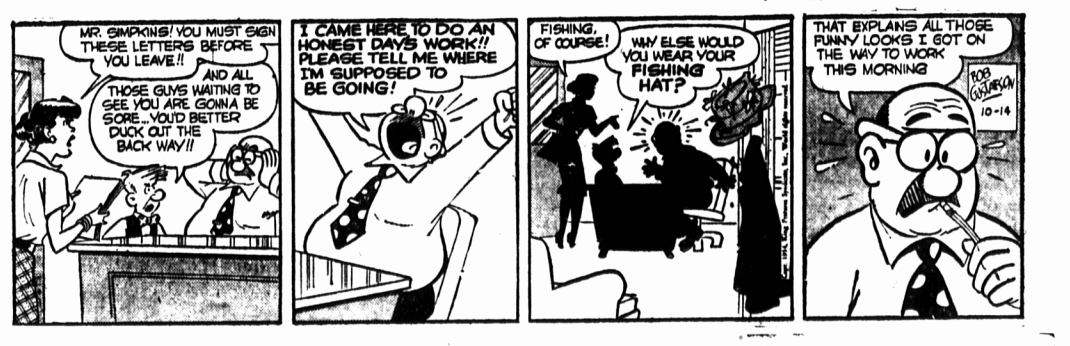
Mickey Mouse



By Walt Disney

Tilly The Toiler



By Bob Gustafson

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Bringing Up Father

By George McManus

Secret Agent X9

By Mel Graff

Li'l Abner

By Al Capp

Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher

The Lone Ranger

By Fran Striker