

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

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One of the big problems even for the better bridge player is how to handle honor combinations. Today's hand shows an honor combination play that few players really understand. Read it over carefully and then try it on your future plays.

On winning the first trick with the ace, declarer cashed three top trumps. Then he led a low spade to the ace and returned a spade from dummy. When East played low, declarer figured, "If East had

♠ A 10 8 5	♥ K	♦ A K J 4	♣ 9 8 6 2
♠ J 7 4	♥ J 10 9 7	♦ 6 2	♣ 7 4 3
♠ N E	♥ K 6 2	♦ Q 8 5 4 3	♣ None
♠ S	♥ W	♦ A	♣ Q 10 8 7
♠ Dealer	♥ None	♦ None	♣ None
♠ Q 9 3	♥ A	♦ 9 5 3	♣ A K Q J 10 5
Duplicate—None vul.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 N.T.	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
6 ♣	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
Opening—♥ J. 3			

the king he would not dare hold it up against our slam contract. Therefore West has the king."

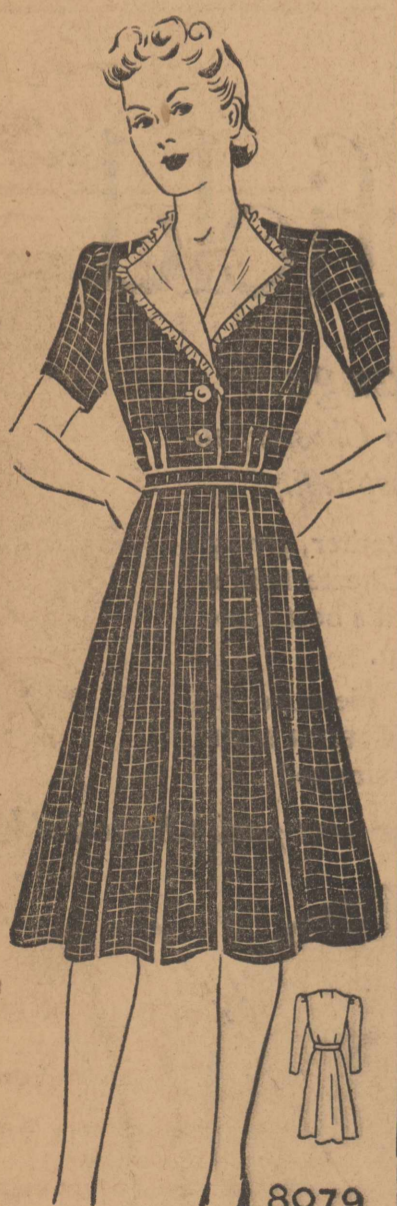
So South played the nine, and the defense won two spade tricks. Declarer had underestimated the iron nerve of the East player.

Now it must be admitted that the spade holding offers only a guess as to the safest method of development. If East has both king and jack, this declarer's actual play would be best. If West held both honors, his play would lose at once.

In this dilemma, expert players prefer to develop the suit in one standard way whenever it appears, so as to avoid being "whipsawed" by wrong guesses. The play has a 75 per cent chance to lose only one trick, and taking the 25 per cent risk is better in the long run than trying to outguess the cards.

The standard is to play double-finesse against the two honors. That is, lead the queen or nine and let it ride if not covered. Then later finesse against the remaining adverse honor, if necessary. The play of the queen is better than the play of the nine, because if East has a singleton jack, declarer will then win all four spade tricks, whereas the fall of the king blank would not yield four tricks.

Turn Back Revers



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The wide revers turned back at the neckline of this simple dress frame the face so flatteringly that you are going to decide this is your most becoming style—once you have made it. Any figure will look trim and slim too, in the smooth lines of this dress, dart fitted at the waist and panelled through the skirt so that it clings without a wrinkle through the hips.

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Minister Cites Great Grid Club But Forgets To Give Final Count

DUBUQUE, Ia. (AP)—Dr. Max Strang of the First Congregational Church, driving home a point in a sermon, related how the memory of a dead coach inspired the Lubbock (Tex.) high school football team.

The sermon mounted toward a stirring climax, with Lubbock trailing Waco, 7 to 6, at the half, but the minister forgot to give the final score.

Within an hour more than 50 parishioners telephoned Dr. Strang to learn how the game came out. (Lubbock won, 13 to 7).

Conscription Threatens Division In Labor Party

LONDON (AP)—The threat of a serious split in the Labor Party over the government's new conscription proposals was reported in parliamentary circles Wednesday as a large number of labor members of parliament met behind locked doors to discuss the forthcoming bill.

