

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

SAMMY JAY EXPLAINS
When you hear a warning, heed it. Another time you will not need it.
—Sammy Jay.

Sammy Jay had done his best to keep two young foxes, Too-Smart and his pretty mate Soft-Eyes, out of trouble with Prickly Porky the Porcupine. He knew that it was the first time they ever had seen Prickly Porky and that they thousand little spears, called quills, with which he is protected. He had succeeded in keeping them from touching Prickly Porky, but after the latter had gone away Too-Smart found one of his quills on the ground and despite Sammy Jay's warning not to touch it, he had touched it and now he wished he hadn't. Accidentally he had stepped on the sharp point of that quill and it had been pushed well

into his foot. Trying to get hold of it and pull it out, he had worked it still farther in. Of course the result was a sore foot.

Sammy Jay came around every day. More than once he reminded Too-Smart that he had been warned to leave that quill alone. "You are lucky," said Sammy on one of his visits.

"How am I lucky?" asked the young fox. He didn't feel lucky, not the least bit lucky. He was going about on three legs, because he could not as yet put that sore foot to the ground.

"You are lucky that you didn't try to fight Prickly Porky," replied Sammy Jay. "If you had a lot of those little spears in your mouth and tongue, as you would have had if you had tried to fight Prickly Porky, you would know what real trouble is. You just can't get those things out. I have heard that Pekin the Fisher, who lives in the deepest part of the Green Forest, has learned how to kill a porcupine without getting too many of those little spears in him, and that he doesn't seem to mind much those that do stick in him. But everyone else with any sense at all leaves Prickly Porky and his kind alone."

"Does he throw those little spears?" asked Soft-Eyes who had been listening.

Sammy Jay shook his head. "Of course he doesn't," said he. "Sometimes when he is switching his tail back and forth some of the little spears on his tail may be loose and be thrown off. But when it happens Prickly Porky doesn't know anything about it. It is just accidental."

"Does he carry those little spears?" asked Soft-Eyes who had been listening.

Sammy Jay shook his head. "Of course he doesn't," said he. "Sometimes when he is switching his tail back and forth some of the little spears on his tail may be loose and be thrown off. But when it happens Prickly Porky doesn't know anything about it. It is just accidental."

"Does he carry those little spears?" asked Soft-Eyes who had been listening.



"No," said Sammy Jay and began to chuckle. "He fights with his tail."

all over him?" asked Too-Smart. He stopped licking his sore paw long enough to ask the question.

"No," replied Sammy Jay. "He hasn't any at all underneath. He carries them all on his back and sides and his tail."

"He has ugly-looking biting teeth," spoke up Soft-Eyes.

"True enough," said Sammy Jay. "But it isn't with those that he does most of his fighting."

"What does he fight with, his claws?" asked Too-Smart.

"No," said Sammy Jay, and began to chuckle. "He fights with his tail."

Both young foxes looked up at Sammy Jay with the funniest expressions on their faces. "How in the world can he fight with his tail?" asked one of them.

"By slapping it about from side to side. Anyone hit by that tail is out of luck," explained Sammy Jay.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

HIGH-LEVEL DISAGREEMENT

It is not only average players who disagree over the meaning of a bid. Here is a case in point: East and West knew a good thing when they heard it — neither was at all inclined to double four hearts and perhaps let the enemy get straightened out. The outcome, then, was that South found himself in a vulnerable four-heart contract without a trump in his hand.

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable

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

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

♠ A 9 6 5
♥ 7 2
♦ 10 9 7 6 4 3 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ 3 ♠
3 ♠ 4 ♠ (1) Pass
Pass (1) Pass

Down 700 was a pleasant result for East-West, and it was probably all the more pleasant because their opponents were very famous experts, and East-West could then listen comfortably to the conversation going from North to South and vice versa.

South said: "Don't you know a cue bid when you hear one?" North said: "That wasn't a cue bid, necessarily. You could have been too weak for two hearts over one spade, but wanted to show the suit finally. Maybe you had raised on only three spades and were looking for a safer contract."

South said: "Rather unlikely. I made two bids. If my hand justified them, then I must have meant to bid two hearts over one spade. And to beat them over one spade, anyway, everything pointed to the fact that we had agreed on spades. You should have been at least suspicious of the heart bid, and gone to spades in self-protection."

