

Pioneer Days In P.E.I.

By F. H. MacArthur

Annie now brought the ham while Mother cut the Johnny-cake in generous pieces, all of which were placed on wooden plates. Another morning they might have in addition to the porridge - a great stack of golden-brown buckwheat pancakes served with homemade butter and maple syrup.

When the spindle was full the yarn was wound on a reel, fourteen joints making a full skein. This was tied neatly all ready for the dye-pot.

By seven o'clock, the men were in the fields, the children at school, then Mrs. Smith was ready for the real day's work.

First, she would attend to the churning of the butter, that was one task she liked to do herself, and while mother busied herself with the butter crocks and the dash-churn, her daughters were no less busy cleaning the house, until every part of it was spic and span. The cooking utensils, cupboards, etc., all received a thorough cleaning. Mrs. Smith being a notable housekeeper and wanted her daughters to follow in her footsteps.

Next to her mother, Annie was the best spinner. She got out the huge wheel, fastened a strand of corded wool to the spindle and, in a moment, had the wheel turning in her right hand, while she paced back and forth drawing the wool out into yarn.

Now whether it is true—that some kindhearted owners made little woolen jackets to be worn by the geese till the new feathers grew. The menfolk were summoned from the field by blowing a large sea-shell for very few persons possessed a watch.

When night came the family sat about the open fireplace and talked about this and that thing till it was time to go to bed. Then father lighted the candles, and on benched knees, offered up to Heaven a prayer, thanking the good Lord for all the blessings they had received that day and hoping He would keep them safe all through the night. The prayer ended, each went to his sleeping quarters, the younger children to their trundle-bed which stood in the same room with their parents' four-poster; the older boys and girls going to the attic where their sleeping quarters were divided by a curtain.

Mr. Smith wound the grandfather clock, and in short order every body was in the land of dreams. There's an old story—I don't



YOUNG MR. INDEPENDENCE

The independent knows his rights And for them always boldly fights, —Jimmy Skunk.

Mistress Moon, looking down on the Green Meadows, say Young Reddy Fox creeping up on another young person in fur considerably smaller than himself. "That scamp better be careful what he does," thought Mistress Moon. "If he isn't, he may be sorry."

The young Fox was careful. He was remembering what he had happened to him the last time he had tried to catch one about whom he knew nothing. It was Quawk the Night Heron, and the young Fox was sadder but wiser. The Stout bill of the Heron had hurt him more than his teeth could hurt the Heron.

This stranger he had now discovered was a more independent than Jimmy Skunk. He was just as independent as his father. He was born independent. Just now he was hunting for grubs that he could dig out of the ground. The young Fox, watching him, knew that he was getting something to eat, and wondered what it was. He was getting fat white grubs that live on the roots of grass and kill it. How he knew just where to dig for them was his own secret. But he did know. He dug very small pits, and out of each he pulled a grub and ate it. He was so busy that he didn't look around even once. The young Fox didn't know what to make of it. Never had he seen anyone so wholly independent. Could it be he didn't know there was such a thing as danger? Could it be no one had ever tried to catch him, no one had ever frightened him? Certainly that is the way he acted.

He wore a coat of black with a white stripe on each side.

By and by he stopped digging for grubs and moved away. He didn't hurry. He didn't hurry at all. The young Fox got to his feet and followed. The young Skunk happened to turn back for some thing, and saw Young Reddy. He didn't try to run away. He didn't even look the least bit afraid, although Young Reddy was so much bigger than he. He faced Young Reddy, and stamped with his front feet. The young Fox had never seen anyone do that before, but somehow he understood what it meant. It meant, "Don't you touch me!" At the same time that big



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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

PLAYERS who take up duplicate (match-point) bridge soon discover that the game puts quite a premium on notrump contracts. It may be, however, that this lesson is not so wholly beneficial, because it leads to the sort of bidding recorded below.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. Match-point duplicate.

♠ K Q 9 5
♥ K Q 7 4
♦ 10 4 3
♣ 8 2

♠ 8 4
♥ 9 8 3
♦ J 8 2
♣ J 10 9 7

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♠ A J 10 7
♥ A 5 2
♦ A 6
♣ A K Q 5

♠ 8 3 2
♥ 10 6
♦ K Q 9
♣ 7 5

♠ 6 4 3
♥ 10 6
♦ K Q 9
♣ 7 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♥	Pass
6NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Since South was not particularly adept in the play of the cards (and presumably knew that he wasn't), he should have been satisfied to end up in six spades rather than risk bidding six no-trump. Obviously, the spade slam would have been foolproof, since South could have ruffed his little club in the dummy. At notrump, however, the play was not so simple, and South went down.

West opened the club jack against six no-trump. South won, cashed the spades and then tried for a break in hearts, leading out the ace, king and queen. The 3-3 break failed to materialize, however, and since West had held on to his hearts and clubs, discarding two diamonds on the spades, the contract was hopeless.

