

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
MISLEADING DEFENSE

Defenders must really play a dual role. In addition to coping with their own obvious problems, they must constantly try to visualize declarer's problems, and, having done so, it may be possible to add something to his difficulties. Here is a case in point:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A J 9 7 2
♥ 8 4 3
♦ 5 3
♣ K J 8

♠ K 5 4
♥ K 2
♦ Q 10 8
♣ 7

♠ 6 5
♥ A Q 8
♦ A J 4 2
♣ A Q 10 9

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
2NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

West opened the heart jack. Declarer took East's king, made a count of tricks, saw that he would need two spades to round out the contract — and forthwith led a spade toward dummy.

West, meanwhile, was doing some fast thinking. He could not, of course, make an accurate count of declarer's winners, but when the low spade was led, West could and did draw a sound and important deduction.

Surely, South did not have the spade king; he would have cashed it before leading low toward dummy. He probably had two, possibly three, small spades. With this holding opposite dummy's suit, South's correct technique would be to play dummy's nine if West played low, in the hope of forcing the king or queen. Later, he would lead a second spade to the jack for the finesse against the other high honor.

West could easily see that this line of play would work against his side; so, to confuse the issue as much as possible, he went right in with the spade queen on the first lead of the suit. The ace won, and South returned to his hand with a club in order to lead another spade. This time, of course, West played the eight — and South went wrong. Convinced that West must have had the queen and king, South now put up dummy's jack — and the outcome was a one-trick defeat of the contract.

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PADDY'S TOOLS

Count your blessings. You will find, More than you'll have had in mind. —Old Mother Nature.

Paddy the Beaver sat at the edge of the water looking at his own reflection. The water was smooth like a mirror. He drew back his lips a little so as to show better his great front cutting teeth. "They are still as good as ever," said he. "What are as good as ever?" asked Peter Rabbit, who happened to be sitting nearby.

"My tools," replied Paddy. Peter scratched a long ear with a long hind foot. Then he scratched the other ear with the other long hind foot. "Did you say tools?" he asked.

"They are still as good as ever,"

"I said tools," replied Paddy. "What tools?" asked Peter. He looked a little puzzled. Paddy turned and showed Peter his front teeth. "These are my tools," said he. "But those are just teeth," protested Peter. "True enough," replied Paddy. "They are teeth, but they are tools, too. Without them I couldn't cut down trees. If I couldn't do that, I couldn't live."

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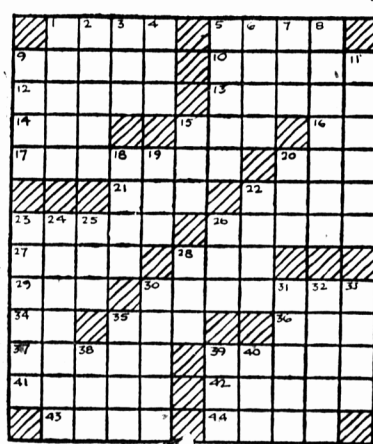
The regular monthly meeting of the Brookfield W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. Millar MacPherson on Nov. 16. The president presided and the meeting opened with call to worship, Psalm 128, followed by prayer by Mrs. Blaikie. Psalm 49 was sung. The Scripture lesson was from Psalm 46 read responsively. The theme was: "He maketh wars to cease to the end of the Earth. Hymn 649. From Ocean Unto Ocean was sung. Roll call was answered by seventeen members.

There were two visitors present. Mrs. Blaikie read a very interesting letter from Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm, missionaries to Forlomo. It was decided to send them used Christmas cards. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. It was decided to have a pantry sale in the near future. The offering was received and dedicated by Mrs. Blaikie. Next meeting at Miss Edith MacLeod's. The word for roll call is "Verily." Mrs. Donald Campbell read from the Study Book. The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction after which lunch was served by the hostess.

out teeth, but I don't see how other folks could," said he. "They couldn't," Paddy said flatly. "Caw! Caw! Caw!" cried Blacky the Crow, as he perched on a stump close by. "What is all this talk about teeth?" "They're important," said Peter. "You don't say," replied Blacky. "I haven't any, and I seem to get along all right." "You're different," was all Peter could find to say to that.

