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Contract Bridge
 By Josephine Culbertson

EVERYTHING IS RELATIVE

As a rule, one ace and one king — 7 points, 1 1/2 hour-tricks—are not conducive to great optimism, but under certain circumstances the holder of such a hand can consider himself very well endowed, and he should act accordingly. Consider the matter from South's point of view, below.

East dealer.
 North-South vulnerable.

♠ A 9 7 5 4
 ♥ K Q 8 3 2
 ♦ A K Q
 ♣ J 9 8 7 6 5 4

♠ A K Q
 ♥ 10 7 6 2
 ♦ J 9 5
 ♣ 10 8 3

♠ K 10 6 3 2
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ A 7 4
 ♣ 9 8 2

This was the bidding in a very serious rubber game:

East	South	West	North
3 ♠	Pass	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	Pass

The only thing that kept North-South from taking all the tricks was the 3-0 spade break, and so they could not have been criticized if they had actually bid the grand slam. Certainly, that contract would

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be more nearly correct, technically, than the four-spade contract which was reached. However, in view of East's preemptive opening, which implied that East was afraid of the other major suit, the best practical contract for North-South was of course six spades.

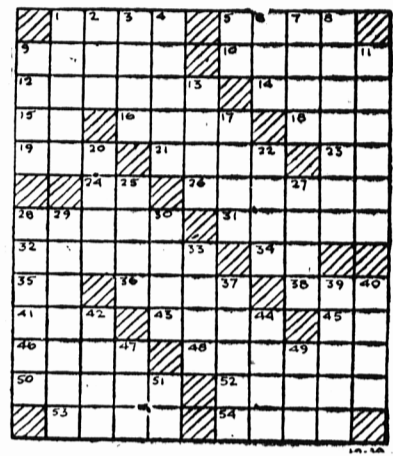
Offhand, it may appear that North might have raised South's four-spade response, but as far as North could tell, a five-spade slam would have been a "jeopardizing" action. South's response had been forced by the four-heart cue bid, and so he might have as little

as four spades headed by the queen or jack, with nothing else of value. In that event, five spades would be an extremely shaky contract.

No, having made the huge bid of four hearts, North was not at fault for accepting the four-spade contract. But South, having so much better a hand than his partner could normally expect, should have answered the four-heart cue bid with five spades, not four. The simple fact was that, under the circumstances, South had an excellent hand.

DAILY CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 17. The grave softly | 20. Presently |
| 1. Heal | 1. Sing | 2. Employ | 21. Saucy |
| 2. Terror | 2. Method of teaching | 3. Incendiarism | 22. Swelling |
| 3. Incendiarism | 4. Oklahoma city (poss.) | 4. Tapestry | 23. Check |
| 4. Tapestry | 5. Music note | 5. Nature of poetry | 24. Talked |
| 5. Nature of poetry | 6. Bitter vetch | 6. Sown (Her.) | 25. European country |
| 6. Sown (Her.) | 7. God of war | 7. Thus | 26. Tab |
| 7. Thus | 8. Excited behavior | 8. Prepare for publication | 27. Biblical name |
| 8. Prepare for publication | 9. Projecting end of a church | 9. Resort | 28. Wading bird |
| 9. Resort | 10. Measure | 10. Type | 29. Hidden |
| 10. Type | 11. Scorching | 11. Measure | 30. Having toes |
| 11. Measure | 12. Quote | 12. Ahead | 31. East |
| 12. Ahead | | 13. Come into view | 32. African tribe |
| 13. Come into view | | 14. Test | |
| 14. Test | | 15. Raise | |
| 15. Raise | | 16. Ring of a ladder | |
| 16. Ring of a ladder | | 17. Music note | |
| 17. Music note | | 18. Part of "to be" | |
| 18. Part of "to be" | | 19. Comfort | |
| 19. Comfort | | 20. Egg of a parasitic insect | |
| 20. Egg of a parasitic insect | | 21. Flap | |
| 21. Flap | | 22. A knight's attendant | |
| 22. A knight's attendant | | 23. Negative reply | |
| 23. Negative reply | | 24. Enough (poet.) | |
| 24. Enough (poet.) | | 25. Bearlike | |
| 25. Bearlike | | 26. Oriental coin | |
| 26. Oriental coin | | 27. Finished | |
| 27. Finished | | 28. Opera by Verdi | |
| 28. Opera by Verdi | | 29. Rip | |



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A R
I S 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, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

