

**Contract Bridge**

By Josephine Culbertson

**THE ENEMY TO THE RESCUE**

The freakish distribution that South ran up against in the following hand should have spelled defeat for his slam contract, but one of the opponents was very vind.

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

♠ A Q 10 9 6 3  
♥ J 5  
♦ 7 4  
♣ K Q 2

♠ N 3 8 7  
♥ 5 4 2  
♦ K 10 6  
♣ 9 5 4

W E  
N S

♠ Q 9 8 4 3  
♥ 5 3 2  
♦ 10  
♣ 10

The bidding:  
East South West North  
3 ♠ 4 ♣ Pass 4 ♠  
4 ♠ Pass 6 ♠  
5 ♠ Redbl. Pass Pass  
7 ♠

Needless to say, East's three-diamond opening was a desperate effort to keep North-South from "getting together," but its actual effect was to spur both into greater optimism than they otherwise might have felt. As for East's action over six clubs — this was a lead-directing double for a spade opening. Naturally, East could not know that the declarer, as well as himself, was in immediate spade lead and ruff would not necessarily defeat the slam, it seemed all too probable that the hand could not be beaten without that lead.

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**Believe It or Not!**



**THE WIDE-OPEN TOWN**  
RESIDENTS OF JHALRAPATAN in Jhalrapatan, India FOR A PERIOD OF 54 YEARS COULD COMMIT ANY CRIME INCLUDING MURDER WITH A GUARANTEE OF NO PUNISHMENT EXCEPT A FINE OF ONE RUPEE. 1796-1850

**WILLIAM PASSMORE**  
of Dartington, England  
BLIND FOR 14 YEARS  
RECOVERED HIS SIGHT AFTER A BLOW ON THE HEAD

For 54 years a resident of the town of Jhalrapatan, State of Jhalrapatan, India, could commit any crime, even murder, and incur a fine of no more than 1 rupee (48 1/2 cents). The town was founded in 1796 and to attract new settlers its founder Zalim Singh guaranteed that no matter what crime a resident committed the punishment could not exceed one rupee. This immunity was in effect till 1850 when a stone tablet posted on the new city's walls proclaiming the immunity was finally removed.

**BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES**

By Thorton W. Burgess

**REDDY IS REMINDED**

A bite may sometimes prove a meal. It all depends on how you feel. —Reddy Fox.

Reddy Fox had just caught a mouse. Now a mouse is hardly more than a bite for Reddy Fox but this time it made him feel better than many a full meal had. You see he was so very, very hungry, really starving, that a bite seemed like a meal. It revived hope. Before he had caught that mouse he had been almost hopeless. Now he was ready to go on hunting with the feeling that sooner or later he would find something more to eat.

The deep snow had covered the Green Forest, Green Meadows and the Old Pasture. It was covered with an icy crust. That was both good and bad for Reddy. It was good because he could get around, whereas before the soft snow was covered with ice, he couldn't get around. It was bad, because it protected some of those he hunted and depended on for food.

West duly opened a spade, and East ruffed dummy's nine but he was shocked to see South over-ruff with the jack. South then led a trump to dummy and returned a diamond. East, perhaps still in a state of shock, played a low diamond — and South put in the eight. West ruffed and returned a trump, but South had no further difficulty. When the diamond was led from dummy it would have been an excellent idea, of course, for East to put in the nine. This would force South's jack, and when West ruffed, South would find himself one more loser than he could handle. On a second diamond lead from dummy East's ten would force a high honor, and South would then be in the position of having to ruff a heart and a diamond with only one trump remaining in dummy.

He had caught that mouse on the Green Meadows, which of course were no longer green. Now he was trying to make up his mind whether to stay there, or to go somewhere else to hunt. As he stood looking this way and that way he saw high in the blue sky a brown speck that grew larger even as he watched.

"King Eagle!" exclaimed Reddy. "I thought he had gone down where it is warmer, as most of the other birds have. I wonder how he finds enough to eat."

