

**Contract Bridge**  
By Josephine Culbertson  
INEXCUSABLE BIDDING

Everyone, expert as well as novice, is occasionally guilty of over-bidding or underbidding — that is human and consequently excusable. The sort of bidding for which there is no excuse is the "in and out" style indulged in by North, below.

North dealer  
Both sides vulnerable.

Q 10 8 6 3  
J 10  
2  
Q 6 4 2

7 4  
AKQ  
9 6  
KQJ  
10 8

N  
W E  
S

K 5 2  
8 3  
5 3  
K 3 J 7  
5 3

A 4 J  
7 5 4 2  
A 10 8 7 6 4  
A

The bidding:  
North East South West  
Pass Pass 1♦ 1♥  
1♠ Pass 2♦ Dble  
Pass Pass Pass

The doubled two-diamond contract was beaten three tricks, 800 points.

This substantial penalty was exclusively North's fault. Consider the inconsistency of North's behavior. First, he elected to enter the auction over West's one heart; then, over his own partner's rebid of two diamonds, he "backed out," leaving South to his fate.

It is this sort of "get-in-and-get-out" bidding which destroys partnership cooperation and confidence. North's first error, of course, was in making any free bid on a holding of two queens, but, having made that error, it was little short of criminal to pass the double of two diamonds. North's hand did not figure to be worth a single trick at a diamond contract, whereas at spades North could count on taking several trumps, at least.

After the debacle North explained that he had been afraid of finding a singleton spade or a void in South's hand, but this was a silly alibi. North knew that he had a singleton diamond, whereas South had not denied holding two spades, merely by rebidding diamonds.

It is true that South might have rescued himself by bidding two spades, but he was scarcely in position to know that North was totally unprepared for diamonds and had a six-card spade suit.

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**BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES**

By Thornton W. Burgess

ALL IS WELL  
The worst of things must have an end;  
The worst of breaks in time will mend.

—Old Mother Nature.  
A very dreadful thing had happened over in the Green Forest. Jack Frost had trapped four young Grouse. They had gone to bed down under the snow. While they were asleep there had been a light rain. Then the weather had cleared and Jack Frost had arrived. He had formed a hard icy crust of the wet-surfaced snow. So when morning came and the young Grouse started to get out of their snowy beds to get breakfast they found themselves prisoners under that crust. Though they tried their best they couldn't break through it.

That was a dreadful thing to have happened. It was dreadful for the helpless and frightened young Grouse who were prisoners in their own beds. It was dreadful for their mother, Mrs. Grouse, who knew just what had happened. She had spent that night in a tree. She had advised those four young Grouse to do the same thing, but they had not heeded her advice. Now she was as helpless to help them as they were to break their way out.

Then Farmer Brown's Boy came. Wise in the ways of his furred and feathered friends, Farmer Brown's Boy had noticed certain signs that led him to suspect what had happened. It had happened in other years. He had broken the crust, and two of the young Grouse

had flown up almost in his very face. As he told Mother Brown afterward, they had "exploded," like feathered bombs out of the snow.

He had noticed that there were four slight hollows in the surface of the snow and from this he had guessed that there were four young Grouse. Now he sat on an old log and waited. He had broken the crust all around, and he felt sure that unless something had happened to one or both of them, the missing prisoners would after a while find their way up.

Thunder and Mrs. Grouse were watching too. So were a brother and sister who had spent the night in a tree. They were the ones who had heeded mother's advice the night before. There were three other watchers. Farmer Brown's Boy did not know this, but Mrs. Grouse did, and this added to her worry. There were Old Man Coyote, Reddy Fox and Gray Fox. All three had known of the trapped young Grouse. They had heard Farmer Brown's Boy coming, and had slipped away, but they hadn't gone far. They had seen the two young Grouse burst out of the snow, but they knew that there were others still down under the crust. Perhaps this had become too weak to fly.

