

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
FOOD FOR EXPERTS

Squeeze plays and the like are only mildly interesting to experts—they expect competent declarers to execute such plays. What experts admire is the sort of defense waged by West in the following deal.

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable

♠ A J 4
♥ 5 2
♦ Q J 8 7 3
♣ A J 2

1087
52
A Q 8 6
4 3
K 5

♠ K Q 6
♥ K J 9
♦ A 6
♣ 8 7 5 4 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1	Pass	2	♥
3	Pass	3NT	Pass
3	Pass	3NT	Pass

If North had summoned the nerve to bid three notrump over his partner's two notrump, thus depriving East of the opportunity to double clubs, the defensive play would have been made more difficult for West. As it was...

West opened the six of hearts, and East's ten was taken by declarer with the jack. South studied the situation carefully, then, concluding that he couldn't hope for success if he found an unfavorable diamond situation, he laid down the diamond ace, preparing to play West for the king.

Obviously, the lead of the diamond six toward dummy would now have put the contracts "on ice"—but something happened. West was not the sort of player to follow suit automatically, and he did not play the diamond five on South's ace. He stopped to analyze.

The contents of the first trick had absolutely marked South with the K-J-9 hearts. If South could establish four diamond tricks without allowing East to gain the lead, the defense looked hopeless. East's club double marked him with high cards in that suit, but for that very reason South undoubtedly had the missing high spades.

There was only one chance, as West saw it (and as things actually were), namely that East could

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

THE QUEER SOUND

Of what you do not know beware That which is strange, approach with care.

—Old Mother Nature.

That is good advice for everyone, little and big. It is one of the first things that Green Forest and Green Meadow people learn when they are very small. It has saved many of them many times.

Over in the Green Forest, Buster Chuck, son of Johnny Chuck, was living in a rocky ledge. He felt very safe there. His home was quite deep down among the rocks. No one could get at him without pulling apart and pulling over a great number of those rocks and stones, and there wasn't anyone he knew of who could do it. Great big Buster Bear had tried it, and didn't get very far. So while he was down in his snug bedroom, the young chuck felt perfectly safe. It was only when he was outside that he had any real cause to worry. It was only then that he was in any real danger.

One morning the young chuck overslept. Jolly, round, bright Mr. Sun was already well up in the blue, blue sky when Buster Chuck awoke and started out to get his breakfast. As was his habit, he sat stop the diamond suit if West got out of the way. So that was what West did. He played his diamond king on South's ace—and after that South had no chance for the contract.

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get his breakfast so that he might come back to that big flat rock and take a sunbath. Just what it was that kept him from going out, he couldn't have said.

At long last a startling thing happened. A big stranger leaped up on that big rock from behind which the sound had come. The young chuck backed hastily to get out of sight, but he didn't back so far that he couldn't peep out and see this big stranger. He had big feet. His legs were fairly long. He had fierce yellow eyes. His face was almost round. He had a stub of a tail. As a tail, it really was a joke. But short as it was, he kept twitching it.

Have you guessed who it was? It was Yowler the Bobcat. He had been lying down on the flat rock and back of the one on which he was now standing. He had been taking a sunbath, and he had been purring. That was the sound the young chuck had heard. He had been purring to express his enjoyment of the warm sunshine.

Yowler yawned. He opened his mouth very wide. It showed all his sharp teeth. The young chuck shivered when he saw them.

The sound began again. It was a rather pleasant sound. The young chuck listened and wondered. He was hungry and wanted to go out for his breakfast. To do this, he would have to pass close to that big rock from behind which that sound was coming.

He remained right where he was. Jolly, round, bright Mr. Sun was shining his brightest. The young chuck wanted more than ever to



DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Vipers
- Large suns (islands)
- On top
- Hillside dugout
- Government
- Covering
- Gloomily
- Baby's food
- Regret
- Stupid person (slang)
- Voided
- Escutcheon
- Angle
- Saxon letter
25. Sunday (abbr.)
26. One of the Philippines
28. Vision
30. Indefinite article
31. Coordinate conjunction
33. Encounter
34. Comprehend
36. Spinning toy
38. Some
39. Robber
42. Qualified
43. Outer covering of a seed
45. Hereditary factor
46. Prong
47. Rooms in a harem
48. A herb

DOWN

- Largest Swiss river
- Beard-like
22. Greek letter
24. Masculine pronoun
27. Dishes served between courses
29. A train of gear wheels
32. Canine
35. Flowed back, as the tide
37. Small pieces of ground
40. Forearm bone
41. Melody
42. Past away from the wind

Yesterday's Answer

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

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.

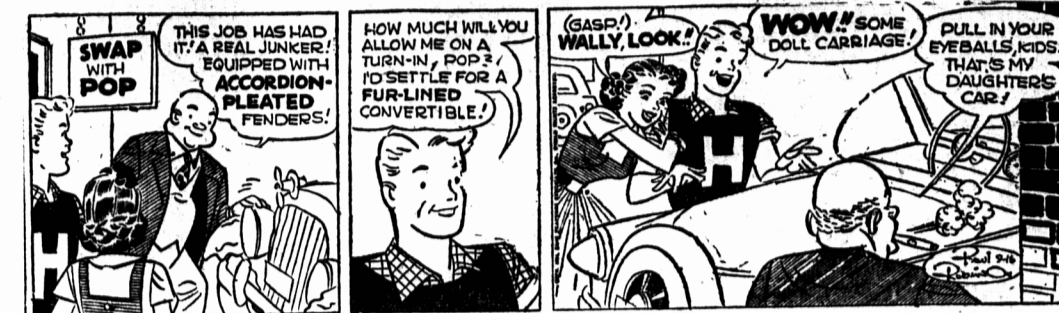
A Cryptogram Quotation

Y WXZF U IUYARX MUYL CE ORR, CUWR PULR! OQR PUX VZCQ MUTOR UXA MLYRXATH VR-TZXJ, MRTTZF.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: THEY ENSLAVE THEIR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN WHO MAKE COMPROMISE WITH SIN —LOWELL.



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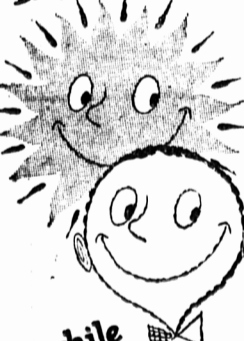
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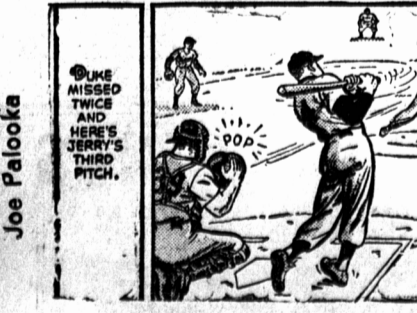
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