

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
A PROVOCATIVE HAND

The hand described below had one facet of unusual interest.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

Q103
AK543
A10962

7887
K42
AK10
65
J

Q973
Q109
86
7543

AK6
J842
72
KQJ8

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ 1♦ 2♣ Pass
2NT 3♦ 6♣ Dble.
Pass Pass Pass

Although South's hand was normal enough, with the most frequent distribution (4-4-3-2), the other hands were decidedly unbalanced, and, as is usually the case, trouble was in store for the player who ended up declarer.

This does not mean, however, that the six-club contract should not have been reached — quite to the contrary. Any expert looking at only the North-South cards would probably be willing to wager 50 to 1 that six clubs could be made, with a fair play for seven. Actually, however, South went down — and through no fault of his own.

West opened the heart king. Dummy ruffed, but a tentative trump lead by South disclosed the sad state of affairs, and there was no salvation. Even if South had not drawn that one trump he could not have shut out the setting trick. At first glance it appears that dummy's low diamonds can be ruffed out while South retains full control, but that is an illusion.

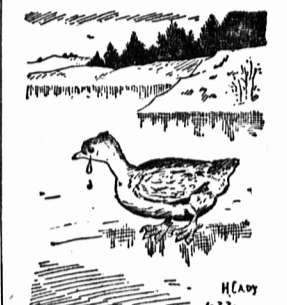
It is a strange and significant fact, however, that so small a transposition as the six and seven of clubs between the East and North hands allows the contract to be made! With that change, South can ruff two low diamonds and still keep East from getting a trump trick, so that only one diamond or one heart need finally be conceded.

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

HOPELESS AND HELPLESS
If helpless, nothing you can do, Then hope alone may bring you through

Old Mother Nature. Dipper the Grebe, so tired that it seemed to him he couldn't lift his wings for another stroke, was flying low over the snow-covered ice of the Big River. Far ahead he could see open water. If he could get to that open water all would be well. The sight of it seemed to give him new strength. It certainly gave him new hope.



Dipper was helpless.

For a little while he lay without moving right where he fell. He was too tired to move. But at last he got to his feet. Now Dipper's

ed. It was certainly had luck for North-South that such a logical slam contract should have failed by so narrow a margin.

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The Lone Ranger

LAY OFF SWEEPIN', JUAN—I GOT ANOTHER JOB FOR YOU!

YO GOTTA SWITCH CLOTHES WITH A FRIEND O' MINE!

I SMELL COOKIN'! WE'RE NEAR A CAMP!

WE WANT YOU, JUAN! AND YOUR WAGGED TAIL!

MEANWHILE

CHARLES BAND

Secret Agent X9

The vicious thieves prepare to loose their steel shafts at the trapped deer herd in Big Alder Swamp...

LET 'EM HAVE IT!

But at this instant a fusillade of gunfire shatters the fog of silence...

HOWLAN SCHOOL

The following is the report of the Senior Department of Howlan School for the month of January:

Grade IX — 1. Clair Gallant, 2. Jean Murray; Grade VIII — 1. John Arsenault, 2. Grace Arsenault, 3. Ralph Arsenault; Grade VII — 1. Alfred Arsenault, 2. Pauline Finnin, 3. Wanda Murray; Grade VI — 1. Ernest Gallant, 2. Jerry Dolron, 3. Patricia Finnin, 4. DeLores Gallant, 5. Betty Arsenault; Grade V — 1. Diane Gallant, 2. Elaine Arsenault.

Highest average for the month, Ernest Gallant, John Arsenault, Diane Gallant.

Principal — Alice MacKinnon.

eyes only for that open water ahead. As a matter of fact several pairs of sharp eyes a long distance away had seen him come down. He would not have felt any better had he known this. Probably he would have felt worse, if it is possible to have a worse feeling than hopelessness and helplessness.

It was a beautiful day but there was no beauty in it for Dipper the Grebe. No sir, there was no beauty in it. It was a dreadful day. Helplessness with hope is bad enough, but helplessness without hope, is a very very dreadful feeling. Dipper was helpless, and without hope.

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Henry

SQUISHO TOOTH PASTE

Grandma

NOW, DON'T FEEL SORRY FOR ME, BUSTER!

HECK, I NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD!!

TILL I GOT THIS CRICK IN MY BACK AN' HAVE T' WALK ALL BENT OVER...

... I HAD NO IDEA PEOPLE GOT SO MANY NICKELS AN' DIMES!!

Mugs and Skeeter

BANG! BANG! BANG!

BANG! BANG! BANG! WOO! BANG!

BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG!

DINNER'S READY

Etta Kett

LISTEN! I THINK I HEAR THE BOYS AT THE ICEBOX!

NOW'S MY CHANCE!

HEY!

BUT I ONLY WANTED TO GIVE THE GUN TO BILL TO TAKE TO HIS DAD. HE WANTS IT TO GO HUNTING!

Jilly The Toiler

YES?

I'LL TAKE A DOZEN OF DEM CARTS

CARTS? THOSE ARE MY SHOPPER'S CARTS. YOU DARNIT, THEY'RE NOT FOR SALE!!

DON'T DAT SIGN SAY GET A DOZEN?

YES! IT MUST HAVE FALLEN OFF THE CRANES!

I MIGHTA KNOWN IT WUZ TOO GOOD A BARGAIN TA BE TRUE.

Mickey Mouse

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET THAT THREATENING NOTE KEEP YOU FROM LOOKING FOR GOOFY, ARE YOU, UNCA MICKEY?

COURSE NOT! WE'LL START THE SEARCH WITH GOOFY'S RELATIVES HERE IN TOWN...

GOOFY'S GURE GOT A WACKY-LOOKING BUNCH OF RELATIONS!!

WE'LL START WITH HIS COUSIN CLASBERWORTH HE MAKES MORE SENSE THAN ANY OF THE OTHERS...

NOW THE REASON YOU OWLS CAN'T FLY AS GOOD AS... WELL... SPARROWS, IS THIS...

THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE EASY...

Bringing Up Father

I'M SORRY I EVER MIND MADGE'S COUSIN AS A BOOKKEEPER! HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO ADD TWO AND TWO!

HOW DOES THAT GO AGAIN — YIGGS?

AS I SAID BEFORE— FIRST YOU ADD UP THE DEBIT SIDE — THEN THE CREDIT SIDE —

THEN YOU SUBTRACT THE DEBITS FROM THE CREDITS AND THAT LEAVES YOU...

NOW WHERE DID HE GET THAT GUY JUST HADNT ANY INTEREST IN FIGURES!

L'il Abner

I'M GOING TO KISS YOU!

HOLD IT, CHILE! — AH IS TH' MOTHER O' THET STATCHOO?

THEN— HE'S REALY!

YAS'M. REAL COLD. SPESH'LY 'IN TH' FEET!

HERE COME TH' GEMOOWINE STATCHOO!

SO, WE'LL BE SASHAYIN' ALONG!

— AN' DON'T WORRY 'BOUT BEIN' HOMELY! Y'LL GROW OUTA IT, — BELIEVE IT OR NOT— AM WERE ONCE HOMELY, HANSELF!

Joe Palooka

BARRING

HULLO... HULLO...

IT AIN'T BY PHONE... IT'S TH' DOOR... FOUR A'CLOCK... WHO TH' DICKENS...

THE BOSS IS READY. LET'S GO!

THE CAR'S IN THE GARAGE. DON'T ASK QUESTIONS. HE'LL GIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE GAR.

By Carl Anderson
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By Bob Gustafson
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