If this was so it would be an easy matter to dig them out now that the crust was broken. So they waited for Farmer Brown's Boy to leave. No wonder Mrs. Grouse was worried.

For a while nothing happened. Then a broken piece of crust was pushed aside. A brown head appeared. For a moment it remained



So he sat on an old log and waited.

motionless, then out burst a big brown bird and whirred up into the nearest tree. Mrs. Grouse flew over to join it.

"There must be another," said Farmer Brown's Boy. "I hope that one is all right too." Hardly had he said this when the fourth bird appeared. Perhaps this one was a little weaker than the others for he did not fly at first. He stood on the snow, looking this way and that. After a moment or two he joined the others in the tree.

"All's well that ends well," said Farmer Brown's Boy as he got up and shook himself. There were three who didn't think it had ended well. Can you guess who they were?

**ESKIMO LARDERS FULL**

DAUPHIN, Man. (CP) — Natives in the Brochet and South Indian lake areas of northwestern Manitoba are reported gorging themselves on caribou meat this winter. The annual caribou migration halted in that area, 350 miles north of Dauphin, instead of the usual winter yarding area at Oxford House and God's lake.

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He should have used Chlorodont for a clean, fresh mouth!

**DAILY CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS
- An unmannerly person
  - In a lopsided state
  - Poetry
  - Spectacle
  - Garret
  - Daub
  - Artist's stands
  - A Persian fairy
  - Shower
  - American moth
  - Keel-billed cuckoo
  - Pries
  - Partly trained
  - Frolics
  - Affirmative reply
  - Close to
  - Hauled
  - Applaud
  - Most cunning
  - Wearies
  - To inveigle
  - Bird
  - Frighten
  - Title of honor (Jewish Hiat.)
  - Sown (Her.)
- DOWN
- Greek letter
  - Food
  - Variety of willow
  - Re-ranked
  - Beast of burden
  - Walk lame
  - S-shaped molding
  - One of ancient Jewish sect
  - Alas (L.)
  - Group of three
  - Doughnuts
  - Without noise
  - Like
  - Snuggles
  - Mischievous person
  - Suffix used in names of chemical derivatives
  - Travel back and forth
  - Iridium (sym.)
  - Doctor of science
  - Like (abbr.)
  - Performs
  - Flinch
  - Melody
  - Gourdlike
  - A kind of cheese
  - Certain
  - Letter of the alphabet
  - Coin (Jap.)

Saturday's Answer

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:**  
A X Y D L B A A X R  
is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A stands 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  
J Z L R J O Y H O N J E O X K L A K Y E X C K  
Y O J L K . A S K H Y D D S K U L X H C J Q  
L X X H . H J U K Q J L K - V Z Y L E K N .

Saturday's Cryptogram: THY LIQUID NOTES, THAT CLOSE THE EYE OF DAY — MILTON.

