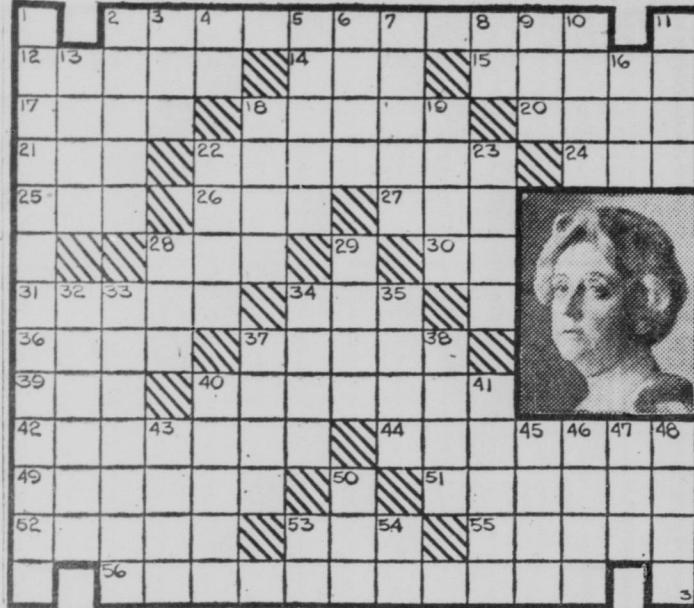


HORIZONTAL
2 Writer of the
"Birds' Christ
mas Carol."
12 Winged state
of an insect.
14 Hastened.
15 Full of roots.
17 Back of the
neck.
18 Civil wrongs.
20 Close by.
21 Instrumental
duet.
22 Crayon
drawings.
24 Falsehood.
25 Large deer.
26 Three-toed
sloths.
27 Inlet.
28 Measure of
cloth.
29 2,416.
30 Garnished.
31 Eucharist
vessel.
36 Limited.
37 Blessed.
39 To equip.
40 Those who
wear clothes.
42 She was a
by profession.

Answer to Previous Puzzle
16 Japanese fish.
18 End of a dress
coat.
19 To slide.
22 Sanskrit
dialect.
23 To depart by
boat.
25 Finale.
29 Sheep.
32 Each.
33 Feasted
sumptuously.
34 Pertaining to
wings.
35 On the sea.
37 Ale.
38 Kind of coarse
basket.
40 Game on
which bridge
is based.
41 Leather strip.
43 Mohammedan
judge.
45 Incongruous
jumble.
46 Genius of sheep.
47 Carmine.
48 Winter
carriage.
11 Funeral pile.
12 To handle
roughly.
13 She organized
the first free
— on the
Pacific coast
(pl.).
2 Mattress
filling.
3 Era.
4 Toward.
5 Lees.
6 Skin tumor.
7 To bury.
8 Grain (abbr.).
9 Electrified
particle.
10 Christmas
carol.
11 Funeral pile.
12 To handle
roughly.
VERTICAL
1 She organized
the first free
24 But gained
lasting fame
as an —
(pl.).
49 Frosted cake.
51 Sand and
pebbles.
52 Requirements.
53 Card game.
55 Apart.
56 Letters unin-
tentionally
repeated in
copying.
12 She was a
by profession.



Contract Bridge

Today's Contract Problem

North is playing the hand at six spades. East opens a club. Should the declarer attempt to ruff the losing clubs? Or how would you play the hand?

♠ A K Q J 9
♦ 2 3
♦ Q 6 4
♦ A 10 7 5 3
♦ A 7

♣ (Blind) W E ♠ (Blind)
Dealer ♦

Solution in next issue. 27

**Solution to Previous
Contract Problem**
By W. E. M'KENNEY

Secretary American Bridge League
TODAY'S hand is one of the old-timers. It has been used in contests and in series of problems, but a great many of my readers have been writing about it, so I am giving the answer today. If you have seen it before and have tried it, you have found it unusual, interesting.

I am afraid, if you set this hand up for your friends and asked them to bid it, that no two of them would bid it alike. However, it is not a bidding problem, but rather one of play.

WEST opens the king of clubs, which South wins with the ace. He then leads with the jack.

Copyright, 1934, by NEA Service, Inc.

