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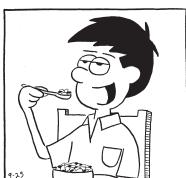




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BOAA EHL O WEHYFV GIPWDC Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CLASSIC SONG ABOUT SOMEBODY'S FRÊNCH FRIEND VIEWED UNDER A NIGHTTIME GLOW: "MOON OVER MY AMI."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals T

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This is a logic-based number placement puzzle. The goal is to enter a number, 1-9, in each cell in which each row, column and 3x3 region must contain only one instance of each numeral. The solution to today's Sudoku puzzle is right.

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Bridge

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH **4** 6 **Ŷ**à 10 8 4 **♦** J 3 ♣J 10 9 5 4 3 WEST **EAST ♦** 5 3 **♠** A 10 7 4 **♥**J952 ◆ A Q 9 7 6 4 ◆ K 10 8 5 2 **♣**8762 SOUTH ♠ K Q J 9 8 2 **♥**K Q 7 6 3 ♣A K The bidding: West South North **East** 1 **♠** 5 **♥** Pass 5 ♦

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

Pass

Dble

6 ♥

Pass

Ffred Does It With Flair

Here is an interesting hand reported by Dr. James Parrack in the British Bridge Magazine. As usual, the doctor casts his favorite character, Ffred, in the role of hero.

On this occasion, Ffred was playing in a team-of-four match and held the South hand. He was the dealer and opened with one spade. While it is true that many players would have opened a strong two-bid with Ffred's hand, Ffred was not often inclined to do what most players would do.

West overcalled with two diamonds, and East jumped to five diamonds. This development did not faze Ffred, who now bid five hearts in what can best be described as a forcing voice.

North then came to life and raised the ante to six hearts, which West doubled vehemently after two passes. West then led the ace of

Ffred ruffed, of course, and played the king of hearts, on which East showed out. This complication, with West having all four missing trumps, might have upset a different declarer, but Ffred, as usual, took the 4-0 break in stride.

When he next cashed the ace of clubs and West's queen appeared, Ffred's face lit up like a Christmas tree. Situations like this were always a source of great joy to him, and he proceeded to make the contract in his usual bang-bang style.

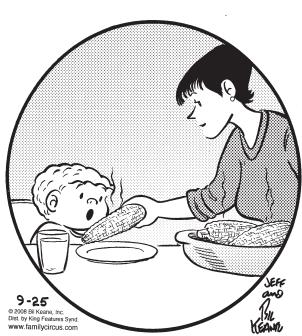
He led the six of hearts and finessed the eight, and then, after ruffing the jack of diamonds with the queen of hearts, led the seven and finessed the ten. When Ffred next cashed the ace of hearts, he discarded the king of clubs on it, allowing him to cash all of dummy's clubs, which brought him to 12 tricks. East scored the spade ace on the last trick.

During the post-mortem, when Ffred was asked why he had not tried to develop the spades instead of the clubs, he replied, "What

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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Family Circus • Bil Keane



"That's corn? I thought corn came in a can!"

city

40 Former

ugly

ducklina

41 Maximum

45 Geneal-

chart

47 Olympic

Sharif

50 Approach

Peter

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49 Actor

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1 Oil cartel

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11 Vanna's

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33 Wind-

35 Resort

36 Perfor-

38 Dweeb

39 Mystical

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27 Aware

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Crossword

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1 Galley	35 Bart, to
supply	Homer
5 Lummox	36 See 30-
8 Casino	Across
currency	37 Florida

12 Conspire (against) 13 Under the weather

14 Actress Turner 15 Ornamental bag 16 Zodiac

cat 17 Family member 18 Achieve

51 Caustic by threats 20 Reedy 52 Pianist 22 First Civil War battle 53 Recipe site

26 32-Across' band 29 Vacillate 30 Infuriate 31 Green-

eyed monster 32 Rocker Morrison 33 King of

Solution time: 25 mins. Siam's friend

ing 42 Portent 43 Rani's wrap 44 Stepped hard (on) 45 Potent stick **46** CSA soldier 48 Needle feature Yesterday's answer 9-25

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