

CONTRACT BRIDGE

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West dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH: ♠ A Q 7, ♥ 9 7 5 4, ♦ J 6, ♣ K 8 7 4. WEST: ♠ K J 9 4 2, ♥ 10 8 6, ♦ 10 8 7, ♣ Q 6. EAST: ♠ 10 8 6 5, ♥ A 3, ♦ Q 3 2, ♣ A J 10 2. SOUTH: ♠ 3, ♥ K Q J 2, ♦ A K 9 5 4, ♣ 9 5 3.

The bidding: West Pass, North Pass, East Pass, South Pass. 1NT Pass, 1♦ Pass, 2♣ 3♥.

Opening lead—queen of clubs. In the early thirties a team known as the Four Horsemen, consisting of Willard S. Karn, P. Hal Sims, Oswald Jacoby and David Burnstine, dominated the field of contract bridge.

Karn and Sims have passed on to happier hunting grounds, but the memory of their exploits has lingered on. The hand shown today was played by Karn (South) some twenty-five years ago and is a good example of the flawless technique which made him one of the great players of all time.

The queen of clubs held and another club brought the ten, then the ace and jack of clubs. Having lost three tricks, Karn ruffed the fourth club with the jack. West during the process disposing of two diamonds. A low spade to dummy's queen held and a heart, on which East played low, was taken with the queen. Declarer had K-2 of trump left and correctly guessed to play the deuce to fell East's lone ace. West remaining with the ten.

East returned a spade, Karn discarding a diamond, and dummy's ace won. The key play was now made—the jack of diamonds, East ducked and South finessed. West contributing the ten. A trump to the king drew West's ten and declarer's diamonds were good for the last three tricks.

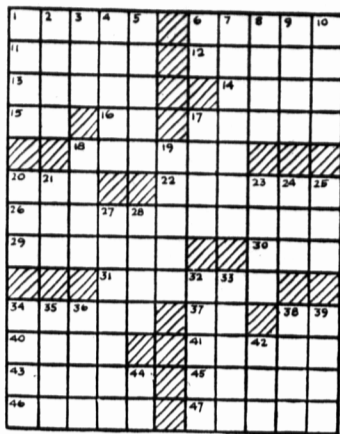
When the play is examined, it is found that the deuce of hearts played, the spade finesse and the jack of diamonds lead were all necessary. Furthermore, the timing of each play had to be in the exact order chosen.

The spade had to be led so that a trump could come from dummy, and the spade finesse was required so that South could not be ruffed down again. The jack of diamonds lead was necessary to destroy the defenders' queen and ten with one stroke.

No defense overcomes the contract. If West keeps his diamonds, declarer establishes the suit by ruffing a third diamond round in dummy.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1. Blister (med.), 6. Mergansers, 11. A willow, 12. Weird, 13. Female sandpiper, 14. Lively song, 15. Like, 16. Half an em, 17. Speeders' penalties, 18. Draws up, 20. Exclamation, 22. Attack violently, 25. Revival, 29. Type, 30. Consume, 31. Teeter, 34. Demand measure, 35. Whether, 40. Yearn, 41. Desire, as food, 43. Mingled with, 45. Mohammedan Bible, 46. Minister's house, 47. Aquatic birds. DOWN: 1. Adriatic cold wind, 2. Employs, 3. Falsehood, 4. Fry, 5. Field of action, 6. Selenium (sym.), 7. Girl's name, 8. Ireland, 9. Trick, 10. Places, 17. Band across escutcheon (Her.), 18. A temple (archaic), 19. Billiard stroke, 20. Curved line, 21. Pronoun, 23. Afresh, 24. River (S. A.), 25. Permit, 27. Allowance, 28. Article, 29. Baga, 33. Missile, 34. Bivalve weapon, 35. Long, narrow hill, 36. Soon, 38. Russian tyrant, 39. Bogs, 42. Constellation, 44. Earth as a goddess.



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample 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.

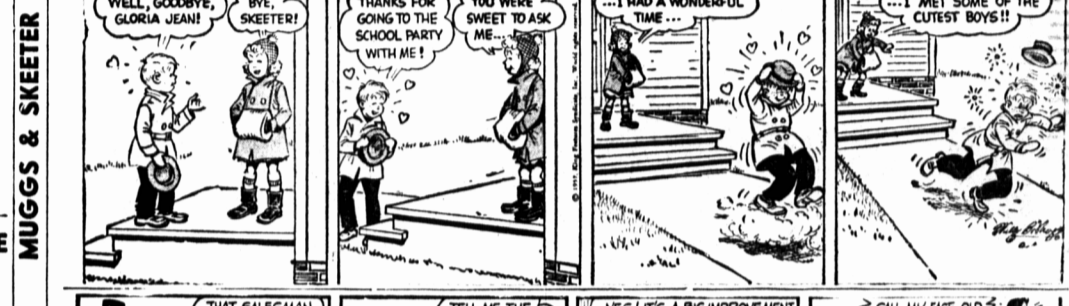
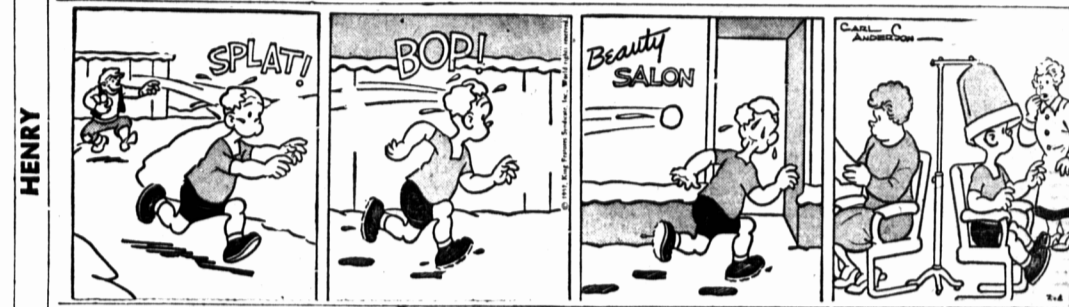
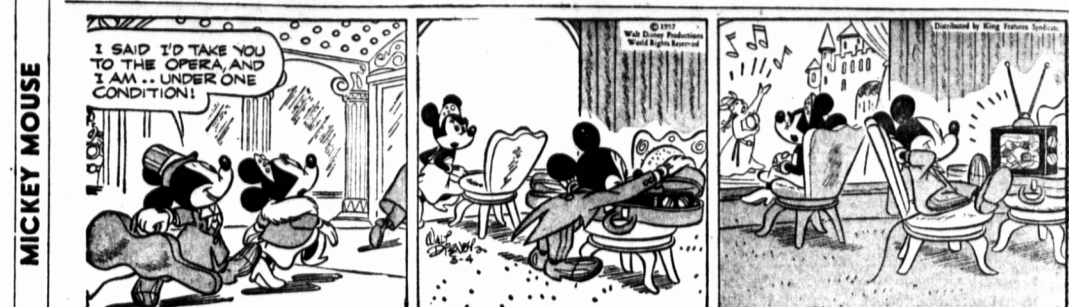
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Mrs. Hooty Is Uneasy

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"I wish those Cubs were not so near," said Mrs. Hooty. Winter was about over. Most of the snow was gone through the Green Forest. Jack Frost some times came around at night, but he never pinched very hard. It was almost time for Sweet Mistress Spring to appear. She wasn't far away. In their nest high in a tall tree

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