

## CONTRACT BRIDGE

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD

If Mr. Meek had held Miss Brash's hand he probably wouldn't have doubled if his opponents had reached seven spades! But to Miss Brash nothing is impossible.

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.  
NORTH  
(Mr. Champion)  
♠ A 10 6  
♥ A 10 8 3  
♦ Q 7 5 2  
♣ 10 3

WEST (Miss Brash) EAST (Mr. Meek)  
♠ K 4 3 ♠ J 8  
♥ K 8 3 ♥ J 7  
♦ J 9 4 ♦ K 8 6 3  
♣ K Q J 7 ♣ 9 8 6 5 4

SOUTH (Mr. Muzzy)  
♠ A 9 8 7 2  
♥ Q 9 4 2  
♦ A 10  
♣ A 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass  
3♠ Pass 4♠ Pass  
Pass Dbl. All pass

She doubled four spades because to her the bidding sounded a little forced. She was willing to gamble that both of her opponents were stretching their hands.

And then, of course, there was the fact that Mr. Muzzy was going to be the declarer.

She opened the king of clubs and Mr. Muzzy won with the ace. In a terrible dither to get the trumps out, he immediately laid down the ace of spades. He followed with a small spade and put in the 10 from dummy when Miss Brash played low.

Mr. Meek won with the jack and returned a club. Miss Brash took this and led her last trump, the queen.

Dummy's king won, but now all the defenders had to do was to sit back and wait for a diamond trick and a heart trick.

Mr. Champion had a stricken look on his face. "Three against one," he said bitterly. "It happens to me all the time."

"You mean I could have made it?" Mr. Muzzy asked.

"Of course," screamed Mr. Champion. "You're always in such a big hurry to bang out your trumps or to take a finesse or something. Take your time. You had a sure losing club. Lead it at the second trick. Put the opponents in and let them guess how to beat the hand. As it happens they couldn't have done it."

Mr. Champion's voice was loud—but good. Often, in hands like this involving several broken suits, it is advantageous to throw the enemy in. Sometimes they will have no good return. Or they may guess wrong.

Today's hand is something of a rarity in that Miss Brash could have been end-played at trick two. Any return she made would have lost a trick, assuming Mr. Muzzy played his cards right from there on. A spade return would eliminate Mr. Muzzy's spade loser. A heart return would give him a chance to avoid all losers in that suit.

A low diamond return would ruin Mr. Meek's king (or let Mr. Muzzy win with the 10). And a club return would enable Mr. Muzzy to ruff in dummy while he discarded the losing diamond from his hand.

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

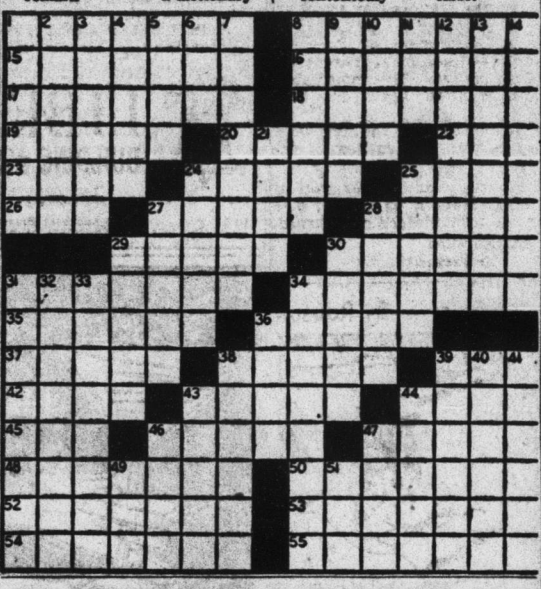
- Manager of the Senators
- One of Queen Victoria's titles
- Bright or winding
- Homes of hockey's Maple Leafs
- Electrical units
- Mourning becomes her
- River in Germany
- They thrive on inflation
- Republican: Abbr.
- Goldfish of discord
- Familiar denizen of the garden
- Misses West and Murray
- Decay
- Reveille
- Instrument
- Miracle
- Valley
- Breathed in a labored manner
- Touchdown-makers
- George of Hollywood
- Wax candles
- Natives of Lausanne
- Large birds: Var.
- Boothblack's handiwork
- Cutting remark

(Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle)

OSCAR GOD UNCLAS  
FERRI EAU LERNA  
FREEDOM FROM WANT  
SEER VISON TWE  
IRON CLIO  
DABOLI HERNANI  
EL PASO REAILED  
LIANE HER NATAL  
ENSLAVED FINAGE  
DEMETER TASTIER  
GERM RUTH  
S.I.S.I SEVER ESTA  
LOCOMOTIVE POWER  
A WANA TINO ORARE  
FANTY CAR HYING

DOWN

- Part of a bureau
- Cesar of the movies
- de corps
- Clairvoyants
- Girl's name
- Summer: Fr.
- Rainy day
- Endless: Poet
- Journalist and former
- Brain Trustee
- President: Abbr.
- Monstrous bird of mythology
- Intermission at the theater
- He wrote "Father of the Bride"
- Dishwasher's aid
- Hercules' prize
- Murmu's contentedly



## OUR PRESIDENTS

By HONORE M. CATUDAL



1—While campaigning for the presidency, a former Chief Executive was shot in Milwaukee, 43 years ago today. Who?

