

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
SALVAGING A BAD CONTRACT

North's unwise jump raise of his partner's minor suit led to a bad contract in this deal, but South came through with a skillful line of play.

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

♠ A 2
 ♥ 8 4 2
 ♦ A K 7
 ♣ J 10 7 6 4
 ♠ K 10 4 3
 ♥ K Q 10 8
 ♦ 8 5 3 2
 ♣ 5
 N
 W
 E
 S
 ♠ J 8 8 5 5
 ♥ 7 6 3
 ♦ Q J 10 4
 ♣ 2
 ♠ Q 7
 ♥ A J 8
 ♦ 6 5
 ♣ A K Q 8 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 Pass Pass 3♣ Pass
4♣ Pass 5♣ Pass

It is always questionable to double-raise a minor suit, as in this case (as in so many similar cases) North should have "manufactured" a one-diamond response. Then South would rebid clubs, and whether North raised or elected to bid spades to show that stopper, South's best course would be to bid three notrump — where the hand should play.

West's lead against the actual five-club contract was the king of hearts, but when East played the discouraging three and declarer ducked, West promptly shifted to his top diamond.

As may be seen, South was now in some difficulty, but after thinking things over, he saw a chance to get out of his dilemma. Winning with the diamond king, he drew one round of trumps, then cashed the diamond ace and ruffed away dummy's low diamond. Now, staking everything on the necessary condition that West held the spade king, declarer led the spade seven to the ace and returned the spade deuce to his own queen. As it happened, West did have the spade king, and now it was he who was uncomfortable, to put it mildly. If he led another trump or a diamond, declarer would

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

REDDY READS THE SIGNS
For those who seem trifles need. Are many signs for them to read. —Old Mother Nature.

This is true all the time, and everywhere. It is true with boys and girls, and with grownups. It is true with all the Green Forest, and all the Green Meadow folk. All his life Reddy Fox has taken heed of little things. Very little escapes those sharp eyes of his. His quick ears catch all the little sounds, and these tell him many things. His keen nose is always busy picking up all the different scents wherever he goes. So it is that Reddy knows from all these little signs what is going on about him. He isn't easily fooled. No sir, Reddy isn't easily fooled.



He sat down and studied the snow around him.

He wasn't fooled now, as Mrs. Grouse went limping away dragging one wing as if it were badly hurt. He just grinned. He didn't start to follow her. Instead, he

got a ruff-and-discard; and on West's actual choice of a heart lead, South claimed the contract.

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But he didn't waste much time pitying them. He began to be sorry for himself, and he grew more and more so as he tried to break through that crust, and couldn't. He didn't have the right kind of feet with which to break it by stamping and jumping. There was the finest kind of a dinner right under him, with nothing but a crust of ice between. And it might just as well have been a mile away. Reddy had been sorry for those young Grouse, but now he was sorry for himself.

COLD MISERY

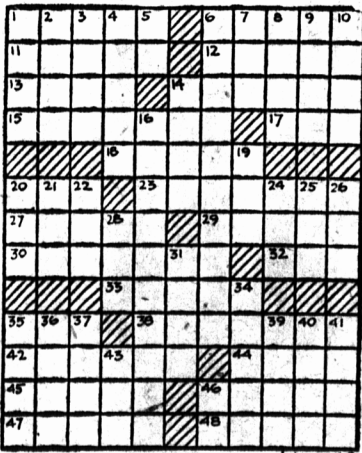
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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Brief and pithy
 - Fine line of a letter
 - Franchise
 - Not refined
 - Very small object
 - Cackle
 - Bivalve mollusk
 - Roman money
 - Wreath
 - Plump
 - Popular house plant
 - Near (plant)
 - Musical drama
 - A river — which feeds a famous falls
 - Thrice (mus.)
 - Rugged mountain crest
 - Mountain pass
 - Immediate
 - Biblical mount
 - Group of three
 - Black bird
 - This little girl followed a rabbit
 - Small plots of land
 - Birds have these
- DOWN**
- Head coverings
 - Man's name
 - A roster
 - Fish
 - Water god (Baby)
 - Those who bear blame for others
 - Unit of work
 - A wrinkle
 - Not working
 - Charges for professional services
 - Pierce with horns
 - Officers in charge of libraries
 - Soak
 - Cooling device
 - Keel-billed cuckoo
 - Beverage
 - Seine
 - Wrath
 - River in Switzerland
 - Khan's title
 - Hire out
 - Intent (Scot.)
 - Fish
 - Verbal
 - Volcanic rock
 - Melody
 - Notch
 - Digits
 - Soak flax
 - Jewish month



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
IS LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A stands for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, isostrophics, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation
EVV NAZ LGXZ LYQVX GR VGNNVZ
ZVRZ, GM MENJQZ, SJN UEQE-
RGNZ, YQ RJS-UEQERGNZ—DYMRYM!
Yesterday's Cryptquote: WHERE MORE IS MEANT THAN MEETS THE EAR—MILTON.



Henry



Grandma



Muggs and Skeeter



Etta Kett



Tilly The Toiler



Mickey Mouse



Bringing Up Father



Secret Agent X9



By Ham Fisher
Lit Abner



The Lone Ranner



Joe Palooka



By Fran Striker



By Al Capp

By Carl Anderson

By Charles Kuhn

By Wally Bishop

By Paul Robinson

By Bob Gustafson

By Walt Disney

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