

CONTRACT BRIDGE

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QUIZ

You are the dealer neither side vulnerable. Deal has opened with One Diamond. Your partner North has responded with Three Diamonds. What do you now bid with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠AQ3 ♥KJ ♦KQ952 ♣AK8
2. ♠KJ ♥72 ♦A9863 ♣AQ94
3. ♠K74 ♥J6 ♦AJ83 ♣KQ72
4. ♠AQ3 ♥9 ♦J87542 ♣AK6

1. Four notrump. A small slam is practically certain; a grand slam is possible. The number of aces North has will largely determine the limit of the hand. Partner may be expected to have from 13 to 16 points which puts us in or near the 35-point zone required for twelve tricks. If North responds by bidding five hearts showing two aces the slam in diamonds must be undertaken even though the opponents are known to have an ace. If North responds five spades identifying three aces a five notrump bid should be made calling for the number of kings. If the response is six diamonds showing the king of spades a grand slam should be bid.

2. Four diamonds. The opening bid is not much more than a minimum and should be so identified by bidding in minimum terms over partner's forcing bid. If partner then bids five diamonds that will be the spot. If North however bids four hearts or spades evincing an interest in a slam the cooperative bid of five clubs should be made. This cannot be misread as a strong bid in view of the limited values previously identified by the four diamond bid but it announces that the opening bid was not a bedrock minimum. The final decision will then have to be made by North.

3. Three notrump. The question to be settled is whether a game is more likely to be made at notrump or at diamonds. Either notrump, because the opponents might be able to run a heart suit; five diamonds, because eleven tricks will be necessary. The 4-4-3-2 distribution is unattractive for a minor suit game and suggests a notrump contract, despite the dangerous heart situation. North's hand may be such, of course, that he will carry on in diamonds.

4. Four clubs. There are strong possibilities of a slam despite the minimum high card values. The intention is, if North's rebid is four diamonds, to follow with a four spade bid and thus strongly urge partner to bid six diamonds. If North, over four clubs, jumps to five diamonds, six should be bid. The four notrump convention should not be used. Partner may have one ace with which twelve tricks might easily make; or two aces in a hand with which there is no play for six.

BEDTIME STORIES

The Intruder

There's nothing ever quite so rude, as, uninvited, to intrude.

—Old Mother Nature.

Jerry Muskrat and Mrs. Jerry were spending a very comfortable winter in the Smiling Pool. Even when it was frozen over and the ice was thick they were perfectly comfortable. You see the good house they had built out in the water had a comfortable living-room above water, and that is where they spent most of their time. There were no windows to that house and no one could peep in and see them. Had you or I happened along we couldn't have told whether or not anyone was living there.

very clear. It was very much like glass. He could look down and see the bottom of the Smiling Pool. He saw both Jerry and Mrs. Jerry swim over to where the rushes grew and back, each with a foot again, but he got tired of waiting. Anyway, it was a foolish thing to do, because it was tantalizing to see them with plenty to eat while he himself had nothing and was so very, very hungry.

The next morning he was back at the Smiling Pool. He hadn't intended to go back, but somehow he just couldn't keep away. He walked on the ice over to Jerry Muskrat's house. He wondered if Jerry and Mrs. Jerry were inside that home or if they were out somewhere. He was still wondering as he waited there and he was under the ice a brown form moving swiftly through the water. It wasn't Jerry. It wasn't Mrs. Jerry. It was a long slim person. Reddy knew instantly who it was. It was Billy Mink. Billy is quite as much at home in the water as are the Muskrats. Billy is an even faster swimmer. Billy was headed straight for that house in the water.

Could it be that he was going to visit Jerry Muskrat? Reddy knew that Jerry and Billy were not the best of friends. He knew that Billy Mink if hungry enough would no hesitate to try to kill Jerry or Mrs. Jerry. Certainly Billy would not be welcome in their home. Did he intend to visit them now?

Billy Mink was swimming deep-lies in the water. He was heading down toward the hidden entrance to that house. He disappeared.

"He's gone in," muttered Reddy. "I wonder if Jerry and Mrs. Jerry are at home. He might fight one of them, but I don't believe he can fight two."

