



Hagar the Horrible • Chris Browne









Beetle Bailey • Mort Walker





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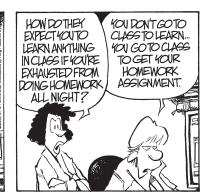




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Cryptoquip

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HOSK BPSORB. OP'B JMM

 $B\ N\ S\ V\ -\ V\ A \qquad K\ R\ Q\ F\ N\ J\ Z\ V\ O\ B\ R\ .$ Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU'RE PREVENTED FROM ENTERING ANY PUB, I GUESS IT MEANS YOU'VE BEEN DIS-BARRED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals L

MY GQ LYC J AVCOJI HOAH. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I REALLY MUST STOP PURCHASING NEW FOOTWEAR FROM STORES. IT'S ALL SHOD-DY MERCHANDISE.

MBOAA UYB'E ZJTO

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals G

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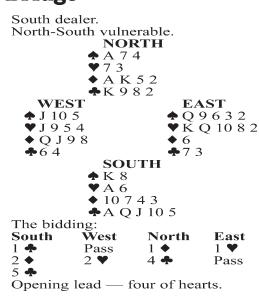
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Family Circus • Bill Keane JEFF 1-3 KEARE "I heard that out of the corner

of my ear."

Bridge



ing a hand that guarantees the contract, it is foolish to attempt another line of play that would jeopardize it. The principle is self-evident, but its application is an entirely different matter. A declarer sometimes does

It stands to reason that when you have a way of play-

not see the sure line of play and occasionally has to pay for his over sight. For example, take this case where South is declarer at five clubs. His potential losers are a heart and two diamonds. The heart must be lost, so the problem narrows down to avoiding two diamond losers. Ordinarily,

only one diamond trick would be lost with this combination, since the odds favor a 3-2 division, but if the declarer is more than just a card-pusher, he takes precautions to guard against a 4-1 diamond split. He does this by setting the stage for an endplay. He wins the ace of hearts, draws two rounds of trumps, cashes the K-A of spades and ruffs a spade. He then

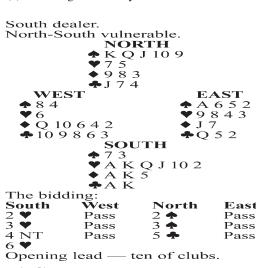
dummy. At this point it does not matter how the diamonds are divided or who wins the trick. First note what happens in the actual case. If East wins the trick, he must yield a ruff-and-discard and the contract. If West wins the trick, he must return a diamond in order to avoid yielding a ruff-and-discard.

leads a diamond to the ace and plays a heart from

Whether West returns a low or high diamond, South ducks in dummy to guarantee losing no more than one diamond trick. If West leads a low diamond, declarer wins with the ten (if East is able to win the trick, the contract is assured because the diamonds broke 3-2). If West instead returns a high diamond, ducked by declarer, West must then lead from his remaining diamond honor to hand South the contract.

The outcome is the same if East is the player who started with four diamonds to the Q-J. Regardless of who wins the heart at trick eight, the defense cannot escape the sure-fire endplay.

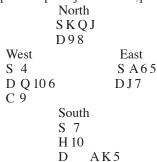
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A Challenge: Try to Make It It isn't easy to see how South can make six hearts

against best defense, but the slam is actually ice-cold if declarer plays correctly.

He wins the club lead with the ace and draws trumps, discarding a diamond and a spade from dummy. He then cashes the king of clubs and plays a spade to the ten. East cannot afford to win with the ace, which would make life easy for declarer, so he ducks. South thereupon trumps the jack of clubs, producing this position:



South now cashes the A-K of diamonds and leads a spade to the jack. East takes the ace and must return a spade, giving declarer the slam.

Of course, one can argue that this is very easy to do after looking at all four hands, but how can anyone be expected to play this way seeing only two hands? All the same, the fact is that the hand should be played in this fashion because it offers the only real chance for the slam. It is plain common sense that if a contract can be made only when the defenders' cards are divided a certain way, one must assume they are divided that way and proceed accordingly.

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flat, but that was months ago."