DAILY CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | DOWN | MOCK | BEAT |
| 1. Mongrel dogs | 1. Musical instrument | ALLAN | ERGO |
| 5. Bang | 2. Join | RELANCE | IT |
| 9. Attendant, spirit | 3. River (Eng.) | WARR | OV |
| 10. Coniferous trees | 4. Little girl (Span. name) | OVER | SOBETS |
| 12. Medleys | 5. Wooden-headed golf club | LIP | BOLIVIA |
| 13. Bay window | 6. Coins (It.) | STRIDE | BELLS |
| 14. High (mus.) | 7. Keel-billed cuckoo | ROISE | DEED |
| 15. Female deer | 8. Assembly | YESTERDAY'S ANSWER | |
| 16. Music note | 9. Incite | 33. Arabian chieftain | |
| 17. Kind of leather | 11. Supports for injured parts | 35. Mister (Ger.) | |
| 20. Metal | | 38. Salary | |
| 21. Decimal unit | | 39. Chart | |
| 22. Suspend | | 40. Miscellaneous | |
| 23. Stem of cereal grain | | | |
| 26. Parts of airplanes | | | |
| 27. Plead | | | |
| 28. American editor | | | |
| 29. Beam | | | |
| 30. Delicate skill | | | |
| 34. Part of "to be" | | | |
| 35. Head covering | | | |
| 36. Dickens' Tiny | | | |
| 37. Force | | | |
| 39. New Zealand aborigine | | | |
| 41. Approach | | | |
| 42. Wrath | | | |
| 43. Musical instrument | | | |
| 44. Covers, as a ship's bottom | | | |



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR IS LONG FELLOW
One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three Ls, X for the two Ss, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

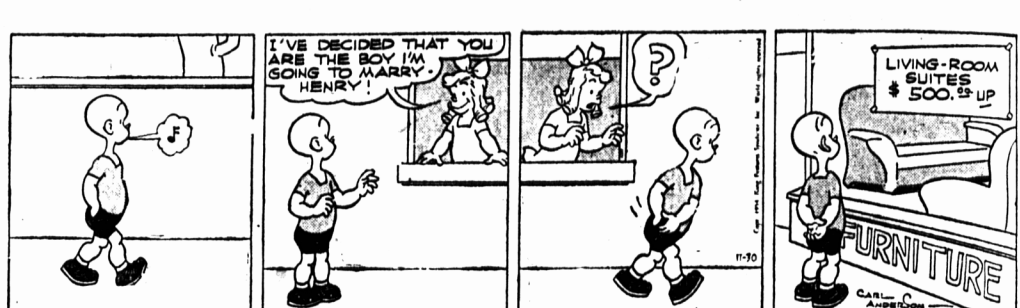
A Cryptogram Quotation
NPP JUYBJW UKFUDQ N WBJNP
BIU XSPD DJBCU MINCNSPSIT
FNJZPUP

Yesterday's Cryptogram: FOR BODY-KILLING TYRANTS CANNOT KILL THE PUBLIC SOUL—THE HEREDITARY WILL—CAMPBELL.

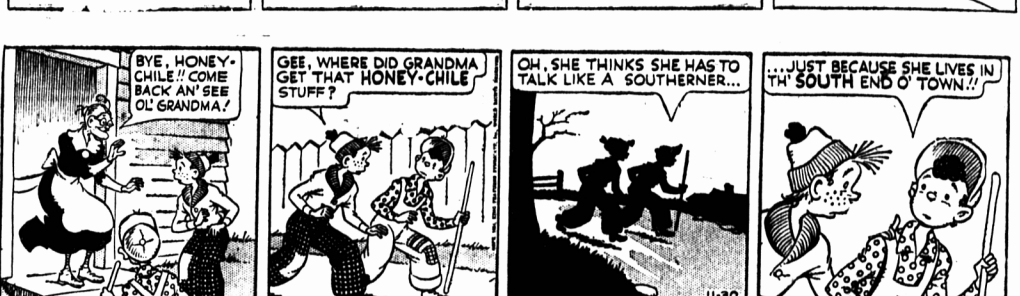
Redeign the Red Nosed Reindeer



Henry



Grandma



Muggs and Skeeter



Mickey Mouse



Tilly The Toiler



Bringing Up Father



Lil' Abner



The Lone Ranner



Secret Agent X9



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By Charles Kuhn

By Wally Bishop

By Walt Disney

By Bob Gustafson

By George McManus

By Al Capp

By Mel Graff

By Fran Striker

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NATIVES OF THE BAI TRIBE, India, hereditary horse traders NEVER BUY OR SELL A MARE BECAUSE 300 YEARS AGO A TRIBAL CHIEFTAIN'S MARE BOLTED DURING A DUEL

CHICKEN THAT SWALLOWED 8 1/2 CAL CARTRIDGES Submitted by JOSEPH PESCHETTI Philadelphia, Pa.