He kept his eyes fixed on the place where Billy Mink had disappeared. He waited again. Reddy waited and waited and waited. What was going on inside that house? He put his head close to the roof to listen but he could hear nothing. He was so filled with the desire to know what was happening in there that he almost forgot how hungry he was. Yes, sir, he did so. How he did wish he could just peep inside that house and see what was happening in there! And just then, Billy Mink appeared again.



He put his head close to the roof to listen but he could hear nothing. When they were hungry all those two Muskrats had to do was to slip down in the water that filled their hallway, swim out under the ice where the rushes and water-lilies grew in summer, dig up a root or two and swim back. They could do this easily because they are strong swimmers and they can hold their breath for a long time while swimming under water.

Early one morning Reddy Fox, happened over there. The ice was

Helps keep Mouth Fresh-Breath Sweet

Get some today.

WRIGLEYS SPEARMINT CHEWING GUM

Christmas At St. Vincent's Orphanage

Today at St. Vincent's Orphanage some fifty children trooped happily back to school after Christmas holidays made doubly joyful by the friendliness and charity of individuals and groups all over the Island.

Midnight Mass was celebrated in the Orphanage Chapel by Very Reverend J.A. Sullivan who, in his remarks following the Mass, extended his wishes for true Christmas joy to all and reminded the congregation that the recurrence of the Christmas season once more brings us in spirit to Bethlehem, where we learn so many practical lessons of virtue for our everyday lives.

Preceding the Feast Day celebrations choral groups from Notre Dame Academy entertained the children with beautiful Christmas carols. Christmas treats were also provided by those generous young ladies.

Next came the Students of St. Dunstan's University who were joyously received by the children and, in unison with them, sang many of the old time favorites. As in previous years, a sum of money sufficient to provide a sumptuous Christmas and New Year's dinner for the Orphans was handed in by this generous group who must have made real sacrifices to do so at this time of year.

On December 21, Officers and men from the R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside visited the Orphanage and presented the children with beautiful television chairs. This is a delightful follow-up to the Television Set which was presented by the Royal Canadian Air Force Station a year ago.

On December 23, Jolly Old St. Nicholas arrived with great pomp and fanfare accompanied by rep-

Canadian Bronc-rider Has Hope For World Championship

CALGARY (CP)—For the first time in several years, a Canadian cowboy stands a good chance of becoming the bronc-riding champion of the world.

Rodeo observers here say Marty Wood, 23-year-old rider from nearby Bonnow who finished the 1956 season as seventh ranking bronc rider of the world, shows all the signs of becoming top man in his field.

Marty's progress against tough

representatives of the Summerside Branch of the Canadian Legion. Gifts for each child were passed around by this genial gentleman while the Sea Cadet Band, Summerside provided music which delighted the children and all present. Generous monetary donations which contributed to the happiness of the children came from many individuals and societies and from groups such as The United Packing House Workers of America, Charlottetown, Andy's Sea Foods, Summerside, Dominion Stores, Charlottetown, Estate of George Rogers, O'Connell Picnic Fund, St. Dunstan's Club of Boston, various sub-divisions of the Catholic Women's League and Women's Institutes also in previous months ago. Through the instrumentality of Mr. Jones eighteen children of the Orphanage who have no living relatives were generously remembered by him and his Montreal Business friends.

On December 28 a program of Singing, Dancing, Operetta and Music staged by the children for their friends and benefactors brought to a close a very enjoyable Christmas season.

B. P.'s Birthday Will Be Marked

TORONTO (CP)—Birth of Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Girl Guides Association, will be commemorated next month by 140,000 Guides and Brownies across Canada.

Lord Baden-Powell, famous English soldier born Feb. 22, 1857, started the now world-wide scout and Guide movement 50 years ago.

The commemoration will be marked by a threefold tribute. Guides and Brownies will make a personal effort to make their own homes happier and better places to live; they will also try to make someone outside the home happier. In the third place, they are asked to learn more about the life of the association founder at Guide and Brownie meetings by stories or dramatizations of incidents in his life.

