

**Contract Bridge**

By Josephine Culbertson  
**CHOOSING THE TRUMP SUIT**

Even in this enlightened bridge age, there are many players who do not appreciate the factors which should go into the selection of the trump suit. Consider the errors committed by North in this deal:

South dealer.  
(Neither side vulnerable.)  
♠ A Q 10 7  
♥ Q 10 3  
♦ A Q 8  
♣ K 10 9 5

North  
♠ 8  
♥ 9 5 4 2  
♦ K 10 6 2  
♣ J 7 6 2

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

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♣ Pass 2NT Pass  
6♣ Pass Pass Pass

North's one-club opening was correct, since any other selection would pose re-bidding difficulties, but that was the last right bid made by North. He should have bid one notrump over South's one heart—his distribution and general strength were not up to the immediate heart raise—and he should have supported spades, not veered into notrump, when South bid the higher-ranking suit at his next turn. Presumably, as well as actually, South was showing five hearts and four spades by his order of bidding, and a hand almost always should be played at a 4-4 trump suit rather than a five-card suit opposite three-card support.

The defense against the four-heart contract was easy. West opened the defense of diamonds, dummy played low, and East won with the jack. East returned a low spade. South finessed, and West won with the king. A diamond return let East take another trick and continue the suit. South ruffed the third round of diamonds, of course, but the defenders could sit back and wait for the setting trick in clubs.

Note how different the situation would be at four spades. If the defenders began by taking their two diamonds and one spade trick, declarer would then draw trumps and run the hearts. On South's long hearts dummy would discard clubs—thus preventing the loss of any club trick.

It is true that if the defenders led clubs early enough, South would

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By Thornton W. Burgess

**THE UNPLEASANT CALLER**

Very often looks deceiving; Not at all what you believe. —Old Mother Nature.

For this reason it is best never to judge wholly by looks. The bad may look good, and the good may look bad. It always has been so, and probably always will be so. So, the wise are slow to trust looks, and equally slow to distrust them.

Young Bob White was living in a pen in Farmer Brown's dooryard. Farmer Brown's Boy had found him unable to fly because he had been shot in one wing. He had brought young Bob home, and made him a prisoner of kindness. When he could use that now helpless wing, he would be given his liberty.

The young quail did not mind too much being a prisoner. There was room enough to run about in the wire pen. In one corner was a box he could hide in when he wanted. In another corner was a little pile of brush under which he could also hide. He had good food and plenty of it. Best of all, he was safe from dreadful guns, and from hungry folk who would have liked to catch him. He no longer had any fear of Farmer Brown's Boy. They were rapidly becoming the best of friends. He had a number of visitors, some of whom were harmless, and some of whom would have been only too glad to catch him if they could. Gray Fox had looked in at him. So had Jimmy Skunk. Peter Rabbit had paid him a call, and scared him by suddenly thumping. Peter hadn't meant to scare him. He had thumped because he couldn't see young

Bob. He had to make an accurate guess to avoid the quick loss of a club trick. But with accurate play South could not be set at four spades, whereas he couldn't make four hearts through the greatest skill. Quite a difference!

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one could get in to harm him. The eyes that were glaring down at him had both a hungry and an ugly look.

The visitor ran all over the top of the cage looking for a place through which he might get in. He jumped to the ground and went completely around the pen. He bit at the wires, and squealed angrily because he couldn't bite a hole he could get through. He was fierce and ugly, but he was timid. At every unexpected sound, he would dart away out of sight. But he would soon be back. Two or three times he tried to dig under the edge of the pen. The young quail didn't need to be told that this was an enemy only too eager to catch and kill him.

Once Bowser the Hound came over to the pen. The stranger saw him coming and ran away. But no sooner had Bowser left than the stranger was back again. He was unpleasant in every way. By and by, he was joined by another who looked just like him. Have you guessed who they were? They were two outlaws, members of the tribe of Robber the Rat.

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**DAILY CROSSWORD**

ACROSS	DOWN	21. Back	34. Thrust back
1. Fissure	1. An expedition to the Holy Land	23. Clefts	38. Rodent (So. Am.)
6. Friar's title	2. Guided	14. Body of Kaffir warriors	39. Swedish measure (pl.)
9. Opposite of "laps" (pl.)	3. Wicked	27. Thrice (mus.)	42. Fish ground
11. Examine, at account	4. A feast	28. Assumed names	44. Devoured
12. Ancient district of Aisa Minor	5. Music note	29. Parasites (India)	46. Aloft
14. Part of "to be"	6. Dealers in fowls	31. River in Latvia (poss.)	
15. Permit	7. City in Nevada (poss.)	32. A detective (slang)	
17. Was conveyed	8. Apart	33. Genus of beetles	
18. Rodent	10. Measure (Chin.)		
20. Flowers	11. Ventilated		
22. Large building	13. Roman money		
25. Kind of heavy cloth	16. A muscular twirl		
26. Oil of rose petals	19. Metal		
30. Not thickly			
32. Kind of Italian inlay work in wood			
35. River (Spain)			
46. Ostrich-like bird			
37. Mineral spring			
40. Close to			
41. Rocky Island (Bay of Naples)			
43. Accumulate			
45. To educate over again			
47. Man's nickname (poss.)			
48. Peels			

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWERS**

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

A X Y D L B A A X R  
I S L O N G F E L L O W

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**

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AC UTCTOH'N YMONG—NTOUGHG.

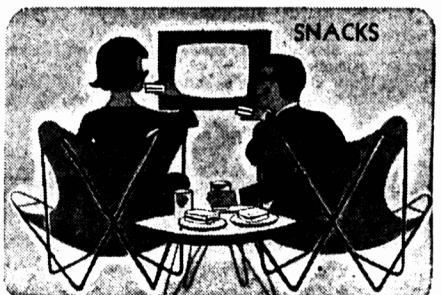
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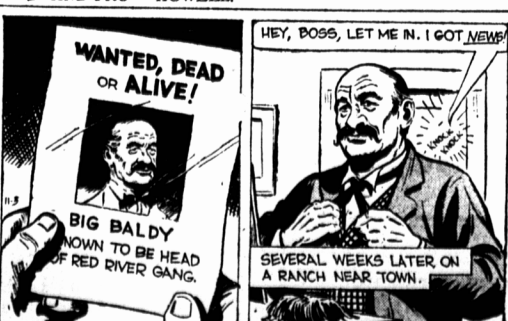
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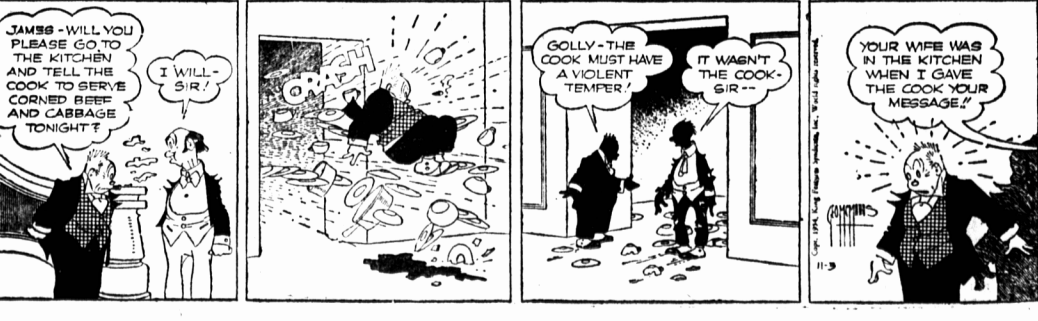
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