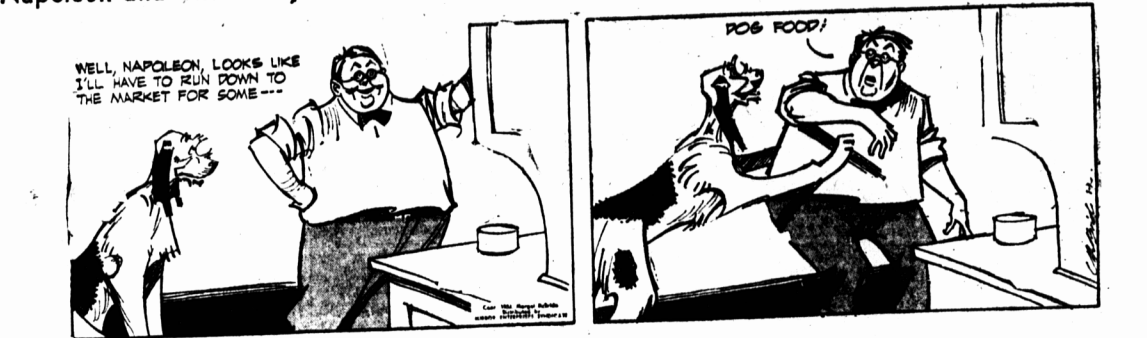
North said: "You shouldn't have made such an ambiguous bid." And so the discussion ended — on the usual note of disagreement.

Obviously, South bid the hearts because he expected the nonvulnerable enemy to save at diamonds, and wanted to beat them adequately by getting a heart lead which he could ruff. True, his bid was somewhat ambiguous, but everything considered, North should have gone back to spades.

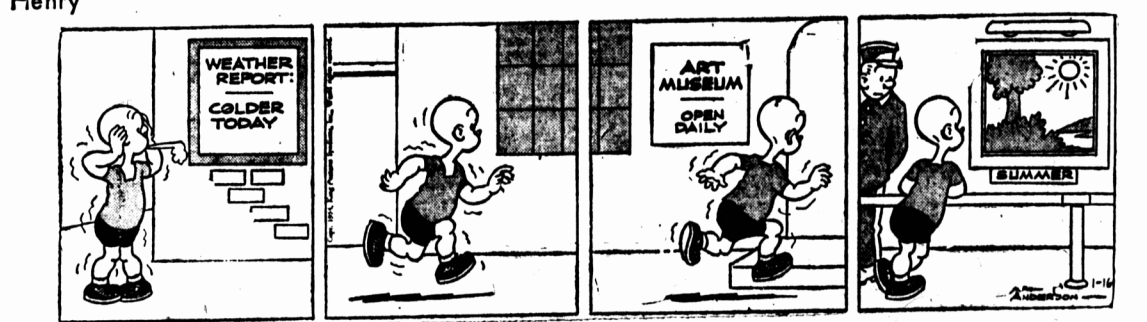
Tilly The Toiler



Napoleon and Uncle Elby



Henry



Pogo



Dotty Dripple



Tippy and "Cap" Stubs



Bringing Up Father



PENNY



FOR Tailoring and Alterations RITE-WAY CLEANERS 7387

DANCING CLOVER CLUB
Charlottetown's Finest Dance Hall
EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT
All new Legionairs Orchestra
Reservations accepted by phone only between four and eight each Saturday evening—Dial 6022.
"Reservations for couples accepted only"
Meet your friends at the Clover Club
\$2.00 per couple

Slight Increase In Immigrants

OTTAWA, (CP) — The number of immigrants admitted to Canada in 1953 is expected to exceed the 1952 total of 164,498 by a slight margin, an immigration department official said Thursday.

He made the forecast on the basis of immigration figures for the first 11 months of 1953 and preliminary figures for December.

During the 11 months 157,638 immigrants landed in Canada, an increase of 0.4 per cent compared with 157,036 admitted during the same period in 1952.

The number of arrivals from the U. K. totalled 44,651, a gain of nine per cent. A total of 65,830 immigrants arrived from north European countries, an increase of nine per cent compared with 1952. Arrivals from the United States rose to 4,628 from 5,619.

However, the number admitted from all other countries declined to 38,529, a drop of 18 per cent.

Rip Kirby



Contract Bridge



King of The Royal Mounted



Contract Bridge



Joe Palooka



Contract Bridge



LI ABNER



Contract Bridge



By Alex Raymond

By Zane Grey

By Ham Fisher

By Al Capp

By Al Capp

By Clifford McBride

By Carl Anderson

By Walt Kelly

By Buford

By Edwine

By George McManus

By Harry Hoehnigen