

**Contract Bridge**

By Josephine Culbertson  
**DESPERATION ON A HIGH LEVEL**

It may seem strange but it is nevertheless true that in match-point duplicate games (in contradiction to rubber bridge) the most desperate bids are made by experts rather than average players. Take the following case for example. How many average players would select the bid actually made by the reputedly expert South?

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

♠ KQ963  
♥ A4  
♦ A873  
♣ 109

♠ 10754  
♥ KJ62  
♦ KQJ4  
♣ A

♠ A82  
♥ Q93  
♦ 10652  
♣ QJ4

♠ J  
♥ 10875  
♦ 9  
♣ K876533

The bidding:  
South West North East  
3♣ Pass 3♣ Pass  
4♣ Pass 3♦ Dbie.  
Pass Pass Pass

It is possible that South really earned his reputation as an expert — but not on this hand! The vulnerable three-club opening was horrible by any standard, and what happened to it was nothing more nor less than simple justice — a zero on the board for the 500-point penalty.

It is true that South could have saved something by passing to North's three spades, but that was one of the huge defects in the three-club bid — the fact that a response in a new suit would be a force, compelling South to go on and risk annihilation, or pass and risk losing a laydown game of North was that strong.

There may be merit in an occasional psychic bid at a low level, but the basic structure of contract is such that no great liberties can be taken at the eight, nine and ten-trick levels. Thus, when South opened his hand with three clubs,

**BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES**

By Thorton W. Burgess

**THE MIGHTY MOUSE**

While seeming strange, 'tis also true. That little may be mighty too. —Farmer Brown's Boy.

"You haven't yet told me what a fox does," said a gunner to Farmer Brown's Boy.

"Yes, I did. I told you that he catches mice and grasshoppers," said Farmer Brown's Boy.

"Will you tell me what harm a few mice do out in a field?" retorted the gunner.



It takes a lot of it to feed even as small a fellow as Danny Meadow Mouse.

"The damage a few mice do in a meadow may not be very great. Of course, one mouse alone can't do a great deal of damage, but he has a mighty appetite and he does his share. Do you know what he lives on mostly?" said Farmer Brown's Boy.

The gunner shook his head. "I've never thought much about meadow mice. I suppose they eat seeds and things like that," said the gunner.

"Yes," said Farmer Brown's Boy.

It did not matter what his object was, nor how occult was his psychology. The hard fact remained that he was contracting for nine tricks. The further fact that he gave his partner a problem impossible of solution was of secondary importance, but North would have had to be clairvoyant to visualize a hand as bad as South held.

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twelve months they had 81 babies. He figured that a pair of meadow mice having that many children in a year, and nothing happening to any of the children, or the children's children, might result in 1,000,000 mice in twelve months. Think that over, and you won't need to ask what good foxes and hawks and owls do," said he.

The gunner had become interested now. He gave a low whistle. "Is that really true?" he asked. "How did you learn all this?"

"From a bulletin on meadow mice that the government sends out. It is a bulletin that every hunter who likes to go shooting should read. Now you know why we like to have a pair of foxes living up in the Old Pasture. We know we have a better way crop every year because those foxes are living there. Of course if we had great numbers of chickens, foxes could become a nuisance. In that case, we wouldn't let them live on our farm," said Farmer Brown's Boy. "Of course," he added, "there are good foxes and bad foxes, just as there are good and bad in everything."

**MINER KILLED**

NEW WATERFORD, N. S. (CP) Colin MacKinnon, 49, of New Waterford, was killed Friday when he struck his head on a roof support while leaving the Dominion Coal Company's No. 19 colliery at nearby New Victoria. It was the third fatal mine accident in Cape Breton mines in the last eight days. The others were at Glace Bay.

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**DAILY CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

- Goods
- Female parent
- Bricklayers
- Indigo
- Mountain nymph (Gr. Myth.)
- Inscribe
- Eskers
- River (Pol.)
- Tantalum (sym.)
- Sun-goc
- Turf
- Monetary unit (Bulg.)
- Descends swiftly, as a hawk
- Accomplished
- Shore recess
- Pale
- Prophet
- A base hit (baseball slang)
- Grass cured for fodder
- Carting vehicle
- Public notice
- Gold (Her.)
- Middle
- Famous pirate
- Tricks
- A mammal of the Himalayas
- White hair (poet.)
- Depends
- Fuel
- Near (poet.)

**DOWN**

- Polish city
- On the ocean
- Bellow
- Conclude
- Steamship (abbr.)
- Mend
- Keel-billed cuckoo
- Hand covering
- Early invaders of Spain
- Depart
- A little mass
- Distress signal
- Enemy scout
- Hanker
- Comply
- Rowing implement
- A son of Jacob
- Gain
- Displays
- A line used to fasten upper corners of a sail (naut.)
- Wicked
- Scaling device
- Old Norse works
- Force
- Cries, as a cat
- Variety of hardy cabbage
- Protuberances of the head
- African worm
- Enclosure (sym.)

Saturday's Answer

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:**  
A X Y D L B A A X R  
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**

FCQE XPSBT'E TQEP PWERIC FB  
USJK FCP XBBS—ECJGPEUPJVP.

