

ATTENTION!
LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS AND SHIPPERS
 Our Plant will be closed New Year's Day, Monday, January 1st. We shall not be accepting—Cattle, Calves, Sheep, Lambs or Hogs—after noon on FRIDAY, DEC. 29.
 We shall be opened for business as usual.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2nd.
CANADA PACKERS LTD.
 Grafton Street

ATTENTION
FRITZ WEISSLER, Montreal
 WILL BE IN
W. CHESTER S. McLURE'S
 OFFICE JANUARY 4 AND 5, 1951,
 AND WILL BUY ALL KINDS OF
RAW FURS for CASH
RANCHERS — TRAPPERS
 This is your opportunity to sell for
CASH
 TO CANADA'S LARGEST BUYER.

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 26 (AP)—The James W. Blaneys are still riding that "bicycle built for two." The ex-vaudevillians, who played with W. C. Fields and Al Jolson, were married 53 years ago. Last week, Mrs. Emma Blaney, 69, filed suit for separate maintenance against Blaney, 71. But today her lawyer, S. S. Kahn, reported a Christmas reconciliation. Their act was on a bicycle built for two.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
 1. Minus
 5. Miater (Ger. title)
 9. Foolish
 10. Near (poet.)
 12. Assert
 14. Tibetan priest
 15. Lowest note (Guido's)
 16. Part of brain covering sounds
 17. Heathen image
 18. Evening sun god
 20. Vipers (sym.)
 22. Selenium
 23. Prepare for publication
 25. Potatoes (Dial.)
 27. A mounted policeman
 29. Hinder
 31. Drops bait
 34. Hewing tool
 35. Mexican laborer
 37. In no manner
 38. Store
 40. Indescent fruit
 42. Greek letter
 43. Unadulterated
 44. Talled
 46. Chic
 48. White with age
 49. Otherwise (Eur.)
DOWN
 1. Raised

2. Sprite
 3. Dock
 4. Arab
 5. Exclamation
 6. Entered service voluntarily
 7. Peruse
 8. Branching (Fry)
 9. Fry
 10. Near (poet.)
 11. Chest
 12. Assert
 13. Elephant-like
 14. Tibetan priest
 15. Lowest note (Guido's)
 16. Part of brain covering sounds
 17. Heathen image
 18. Evening sun god
 19. Fingerless hand
 20. Vipers (sym.)
 21. Invalid food
 22. Selenium
 23. Prepare for publication
 24. Those who trap animals
 25. Potatoes (Dial.)
 26. Persa
 27. A mounted policeman
 28. Coin
 29. Grates
 30. Disinter
 31. Drops bait
 32. Errors
 33. Peruse
 34. Hewing tool
 35. Mexican laborer
 36. Nape of the neck
 39. Verbal
 40. Indescent fruit
 41. Implement
 42. Greek letter
 43. Unadulterated
 44. Talled
 45. Kneel
 46. Chic
 47. Tellurium (sym.)

Yesterday's Answer
 39. Verbal
 41. Implement
 45. Kneel
 47. Tellurium (sym.)

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
 A X Y D L B A A X R
 is 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
 A X F N U P Z H K W O D F W A N U U T C A ' H
 C Z C H, L Q F I N W F I Q U F X F D C U W O D F
 P W F D W A — D X U T C H.
 Yesterday's Cryptogram: IF I BE SERVED SUCH ANOTHER TRICK I'LL HAVE MY BRAINS TAKEN OUT AND BUTTERED — SHAKESPEARE.

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)
LUCKY LITTLE WHITEFOOT
 What others lose may be your gain; Even profit from another's pain.
 —Old Mother Nature.
 Farmer Brown's boy, following the footprints of Reddy Fox in the snow, knew as well just what had happened along the way as if he had been there to see it. It was written in the snow. Reddy was crippled. Most of the way there were prints of only three feet excepting in one or two places where for just a very short way there were the prints of a fourth foot. These prints were lighter than the others. Farmer Brown's boy knew at once that there was something the matter with that foot or leg and Reddy was walking and running on three legs most of the time. He found where Reddy had tried to catch one of a flock of small birds running about on the snow. He had almost succeeded, but almost is not quite, and not quite is not good.



Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
ALL THE OPENING LEAD
 The opening lead was the important feature of the following deal:
 East dealer.
 Neither side vulnerable.
 ♠ J 10 7 3
 ♥ Q 5 2
 ♦ Q 4 2
 ♣ K Q J
 ♠ 9 8 6
 ♥ 7
 ♦ 10 9 5
 ♣ A 10 9
 ♠ 7 5 2
 ♥ 6 3
 ♦ 8 3
 ♣ 8 3
 ♠ A K Q 5 4
 ♥ K 8 6 3
 ♦ A 7
 ♣ 6 4
 The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♠
 Pass 4 ♠ Pass Pass
 Double Redble Pass Pass
 Pass

Beyond question, East's double of four spades was somewhat too daring. But it would have worked out well if West had been alert. East hoped that his partner's heart suit included the ace, and that West would read the double as a demand for a heart opening and continuation—the more or less conventional message of such a double.
 West, however had ideas of his own; he preferred to open a low diamond! It was a fatal selection! South put up dummy's diamond queen, and of course it held. South then drew trumps and knocked out the club ace. East returned a heart, and when South played low, West properly forced the queen with the nine, but South could discard a heart on dummy's third club to fulfill the redoubled contract.
 Two things should have persuaded West to open the heart ace and continue the suit. The more important factor, of course, was East's double. When a player who has not supported his partner doubles the opponents, there is a strong implication that the doubler is expecting the lead of the suit bid by his partner.
 The other point was that South had redoubled. Good players do not usually redouble unless they are well prepared for a run-out by the opponents to the suit which they have already bid; hence, there was the indication that South was long in hearts, and this in turn should have strengthened the suspicion that East was very short in the suit.

