



By Thornton W. Burgess

WHAT PRICE A BAD NAME?

Who does a wrong but once or twice in reputation pays a price. —Old Mother Nature. Almost every one has at some time or another found this true. It is not by what they may do, but by what they have done that people judge one another. Unfortunately bad deeds are remembered by others longer than good deeds. "He is all bad," declared Jerry Muskrat, in his squeaky voice. He was speaking of Snapper the Turtle.

Turtles has been the cause of their disappearance. When you think of it, it is really awful the way they come up beneath the unsuspecting and pull them down. "I am glad my children don't live in the Smiling Pool," declared Peter. Now that Jerry Muskrat had said about the way Snapper the Turtle caught his food was quite true. Snapper has been known to pull down a fully-grown duck. But in the case of one of those children of Jerry's who had disappeared neither Snapper nor Mrs. Snapper were to blame. It



"I am glad my children don't live in the Smiling Pool," declared Peter.

"I saw him catch and eat a fish," said Peter Rabbit, who was sitting on the bank of the Smiling Pool. "It was only fish that Snapper and Mrs. Snapper catch and eat no one would care too much," said Jerry Muskrat. "But it isn't safe for anybody smaller than they are to come within reach of either of them. Mrs. Quack lost another of her children yesterday. It really is awful. Something ought to be done about it. But what can anybody do?"

"Did Mrs. Quack see Snapper or Mrs. Snapper take that young duck?" Peter wanted to know. "No," replied Jerry. "That young duck simply disappeared when no one was looking. Of course, either Snapper or Mrs. Snapper came up underneath it unseen, and pulled it down. That is their way." "Have you ever lost any of your family?" asked Peter. "Not this year, but in other years I have," said Jerry, "and each time in the same way. One of the children half-grown has gone out to swim across the Smiling Pool, and never has returned. Of course one of those

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

HORRENDOUS BIDDING

A READER asks for an opinion about the hand below, which (he says) led to a protracted argument.

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 63	♥ A3	♦ K942	♣ 8732
♠ A3	♥ J974	♦ KQ875	♣ A9643
♠ A J 10 8	♥ N	♦ 5	♣ 8
♠ A 14	♥ E	♦ 8732	♣
♠ K Q 10	♥ S	♦ A 9 6 4 3	♣
♠ 10	♥ W	♦ 5	♣
♠ 82	♥ E	♦ K Q 7 5	♣ 10 9 6 5
♠	♥ S	♦ 5 3	♣ 2
♠	♥ W	♦ 5 3	♣ 2

This was the reported bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♠	2♠	Pass	1♥
Pass	2♥	Pass	2♥
Pass	3♥	Pass	?

Now, to quote: "The argument arose over what South should bid over North's three clubs. Actually, he bid three hearts, was doubled by East, and went down 1400 points. North insisted that his own three-club bid was a sign-off, but South argued that North couldn't sign off after inviting a major-suit response by his double and then mentioning the other major spades, on his own account. South said that North's original double was incredibly bad.

"Who was right, if either?" This observer agrees with South that his partner's takeout double of one diamond was excusable. Without support for either major suit and, in fact, with every reason to be afraid of the likely heart response. North should have confined himself to one of two courses: passing, in the hope of trapping diamonds; or, if he felt that there was little chance of the opponents going on in diamonds, putting in a two-club overcall.

South might well have answered the double with a jump to two hearts, but even as the auction went he could not be blamed for carrying on to three hearts, over North's three clubs. It was unthinkable, from South's point of view, that the dummy would go down with six clubs, five diamonds, two spades and no hearts.

Incidentally, one must wonder what East was thinking about when he failed to double three clubs.

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had happened in the early dusk of evening. On big wings that made no sound at all Hooty the Great Horned Owl had come flying over from the Green Forest, had swooped low over the Smiling Pool, and before the young Muskrat had any idea he was in danger, he had been picked up and carried away. Hooty had made no sound. He hadn't been seen nor heard. So it was that when the young Muskrat was missed Snapper the Turtle was blamed for his disappearance.

It is always so with bad deeds. Those who make the mistake of doing them earn a bad name. Then they are blamed for other bad deeds and other wrongs with which they have had nothing whatever to do. As in the case of Snapper the Turtle, a bad name sticks.

"I don't think I like Snapper the Turtle," declared Peter Rabbit. "I don't think anybody does, and I don't think Snapper cares," squeaked Jerry Muskrat. He was quite right.

EARNINGS C. W. L.

The annual meeting of "The Star of the Sea," C. W. L. Earncliffe Sub-Division, was held in the church on May 1 with a large attendance. The president, Mrs. Bernard Doyle, presided. Rev. Father Gallant opened the meeting with the prayer; minutes of the last annual meeting were read and adopted. A very satisfactory report of the year's work was read by the president, also the financial report by the secretary-treasurer.

Officers elected for the coming year are: President, Mrs. J. J. McInnis; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Bernard Doyle; 2nd Vice Presi-

dent, Mrs. V. R. McInnis; 3rd Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. Morrissey; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. P. Morrissey. Councillors, Mrs. Edwin Doyle, and Mrs. James Murphy.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Timber tree (N. Z.)
5. Seaport (Palestine)
9. Catcher of eels
10. Banishment
12. Broad, flat strip of a chair back
13. River (Afr.)
14. Weep
15. Ropes with running knots
16. Sloth
17. Vapor
19. Spinning toy (two words)
21. Large reading desk
25. All
26. Booth
27. Bristlelike part (Zool.)
28. Coupled
29. Type of architecture
31. Like
32. Day of the week
35. Worthless leaving
36. Verbal examinations
37. Motherless calf (West U. S.)
39. Tent (Am. Ind.)
40. Nonworker
41. Minus
42. Malt beverage DOWN
3. A stay of execution
4. Avoid
6. Self-evident
7. Turns in a zigzag track
8. On the lee side of a ship (naut.)
9. Avoid
11. Bitter vetch
15. New
20. Fertilizer
21. Policy (abbr.)
22. Witty remark
23. Sits astride
18. Play-thing
20. Obtain
22. Dis-
23. Dime
24. Elderly person (colloq.)
26. Capuchin monkey
28. Snoop
30. Fertile spots in deserts
32. Witty remark
33. Russian city
35. Poem

Yesterday's Answer

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

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.

BAEHBCC FG. NLGV. IF IGEEF
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