

**Contract Bridge**

By Josephine Culbertson  
A MIXED PERFORMANCE

South deserved credit for the logic and simple directness of his bidding in the following hand, but he also deserved a huge demerit for his careless play

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

♠ J 8 5 4  
♥ A 7 2  
♦ 10 6 4  
♣ K J 5

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

W N E S

♠ A Q 10 9 8  
♥ K J 8 3  
♦ A K  
♣ 8

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass  
6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

South could have been more "scientific" in the bidding, but to no good purpose. The mere fact that North raised spades was grounds for slim aspirations, and when North then bid four hearts in response to South's three hearts, the slam prospect became excellent.

West decided to lay down the ace of clubs, but when the king appeared in dummy, he shifted to a diamond. Declarer won, crossed to dummy's heart ace, and returned the spade jack for a finesse. He was fortunate in finding the king on-side but, unfortunately for himself, he put the spade six on this trick when East played low, and the next trump lead from dummy (also ducked, of course, by East) locked South into his own hand. With no way of getting back to dummy for a third trump finesse, there was no hope of shutting out East's still-guarded spade king.

South, after the manner of some players, mumbled something about his "hard luck" in finding the four missing trumps "banked," but he neglected to thank the Goddess of Luck for putting the spade king on-side. Surely, with a vulnerable slam at stake, South should have been a little more careful with his trump "spots." Either of two slight improvements would have brought him victory. He should have led the spade eight from dummy instead of the jack, which would permit him two more leads from dummy; or, when he actually led the jack, he should have taken the precaution to play his own nine. Then he could have followed up with dummy's eight, playing the

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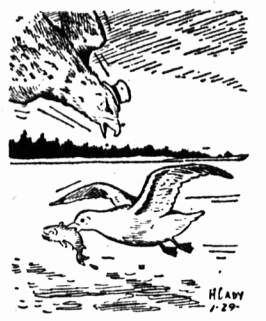
By Thornton W. Burgess

**KING EAGLE LOOKS DOWN**

Who every day will something learn,  
Will knowledge, and thus wisdom, earn.

—Old Mother Nature.

King Eagle and Mrs. Eagle had not gone south for the winter. They were still managing to get enough to eat, and that was all that really mattered. Moreover, they knew they could move on any time things got too bad.



"Drop it!" screamed King Eagle.

King Eagle had learned long ago that it paid to keep watch of the open water on the Big River. He is very fond of fish. He isn't fussy. No indeed; King Eagle is not at all fussy. He likes fish freshly caught, but he never refuses a dead fish, even though it may have been dead for some time. He sometimes catches fish for himself, but he isn't as good at doing that as are some others. So he takes advantage of his size and strength to make others give up their fish for him.

Sometimes something happens to fish way up the Big River, and every once in a while a dead one would float out from under the ice

six under it, and still retained his chance for the vital third finesse.

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of anyone flying in the water? wings are for flying in the air! No wonder he can catch fish. He certainly is trying through the water now, or else there's something wrong with my eyes."

There was nothing wrong with King Eagle's eyes. No, sir, there was nothing wrong. Dipper really was using his wings to help drive him through the water. Of course he was swimming, but you might say that he was flying. He seemed to be using his wings down there quite deep in the water, very much as if he would use them if he were up in the air. Just ahead of Dipper a small fish was darting, trying to get away. Even as King Eagle looked down, Dipper caught that fish. A moment later, he came up to the surface with the fish in his bill. "Drop it!" screamed King Eagle. Dipper did nothing of the kind. He simply dove again, taking the fish with him.

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**DAILY CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**
- Newfound-land case.
  - Consultant.
  - Fragrant wood.
  - Employed.
  - Musical drama.
  - Cross to (poet).
  - Girl's name.
  - Otoriferous.
  - Franc (abbr.).
  - Cleansing agents.
  - Capital (Ga.).
  - Tablet.
  - Another name for "bingo".
  - To estimate.
  - Bitto.
  - Polygon having nine angles and sides.
  - Viper.
  - Negative reply.
  - Normal contour feathers.
  - Humor.
  - Together.
  - Astonish.
  - Sorceress.
  - Affected by tedium.
  - Observed.
  - Musical group.
- DOWN**
- Ready and witty reply.
  - Arabian.
  - Report.
  - Elevator cage.
  - Epoch.
  - A light, white wine.
  - Covers the inside of a Russian city.
  - Kind of duel.
  - Familiar conversations (colloq.).
  - Arid.
  - Perched.
  - Polish river.
  - An Iniquitous Indian.
  - Man, date.
  - Kind of dog.
  - Suffered violent anguish.
  - Indicated.
  - Swiss river.
  - Poem.
  - Girl's nickname.
  - A chum.
  - Guido's highest note (poas.).
  - Seaport (Alaska).
  - Caution.
  - Warp-yarn.
  - Extinct bird (N. Z.).