King Eagle was lower now. He was some distance away out over the Big River. King Eagle came lower and lower. He disappeared

behind the trees that lined the bank of the Big River. He didn't appear again, ready waited and watched, but the sun was no sign of King Eagle. That meant that he must have come down on the shore or the ice of the Big River. That reminded Reddy of something.

"King Eagle must be fishing!" exclaimed Reddy. Of course he was talking to himself. "There is open water over there. I had forgotten all about it. If King Eagle isn't after a fish, which he probably is, he must be trying to catch a duck over there. What King Eagle can do, I can do in that line. A fish certainly would taste good. It would be filling too. So would a duck. I think I'll go over and see what luck King Eagle is having."

So Reddy started off across the Green Meadows toward the Big River. It was good to be able to trot swiftly, for that meant that he could only wade. He headed straight for the place where he knew the Big River was not frozen over. There the black water ran too swiftly to freeze. As he approached the bank he moved more slowly. He headed straight for some bushes from behind which he could see over the Big River without himself being seen by anyone. There, duck over there, there was King Eagle. He was perched on an old stump on the bank almost in front of Reddy. His fierce yellow eyes were watching the water. Over near the other bank Reddy could see Mrs. Quack, the Mallard Duck, and several of her grown children. King Eagle was watching these.

"I wonder if he'll try to catch one," thought Reddy. "I would if I had wings."

But King Eagle made no move to try to catch one of those ducks. He was watching for a fish. He knew that now and then a dead fish would be found floating in the water.

**DISCHARGE FOUR PRIESTS**

**BUENOS AIRES (AP)** — The Peron government pressed Saturday its program to eliminate official Roman Catholic church control of religious education in Argentine public schools. Four Roman Catholic priests were discharged as professors of religious subjects in the University of Cordoba. Eight priests were removed from their teaching posts in public schools in Catamarca province. The action followed more than a month of controversy between the administration of President Juan D. Peron and the church.

**DAILY CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**
1. Ancient Italian goddess
  2. A relative
  3. Bone (anat.)
  4. A source of cayenne pepper
  5. Buckwheat (Dial.)
  6. Banished hotel
  7. A wing
  8. Strength
  9. Policemen (slang)
  10. A sort of ancient Sparta
  11. Tightens up
  12. At one time
  13. A Roman procurator of Judea
  14. Chum
  15. Long stick
  16. Half an em
  17. Instances of trickery (colloq.)
  18. Final
  19. Once (Dial. Eng.)
  20. A sovereign's decree
  21. Remains
  22. Not any
  23. Simian
  24. Strengthen
  25. Public notice
  26. Reach across
  27. Bird's stomach
  28. Biblical name
  29. Competent
  30. Girl's name
  31. Loafers
  32. Speaks
  33. Performs DOWN

**1.** He was swallowed by a whale (Bib.)

**2.** Place in a case

**3.** Born

**4.** Ornament (colloq.)

**5.** Small

**6.** Ref. volve

**7.** Exclamation of sorrow

**8.** Brilliantly with a h. coloration

**9.** By way of

**10.** Puss

**11.** Fish

**12.** Pitcher

**13.** With a h. coloration

**14.** Puss

**15.** Fish

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE**—Here's how to work it. AXYDLBAAXR is LONG FELLOW. 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**  
TKRD FRWMPFDAM GT DOMJDKDV, HDENCV AGM KGJD QC DAPC MSNA DOEDVU GT WJNFVD—WGWD!

Saturday's Cryptoquote: HE DID NOT KNOW THAT A KEEPER IS ONLY A POACHER TURNED INSIDE OUT—KINGSLEY.

Reddy the Red Nosed Reindeer

Henry

Grandma

Muggs and Skeeter

Mickey Mouse

Tilly the Toiler

Etta Kett

How to Harry a Millionaire

Secret Agent X9

The Lone Ranger



By Robert L. May  
By Carl Anderson  
By Charles Kuhn  
By Wally Bishop  
By Walt Disney  
By Bob Gustafson  
By Paul Robinson  
By Al Capp  
By Fran Striker