12 ♠ A J 6
♦ A K Q J ♠ Q J 10 9 8
♣ K Q J 10 ♦ 7 5 4 3 2
W E S 3 2
Dealer ♦ 3 2
N ♦ None
S ♦ 7 6 5 4
None ♦ 3 2
♣ K Q J 10 ♦ 3 2
A Q 6 4
A 10 7 5 3
A 7

South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♠ 3 ♦ Pass
3 ♦ Pass 3 ♦ Pass
4 ♦ Pass 7 ♦ Pass

27



keeps the taste in tune

This Curious World

By William Ferguson

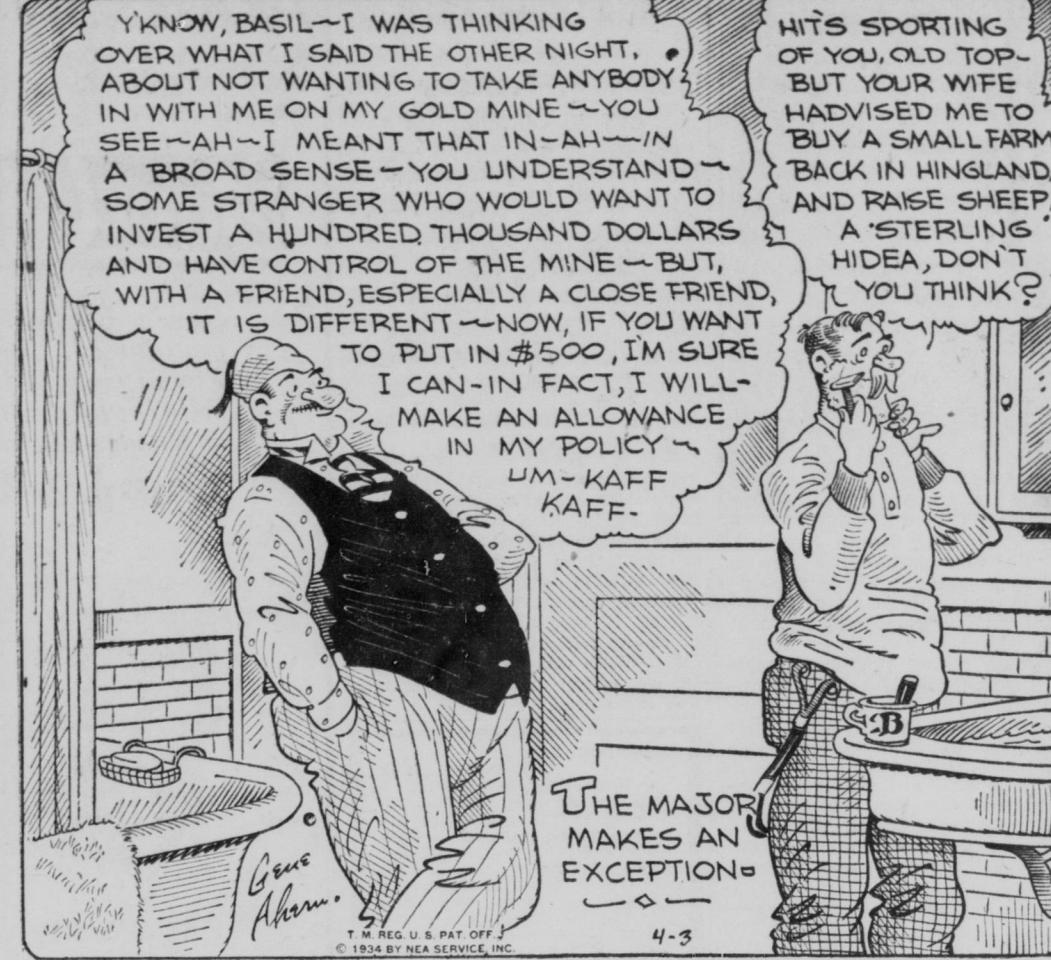


THE digestive system of the snake works rapidly, and every part of a swallowed animal soon is dissolved, with the exceptions of hoofs and hair. The powerful gastric juices seem to have no effect on these substances.

NEXT—An Australian native runs down a kangaroo!

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

—By Ahern



Gene Ahern

Y'KNOW, BASIL—I WAS THINKING OVER WHAT I SAID THE OTHER NIGHT, ABOUT NOT WANTING TO TAKE ANYBODY IN WITH ME ON MY GOLD MINE—YOU SEE—AH—I MEANT THAT IN—AH—IN A BROAD SENSE—YOU UNDERSTAND—SOME STRANGER WHO WOULD WANT TO INVEST A HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND HAVE CONTROL OF THE MINE—BUT, WITH A FRIEND, ESPECIALLY A CLOSE FRIEND, IT IS DIFFERENT—NOW, IF YOU WANT TO PUT IN \$500, I'M SURE I CAN-IN FACT, I WILL-MAKE AN ALLOWANCE IN MY POLICY — UM-KAFF KAFF.

4-3

OUT OUR WAY

—By Williams



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON.

—By Blosser

1934 BY NEA SERVICE, INC.

1934 BY NEA SERVICE, INC.