Prime Minister Churchill asked the House of Commons for authority to draft 3,000,000 more men for war services and to require women to join uniformed branches.

Expanded use of mechanical devices on farms is inevitable as the result of shortage of farm labor, according to the Department of Commerce.

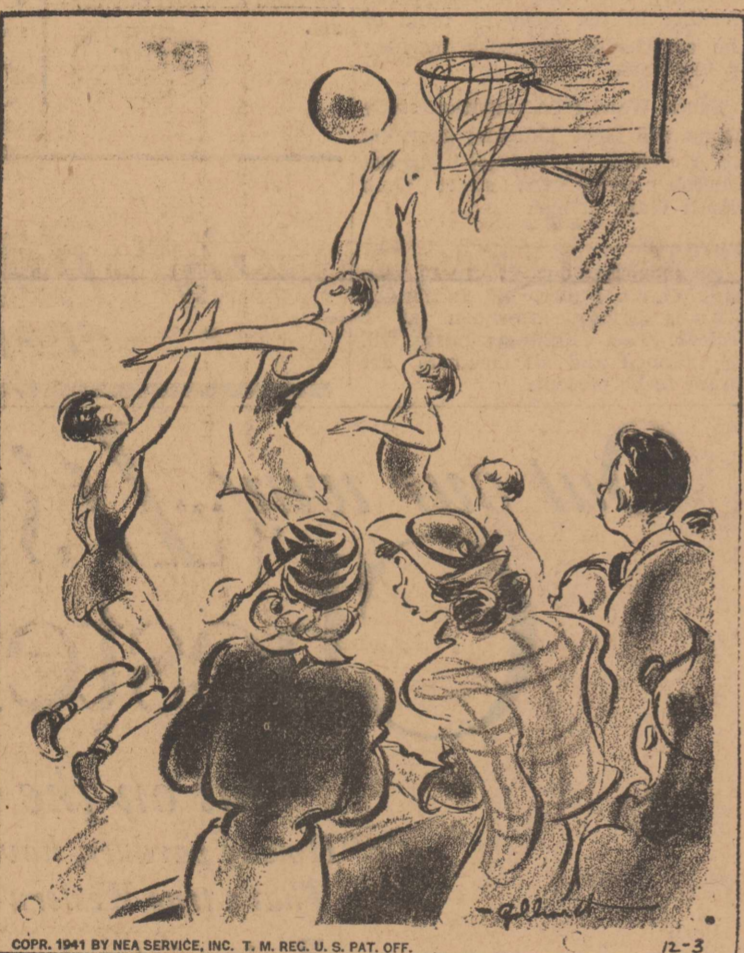
READ THE CLASSIFIEDS

Funny Business



"Could we borrow the key to the city the mayor presented to you this morning, sir? We've got shore leave!"

Side Glances



"That's that divine fellow I was telling you about—the forward on our team who just missed three goals in succession."

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

HORSE-CHESTNUTS
ARE SO NAMED BECAUSE THE ANCIENT TURKS FOUND THEM USEFUL AS A DRUG FOR SICK HORSES.

GIANT DOME,
OUTSTANDING FORMATION IN CARLSBAD CAVERN, IS 62 FEET HIGH! IT IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST STALAGMITE AND HAS AN ESTIMATED AGE OF 60 MILLION YEARS.

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By J. R. WILLIAMS



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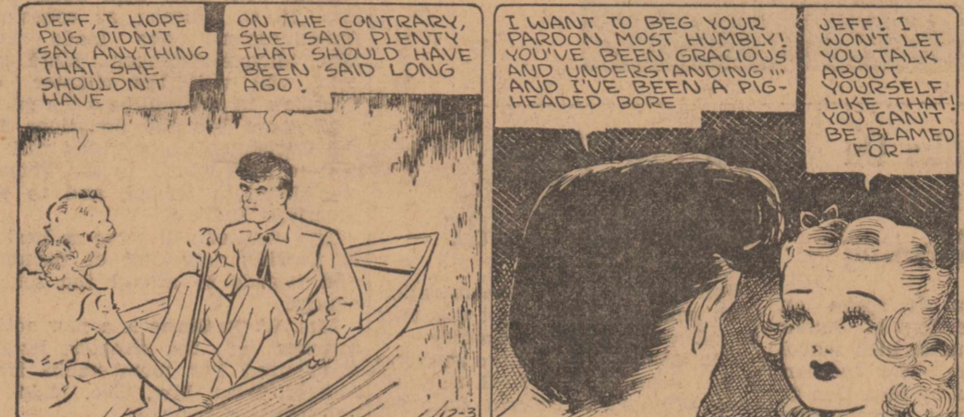
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with MAJOR HOOP