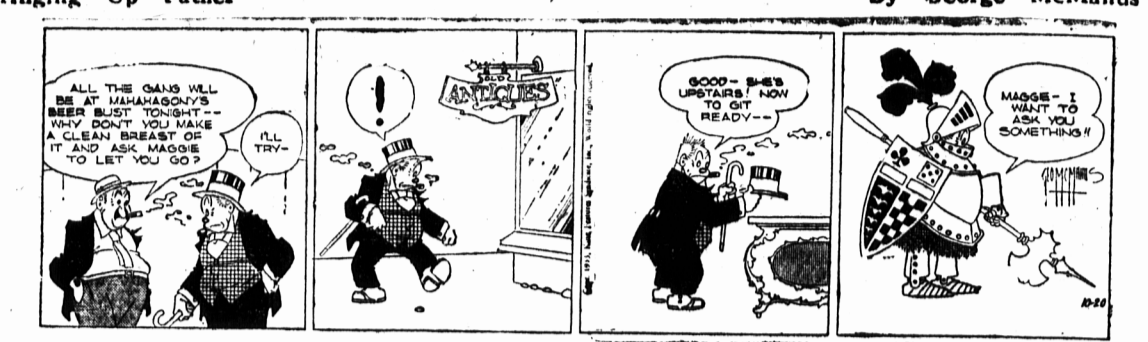
F K T H N F H U H C N E S R K R K G
 K R N B F K T F S H W N M H S F S H K N
 N F G H T B G H — X F Q H X X.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: THE SUREST PLEDGE OF A DEATHLESS NAME IS THE SILENT HOMAGE OF THOUGHTS UNSPOKEN—LONGFELLOW.

Tippy and "Cap" Stubs



Bringing Up Father



Dotty Dripple



Tilly The Toiler



Joe Palooka



King Of The Royal Mounted



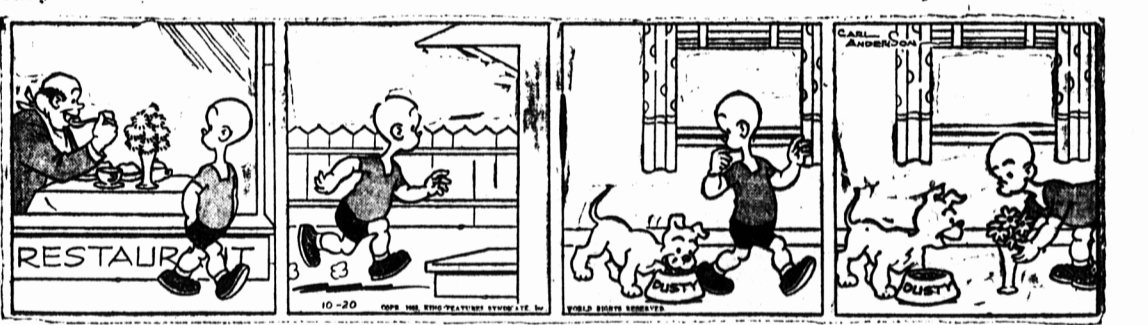
Lil' Abner



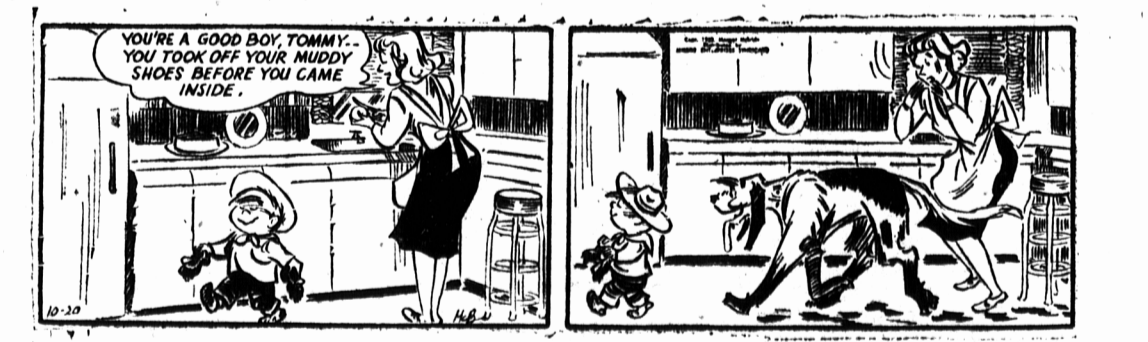
Rip Kirby



Henry



Napoleon and Uncle Elby



Pogo



PENNY

