Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

**EAST** 

73

**♣**94

**♦** J 9 6 2

♠ 10 9 8 6 2

East

Pass

🖈 K 7 3

**♥**Q94

**♣**J82

753

**♠** A J 5

◆ A K 3

Opening lead — king of clubs.

A declarer who wants to get the most out of his cards

must of necessity keep close track of the defenders

distribution. For example, ex amine this deal where

West led the K-A and another club, ruffed by East and

overruffed by South. Declarer crossed to the spade

king and lost a heart finesse to West's king, and West

Having lost three tricks, South now had to avoid a

spade loser to get home safely. He appeared to have

two chances: If the diamonds were divided 3-3, the

spade jack could be discarded on dummy's fourth dia-

mond; failing that, South could finesse the jack of

spades (he could not see, as we do, that West's queen

**♣**Q6

West

SOUTH

♥AJ1085

◆ Q 8 5 4

**Bridge** 

South dealer.

WEST

**♠** Q 4

◆ 10 7

**♥** K 6 2

♣A K 10

The bidding:

returned a trump.

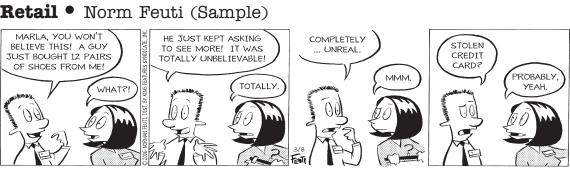
South

**16** Excoriate

city

e.g.

expletive



**Baby Blues** ● Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott (Sample)





Garfield • Jim Davis



**Hagar the Horrible** • Chris Browne

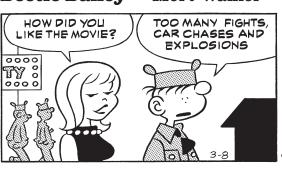




**Blondie •** Chic Young



**Beetle Bailey •** Mort Walker





**Zits** • Jim Borgman & Jerry Scott









## Cryptoquip

TI U ADOICG FBDXKF DXK|Z WXCRR Q WHCQO QAC ODQO

WUCR QHUXLV RYUMVZLW SGTNTZA KBC QCIDGC

QLV MCYOXHZLW ACUAMC

QUOO, MDXOS RDX FUR

RDX'NC QCCZ IDGC-MUGZCS? | Yesterday's Cryptoquip: GRIPPING BOOK ABOUT A BEAUTIFUL WÖMÂN'S WHIP-CRACKING BOSS: "FOR WHOM THE BELLE TOILS."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals V

 $Z\ R \quad Q \quad D\ Q\ H\ Q\ L\ W\ X\ C\ -\ X\ O\ Q\ L\ W\ .$ Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A GOLFER SHOUTS OUT BEFORE DRIVING THE BALL, WOULD YOU SAY YOU'VE BEEN FORE-WARNED?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals S

## Crossword

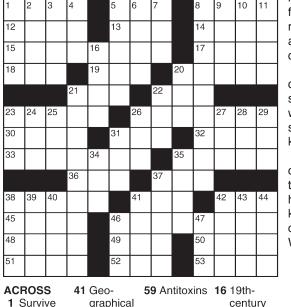
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**53** "The Greatest'

would allow him to make the contract if East happened to hold the ace, but would also succeed if West had the ace and fewer than two other clubs. He started by allowing West's king of diamonds to win the first trick and won the diamond continuation with the ace. After drawing two rounds of trumps, Freedman led a heart to the king and ruffed dummy's remaining diamond. He then crossed to the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart. Having thus stripped the dummy and his own hand of hearts and diamonds, he exited with a low

in danger of losing three clubs and a diamond. The

possibility of losing three club tricks was made more

likely by West's two-diamond overcall, which made him

a favorite to hold the club ace. Leading a low club to

the king at some point in the hope that East had the

Freedman therefore embarked on a line of play that

ace was thus unlikely to meet with much success.

East won with the ten and returned the jack, and it was here that Freedman's advance preparations paid off. He covered the jack with the king - catering to the possibility that East had the ace — but even though

declarer lost that battle, he won the war. After West took the king with the ace, he was forced to return a diamond. This allowed Freedman to discard dummy's last club as he ruffed in his hand, and

the contract came rolling home.

## Family Circus • Bill Keane



"I'm readin' this whole book to **Grandma! She only reads** the words I don't know."

was now singleton). But South also saw a third possibility, based on what he had already learned about the opponents' hands from the early play. Accordingly, after drawing a third round of trumps, he cashed his last trump, discarding a spade from dummy, and then played the A-K-Q of diamonds. This proved very illuminating. Although the diamonds did not divide 3-3, the contract was nevertheless assured. Declarer's last two cards were the A-J of spades, while dummy still had the eight of diamonds and a spade. East's last two cards, though unseen, were known to be the jack of diamonds and a spade. Furthermore, since West had shown up with six clubs, three hearts and two diamonds, he was known to have started with exactly two spades, one of which he had already played. And so, armed with the certain knowledge that each opponent at this point had only one spade, South led a spade to the ace and dropped West's queen to make the contract. North dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH **♠** A Q 10 7 **♥**AK\_3 **♦** 6 5 2 **4**987 WEST **EAST 4** 6 5 9 2 **♥**J84 **♥** Q 10 ♦ K Q 9 7 4 3 **♦** J 8 ♣QJ103 **♣**A 6 SOUTH ♠ K J 8 4 3 **9** 9 2 **♦** A 10 **♣**K 5 4 2 The bidding: North East South 1 💠 Pass 2 🏚 Pass 4 🏚 - king of diamonds. Opening lead — The conscientious declarer continually seeks ways of improving his chances. He does not simply settle the phone for a line of play that requires a favorable distribution 42 Old photo of the opposing cards — he also looks for an approach that will allow him to get home safely against a lessfavorable lie of the cards. Consider this deal from the 1995 North American Open Pairs championship. South arrived at four spades as shown, and West led the diamond king. The declarer, Richard Freedman, could see he was



"But after I'm ten, how do I show people how many fingers old I am?"