(By Thornton W. Burgess)

AN UNEXPECTED BATH

What lies ahead no one can know.
We should be glad that this is so.
—Prickly Porky.

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Prickly Porky the Porcupine, who carries a thousand little spears hidden in his coat and so is afraid of almost no one, was in the top of a tall tree near the edge of Paddy the Beaver's Pond. That pond is quite far in the Green Forest, almost to the foot of the Great Mountain. Paddy and Mrs. Paddy made it themselves. It really is their very own pond. But they have so many visitors day and night that sometimes they feel as if it is everybody's pond instead of their own.

Prickly Porky had been one of those visitors. He had dined on lily-pads growing in the water. They are the leaves of water lilies which we call pond lilies. You know it is on a great big lily-pad that Grandfather Frog delights to sit and watch for foolish green flies. Prickly Porky is very fond of those leaves for a change from

He had a long nap.

the bark and twigs on which he lives most of the time.

He doesn't like to travel any more than he has to. I suppose some folks would call him lazy. He seems to live for just two things, to eat and sleep. To have all he can eat with no real trouble in getting it, and to sleep whenever he feels like it, is Prickly Porky's idea of real happiness. He doesn't look happy. If you should meet him you probably would think him a very grumpy sort of person. He grunts and whines and complains. But that is a part of his happiness, too. Perhaps you know some folks who are never so happy as when they are complaining.

After eating all he could of these lily-pads Prickly Porky headed for the nearest tree. When he takes a nap he likes to take it up in a tree. The nearest tree was a big aspen. He never had climbed it before. He found it very much to his liking. There was a certain crotch 'way up high that Old Mother Nature must have grown especially for him to take a nap in. It just fitted him. Perhaps I should say he just fitted it. Anyway it was one of the most comfortable places he had ever napped in. He had a long nap. That was because he had a big dinner. It always is wise to take a nap after a hearty meal. Mother Nature's children know this and many of them do it.

When Prickly Porky awoke and

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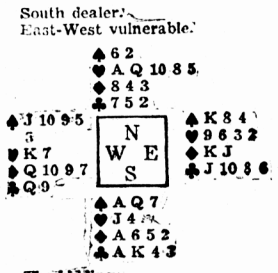
Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

COUNT YOUR TRICKS!

There is only one possible explanation when a declarer loses his contract as South did in the following case—he has failed to count tricks!

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.



The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
2 N.T.	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 N T	Pass	Pass	Pass

The three-notrump contract was obviously risky, since an offside position of the heart king (with a hold-up by East) would have held South to about six tricks. However, with the cards lying as they did, South should have had a laydown—and it should be noted that a four-heart contract would have been much harder to make, even with the spade and heart king's right.

West opened the spade jack. South captured East's king and led the jack of hearts. West properly covered with the king—and South made a terrible play: he went up with dummy's ace! After that, he could win only eight tricks, in all.

Apparently, South did not realize that he needed only four heart tricks to insure the contract—not five! The right play, of course, was to let West hold the trick with his king of hearts. It was not very likely that West had five hearts, and if he had only one—the king—there was nothing declarer could do about it. The contingency he could and should have provided against was the highly probable 4-2 break of the suit, and giving up the trick to the king was the only way to make this provision.

The situation is precisely the same as if dummy's long suit were A-K-Q-x-x, with two small cards in the closed hand. Needing only four of the five tricks, declarer should of course give up the first trick in the suit so as to keep his other card for communication. He would then have an excellent chance to run the other four tricks in the suit.