A lasting place in our gratitude must be given also to Mr. F.M. Jones of Montreal who with Dr. J.P. Sweeney Charlottetown visited the Orphanage several months ago. Through the instrumentality of Mr. Jones eighteen children of the Orphanage who have no living relatives were generously remembered by him and his Montreal Business friends.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Pause
- Man's nickname
- An affray
- Island group (Pac. O.)
- Of birds
- Mixes (poes.)
- English statesman
- Sea eagles
- Diocesan center
- Crowd
- Id est
- Matchless
- Frequently
- Oriental nurses
- Noble woman
- Music note
- Little girl
- Subside
- Dancing girl (Egypt.)
- Quilt on a peg
- Stringed musical instrument
- Bird of prey
- Boredom
- Variety of wheat
- Chafe
- Spreads grass to dry
- Stage production
- Choice group
- Fur-bearing animal

DOWN

- Found in large cities
- Donkey (Babyl.)
- Tardy
- Group of eight
- Balking
- Week day (abbr.)
- Goddess of healing (Norse)
- Girl's name
- Jewish month
- Time on a ship
- Harte, the writer
- Trouble

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

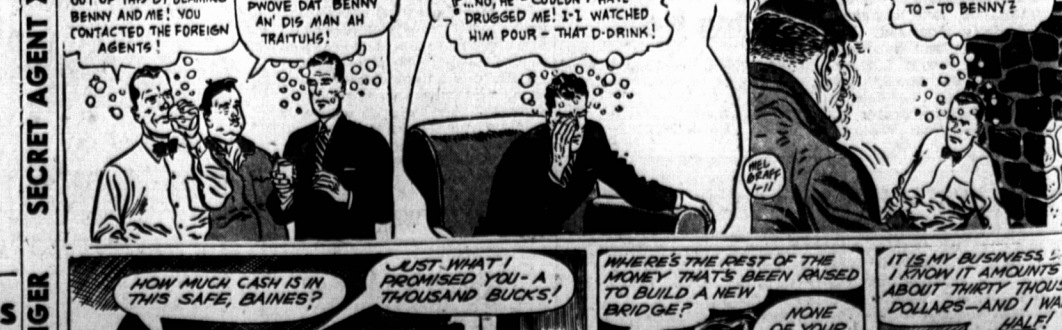
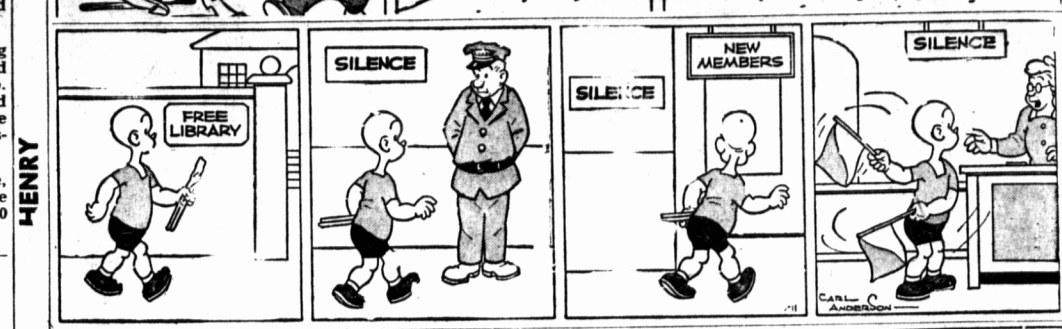
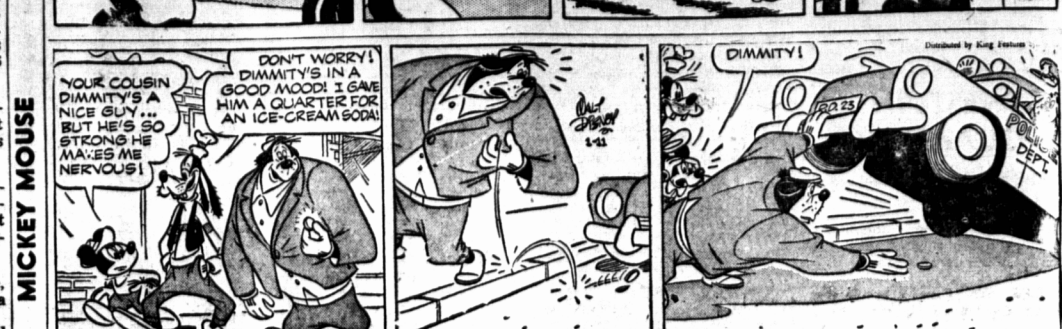
AXYDLBAAXR IS LONGFELLOW

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.

