



Cook's Corner

BANANA BREAD

1/2 cup butter or other shortening.
1 cup white sugar.
2 eggs (beaten).
1/2 cup walnuts.
3 bananas (crushed fine into mush).
2 cups all-purpose flour.
1 tsp. soda.
1 tsp. salt.
Cream butter and sugar add eggs beaten, flour and soda, then add bananas last. Cook 1 hour in slow oven in a loaf pan.

—Mrs. John Quigley, Carleton Place, Ont.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A STRANGE BIDDING PHILOSOPHY

Some players — naturally, not of an advanced class — are so afraid of rebidding a weak hand and "increasing the contract" that they leave their partners in the most dangerous contracts. We're referring to such a player — north in this deal.

South dealer.

North-South vulner

AKJ7	Q10652	AK1063
10652	A83	QJ9
A763	QJ9	A104
7	Q1063	A83
AKJ7	Q1063	A83
10652	Q1063	A83
AKJ9	Q1063	A83
62	Q1063	A83

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1♠ Pass Dbie.
1NT Pass Pass Dbie.
Pass Pass Pass

On West's normal club lead the defenders quickly collected five tricks in that suit and later added three hearts and one diamond. This left South with exactly four tricks — and an 800-point set. Perhaps it is needless to say that South was not pleased with this outcome, and he asked North why he hadn't run from the double, to two diamonds. North was amazed. "Why," he said in an injured tone, "I couldn't bid another suit — my hand was a dead minimum to start with!" It goes without saying that this was an accurate estimate of the hand, but North's bidding philosophy was in urgent need of remodeling. Obviously, South would be in trouble at one notrump doubled, so this was a case of any change being an improvement. It is almost always better to make an effort toward finding a playable contract rather than accept defeat lying down.

Nothing very bad could have happened to a two-diamond contract, if East-West had permitted that contract to stand. North could easily have won seven tricks, and might even have stolen the eighth. True, the opponents might have bid up to game at notrump on their own account, and they could have made nine tricks, but (first) such bidding was not too easy, and (second) it was far better to

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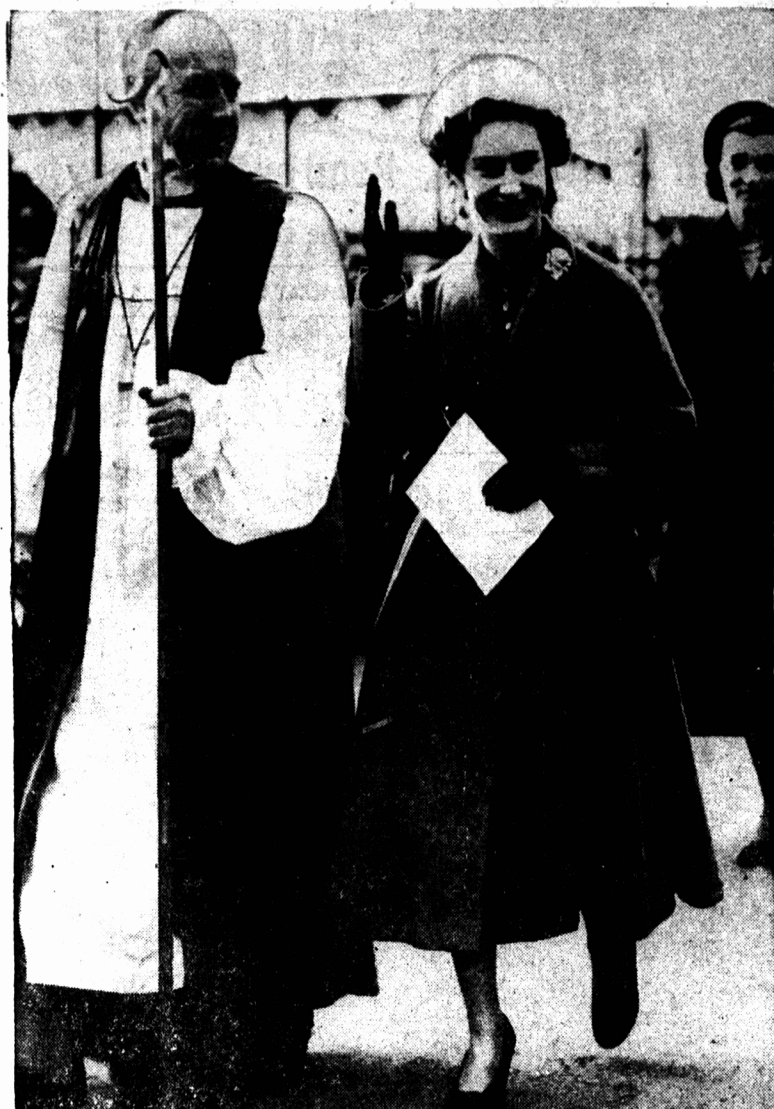
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Princess Carries on Official Duties at Home



Accompanied by the Bishop of Chelmsford, Rt. Rev. S. P. Allison, Princess Margaret waves to on-lookers at Plaistow, in London's east end, where she officiated at the laying of the foundation stone of a new church. The new St. Philip's will replace the one destroyed during the blitz of London when it was twice bombed.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. Certain relatives and friends of mine persist in kissing me on the mouth when greeting me. Without seeming rude, would it be proper for me to turn my cheek to them?

