

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

WHOSE BERRIES WERE THEY?

Alas, that folks think they must fight. To prove their own opinions right.

—Old Mother Nature.
To whom did the blueberries in the Old Pasture belong? There was a difference of opinion in regard to this. Yes, sir, there was a differ-

ence of opinion. Certain of the feathered folk considered that those berries belonged to them. Certain of the folks in fur thought those berries belonged to them. One of these was Buster Bear. Because Buster is one of the biggest and strongest people in the Green Forest, he thinks that all the things he may want he can take by right of might. Alas, that so many people in the Great World think much the way that Buster Bear does.

Every year Buster visits the Old Pasture because in a certain part of it the ground in early summer is fairly blue with berries. It always is so a couple of years after the Red Terror -- which is what the furred and feathered folk call fire--has burned over part of the Old Pasture. The low growing blueberries love to grow where fire has been.

In another part of the Old Pasture were the ground is wet, a different kind of blueberry grows on high bushes. Buster Bear knows all about these, too. Buster always plans to get his share of both kinds and usually does. He never feels easy when he is berrying in the Old Pasture because he never feels

double was particularly shrewd. He had a very bad hand in most respects, but he did have an asset in his singleton diamond with three trumps, and with his spade holding back of South. Moreover, there was the significant point that when East doubled one no-trump after spades had already been bid, he was implying strong heart support (the other major suit).

If South had passed over the double of one no-trump, it would have been West who had to find a bid; and if West also passed, North could escape diamonds. North, however, had no reason to rail at his partner, because he himself might well have passed to South's one spade!

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A BIDDING PROBLEM

The bidding of the following deal contained several interesting features.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Double
2 ♠ Pass Pass Double
Pass Pass Pass

Perfect play by South would have given him six tricks but he had great "handing difficulty," and on West's lead of the singleton diamond, he went down three, for an 800-point penalty.

It is not South's play, however, with which we should be most concerned--it is the bidding. Let's analyze, starting with the East-West bidding:
East's double of one no-trump was logical, and though West kept silent over South's two hearts, East stuck to his aggressive course. It is true that his double of two hearts entailed some risk--West had not yet bid, and so this double also was technically of the take-out variety. If West could not stand it and had to bid at the three-level with a bad hand, the result might be unpleasant. However, while realizing this, East felt that the situation warranted further exploration and, as events transpired, he was right.

Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



LIL' ABNER



RIP KIRBY



Reddy Fox is another who thinks the berries belong to him.

at home outside the Green Forest. He always uneasy. But berries are worth a little uneasiness.
Reddy Fox is another who thinks the berries belong to him. You didn't know that Reddy Fox eats berries? He does. He is very fond of berries. Many people seem to think that Reddy eats nothing but mice and rabbits and birds. That is their mistake. Reddy eats a lot of other things, including fruit of various kinds.

Farmer Brown's Boy is another who thought that those berries in the Old Pasture didn't belong to others, but did belong to himself and his father and mother because those berries grew on Farmer Brown's land. So it was that when Blacky the Crow began cawing over in the Old Pasture he at once suspected that someone was up there after berries.

Now Buster Bear had been greedily stuffing himself with low infections and the many troubles that are so prevalent. For me it has proved most efficacious." Signed: S. M. W.

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Buster Bear was safely back in the Green Forest. Despite the fact that he had eaten enough berries to almost fill his stomach, and should have been feeling good-natured, he was in a bad temper. "They are my berries," growled Buster Bear. "No one has any right to those berries but me." Even after he had found a comfortable place to lie down and licked his sore foot he continued to growl and grumble.

Flying over from the Big River came Graywing the Gull. He often comes far up the Big River looking for fish. He wasn't looking for fish this time. No, sir, he wasn't up there looking for fish this time. He had left the Big River and now was over the Old Pasture. His eyes sparkled as he looked down. He wasn't looking for fish. Of course not. There wouldn't be fish in the Old Pasture. He was looking for just what he now saw--blueberries. Graywing the Gull is very fond of blueberries. He and his friends often fly far inland after blueberries. Perhaps they get tired of fish for breakfast, lunch and dinner. I'm sure I would. Wouldn't you? He had just started to fill his crop with them when Farmer Brown's Boy got there. Graywing took to his wings. He was just as resentful as Buster Bear.

"Those are my berries," said he to himself.

LATE STARTER

Albania's first railway was completed in 1947.