South should have anticipated that the heart suit might not break (a 3-3 division is not to be expected) and, to increase his chances very substantially, he should have led his low diamond early in the play. After regaining the lead he would cash the four spades, the diamond ace and then the three top hearts. Meanwhile, West would have found himself squeezed out of either his heart or his club stopper, and 12 tricks would inevitably accrue to South.

The early concession of the diamond was vital, so that if one defender had the stopper in both clubs and hearts, the squeeze would operate against him automatically.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1. Birthplace of Mohammed. 2. Patron of sailors. 3. Beating with a club. 4. Household pet. 5. Affirmative votes. 6. Collection of bee hives. 7. Thinks. 8. Put to flight. 9. Beige. 10. Eldest son of Noah. 11. Buddha (Chin.). 12. Kind of fruit. 13. Humour. 14. Bird. 15. Swiftly. 16. To tie again. 17. Begot. 18. General tendency. 19. Floating vegetable matter of the Nile (poss.).

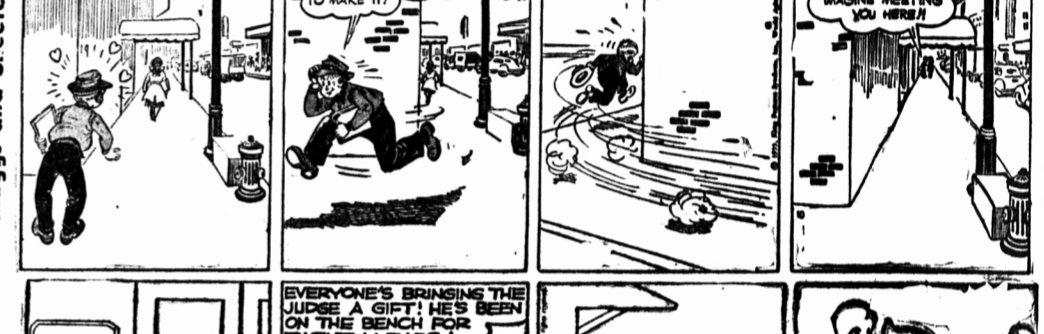
DOWN: 1. Reduce to pulp. 2. Saint. 3. patron of sailors. 4. Household pet. 5. Affirmative votes. 6. Collection of bee hives. 7. Thinks. 8. Put to flight. 9. Beige. 10. Eldest son of Noah. 11. Buddha (Chin.). 12. Kind of fruit. 13. Humour. 14. Bird. 15. Swiftly. 16. To tie again. 17. Begot. 18. General tendency. 19. Floating vegetable matter of the Nile (poss.).

CRYPTOGRAM QUOTATION: SD FV MJKWBFAX GLM MSD PFAMNXD ISDDJ MSD XJNWDV GT IJNMS NJD VMGJDH-SGID.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXE IS LONG FELLOW

On a 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.

YESTERDAY'S CRYPTOQUOTE: I AM LISTENING FOR THE VOICES WHICH I HEARD IN DAYS OF OLD-NORTON.



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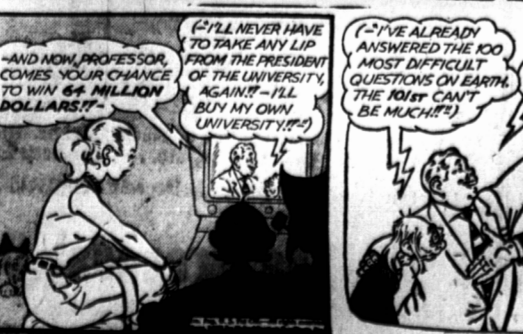
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IF SOME MAN CLAIMS HE'S CONTROLLED BY REMOTE CONTROL!

YOU'VE GUFFERED WITH THAT BAD TOOTH LONG ENOUGH! I'M GOING TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOU WITH THE DENTIST RIGHT NOW!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? WHY ARE YOU WALKING UP WITH A BUNCH OF SMELLY OLD CLOTHES? THEY'RE MINE! THEY NEVER BORROWED 'EM FROM ME!

SHE'S A SLOW WALKER... I OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE IT!

FATHER IN THE HOSPITAL? WHAT HAPPENED?

ONE BLANKET AND A PILLOW SHOULD BE ENOUGH...

GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK TO THAT GENTLEMAN!

PHIL CORY... HERE ARE YOUR IDENTIFICATION PAPERS... MEMORIZE THIS PHONE NUMBER... IN AN EMERGENCY, USE IT!

WE COVERED THE WHOLE PARK... THE DEPT. WAS THROWN OUT A DRAGNET.

WELL... NOW FOR A BIT OF BRISKING ON BETHSYDOW TO MAKE MY NOONDAY REPEAT COMPLETE.