A. This would seem a little on the "cringing" side. A good suggestion is that you kiss the approaching friend quickly on the cheek before she has a chance at you.

Q. If a girl attends a cocktail party, and does not drink, what should she do when one is offered to her?

A. She may refuse graciously with a "No, thank you." Of course, a girl who does not drink should not be attending a cocktail party.

Q. How can I make a good filling for fruit salads?

A. A delicious filling for peach or pear salads can be made of either cottage or cream cheese, moistened with orange juice.

Q. How can I keep the dresser drawers clean?

A. Dresser and cupboard drawers will be much easier to keep clean if they are given a coat of shellac.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

DO not let over-confidence be the cause of careless mistakes now. Avoid arguments, especially those of the petty type. Do not mix business with your social plans, because of advantages you hope to gain, since there is a tendency toward stubbornness on the part of those in a position to bestow favors. Wait until a more propitious period.

Where financial plans are concerned, avoid discussion with

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DOROTHY DIX'S COLUMN

Repentant Boss

He Would End Affair With Girl; Still Wants Her As Secretary

DEAR MISS DIX: For over 10 years my boss and I have been intimate. He's a married man. Now, after all these years, he seems to have acquired a conscience. He wants to return to church, and to be free of a sense of guilt. He wants to break up. I see his point of view, and though it will be difficult for me to terminate our relationship, since I do love him, I know in the long run I'll be glad I did. However, here's the immediate problem: Because I am a good worker, and understand him so well, he wants me to continue my job as his secretary. I think it would be better if I left the place. I can't do another job, I know.

AN OFFICE AFFAIR

ANSWER: I thoroughly agree with you. The idea of separation will never be entirely accomplished so long as you two continue to work closely together. Perhaps your boss' repentance isn't quite complete. While he realizes the wisdom of ending his affair with you, he doesn't want to deprive himself of an able secretary. And isn't that the line he's been pursuing all along? He maintained the respectable home life of a prosperous businessman, had a charming wife to do his social background, and to perform home duties efficiently, while he enjoyed an extramarital relationship in which he was entirely free of responsibility. Now, for some reason, he wishes an easy conscience, or perhaps has just tired of you personally. It's difficult for me to believe wholeheartedly in his reformation when apparently there is quite a big catch to it, i.e., your continued presence in the office.

You have doubtless suffered many hurts already through this affair, and I assure you there will be more — and worse — unless you follow your own sensible idea to quit the job as well as the man.

DEAR MISS DIX: Before I was married, 18 months ago, my husband drank quite a bit, but promised to give it up. He didn't keep his promise and our married life has been quite miserable. When he comes home drunk, he accuses me of being in love with his brother, and nothing could be further from my mind. I cry all the time, but he doesn't change.

ANSWER: A wife constantly in tears is enough to drive a man to drink. Why not change your childish tactics for something a bit more constructive? Of course you're miserable, but tears won't wash out your mistake. Try to get your husband interested in Alcoholics Anonymous.

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Morning Smile

"If I were you I would avoid any head work for a week or two." "Can't do that, doctor. I'm a barber."

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

This afternoon we attended at a neighboring Church the service which marks the World Day of Prayer, wondering as women will, while walking the intervening mile in the bright March sunshine and stirring breeze if, after all, the combined prayers of the millions of women in the hundred countries world-wide offered year after year had of

Maybe, we reflected, smiling inwardly over an old memory, they were not being offered in the true spirit of supplication. Perhaps too many of them were as a woman of our girlhood said of another of whose devotions she was sceptical: "Does she think for one moment that her prayers ever reach Heaven? Perhaps they do, though I'm afraid they're only ceiling-high!"

Were the combined prayers of this great band of many creeds and colors only ceiling-high? Were they clouding the ideal for world-betterment? Were men concerned about the spiritual well-being of their "brother-man" and were, womenkind their sisters' keepers? How should we determine the question? Past the lane which leads levelly to the buildings and orchard of "the other farm" we walked; by the roadside hedge of hawthorn which in June will be a bower of scented white bloom, we came now within sight of the village. A squirrel a-sunning on a weathered rail of fence curled to us, like a mannerly child of the long ago her elders, in passing.