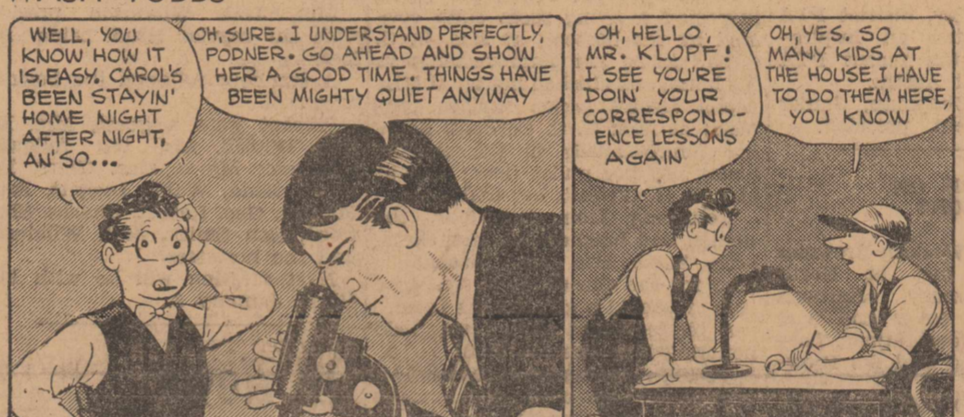


WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



WASH TUBBS



ALLEY OOP



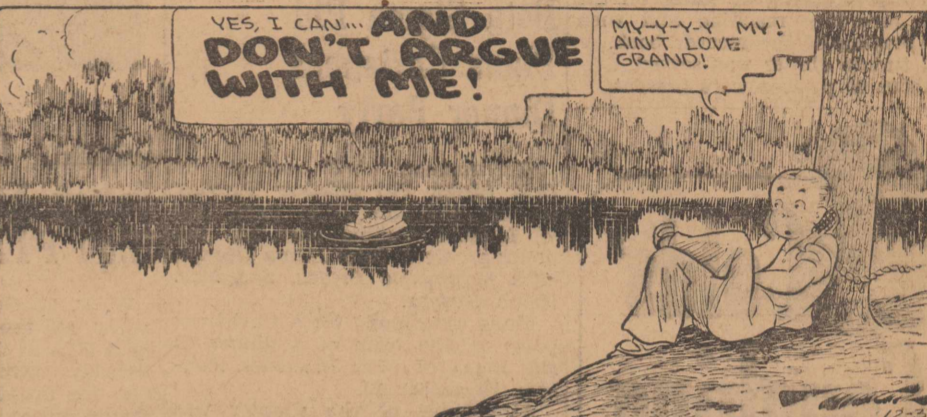
RED RYDER



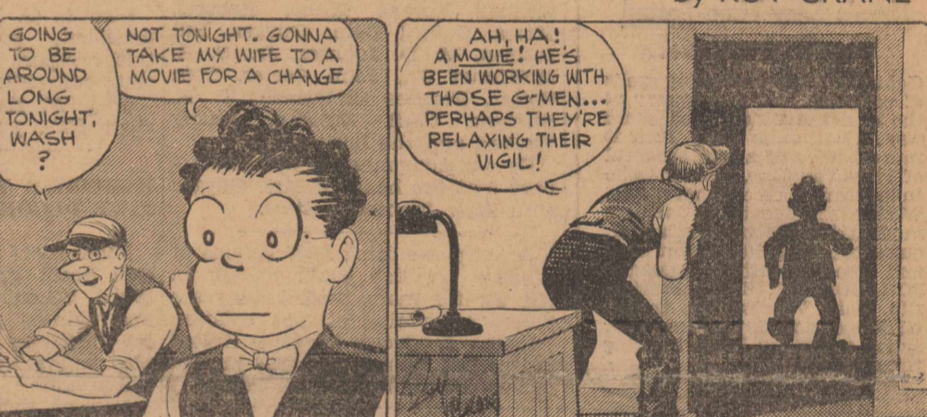
FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



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by ROY CRANE



by V. T. HAMLIN



by FRED HARMAN



by MERRILL BLOSSER