Saturday's Cryptquote: THE WORLD IS FULL OF STRANGE VICISSITUDES — BYRON.

**Etta Kett**

TALKED YOUR DAD INTO LETTING WALLY USE HALF YOUR GARAGE?  
NOT YET—BUT I'M GOING TO GET HIM DOWN! YOU KNOW—THE SLOW-HEAT TREATMENT!  
THERE HE IS, RAISING HIS LEAVES—NOW'S MY CHANCE TO BUTTER HIM UP!  
SEE? WALLY'S JALOPY WILL JUST HAVE TO STAND OUT IN ALL KINDS OF WEATHERS—NO GARAGE!  
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?  
IT STOOD OUT IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE ALL LAST WINTER!

**Henry**

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**Grandma**

AN' WILBUR, HERE IS MY PRIZE PICTURE OF ALL!  
IT'S ME WHEN I WAS A WEE LITTLE THING!!  
WELL, GEE WHIZ, GOLLY GOSH!!  
GRANDMA, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WAS EVER A BABY!!

**Muggs and Skeeter**

I'M AFRAID YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK, SKEETER!  
I GUESS THEY DON'T MAKE ANY SUCH CARDS!  
WHAT'S THE GENTLEMEN?  
WELL, YOU SEE, SKEETER HAD A BIRTHDAY LAST WEEK...  
THEN I SUPPOSE HE'S LOOKING FOR REMINDERS FOR THOSE WHO REMEMBERED HIS BIRTHDAY...  
OH NO... HE SENT THOSE ALREADY...  
...NOW HE'S LOOKING FOR REMINDERS FOR THOSE WHO FORGOT HIS BIRTHDAY!!

**Mickey Mouse**

GOSH... WHERE DID YOU PICK UP THIS WAX INDIAN?  
I GOT HIM OUT'N AN OLD WILD WEST MUSEUM! HANDSOME... AIN'T HE?  
WELL... I WOULDN'T SAY... HEY...!  
THUD! KA-WHIZZ!  
GE-BUND-HTE... YOU OLD SCAMP! STILL GOT THE OLD SENSE OF HUMOR... EH?

**Tilly The Toilet**

HOW COME YOU'RE NOT ASKING YOUR DATE WITH ME TONIGHT, TILLIE?  
THE SECRETARIES' CLUB CALLED A SPECIAL MEETING. THERE'S TO BE A BIG DISCUSSION I DON'T WANT TO MISS!  
WHAT ARE YOU GALS GONNA TALK ABOUT THAT'S SO DAMN IMPORTANT?  
FOR ONE THING—MISS MILLIE HELLTOS'S NEW MINK COAT!

**Bringing Up Father**

JESS—I'M BEGINNING TO AGREE WITH YOU ABOUT YOUR DATE WITH ME TONIGHT, TILLIE?  
EXCEPT WHEN HE'S BATING!  
MY BROTHER REMEMBER HAS ALWAYS BEEN A HARD WORKER—SO I ASKED HIM TO COME OVER AND SPEAK TO BINNY!  
REMEMBER IS THE ONLY MEMBER OF MARGIE'S FAMILY WHO HAS ANY AMBITION; I HOPE HE'LL PERSUADE BINNY TO GET A JOB!  
HERKIMER!!  
JESS—MY BROTHER BINNY CONVINCED ME I'VE BEEN WORKING TOO HARD—SO FROM NOW ON I'M GOING TO TAKE IT EASY!

**Joe Palooka**

WHO'S THE BEST KNOWN PERSON AND MOST POPULAR IN THIS COMMUNITY?  
THERE AIN'T NO QUESTION! BUT WHO'S 'AT GOT 'B'DO WITH OUR RACKET?  
I'LL GIVE YA TWO WORDS... JOE PALOOKA...  
SO? HE'S A BOXER... SO WHAT?  
HE'S GOING TO SPEAK FOR ME; HE'S GOING TO CHAMPION MY CAMPAIGN! HOW D'YOU LIKE THAT?  
YER KIDDIN'!  
S'WAN YER NUTS!

**Secret Agent X9**

JUST STAY OUT OF MY BUSINESS!  
YOU'RE MAKING YOUR BUSINESS MY BUSINESS...

**L'il Abner**

AH GOTTA SEE HER! AH'M GONNA RIP OFF THIS BEANPOT!  
TRY IT—AN AH'LL WELD IT ON! PERMANUNT!  
—AN' NOW, WIDDER—STATE YORE BUSINESS!  
AH COME T'SAVE TINY RUM TH' HORRORS O' TH' SADIE HAWKINS' RACE!—DOES 'OY WANT HIM CHASSED BY A MESS O' HOWLIN' HILL HAGS?

**The Lone Ranger**

YOU SAY CROOKS AT HIDEOUT WATCH FOR LONE RANGER?  
YES.  
THEY'VE KILLED ME IF I HADN'T HELPED 'EM TRICK THE MASKED MAN!  
AND NOW, THANKS TO YOU, THEY'LL KILL THE LONE RANGER!

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