

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
REOPENING THE BIDDING

On the surface, South made the logical "reopening" bid in the following hand, but in a practical sense that bid was futile.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K104	♠ 85
♥ A72	♥ 964
♦ 432	♦ 10975
♣ A852	♣ 10643

♠ AQ9
 ♥ 76
 ♦ KQ10
 ♣ 8
 ♠ 6
 ♥ KJ9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	1♠	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

South made 10 tricks at diamonds — but he could have gone game at notrump.

The point may be raised that North was to blame for failure to reach game — that with 11 high-card points he should have "done something" over his partner's two diamonds. This observation, however, would not take into account the expert's handling of such situations. The fact was — and North knew it and had to allow for it — that South, in reopening the auction, was counting on certain values in North's hand and bidding them for him; otherwise, South could not act at all over the one spade.

Admittedly, this sort of bidding (which is called "balancing") is not a perfect solution of a problem that arises time and again, but the unfortunate fact is that there can't be a solution which covers all facets. That being so, in this sort of case the reopening bidder must try to be more encouraging when he has a hand that will deliver five or six or seven tricks to a notrump contract. Under the circumstances, it would have been far wiser for South to reopen with a double or with one notrump. True, he had no sure spade stopper for the latter call, but J-x-x can easily be raised to the status of a trick by partner's putting down Q-x or 10-x-x-x. The crucial point was North would probably raise one notrump on slender but adequate values, whereas he would scarcely be expected to respond to a minor, but bid after South had passed originally.

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thorton W. Burgess

YOWLER LIES IN WAIT

Beware of those who lie in wait, Lest they be masters of your fate, Old Mother Nature.

Buster Chuck, who was making his home in a rocky ledge in the Green Forest, shivered and shook as he peeked out of his rocky doorway and watched a big stranger, one whom he never had seen before. It was Yowler the Bobcat.

Yowler was standing on a big rock yawning. He yawned two or three times. He opened his mouth so wide that he showed all of his sharp teeth. The mere sight of them made the young Chuck tremble. At the same time Yowler twitched his stub of a tail just as you have seen a Cat twitch the tip of her long tail.



"I'll just hide and wait," said Yowler to himself.

"This must be the fellow that Jumper the Hare warned me to watch for, and to keep out of the way of," thought the young Chuck. "I wonder if he knows that I'm living here. Never before have I seen him around here, so perhaps he knows nothing about me."

"That this might be true was a very pleasant thought. But the young Chuck didn't have it for long. Yowler leaped down lightly on the big rock. Then he began smelling about among the rocks and stones. Hastily the young Chuck ran down to his home deep down in among the rocks. Even as he did so he heard Yowler sniffing at the entrance. Then he knew that Yowler knew now, if he had not known before, that someone was living down here among the rocks. "I've got to be careful. I have been careful, but now I've got to be more careful when I go outside. That fellow might be lying around waiting for me. I must see him, before he sees me," thought the young Chuck.

He had forgotten that he was hungry, and had had no breakfast. But forgotten hunger has a way of reminding folks. There came a time when it was his stomach, and not Yowler the Bobcat, about which he thought. He crept up to his doorway, but he didn't go out at once. He poked his head only far enough for him to be able to look carefully in all directions. The

way seemed clear, but somehow he had a feeling that it wasn't. He didn't know why he had that feeling. Everything looked safe enough, but somehow he felt danger.

Now Yowler the Bobcat had not gone home to his own den as he usually did. When he had sniffed in there among the rocks, he had found the scent of the young Chuck, and knew that he was down among the rocks.

"He'll come out. He probably hasn't had his breakfast yet. I'll just hide and wait," said Yowler to himself. "I don't mind taking an extra sunbath."

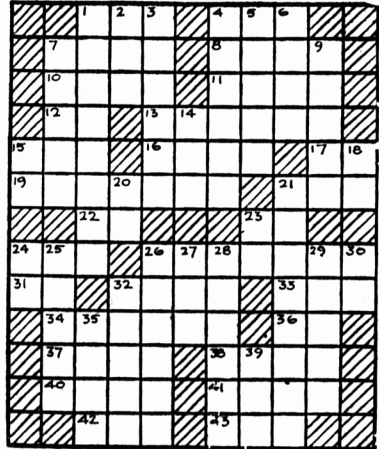
So, Yowler crouched down behind a rock, just as you have seen Black Pussy the Cat crouch down beside a mouse hole. With one eye he could peep around that rock and watch for the young Chuck to come out. Just that one eye and ear were all that could be seen of him from the entrance to Buster Chuck's home. And those were not easily seen. The young Chuck didn't see them, although he looked so carefully. Anyway, if he saw them, he didn't know what they were. It wasn't what he saw, but what he felt, that kept him from leaving his doorway and going in search of breakfast. It was just a feeling that he was being watched. He had already learned, young as he was, to be governed by his feelings.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1. Color | 1. Harsh |
| 4. Craze | 2. Greek letter |
| 7. So. Am. monkey | 3. Assimilate |
| 8. Wicked | 4. Putrefy |
| 10. King of the Amalekites | 5. Affirms (sym.) |
| 11. Withere | 6. Terrible |
| 12. Molybdeum (sym.) | 7. Oldest Dravidian language |
| 13. Course at dinner | 9. City (Eng.) |
| 15. The atmosphere | 14. Born liquid |
| 16. Observes | 15. Jewish month |
| 17. Note of the scale | 18. All correct (abbr.) |
| 19. Salted herring | 20. Land-measure |
| 21. Question | 21. Native of Austria |
| 22. Biblical city | 23. Masurium (sym.) |
| 23. Greek letter | 24. Exclamation |
| 24. Owns | 25. Circuit |
| 26. Figured lines | 26. Swallow |
| 31. Part of "to be" | 27. River (Fr.) |
| 32. Group of three | 28. Great personages (sym.) |
| 33. Beverage | 29. English poet |
| 34. Strait between Alaska and Russia | 30. Samarium (sym.) |
| 36. Sun god | 32. Vestige |
| 37. Persia | 35. Epochs |
| 38. A single thing | 39. Born |
| 40. Small nail | |
| 41. Marshy meadows | |
| 42. Southeast by south (abbr.) | |
| 43. Coin (Jap.) | |