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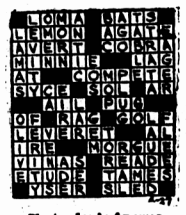
ACROSS

1. Weft
5. Applaud
9. God of the sea
10. Ventilated
12. One thousand millions
14. Weep
15. Land-measure
16. Portion of a curved line
17. Shade of a color
18. Cornered, as in a tree
20. Natives of Morocco
23. Addition to a bill
27. Measure of land
28. A twining plant
29. Parrot (Braz.)
31. Waits on
32. Purport
34. Beast of burden
37. Copper money (Rom.)
38. Monetary unit (Rum.)
41. Exclamation of contempt
42. Evening service (Eccl.)
44. Appearing as if eaten
46. Rub out
47. Rude person
48. Unit of force (C.G.S.)

DOWN

1. River dam
2. Eye
3. Lubricate
4. Monks
5. Sign of the zodiac
6. Coin (Chin.)
7. Chief
8. South American republic
9. Sleeveless garment (Arab.)
11. Color, as cloth
13. Native metal
18. Care for medically
19. One who dives
20. Mayan Indian
21. Tuber (So. Am.)
22. Grampus
24. Clamor
25. Conclude
26. Property (L.)
30. One who makes cloth
31. Hurled
33. Born
34. Simian
35. Tree of rose family
36. Begone!
38. Thin
39. Scottish-Gaelic
40. Custom
43. Peep
45. Thus



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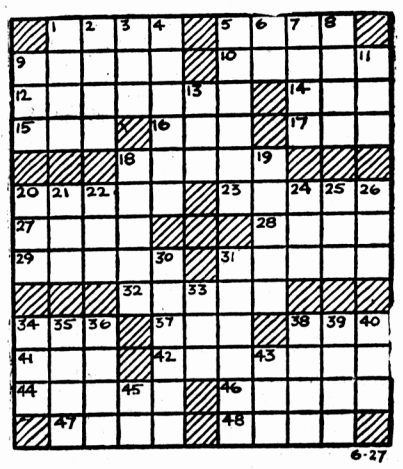


DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

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

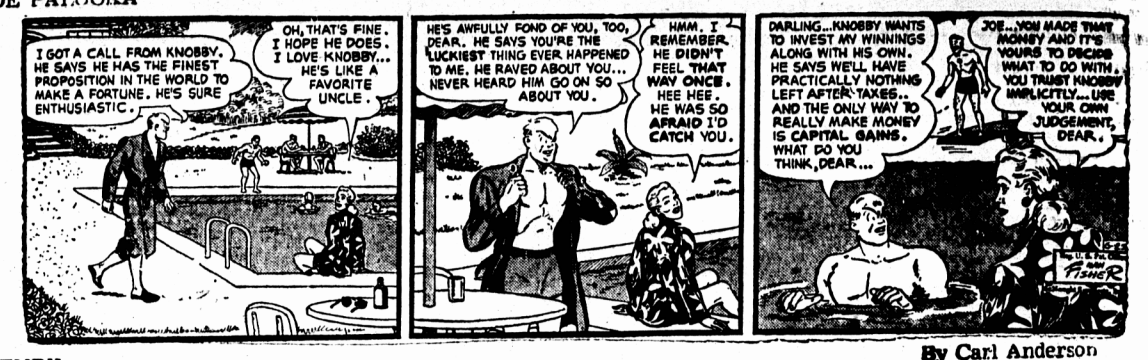
A Cryptogram Quotation

T M Y G P C Y T I, T D C N H P I, Q M M F G X Y G X, C Y F Q M M F Y C P L N X Z X N X Y M P N C P X F — J Z H V P.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE IMMORTAL INFLUENCE OF ATHENS—MACAULAY.

