

### CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER

North dealer.  
West vulnerable.

K 5	Q 9 6 3	7 5 2	A Q 10
A 5 4	K Q J	10 6 4 3	A Q J 10 8 4
7 2	A 9 8	7 2	9 6

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass  
2♥ Pass 3♠ Pass

Opening lead—king of diamonds. Offered trial in a hand which I have used many times to test pupils on their knowledge of fundamentals. It is not really a difficult hand to play, but the results obtained seem to indicate otherwise. Many have tried, and many have failed.

The play generally goes like this. South wins the diamond lead and takes three rounds of trumps. A heart is led toward dummy's king-queen and when it wins, dummy returns a diamond. West takes two diamond tricks and shifts to a club. The finesse loses. East returns a heart, and South is down one.

A more orderly approach to the play will prevent defeat. Declarer starts by counting his losers. They are a heart, two diamonds and a club. The first three are unavoidable, but the club loser may be sacrificed. West may have been dealt the king of clubs, in which case a finesse will save the day.

Also, there is the possibility that West has the ace of hearts. In that case, to lead toward the king-queen will establish a trick on which the club loser can be discarded. To do this, however, South has to be in his hand twice for the heart leads. Here we come to the nub of the matter. After winning the ace of diamonds, South must at once lead a heart. He cannot afford to draw trumps immediately because he will not be able to lead the hearts twice. He will be wasting the vital entry provided by the diamond ace.

After winning the heart in dummy at trick two, the three rounds of trumps are taken, and another heart is led. It spells certain for the defense. Declarer has ten tricks consisting of six spades, two hearts, a diamond and a club. The early heart play gives South

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### BEDTIME STORIES

## The Voice

By Thornton W. Burgess

"Listen! It is very plain Stickytoves is calling rain."

For days and days and days there had been no rain. The Green Meadows and the Old Pasture were turning brown. It seemed as if everything was drying up. Laughing Brook had been getting smaller and smaller. The Smiling Pool had become almost too small to smile. Everybody was complaining of the heat. There was no happiness anywhere. Anyway, that is how it seemed.



"He's calling rain!" cried Polly. Johnny Chuck was just as hot as she was but he wasn't worrying. He is happy-go-lucky and seldom worries about anything. Polly had turned to go down into the house where it would be cooler. Just then Johnny heard a voice and told Polly Chuck to listen. At first she heard nothing. She was just about to go down into the house when she heard the voice. Both knew whose voice it was. It was the voice of Stickytoves the Tree Toad, who isn't a real toad at all.

Season continues. The Senior Girls Camp commences July 18th and will be directed by Miss Bessie Halliwell, Deaconess of New Glasgow, N.S. and now home on leave.

Camp Keir is operated by the Presbyterian Church and is located at French River and is for the boys and girls and young people of P. E. Island. Thus there were boys taking advantage of this fact from Alberton in the West and Wood Islands and Montague in the East and points in between. Convenor of the Presbyterian Camp Keir Committee is the Rev. E.H. Bean of Kensington.

**SOFT DRINKS**

Sweden's industrial output of carbonated waters dates from 1776, pioneered by chemist Torbern Bergman.

but is a tree frog. However, everybody calls him tree toad.

Stickytoves was a long way off. They could just hear him. But there was no mistaking his voice. Such a look of relief as there was on the face of Polly Chuck!

"He's calling rain!" cried Polly. The look of worry was gone from her face completely.

"Who says so?" asked Johnny Chuck. He sounded as if he didn't believe it.

"Why, everybody says so," returned Polly Chuck. "I've known ever since I was big enough to poke my nose outside the door that when you hear Stickytoves the Tree Toad calling as he is now he's calling rain."

"You mean that you have heard he's calling rain, but you don't know that he is," said Johnny. "If you ask me, I don't believe that he is. How can anyone call rain? There isn't a cloud in the sky, yet you believe Stickytoves is calling rain. That is silly! Why should a tree toad be able to call rain when no one else can?"

That was a question that Polly Chuck couldn't answer, so she pretended not to hear it.

"Isn't it good to hear him?" she cried. "Now everything will be all right. I wonder how soon the rain will get here."

"I wonder if it will get here at all," mumbled Johnny Chuck. Meanwhile Stickytoves continued to call. They could barely hear him, but there was no mistaking that voice. "I wish," said Polly, "that Stickytoves was near enough for us to ask him how he knows it is going to rain."

"He probably wouldn't tell you if he could, and my guess is he couldn't tell you if he would. I don't believe he knows anyone about when it is going to rain. Johnny was partly right and partly wrong. Stickytoves couldn't call rain. But he could tell better than most folks when rain was coming. There is a reason for that. Stickytoves has a queer skin. It feels the least bit of moisture in the air. When it is dry he is very uncomfortable. Sometimes there is a little bit of moisture before there is any other sign of rain coming. Stickytoves feels it and begins to call.

**DAILY CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

- Charge for professional services (pl.)
- A group of players (Sports)
- Veranda
- Constellation
- Debate between seats
- Mail (Pr.)
- Whet
- Cutting tool
- Slipped
- Fresh
- Projections of figures, as plaques
- Cravat
- Also
- To brew, as tea
- Beginning
- Silent
- Fruiting spike of grain
- Pierced with a dagger
- Part of "to be"
- Volcanic rock
- Child
- Radium (sym.)
- Wide-awake
- To send, as payment
- Shank
- Levels
- Portico (Gr. Arch.)
- Warbled

**DOWN**

- To give up
- Unit of work
- Shields
- Clip, as wool
- Apex
- Act of eroding
- Passage
- Body of water
- Main feature
- Colors
- Man's nickname (poss.)
- Damp
- Tiny
- Game at cards
- Stoppage
- English tavern
- Body of water
- Ornament for the ear
- Cares for, medically
- Beverage
- Encountered
- Male adult

**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE** — Here's how to work it: **AXYDLBAXX** 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

**BWW LAVT H MTHIAL V RVET  
AJSNVJHJC RVSA; PAVGEO GJ-  
SNVKEA HK PAVGEO HJ LHKCTVSA  
—M.W.M.A.**

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WE MUST TAKE THE CURRENT WHEN IT SERVES, OR LOSE OUR VENTURES—SHAKESPEARE.

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**DAILY CROSSWORD**

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Grandma, may I walk home with you?"

"In the department store a clerk sprayed perfume all over me!"

"Gee, while I smell like this, I hope I don't meet any of the gang!"

"Betcha I'd look kinda silly without any front teeth!"

"JUST THE THINGS FOR SPORTS CAR ENTHUSIASTS!"

"LOOKS FINE..."

"MICKEY MOUSE! I WON'T GET INTO THAT CAR UNTIL YOU GET RID OF THAT RIDICULOUS-LOOKING HAT!"

**Grandma**

**Mickey Mouse**

**Henry**

**Mugs and Skeeter**

**Tilly The Toiler**

**Etta Keel**

**Joe Palooka**

**The Lone Ranger**

**Secret Agent X9**

**POGO**

**Our Boarding House**

**Major Hoople**

**Out Our Way**

**By J. R. Williams**

**Bringing Up Father**

**Lt. Abner**