

What's On

contract bridge

By Steve Becker

A chink in declarer's armor

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ Q 4		♠ J 10 6	
♥ Q 9 6 2		♥ A J 7 5	
♦ K Q J 7 6 2		♦ 8 4 3	
♣ 3		♣ 6 5 4	
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ A 5 2		♠ K 9 8 7 3	
♥ K 10 4		♥ 8 3	
♦ 5		♦ A 10 9	
♣ Q J 10 9 7 2		♣ A K 8	

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ 2 ♣ 2 ♦ Pass
 2 NT Pass 3 NT
 Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Most players find that of the three main subdivisions of bridge — bidding, declarer play and defense — by far the hardest to master is defense. This deal illustrates how difficult it sometimes is to defend perfectly.

West leads the queen of clubs, East follows with the four, and declarer wins with the ace. Declarer then leads a low spade toward dummy's queen.

Let's first assume that West plays low, as most players would do. In that case, the queen wins, and South romps home with a spade, six dia-

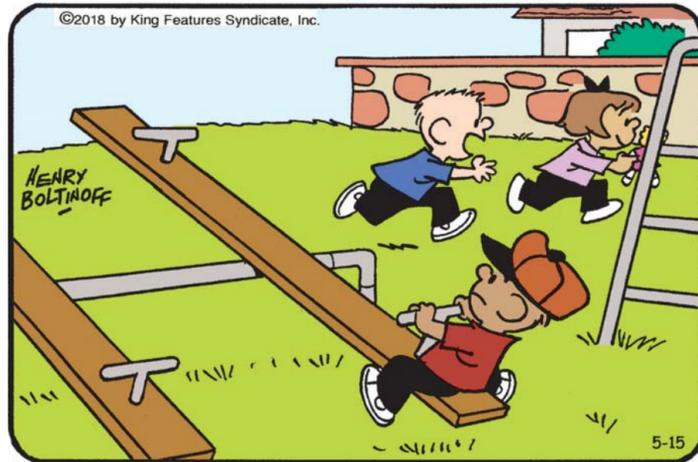
monds and two clubs for nine tricks. Now let's return to trick two and see whether West should know not to duck South's spade lead. He should certainly put on his thinking cap when declarer leads the three of spades.

First, West knows that South started with the A-K of clubs, since East did not make an encouraging signal on the queen of clubs. He also knows, or should know, that South has the ace of diamonds. It would not make sense for declarer to ignore dummy's powerful diamonds unless he had that suit fully under control, which means he has the ace.

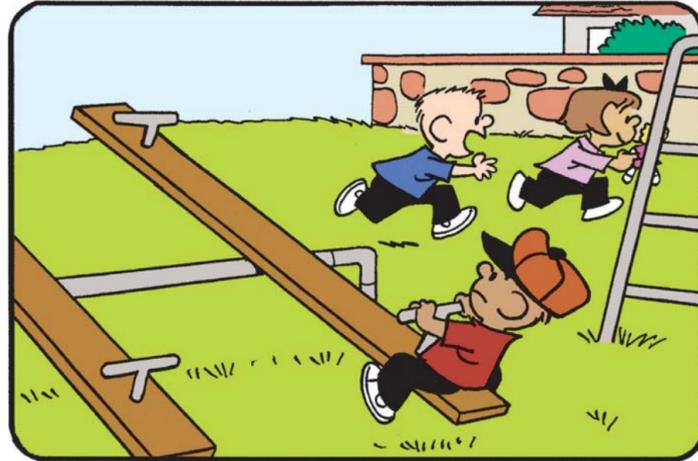
South is thus known to have started with eight tricks. To duck a spade must be wrong, since if South — who opened the bidding with one spade — has the king of spades, it will allow him to score his ninth trick. West should therefore step up with the ace of spades in order to attack hearts, the only possible chink in declarer's armor.

West must be careful, however, since if he leads the four or the king, South still makes the contract with proper play. Only the lead of the ten breaks the contract. West must proceed on the assumption that East has as good as the A-J-8-x or A-J-7-x of hearts, in which case four heart tricks can be cashed by starting with the ten, regardless of how declarer chooses to play.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Foot is not showing. 2. Ladder rung is added. 3. Handle on seesaw is moved. 4. Wall is not as wide. 5. House is not as wide. 6. Bow is moved.