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:**

**AXYDLBAAXR**  
**LONGFELLOW**

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**

**VWK PK GSS CGQH GDW RWAARD**  
**ATGK ATWQ HWWV—WVDHEK**

Yesterday's Cryptogram: A THING OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOR EVER: ITS LOVELINESS INCREASES—KEATS.

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I'LL GO TO THE CAFE, HIRAM.

I'LL REMEMBER.

I HOPE THE CASH IS SAFE WHERE WE LEFT IT.

IT'S PLINY SAFE, AN' GO ARE WE?

AMIGOS!

CHARLES SANDERS

**Secret Agent X9**

LISTEN, JOE! SOMEBODY'S BEEN GOTTEN TISSELF LOST!

WELL, THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE YOU—?

Deserted by their guide, the three venison thieves hurry blindly through the snowstorm—away into the vastness of Eagle Rock Park.

W-HIT, YOU MEN! IN 'EM ENHASTED—FOOTTA HELP ME!

YOU GOT US INTO THIS HERE SNOW—NOW IT'S EACH MAN FOR HIMSELF!

**Henry**

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HANDS UP - SHERIFF!

**Grandma**

I SAID NO! AN' THERE'S NO BLAME TO BE ARGUIN' ABOUT IT!

TH' LAST TIME YOUR GLEE CLUB PRACTICED SINGING AT MY HOUSE...

...EVERY NEIGHBOR IN TH' BLOCK ACCUSED ME...

'O' TAKIN' A STICK 'N' YOU YOUNGUNS THAT EVENIN'!

**Mickey Mouse**

WAIT! HOLD ON! WE'RE FRIENDS!

AIN'T NO SICH ANIMAL...!

RAT-A-TAT-TAT!

WE'RE FRIENDS OF YOUR COUSIN GOOBY...MR. HERMIT!

EEASY... I GIT AWFUL NERVOUS WHEN FOLKS INTERFERE WITH MUP HERMITIN'!

**Bringing Up Father**

MY! ISN'T HE THE HANDSOMEST THING?!

AND SO WELL GROOMED?!

I'D LOVE TO HAVE A DOG LIKE THAT—MYSELF!

**Muggs and Skeeter**

HEY MUGGS! COME DOWN THE STREET WITH ME A SECOND, QUICK!

WHAT'S UP?

YOU'VE JUST GOT TO SEE THE DOGHOUSE THAT ROONEY IS BUILDING!

THAT'S FOR THE NEW DOG HE'S GONNA GET!

HEY, ROONEY! COME DOWN HERE...THERE'S SOMETHING WE OUGHT TO EXPLAIN TO YOU ABOUT 'BIRD DOGS...

**Etta Kett**

BUT IT'S LATE! DAD WILL BE SIMPLY FURIOUS AT YOU FOR COMING IN AT THIS HOUR!

HAND OUT THE HAM!

WOW, FRIED CHICKEN!

THEY GOT AWAY AGAIN! BUT I'LL CATCH 'EM YET!

ONE OF THESE NIGHTS THEY'RE GOING TO FORGET TO LEAVE THEIR CAR MOTOR RUNNING!

**Tilly The Toiler**

TELL THE BOSS I'LL BE LATE, TILLIE—I'M GOING TO THE DENTIST.

RIGHT THERE!

**L'il Abner**

ICE THAT NEVER MELTS?

Y-YES, SIR!—SLOBBICE!—THE ENTIRE CONTINENT OF SLOBBOVIA IS MADE OF IT?!

TELEGRAM

GENERAL BULLMOOSE TO GENERAL ELECTRIC

HERE'S A TIP FOR YOU. GIVE UP YOUR REFRIGERATOR BUSINESS. HA HA HA BULLMOOSE

COPY ALSO TO GENERAL MOTORS

I'LL SAW ALL SLOBBOVIA INTO ICE-CUBES—AND SHIP IT HERE?!

BUT, WHAR WILL ALL TH' PORE SLOBBOVANS DO?

**Joe Ralooka**

I'M HENRY... THAT LOOKS LIKE A EATIN' PLACE - PULL OVER!

ONE, I SURE COULD EAT... IT'S COIB SOIVBS.

THAT'LL BE SIX-EIGHTY.

WALSH...VA BETTER PRY IT OUT...I'LL GIVE IT BACK WHEN I CHANGE A "G" NOTE.

I'M GROSS'TRE A GUEST... AN' I'M PAVIN' FER EVRYTHING...WOT'S TH' IDEE...

SHHH...VA WANTA IMBARRIS ME... HE'LL GIT A BILL CHANGED... Y'ALL GIT YER DOUGH BACK?

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