

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
SENSELESS OVERCALLS

Every experienced player knows that aggressive bidding can be and often is highly rewarded. But there are all sorts of "aggressive" bids, and some make sense while others have virtually nothing to recommend them. In the latter category are weak, one-suit overcalls. The fact that the player is relatively safe at the one-level in the suit he bids is not the slightest justification for the bid, because the far more important fact is that he may start a chain of bidding over which he has no control whatsoever. In short, his senseless overcall may lead to just such a calamity as be-fell East-West in this case.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

643
K10873
AQ5
K9
KJ108
KJ10
332
K7

QJ105
A92
964
J32

AK872
K7
AQ10654

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♣ Pass 2NT Pass
3♣ Pass 4♣ Dbl.
Pass Pass Redbl. Pass
Pass Pass

West could have saved something for his side if he had guessed to make a heart lead, but he actually opened a diamond, and South came out with an overtrick, running up the North-South score to 1430 points.

It was not East, the one who doubled four spades, who was to blame for this result—East would have been cowardly if he hadn't doubled. He held two sure trump tricks and the ace of hearts—and his partner had made a vulnerable overcall!

In the postmortem, of course, West argued that he had not shown any defensive values by "merely" overcalling, but this argument was worth precisely nothing. A partner simply cannot operate successfully on the principle that an overcall, even at the one-level, has no defensive implications.

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER GETS HIS WISH
Peter Rabbit was visiting the pond of Paddy the Beaver. Paddy the Beaver, who lives in the Green Forest, had told Peter that Paddy the Beaver could, and did, cut down big trees. Peter wanted to see for himself how big those trees were. Peter wanted to see how anybody could cut down a really big tree with only teeth to work with. Peter wanted to be shown.

So, Paddy the Beaver led him along the Crooked Little Path winding deep into the Green Forest, and now at last they were at the pond of Paddy the Beaver. It was, as you know, a private pond. It belonged wholly to Paddy and Mrs. Paddy. It belonged to them, because there would have been no pond at all, only Laughing Brook. They had made that pond by building a dam across Laughing Brook.

He went in right over his head, but in a second his head was above water, and he was shaking it and trying to blow the water out of his nose. For a moment or two, he didn't know even then that his wish had come true. But it had. Paddy had come out of his house under water. When he had put his head above water, he had seen Peter in another direction, and Paddy had played a joke. He had lifted his big, thick, flat tail, and brought it down smack on the water. It had sent the water high in the air, and had made that loud report.

Usually that is Paddy's warning signal when he sees or suspects danger. When he had hit the water with his tail, he had dived. Almost instantly he was up again, and was swimming just a little way from Peter. Peter didn't even look at him. Peter had only one thing in his mind right then, and that was to get on dry land again. He wasn't yet over his scare. Perhaps he was even more scared than ever. Paddy grinned as he watched him. Over on the shore Jumper the Hare grinned too.



He jumped right off that dam, splash, into the water.

Peter had ventured just a little way out on the dam so he might better see all over that pond. He was very curious about the house that Paddy and Mrs. Paddy had built in the water. But there was no way for him to get any nearer to it. It was too far out in the water. Peter looked all over the pond, this way and that way. There was no one in sight. "I wish Paddy would show himself," said Peter wistfully.

Hardly were the words out of his mouth when there was a sharp, loud crack, almost like the report of a gun. It was so sudden, so wholly unexpected, that it made Peter jump. He jumped before he had time to think. He jumped right off that dam, splash, into the water! Yes, sir, that is just what he had. He didn't do it because he wanted to. He didn't do it for fun, as Little Joe Otter would have done, and Billy Mink, and Jerry Muskrat, and of course, Paddy the Beaver. Peter doesn't like the water enough for that. Jumping in all over was just about the last thing he would have thought of. He had done it because he had been so startled. He had jumped before he had time to see who had made that loud sound.

Bomb Red Chinese Invasion Base

TAIPEH, Formosa. (AP)—Two waves of Nationalist bombers Saturday night blasted a Chinese Communist invasion buildup on an island only 15 miles north of the strategic Tachen islands, official reports said.

Communist fighters tried to turn back the raiders but the medium bombers pressed home the attack on Tienao island for all planes returned, the reports added.