A Cryptogram Quotation

IJV USRMA ZLWD RW GRAM RC
 CLEMNIFF ZSI CSLGO ELTM JG
 FIEBLED EM ULW—MEMVCIV.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: ALL MEN THINK ALL MEN MORTAL BUT THEMSELVES — EDWARD YOUNG.



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 4:28—Sign On
 4:30—Howdy Doody
 5:00—Fun Time
 5:30—Roy Rogers
 6:00—Open House
 6:30—News & Weather
 6:40—CBC News
 6:50—Ice Revue Interview
 6:55—Viewer's Guide
 7:00—Grand Ole Opry
 7:30—Hobby Hunt
 8:00—On Trial
 8:30—Plouffe Family
 9:01—Graphic
 9:30—Country Hoedown
 10:01—\$64,000 Question
 10:30—War In The Air
 11:00—News & Weather
 11:06—Friendly Enemies

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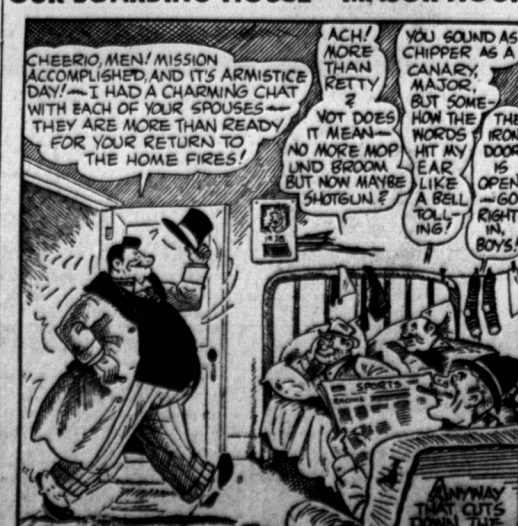
Channel 2

FRIDAY

1:30 p.m.—F.M. Concert Hall
 2:25 p.m.—Afternoon TV News
 2:30 p.m.—Coffee Chatter
 3:00 p.m.—At Home with HeLen Crocker
 4:00 p.m.—Uncle Jack at the Piano
 4:15 p.m.—People and Places
 4:30 p.m.—Howdy Doody
 5:00 p.m.—Fun Time
 5:30 p.m.—Roy Rogers
 6:00 p.m.—Rin Tin Tin
 6:30 p.m.—Early Evening TV News
 6:45 p.m.—Sports
 7:00 p.m.—This Week in Sports
 7:15 p.m.—Mr. Fixit
 7:30 p.m.—Theatre of Stars
 8:00 p.m.—On Trial
 8:30 p.m.—Plouffe Family
 9:00 p.m.—Graphic
 9:30 p.m.—Country Hoedown
 10:00 p.m.—Action
 10:30 p.m.—Live In Worth Living
 11:00 p.m.—CBC TV News
 11:10 p.m.—CKCW TV News and Weather
 11:20 p.m.—Wedding

OUR BOARDING HOUSE MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY

BY J. R. WILLIAMS



SECRET AGENT X-9

1957, YOU CAN'T SQUIRM OUT OF THIS BY BLAMING BENNY AND ME! YOU CONTACTED THE FOREIGN AGENTS!

CANWIGAN, MY SERVICE'S BOOKS ARE OPEN! I CAN SHOW THAT BENNY AND I DID AN AN TRAITOR!

NO, HE COULDN'T HAVE DRUGGED ME! I-I WATCHED HIM POUR—THAT D-DRINK!

But Iquan's general manager now slumps to the floor....

ISAY, Y-YOU RAT—WH-WHAT HAPPENED TO—TO BENNY?

THE LONE RANGER

HOW MUCH CASH IS IN THIS SAFE, BAINES?

JUST WHAT I PROMISED YOU—A THOUSAND BUCKS!

WHERE'S THE REST OF THE MONEY THAT'S BEEN RAISED TO BUILD A NEW BRIDGE?

NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

IT IS MY BUSINESS! I KNOW IT AMOUNTS TO ABOUT THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS—AND I WANT HALF!

LIL ABNER

MARRY HIM? BUT—BEST GIVE ME ONE REASON!