The world was truly in a state of unrest. Nations armed to insure peace, but given provocation would engage in conflict. Everywhere, every day there were sad happenings, every rule of good living here and hereafter being broken. It was an unprepossessing picture. Was mankind drifting as Pat feared "for the worse instead of better," already quite beyond the reach of folks' prayers?

And yet in loss, in sorrow, in need, how quickly and willingly neighbors, community, province, nation, reaches out, lending helping hands! What fine sums are collected for those causes which contribute by and large to world betterment. What huge stores of material, given out of an abundance or maybe from mites shared.

The sun glinted brightly in the stream which narrowed into the shadows beneath Adam's Bridge, rippling a melody, as one more free it curved through the field below. It sang of old truths, well-proven: asks, believing, "and it shall be given" even, before we petition "I shall hear." Not ceiling-high but borne up beyond time and space on the wings of women's faith, and answered in ways that we knew not, would be today's prayers.

We found this masculine house-

I-enten Meditation

from the columns of the Times, London

FREEDOM AND TRUST

It is a commonplace of interpretation that a Gospel parable is to be treated as a whole. It must be read as making one point, conveying one lesson to the hearers, and the various details of the story must not be pressed. So, for example, it would be a gross misuse of the imagery of debtor and creditor employed in some of the parables to infer from it that the relation between God and man is in any way analogous to a commercial contract.

There are, nevertheless, instances in which some slight reference is exceptionally illuminating and thought-provoking, so that the reader will linger over it and inquire why just that detail was included. Thus, in the parable of the wicked husbandmen, after the initial description of how the owner of the vineyard planted it, equipped it, and arranged conditions of tenancy, we are told that he "went into a far country." The seeming absence of God is stated in these words, not at all as the agonizing problem many have felt it to be, but rather as a necessary part of his government. And it is indeed such, for man's freedom and God's withdrawal from the sphere in which that freedom operates are correlated. Were God to make himself obviously present, insufficient room would be left for man's growth. It is of the essence of moral goodness that it should not merely come about but be chosen.

If this instance between God and man did not obtain, to affirm him would require no decision, but merely the acknowledgement of a fact, while to deny him would be possible only to such wilfulness and perversity as would scarcely be pardonable. Life is like the vineyard worked by tenants for an owner who has gone

away and left it to them. It is trust, and men are free to use or to abuse it without interference on his part, though subject always to his ultimate judgment and his ceaseless effort to persuade them to use it aright. There is, of course, a terrible risk in this for God can only hope to win the loyalty of free persons as he exposes himself to the possibility that they will turn their freedom against him and, not satisfied with persecuting his servants, will go on to kill his Son. If Kierkegaard was right when he averred that only omnipotence could create freedom, what but infinite love would consent to pay such a price?

So there is a mysterious sense in which the absence of God is made of his presence and his reticence is one of the highest forms of his self-revelation, for by it he shows himself to be one whose concern is with the growth of children in freedom, and who sets so high a value on freedom that, rather than interfere with it, he will allow himself to be overlooked and even denied. For God is love, and it is in the nature of love to be unobtrusive, to abstain from self-advertisement, and to be scrupulously respectful of the rights of others. Love finds its reward not in being praised but in seeing those who have received love go on to extend it to their fellows in turn.

The sun rises and sets, the rain falls, on just and unjust alike, so that the world may be a place in which men can choose justice for its own sake, even when the advantage seems to lie with injustice. God incurs the charge of indifference, so that men may be capable of fidelity to him even when the evidence seems against him, saying with Job: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him."

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Glasses

If a water glass has become stuck in another, pour cold water into the upper one to contract it, and dip the lower one in warm water to expand it. They can then be easily separated.

The Pantry Keep the pantry well ventilated by covering the open window with muslin, which allows the air to enter but keeps out the flies and dust.

Silver To prevent the tarnishing of silverware, wrap all the silver in dark blue paper or waxed paper.

hold hungry and spiritless upon our return. Quickly we shed wraps and hurried the preparation of

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Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He divided up the money between his three brothers."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "salient"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Embarrassment, embellishment, embodiment, embrasure.
4. What does the word "impertinence" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with con that means 'expressing scorn or disdain'?

ANSWERS

1. Omit "up," and say, "among his three brothers."
2. Pronounce sa-li-ent, the a as in say, accent first syllable.
3. Embarrassment.
4. To urge persistently; ply or press with requests. "He importuned the court to grant his wish."
5. Contemptuous.

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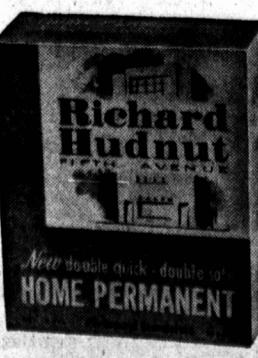
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