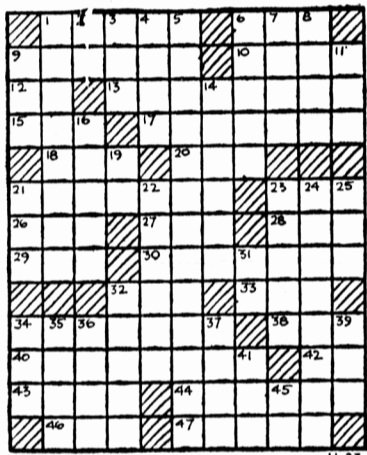
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- ACROSS**
- Side
 - Black, in Celtic names
 - Vessel for liquors
 - Price
 - Behold!
 - Gourmets
 - To be in debt
 - To darken
 - Evening
 - Young goat
 - Revive
 - Polish
 - Even (poet.)
 - Unit of work
 - Man's nickname (poet.)
 - Bottomless
 - Fuss
 - Fruit of the hawthorne (Old World)
 - Gather together
 - Scold persistently
 - Not cultivated
 - Radium (sym.)
 - Sacred picture (Gr. Ch.)
 - In high spirits
 - Female sheep
 - Chest sounds
- DOWN**
- Blossomed
 - Music note
 - Mature
 - The bullfinch (Eng.)

21. Charge for professional services
22. A dive among ancient Celts
23. Native of Rome
24. Un-expectedly
25. Chief god (Babyl.)
26. Shilling (abbr.)
27. Soitary military engineer and music composer
28. At one time
29. City (Sov. Un.)
30. Membrane (anat.)
31. Wander about idly
32. Any split pulse
33. Tellurium (Sym.)



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

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, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

N L G W G C N H S E G I G M U G C U C K
W G G S C N G K D K Y K U V C N C G K C U J D
V G C C W F E H V

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: YOU'LL IN YOUR GIRLS AGAIN BE COURTED, AND I'LL GO WOONG IN MY BOYS—COOPER.

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer



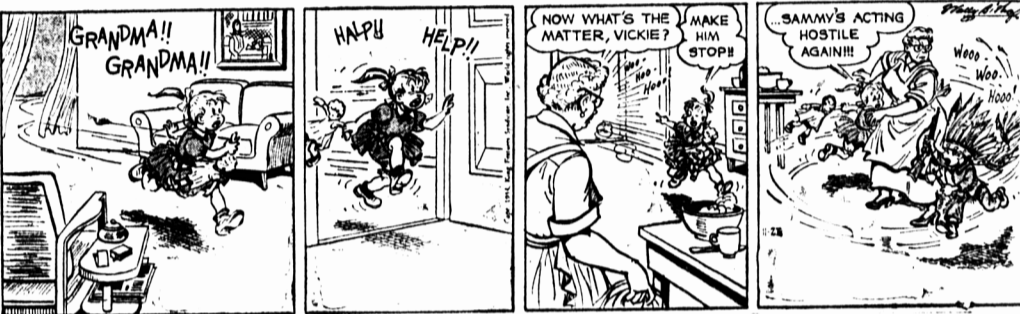
Henry



Grandma



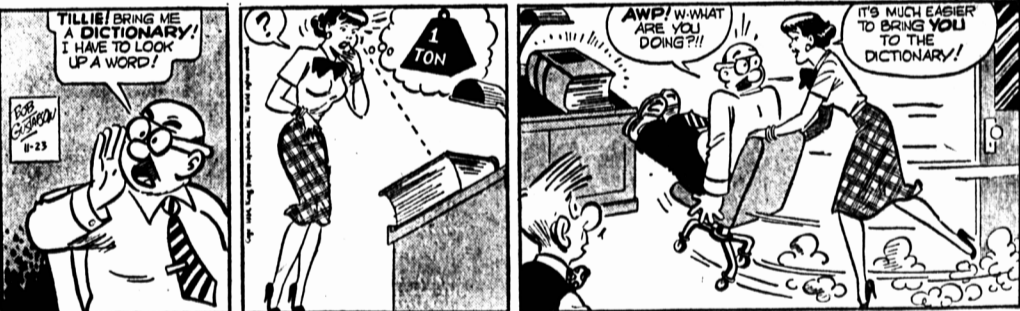
Mugs and Skeeter



Mickey Mouse



Tilly The Toiler



Bringing Up Father



Joe Palooka



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Etta Kett



The Lone Ranner



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