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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)
A CRAWLING PROPHECY!
Thought knowing naught a prophet
he
Who guesses right on what will be.
—Old Mother Nature.
Woolly Bear who isn't a bear at all
but a Caterpillar, black at both ends
and brown in the middle, was in
a hurry. There was no doubt about
that. Peter Rabbit knew it the instant
he saw him. Any one seeing
him would have known it. He was
going somewhere and wanted to
get there as soon as possible. This
was plain. So he was hurrying
along the Lone Little Path as fast
as he could. It really was fast—
for a Caterpillar. But this doesn't
mean that he was moving along
fast. He was hurrying, but slowly.
You see when he had taken a step
with the front pair of feet he
couldn't take another until the
several pairs of feet back of these
had in turn taken a step and caught
up.
So to Peter Rabbit hurrying
Woolly Bear was simply crawling.
He said he was going somewhere



"Are you going somewhere to spend the winter?" Peter asked.
but didn't know where, and it was clear that he was in a hurry to get there. All he seemed to know was that he was on his way. Some folks are like that.
"Are you going somewhere to spend the winter?" Peter asked.
"If nothing happens to me I'll spend the winter there," replied Woolly Bear, keeping right on going along the Lone Little Path.
"Where?" asked Peter.
"I told you I don't know where," said Woolly Bear impatiently.
"You seem to be in such a hurry you must think winter is almost here," said Peter.
"I don't know whether it is or isn't, and what is more I don't care. I'll get where I'm going and be ready for it whenever it comes," declared Woolly Bear crossly. He didn't like being bothered with questions when he was in such a hurry.
Meanwhile, Peter was staring at Woolly Bear most impolitely. Woolly Bear noticed it.
"What are you staring so at me for?" he demanded. "Haven't you ever seen a Woolly Bear before?"
"Yes," replied Peter, "but I don't remember ever seeing one with such a wide brown band around the middle as you have. I really don't."
"What of it?" demanded Woolly Bear. He raised his little shiny black head for a look around, then hurried on.
"Doesn't it mean anything to you?" asked Peter.
"Not a thing," retorted Woolly Bear.
"It must," declared Peter firmly. "Why must it?" demanded Woolly Bear, all the time keeping his many feet moving as fast as he could.
"Because it means something to other folks, so of course it must mean the same thing to you," retorted Peter.
"You don't say. What does it mean to other folks?" replied Woolly Bear.
"The brown band around the middle of a Woolly Bear is a sign. It tells what kind of a winter lies ahead," said Peter.
Woolly Bear stopped his hurrying long enough to lift his head and look up at Peter. Who says so?" he wanted to know.
"A lot of folks say so. They say that if that brown band is narrow it means the winter will be long and hard. And if that band is wide the winter will be short and mild," explained Peter.
"Do tell, Punny how some folks know so much more about other folks than those folks know about themselves," said Woolly Bear, and hurried on.
"Is it true?" asked Peter.
"How should I know?" asked Woolly Bear.
"You should. It is your band," retorted Peter.
"Well, I don't. So stop asking silly questions," replied Woolly Bear. He hurried on slowly.

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Contract Bridge
By Josephine Culbertson
INCONSEQUENTIAL!
Victory in a team-of-four match depended on a play which most bridge players would consider inconsequential!

South dealer
Both sides vulnerable

♠ Q 9 6	♥ A 10 4 2	♦ J 8 5	♣ 9 4
♠ 7 3	♥ 10 9 3	♦ A K 8 5	♣ 2
♠ N	♥ E	♦ S	♣ W
♠ A K J 10 8 4	♥ 7	♦ A Q 7 6 2	♣ J

The bidding at both tables was identical, namely:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass
The opening lead at both tables was also the same—the club king. West continued with the ace of clubs, and both declarers of course ruffed.
Not still with a single mind, both declarers overtook the spade jack with the queen and returned the five of diamonds from dummy for the finesse. At this point, however, the defense at one table was quite different from that at the other.
At table 1, West followed suit to the diamond lead with the three-spot, and now this declarer had only one chance for his contract—that the diamond king would drop under the ace. So, after drawing the outstanding trumps, South hopefully laid the diamond ace and the fall of the king from East concluded the matter.
At table 2, West gave his adversary something to think about! When South led a diamond to the queen, West followed suit with the nine, and obviously, this gave South quite a problem! If the nine-spot was an honest play, West might well have started with the 10-9 blank. If that was the case, the king would not fall on the ace, but a different maneuver would be just as satisfactory to declarer!
Although South was an experienced player, there was no way for him to tell whether West's play of the diamond nine was honest or a false card. Forced to guess, he decided that it was honest. So he led another trump to dummy, then sent the diamond jack through East in the hope that this play would trap the blank ten in the West hand. Actually, of course, West's diamond ten became good for the setting trick.

King of The Royal Mounted
by Zane Grey

JOE PALOOKA
By Carl Anderson

HENRY
By Buford

DOTTY DRIPPLE
By Edwin

TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBB
By George McManis

BRINGING UP FATHER
By West

TILLIE THE TOLKER
By Harry Haenigsen

PENNY
By Alex Raymond

L'I' ABNER
By Kirby

VALERIE
By Alex Raymond

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BUCKLEY'S MIXTURE

PENNY
Penny, the clutter of trash in your room is a disgrace. You'll have to clear it out.

PENNY
Learn to organize your possessions. Don't hoard useless things. Pick out the things you need and weed out the rest.

PENNY
But what party do I never keep with them?

PENNY
Mama! I just put them over the garage with all that junk of yours?