2—Today is the President's 65th birthday; (a) where was he born? (b) what was he doing on his 60th birthday?

3—"I was determined, as well by motives of private regard as a conviction of public propriety, to nominate you," wrote our first President to the man he had picked to be our first Secretary of State. Who?

(Answers on Next Page.)

## FAMOUS FABLES

By E. E. EDGAR

MORE ATTRACTIVE: Pianist-composer Leopold Godowsky was asked by a rival composer to attend the latter's concert. "I'm sorry," said Godowsky. "But you must come," insisted the other. "I want you to hear my last composition." "Your last?" "Yes." "Your very last?" "Of course." "For that," said Godowsky, "I will come."

IN STYLE: In 1916, financier Floyd Odlum left Salt Lake City and went to New York to make his mark in the big city. The first thing he noticed was that his yellow shoes, standard footwear in Salt Lake, were out of place. He had no money, however, for another pair.

A few months after his arrival he was invited to dinner at the home of a lawyer friend. What to do about the shoes, which he still hadn't been able to replace, colored the shoes black.

The tell-tale odor of the dye filled the dining room. The hostess, embarrassed by this strange scent, feared that something had gone wrong with the roast. Only Odlum, with his feet under the table, wasn't able to smell a thing.

## WORD GAME

Find 39 or more words in FEMORAL.

meaning, "pertaining to the thigh." Average is 35; time limit, 30 minutes.

Rules of the game—1. Words must be four or more letters. 2. Words which acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats," are not used. 3. Only one form of a word is used. 4. Proper names are not used.

ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S: mach, mail, meat, meadow, milky, minny, mist, ash, walls, walk, wash, whiny, white, whisky, who, wish, shawl, shakily, shay, sham, shily, silky, slim, slum, slimy, slim, slaw, slay, sway, swim, hawk, balls, lash, yawl.

## DAVY CROCKETT



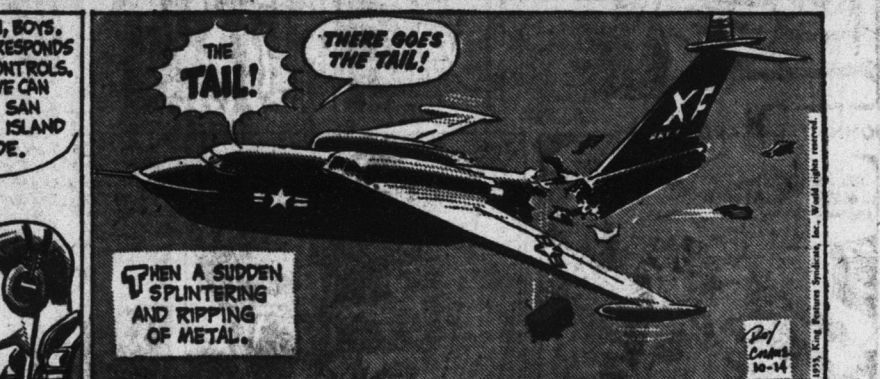
## POGO



## KERRY DRAKE



## BUZ SAWYER



## A WORD TO THE WISE

By MRS. FRANK COLBY

When a person has been wounded, does one speak of his "wound" to rhyme with "wound" to rhyme with rhyme with "found"?

Well, the "wound" pronunciation is heard occasionally; but it has never prevailed in modern English. Noah Webster preferred "wound" in his original dictionary (1828), but most of his contemporaries pronounced it "wound." The rhyme with "found" was obsolete even in Webster's day. We may regard it now as archaic.

Early in the last century, a certain professor, while in conversation with a woman of gentle birth, repeatedly used the "wound" pronunciation. "Why," she asked, "do you not call that word 'wound'?" Fixing her with a stern and learned eye, the pedagogue replied: "Because, madam, I have never found sufficient ground that it should have that sound."

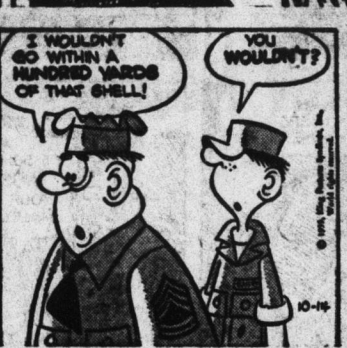
Nevertheless, if the professor had gone into the origin of the word, he would have found that the "wound" pronunciation is historically correct, for the original word was the Anglo-Saxon wund, which was pronounced with the "oo" sound. Wund then became wunde (exactly like the German word for wound). In Middle English the letter "o" was introduced for some reason that is not now clear: wunde, an injury, came to be spelled exactly like the past tense of wind. And it is likely that the resemblance of wound (injury) to the verb (he wound the clock) brought about the one-time current pronunciation "wound."

But, as I have already pointed out, the "wound" pronunciation is obsolete. It is not shown by Dorland's Medical Dictionary. Those standard dictionaries which mention the "wound" pronunciation describe it as "rare." (Distributed by McNaught Syndicate, Inc.)

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