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

JOE PALOOKA



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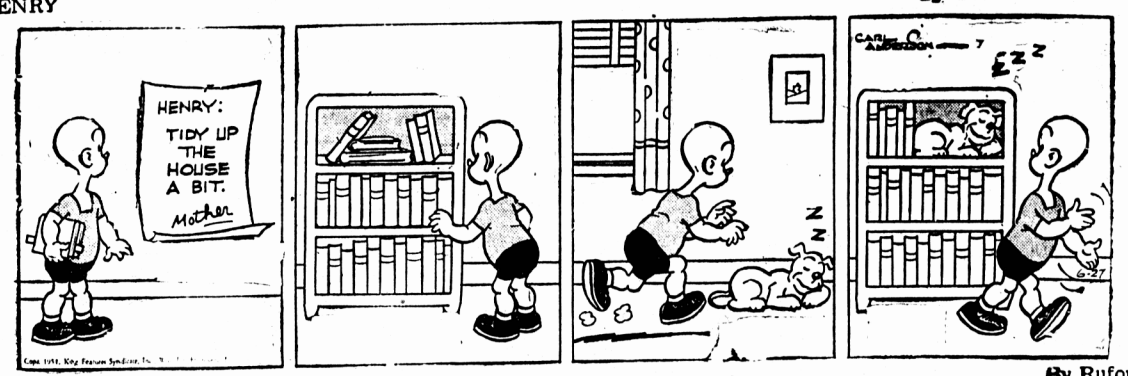

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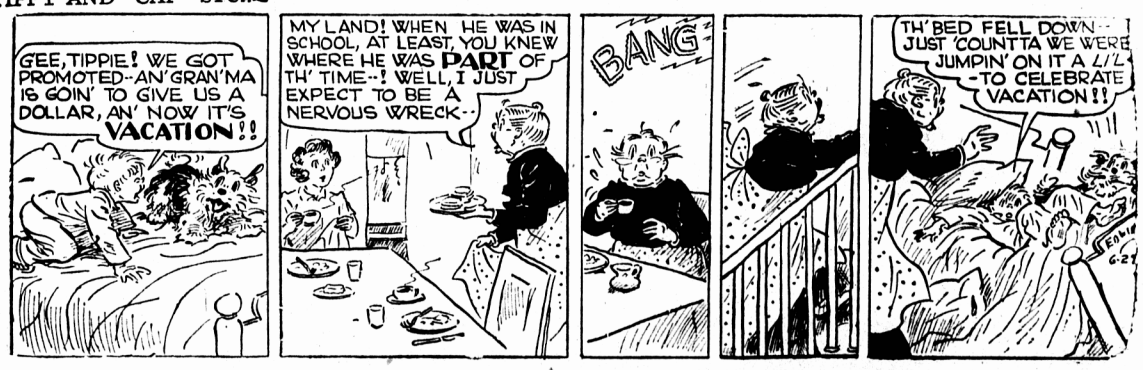

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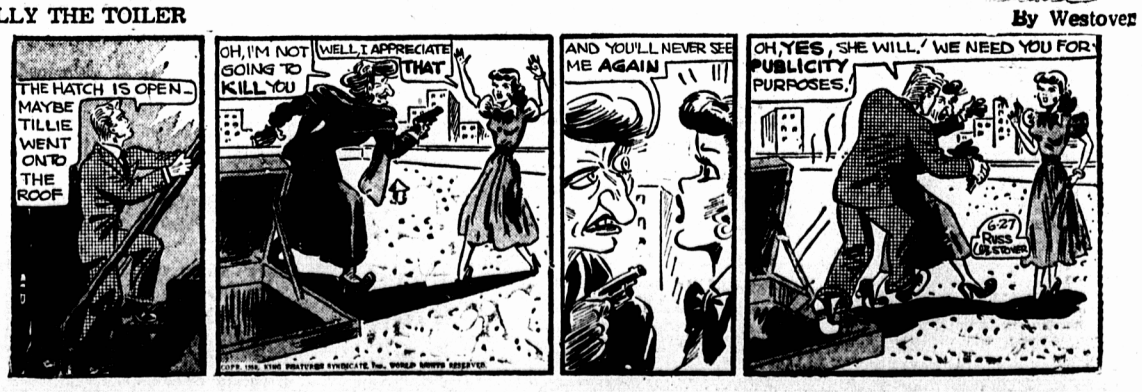

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