"In This Land Of Sunshine And Bugs"

Writes a Puerto Rico Lady

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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Impudent
 - Strike with the hand
 - Famous canal (N. Y.)
 - Edible rootstock (Tahiti)
 - Claw
 - Affirms
 - Occurrence
 - Music note
 - A day of the week (abbr.)
 - Southeast
 - Earth as a goddess
 - Winnow
 - Mason's tool
 - To be suddenly cross
 - Contributes
 - Dip out, as liquid
 - Most painful
 - and down
 - Like
 - Music note
 - Shilling (abbr.)
 - Ounce (abbr.)
 - Commenced (abbr.)
 - One of a religious and social group in India
 - Maxim
 - Antlered animal
 - Cripple
 - Wither
 - Mischievous persons
- DOWN**
- A dam-building animal
 - Voided escutcheon
 - King of beasts
 - Slight depression
 - Gaze intently
 - Wash
 - Part of "to be"
 - Door
 - Exclamation
 - Submerge
 - A window-pane
 - Join by melting
 - Excessive chances
 - Sorrow
 - Type measure
 - Varying weight (Ind.)
 - Toward
 - Luxuriant
 - Plant lice
 - Platforms
 - Prong
 - Sky-blue
 - River (Eur.)



Yesterday's Answer
37. An island E. of Java
38. Cheese (Holland)
39. Large umbrella
41. Born

- DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE--Here's how to work it:**
A X Y D L B A A X R
L O N G F E L L O W
- One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.
- A Cryptogram Quotation
K T J Q Q C E Y M K Q Y T C H J T Q K T Y M M
P O D A K Y O - D P Q U M H K C E
- Yesterday's Cryptogram: THE MAN IN THE STREET DOES NOT KNOW A STAR IN THE SKY--EMERSON

By Al Capp

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



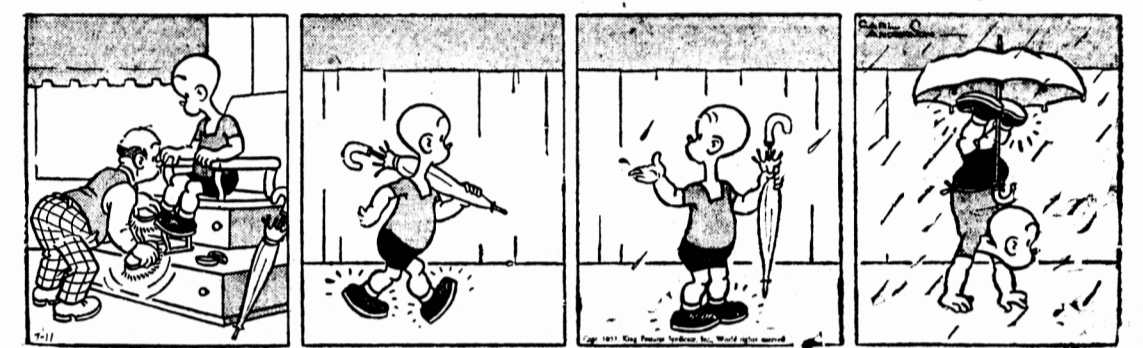
JOE PALOOKA

By Ham Fisher



HENRY

By Carl Anderson

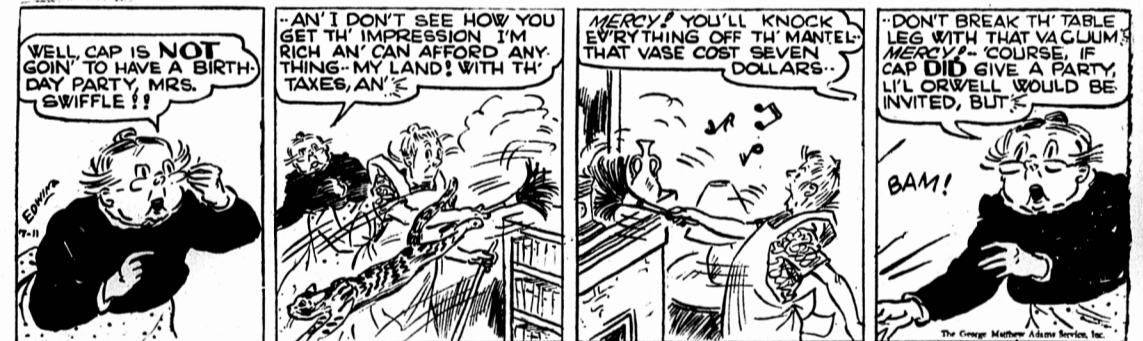


DOTTY DIPPLE



By Ruford

TIPPY AND "CAP" STURS



By Edwin

BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

TILLY THE TOILER



By Westcott

PENNY



By Harry Hoehnigen