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
is
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, apostrophies, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation
QW FWLFPV JZBUDK UWJ QMPXY
JZPY. XFF QXV FWUD—CBUDKFPV.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: I KNOW A MAIDEN FAIR TO SEE, TAKE CARE! SHE CAN BOTH FALSE AND FRIENDLY BE — LONGFELLOW.

IN CONDOLENCE

The heaven's voice sings sweet like violins
Tuned o'er a soundless sea. And my heart aches
To hear such beauty wasted. It begins
Perhaps too soft upon the air, and makes
No true alliance with the human soul;
For first impulse breeds love, sweet bird; the mind —
The ingrate heart is slow with God's blessings:
Thy tender sonnets loll Unheeded and neglected. 'Tis unkind
And That peasant's peace should be the dream of kings!

There is no name for thee, enchanting bird;
Thou art the emblem of a slighted lot.
The harmony is sweet, and surely heard,
But nursed in man's proud ear is soon forgot.
Yet, 'tis not through a superficial "art"
That makes true worth a sullied circumstance:
The fault lies in an all-to-lofty theme,
From thy melodious heart,
In tones of mystic sadness. Sweet romance
Is born of thee remote — an obscure dream!

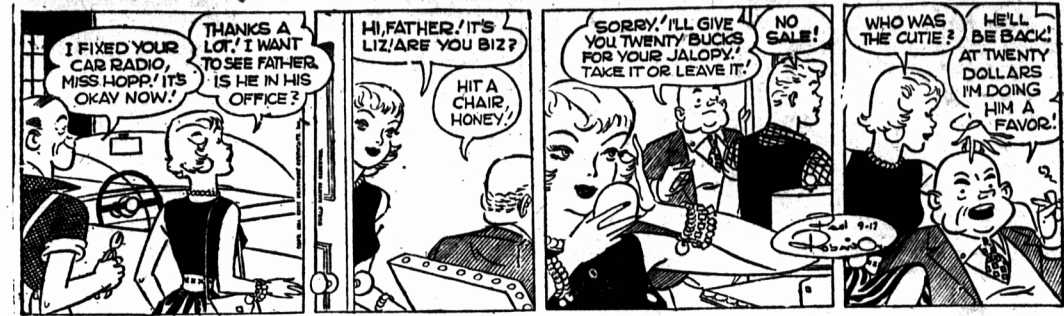
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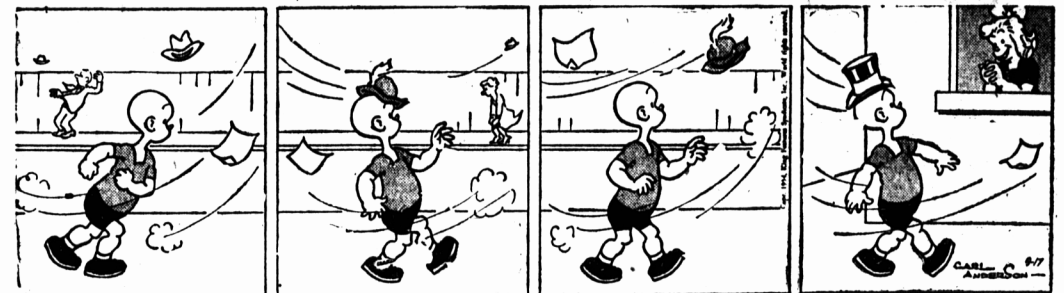
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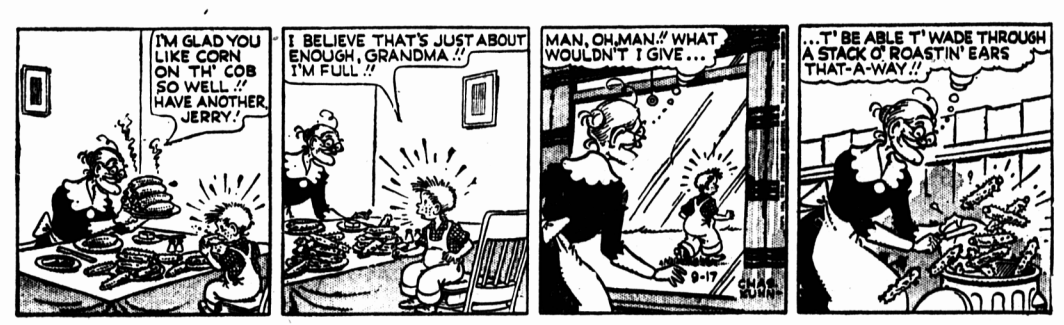
By Etha Kett



By June H



By Grandma



By Mickey Mouse



By Muggs and Skeeter



By Tilly The Toiler



By Ham Fisher



By Fran Striker



Secret Agent Xy



Joe Falooka



The Lone Kanquer



By Roy Crane

By Paul Robinson

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