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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cluvertson

A "CHESTNUT," BUT SUCCESSFUL

In the following hand, East fell for one of the oldest hoaxes in bridge.

South dealer, East-West vulnerable.

Hand details: ♠ 10 9 4 2, ♥ A 6 5, ♦ Q 10 4 3, ♣ K 8 5 4, ♠ Q 7, ♥ 10 6 4 3, ♦ A 8 5 2, ♣ A 9 3, ♠ A 6 5, ♥ K Q 7 5, ♦ 2, ♣ K 9, ♠ J 6 7, ♥ K J 8 5, ♦ A J 9 8, ♣ 7 6, ♠ Q 10 7.

This deal occurred in a duplicate match, and at one table the bidding took this strange course:

South West North East Pass Pass 1 ♠ (!) 1 ♥ 1 ♠ 2 ♥ Pass 3 ♥ Dbl. Pass 3 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Since North's opening bid had been largely "psychic," he of course could not stand the three-heart double, and so took it out to three spades. South, an expert, was glad to pass short of game; he knew that North would have left in the double of vulnerable opponents with any semblance of a sound opening bid.

West opened the heart three. A club was discarded from dummy and declarer captured East's queen. Now South led a diamond, West correctly ducked, and East took the ten with the king. East, looking for a diamond ruff, returned his nine, but West of course did not continue the suit after winning with the ace — he shifted to a low club in the hope of finding East with the queen.

It was South, of course, who produced the club queen, capturing East's jack, and now South ruffed a heart in dummy. Declarer then gave East the opportunity he was so patently seeking — South led a high diamond from dummy. East, to his shame, fell into the trap — he ruffed! That was all South needed. He over-ruffed and led a club toward the king. West put up the ace and exited with a club to dummy's king. Now South led a trump from his own hand and, although East ducked, South had no doubt about the card to play from his own hand. West, who had passed originally, had already shown two aces, so South went right up with the trump king and returned a trump, making the defenders' honors fall together.

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

REDDY TRIES THREATS

At times a pleasant way may fail. Then sudden threats will oft prevail. —Old Mother Nature.

When he wants to be Reddy Fox can be very, very pleasant. He has a smooth tongue. A smooth tongue is often hard to resist. It makes things seem right when perhaps they are not right at all. It sounds very convincing, sounds friendly. It is very persuasive, but it is always to be regarded with suspicion. You see, the smoothest tongue is sometimes the most deceitful tongue.

vines under which Ragged-Ear had his form. He peeped in at the young Rabbit and smiled. That is, he intended it for a smile. But it really was a grin, and there is a difference between a smile and a grin. They can and sometimes do mean different things. A real smile usually can be trusted. A grin can, too, at times, but there are other times when it cannot.

Reddy greeted Ragged-Ear pleasantly. He told the young Rabbit that he had been listening to the smooth tongue of Reddy Fox. Ragged-Ear had recently found a bramble-tangle in the Old Pasture where he thought he would like to live. Now there is no dimer that Reddy Fox likes better than a dinner of young Rabbit. As soon as Reddy discovered where Ragged-Ear was living he paid Ragged-Ear a visit. He knew that the young Rabbit knew very little about the Great World. He was quite sure that he knew nothing about Foxes. So Reddy sat down just outside the tangles of briars and brambles and



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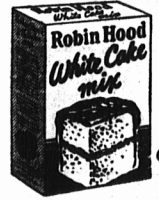
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