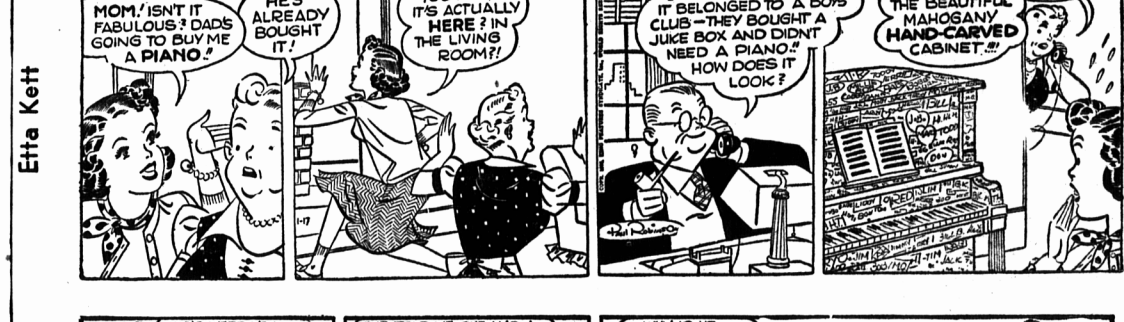
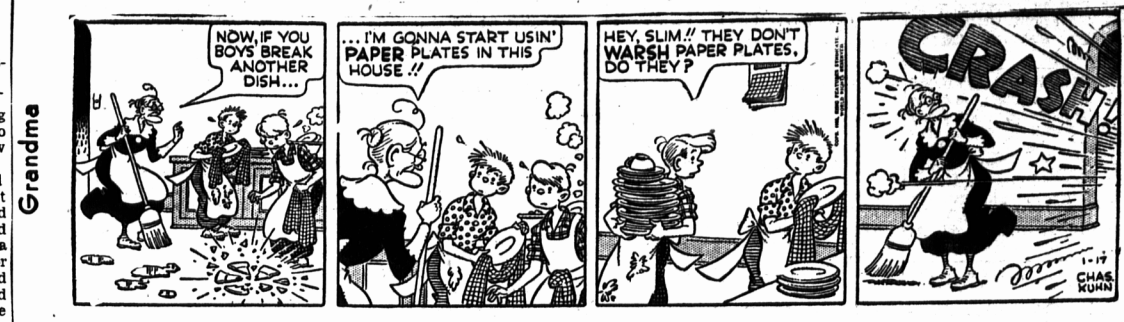
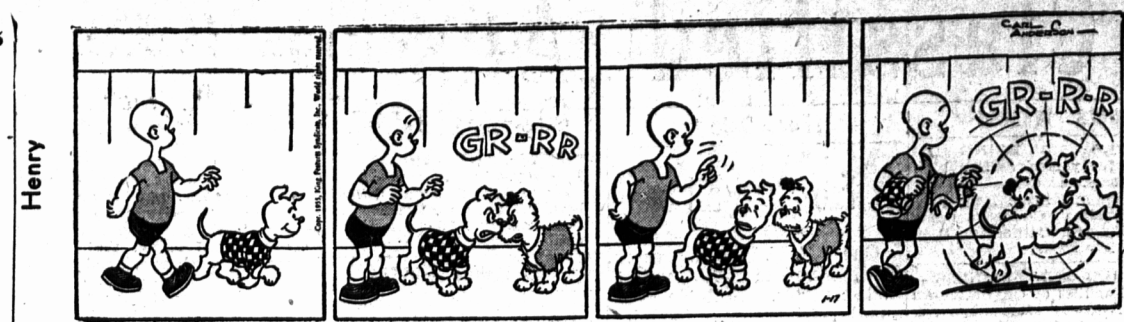
**Believe It or Not!**

OUTBORN FROM THE RAINBOW WRINGS SINKING SROW  
BY INSERTING THE SAME LETTER 16 TIMES  
YOU CAN MAKE THIS INTELLIGIBLE (Solution tomorrow)

**JAMES CLOUGH** of Ogden, Utah  
TELEPHONING HIS SON-IN-LAW'S HOME  
DIALED THE WRONG NUMBER,  
AND DISCOVERED HIS SON-IN-LAW  
WAS WORKING AT THE  
HOUSE HE CALLED

THE TOWER THAT HAS WAITED  
417 YEARS FOR ITS CHURCH  
Richmond, Yorkshire, England

THE TOWER OF THE GREY FRARS  
WAS BUILT IN 1538  
BUT KING HENRY VIII HALTED  
CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHURCH  
AND IT HAS NEVER BEEN COMPLETED



Henry  
Grandma  
Muggs and Skeeter  
Etta Kett  
Tilly The Toiler  
Mickey Mouse  
The Lone Kaure  
Secret Agent X9  
Joe Palmoka  
Lil Abner

By Carl Anderson  
By Charles Kuhn  
By Wally Bishop  
By Paul Robinson  
By Bob Gustafson  
By Walt Disney  
By Fran Striker  
By Mel Graff  
By Al Capp