Eugene Sheffer Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
12				13				14				
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38	39	40				41				42	43	44
45					46				47			
48					49				50			
51					52				53			

- ACROSS**
- 1 Mimicked
 - 5 Prof's degree
 - 8 Sultry Horne
 - 12 Theater box
 - 13 Brit's restroom
 - 14 On the rocks
 - 15 Goblins
 - 17 Walked (on)
 - 18 MGM motto start
 - 19 Can material
 - 20 Dazzles
 - 21 Painter Vermeer
 - 22 Chart format
 - 23 On the up and up
 - 26 Happening on 12/31
 - 30 Skip
 - 31 Saloon
 - 32 Eric of "Troy"
 - 33 Like pound cake
 - 35 All better
 - 36 Punk-rock subgenre
- DOWN**
- 2 Serve tea
 - 3 Early birds?
 - 4 Society newbie
 - 5 Un-adorned
 - 6 Honker
 - 7 Two, in Toledo
 - 8 One who ignores trash cans
 - 9 Beige
 - 10 Very bright
 - 11 Tosses in
 - 16 Coup d' —
 - 20 "Chandelier" singer
 - 21 Jazzy two-step
 - 22 Part of MPH
 - 23 Arcing tennis shot
 - 24 Outback bird
 - 25 "Shoo!"
 - 26 "Rah!"
 - 27 Corn serving
 - 28 Away from SSW
 - 29 June honoree
 - 31 Buddy
 - 34 Napoleon's title (Abbr.)
 - 35 Pt. of speech
 - 37 Peak periods
 - 38 Thick chunk
 - 39 Hawaiian city
 - 40 Latin love
 - 41 Pairs
 - 42 Ledge
 - 43 Battery fluid
 - 44 Apportion
 - 46 Fluffy neck-piece
 - 47 Martian mover

Solution time: 22 mins.

T	O	E		E	S	Q		A	C	M	E			
A	R	C	H		B	T	U		S	U	E	S		
P	A	R	A		B	A	A		T	R	A	P		
S	L	U	R	P		T	I	K	I					
					D	A	D		L	I	M	B	E	R
I	T	S	T	R	U	E		R	E	E	S			
N	I	N	O		H	S	T		G	A	T	E		
C	L	O	C	K		C	R	O	O	K	E	D		
A	T	W	O	O		D		I	V	E				
					M	I	R	E		A	S	P	I	C
M	O	V	E		A	P	P		B	O	D	E		
A	H	A	B		F	E	E		Y	E	L	L		
P	O	N	Y		T	E	A			M	E	T		

Yesterday's answer 5-15

5-15 CRYPTOQUIP

CHR'N BGX "EHH! KHNBTJ!"
 JN ZY LRFYUU XHL AJRN NH
 EYKPR J EPK UBLQQFY.

NTYZ'U QGPKTNPR' AHGCU!
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TRADEMARK DISH OF CHICKEN OR VEAL INVENTED BY THE DISTINGUISHED CHEF RAMSAY: GORDON BLEU.
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals B

Word by Word

Grasp (طمع) Tameia
 Grasp all, lose all.
 Man tamei fe al fawz bekul shai khaser kull shai.
Numbers من طمع في الفوز بكل شيء خسر كل شيء.
7863 Seven thousand eight hundred sixty three
٧٨٦٣ Sabat alaf wa thaman maaha wa thalath wa setoun



"GRAMPA, DID YOU AND GRANDMA FUSS OVER WHO MOM TOOK AFTER?"

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2. Please write your story or memory and sign it with your full name, and your contact number.

3. It will be great if you send us your personal photos or those of the place related to the story (optional).

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Conceptis Sudoku

The grid must be so completed that every row, column and 3x3 box has every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive

By Dave Green

	8		1	4				4
		6		2	9			5
	5		6			1		
	3	2				9	5	
			4			7		8
				3	8		2	
	3				7	5		6
		6						

Difficulty Level ★★★

Answer to yesterday's puzzle

9	2	8	7	4	1	6	5	3
7	4	5	6	3	8	9	2	1
3	1	6	9	2	5	4	8	7
5	3	9	4	7	6	2	1	8
2	7	4	1	8	9	5	3	6
8	6	1	2	5	3	7	9	4
1	5	7	8	6	2	3	4	9
6	8	2	3	9	4	1	7	5
4	9	3	5	1	7	8	6	2

Difficulty Level ★★★

Challenger

DIRECTIONS:

Fill each square with a number, one through nine.
 ■ Horizontal squares should add to totals on right.
 ■ Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom.
 ■ Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION.

Today's Challenge
 Time 5 Minutes
 8 Seconds
 Your Working Time ___ Minutes
 ___ Seconds

By Louis Mauer

				5
	2			5
			2	6
				7
		3		18
2				18
6	8	10	12	14

Yesterday's solution

				6
1	2	1	2	6
1	2	1	1	5
1	1	2	1	5
2	2	3	1	8
5	7	7	5	6