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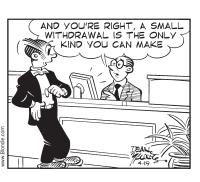




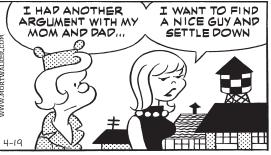
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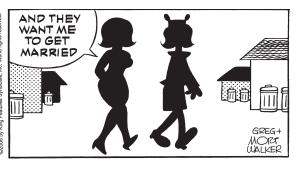






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Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF AN ARTIST LIKED SKETCHING ESCALATORS, I GUESS HE WOULD

DRAW A LOT OF STAIRS. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals Y

D VAGVNETLZJNO. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN YOU NO

LONGER WANT TO BE AN ENVIRONMENTALIST. SOME MIGHT SAY YOU'VE BEEN DE-NATURED.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals F

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a little knowledge can sometimes be a dangerous thing. Family Circus • Bill Keane



"PJ's playing hide-and-go-sleep."

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North dealer. Both sides vulnerable NORTH AJ975 A K 6 4 AJ84WEST **↑** A K 9 6 3 **♥** 10 6 2 J 10 8 7 5 2 1083 **4**92 otherwise SOUTH **♠** Q 4 **♥**KQ **♦** J 5 **♣**K Q 10 6 5 3 The bidding: North 1 ♥ South East West Pass Pass Pass Pass Opening lead — king of spades.

Grand-Slam Bidding

The real test of a partnership is its skill in reaching sound slam contracts. The bonuses for slams more than adequately reward bidding accuracy in this area. The North-South cards in this hand from a team match

certainly warrant a grand slam in clubs. Yet it is highly probable that only a small percentage of players would reach the grand slam, and some, perhaps, might not even reach a small slam. The bidding shown occurred at the first table. After North bid one heart and South two clubs, North's hand

rose greatly in value. He therefore jump-shifted in diamonds to indicate a powerful hand, planning to support South jumped to four hearts to show his heart fillers, but it might have been wiser to make a waiting bid of

three hearts or four clubs to see where North was head-North couldn't do more than jump to six clubs lacking the king and queen of both hearts and clubs. South

passed, but he shouldn't have. He had a clear-cut seven

Looking at the K-Q of both key suits, he should have realized that North couldn't have a spade loser, or he wouldn't have been able to commit the partnership to a small slam. South should have shown more faith in his partner's bidding.

At the second table, the grand slam was reached in this fashion:

North	East	South	Wes
1 H	Pass	2 C	Pass
3 D	Pass	3 H	Pass
3 S	Pass	6 C	Pass
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North's three-spade bid showed first-round control of spades - hearts having tentatively been agreed upon as trumps. South didn't know his partner's plans, but he leaped to six clubs to encourage North to bid seven if he had been suppressing a club fit, and North happily accepted the invitation.

East dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH 8 5 4 **♥**93 ◆ Q J 9 3 🗫 A K 5 4 WEST EAST **♠** K 10 9 7 **♠** Q J 2 ♥ K Q 10 8 7 **v** 6 4 2 K 4 8 6 5 2 **♣**108 **SOUTH ♠** A 6 3 **♥** A J 5 A 10 7 **♣**QJ7

The bidding: West East North South Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT Opening lead king of hearts. A Case of Self-Delusion

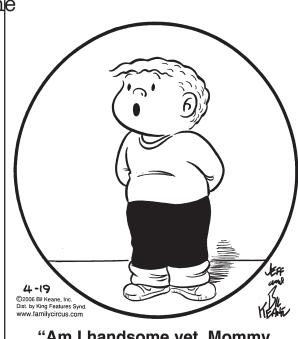
Some plays are so well known that when the opportunity to use one of them arises, there is a tendency to make the play automatically, without pause for thought. This is a somewhat dangerous practice, since what is

right on most occasions might easily be wrong on a particular deal. Consider this case where West led the king of hearts against three notrump. Recognizing the chance for a Bath Coup, declarer allowed West's king to hold the trick, hoping West would continue with a heart into the A-J.

Unfortunately, this was a case where the cure proved worse than the disease. Cautioned against a heart continuation by partner's discouraging deuce. West switched to the spade gueen. South ducked, but when West continued with the jack, covered by East with the king, declarer was well on his

way to irreversible defeat. If he ducked the king, East would return a heart through the A-J, while if he won the trick, the defenders would eventually finish with three spades, a heart and the diamond king for down one. South should have realized that ducking the heart king was wrong for two reasons: First, West was very likely to shift to a spade; and second, South was in a position to guarantee a minimum of nine tricks if he took

the first trick with the ace. He would then cross to dummy with a club and lead the diamond gueen. If East had the king and did not cover, the finesse could be repeated to yield at least three diamond tricks. If the finesse lost to West, declarer would have nine ironclad tricks consisting of three diamonds, four clubs and the two major-suit aces. All of which goes to prove that



"Am I handsome yet, Mommy, or am I still just cute?"