CLASSES BEGIN
NIGHT SCHOOL
 MONDAY, JANUARY 8
 7:30 TO 9:30 P.M.
 Typewriting — Bookkeeping — Shorthand
UNION COMMERCIAL COLLEGE
 Royal Bank Building

By Al Capp

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED
 By Zane Grey
 IF KING FINDS TH' STUFF, WE'LL...
 SHY! I'LL TRY TO STEER HIM AWAY. BUT IF HE DOES SLUG HIM!
 AH! THIS LOOKS LIKE WHAT I'M HUNTING FOR!
 YOU WON'T BE INTERESTED IN THAT KING... IT'S STICK CANDY FOR TH' ESKIMO FOR TH' KIDS!
 MIGHTY POWERFUL CANDY! THIS IS DYNAMITE!

JOE PALOOKA
 By Ham Fisher
 I CAN'T GET ANY CONTACT WITH THE PLANE CARRYING THE AMERICAN SPY. THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN OVER THIS FIELD BY NOW? THEY HAVEN'T ANSWERED FOR A HALF HOUR!
 SEND WORD TO THE PURSUIT GROUP AT NAGGED TO INVESTIGATE IMMEDIATELY!
 IMMEDIATELY A FAST GROUP OF PURSUIT PLANES TAKES OFF FROM THE NAGGED FIELD NEARBY TO SEARCH THE SKIES.
 BREAK FORMATION AND COVER ASSIGNED AREAS!
 HOW CLOSE ARE WE TO THE AMERICAN ZONE?
 SHUT UP! MORE SPEED!
 WE H-HAVE ONLY A H-HALF HOUR TO GO, EXCELLENCE... P-PLEASE...

HENRY
 By Carl Anderson
 LEAPY
 I HAVE A FROG IN MY THROAT - HONK!
 SNIFF

DOTTY DIPPLE
 by Ruitord
 HORACE, DO YOU LIKE THIS MATERIAL FOR THE DRAPES IN YOUR DEN?
 HMM-- I DON'T THINK IT'LL HARMONIZE WITH THE FURNITURE IN MY DEN!
 NO, BUT IT'LL GO WELL WITH YOUR JUNK!

TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS
 By Edwina
 MARY, I'M GOIN' DOWN TO EXCHANGE THAT SCARF MRS. KELKS GAVE ME OH, CHRISTMAS - MOTHER - THE CROWDS!
 OH, I DON'T THINK SO-- I'LL GO WITH YOU--
 NOW THERE'S NO NEED OF YOU - MERCY! BE CAREFUL - YOU'LL FALL!!
 MY LAND! YOUR MOTHER'S RIGHT - TH' STORES ARE MORE CROWDED IN TOWN WERE BEFORE CHRISTMAS!

BRINGING UP FATHER
 By George McMahon
 HEAVENS! I'VE TOLD THE LANDLORD ABOUT THIS LEAK A DOZEN TIMES--
 I WISH THESE WERE BUCKETS OF SLIPS INSTEAD OF WATER!
 IT MUST BE RAININ' OUT!
 I'M GOINNA LET THE LANDLORD WHO LIVES DOWN - STAIRS - KNOW IT!!
 AH! THIS WILL SAVE ME THE TROUBLE OF CARRYIN' BUCKETS OF WATER--
 ?!

TILLY THE TOILER
 By Westover
 WELL, I PUT MAC'S EFFICIENCY ACROSS BETTER THAN I THOUGHT I COULD
 WELL, I PACKED AN AWFUL LOT OF CHARM INTO THIS SPEECH, AFTER ALL
 HERE'S MY SPEECH!
 AND HERE'S MINE, TAKE YOUR PICK
 HURRY MR. MACDOUGALL! IT'S TIME FOR YOUR ADDRESS
 I CAN'T READ THESE FIRST, I'LL SHUT MY EYES AND DELIVER THE FIRST ONE I PICK UP

PENNY
 By Harry Haenigsen
 PLEASE MAY I BUY THE COAT, FATHER?
 NO.
 THE HAT AND GLOVES?
 NO.
 WELL WHEN WE GET MORE INFLATION AND YOU GET CAUGHT WITH ALL THAT MONEY ON HAND...
 DON'T COME RUNNING TO ME FOR SYMPATHY.

RIP KIRBY
 ONE P.M., FRIDAY
 I WANT THE BIGGEST BAG YOU HAVE... WITH STRAPS...
 ONE-FIFTEEN P.M.
 A PAIR OF CUTTING PLIERS, PLEASE...
 ONE-THIRTY P.M.
 I WANT A TOUTEE!
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