

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

A FEATHERED EXPLOSION
Some folks forget what should be plain, there is no loss without some gain.

Blacky the Crow was holding his tongue in the top of a tall

Contract Bridge
By Josephine Culbertson
PLAYING SKILL NEEDED

In view of South's extremely optimistic bidding in the hand below, it was too bad that he couldn't find the one line of play that would give him a chance.

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

♠ K J 8 5	♥ A 7 6 4	♦ A 10 3	♣ K 8
♠ A 4 8	♥ J 9	♦ K 7 6 2	♣ 10 7 5
♠ Q 10 9 7 2	♥ K 5 2	♦ 4	♣ A 6 4 4
♠ West	♥ North	♦ East	♣ Pass
♠ Pass	♥ 1 4	♦ Pass	♣ Pass
♠ Pass	♥ 6 6	♦ Pass	♣ Pass

South's four-club effort was of course completely unjustified because of his shaded opening bid, and North could not help being misled. South should have been more than satisfied to bid only four spades over North's raise to three.

West decided that the opponents must be solid in trumps, so he led his singleton rather than jeopardize any one of his honors. East put up the ace and returned a trump, letting South break suits for himself. South drew a few East's last trump, cashed three club tricks and ruffed a club, and finally handed a heart trick

pine tree over in the Green Forest. Just a little way from him in another pine tree was Sammy Jay. Sammy wasn't holding his tongue. Sammy was screaming at the top of his lungs, "Thief! Thief! Thief!"

At first Blacky didn't know who was being called a thief. He prides himself on the keenness of his eyes, and he has reason to pride himself. But this time Sammy Jay had seen something that Blacky now he saw what it was. He saw Hooty the Owl lighting in another tree. He looked down on the ground in a little opening below him. In it was a mossy old log. Blacky knew all about that old log. He knew that was the log on which Thunderer the Grouse liked to strut and drum. Many times Blacky had watched Thunderer doing these things.

over to the opponents, sheepishly acknowledging defeat. There was good reason for South to feel that he had bitten off more than he could chew, but he nevertheless gave up too easily. There was a possible break of suits which would produce the contract, and so of course South should have played for that break.

The one chance was to find either defender with at least four cards in hearts and in clubs. To that end, South should have oiled the diamond ace and ruffed a diamond; then gone back to the trump jack and ruffed the last diamond. After this, if he simply went over to the club king and discarding a heart from the closed hand, West would be squeezed. He would either have to abandon his side's only heart stopper or, by giving up a club, permit declarer to cash all four cards of that suit.

Right now he wasn't strutting or drumming. No sir, he wasn't doing either of these things. He was fighting another Grouse. In fact it was this fight that had brought Blacky and Sammy Jay over there. They never miss anything exciting if they can help it. Now the fight had brought Hooty the Owl, and Blacky knew that it wasn't excitement that had brought Hooty over. It was the hope of catching one or both of those silly fighters down below.



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"It is of no use for me to warn them," thought Blacky. "If they don't hear Sammy Jay, they certainly won't hear me." So Blacky kept his tongue still. The fact is, he was afraid of Hooty the Owl. Blacky knew well that a lot of people seem not to know—that Hooty the Owl can see about as well in daylight as he can see at night.

Just as Hooty lifted his great broad wings to swoop down on those fighting Grouse, Blacky saw some one else coming over the tree-tops. Now he had more reason than ever for keeping his tongue still. That was Terror the Goshawk who was coming, and no member of the Hawk family is more feared. It looked very, very much as if someone would soon be missing in the Green Forest. In fact, it looked as if there might be two missing. Blacky didn't believe that either of those fighters had a chance in the world.

Right then there was an explosion. At least it was a sort of explosion, a feathered explosion. It was Mrs. Grouse springing into the air with a roar of stout wings that to say the least was startling. She almost brushed against those two who were fighting. This was a warning they couldn't miss. Instantly there were two more feathered explosions. Thunderer, on equally noisy wings, disappeared after Mrs. Grouse as they dashed in among, and dodged around trees. The other Grouse flew in another direction. Hooty the Owl swooped, but he was just too late. Terror shot after the handsome young Grouse, but he couldn't dodge in and out among the trees as the young fighter did. Sammy Jay kept still and out of sight. So did Blacky the Crow. Down on the

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. Fall short
 2. Anger
 3. Behold
 4. Garret
 5. Stockiest
 6. Ordinal
 7. The south of France
 8. Ireland
 9. Edges
 10. Artist's workshop
 11. Music note
 12. Deeming
 13. A hindrance
 14. Weirder
 15. South American river (poss.)
 16. Showery
 17. Reigning beauty
 18. Long, narrow strip of wood
 19. To sell again
 20. Momentous
 21. Highest mountain in the world
 22. Norse god
 23. Oppose
 24. Equitable
 25. U. S. president
 26. Rocky fragments at base of a cliff (geol.)
 27. Tow boats
 28. First man (Bib.)
- DOWN**
1. Gloomy
 2. Portion of a curved line

Yesterday's Answer

35. Craze (Heraldry) 36. A wing 37. Tantalum (sym.)

22. Sect-menary deposit of large rivers 23. Vendora 24. Flexed 25. Pause 26. Waist-coats 30. Unit of work 31. Green (Heraldry) 32. He sold his birthright to Jacob (Bib.)

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
S P P C R P P Q A O N A F V R I V D N
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NO SIGN OF DARGAN SENNY, PHIL! BUT, IF SHE BROWNED, IT COULD TAKE SEVERAL DAYS FOR HER BODY TO WASH AWAY!

JOE, IT'S OUR DUTY TO REMAIN HERE UNTIL WE KNOW FOR SURE THAT THE SEA HAS CLAIMED HER!

HERE'S A TROUBLE SHOOTER IN THE SAND, PHIL! IT'S A MESSAGE FROM THAT SEMI-LEGAL FISHING SCOUT CHARLIE PINETREE!

—AND IT MAKES SENSE, PHIL!

If your friend not washed in, mean sharks got — or maybe friend washed by island — to open sea Charlie

THROAT SORE?

for common ordinary sore throat

JUST RUB ON

MINARD'S KING OF PAIN LINIMENT

Secret Agent X9

THAT'LL BE ARTIE? A FINE TIME TO BE CALLING FOR A DATE!

TONIGHT? — ARE YOU ACTUALLY OUT OF YOUR MIND? DO YOU UTTERLY REALIZE IT'S ALMOST EIGHT NOW?

I SUPPOSE YOU THINK I'VE BEEN JUST WAITING FOR GORGEOUS YOU TO REMEMBER TO PHONE!

I'LL BE READY IN TWO MINUTES!

YIPPEE YAHOO

OUR FIRST BABY IS A BOY!

WHEEEEEEEEEE

HES THE ACCOUNTANT ACROSS THE HALL WHO SAID HE WANTED TEN CHILDREN!

THAT GETS IT! WE'RE MOVING!

The Lone Ranger

ONE CROOK OUT OF FIGHT!

TAKE GUNS, KENO BABAY!

I HAVE THEM!

ANYONE WANT MOOSE FIGHTING?

Joe Palooka

GEE WHIZ, DONNIE... UNCLE JOE'S HAVIN' A ROUGH TIME WIT' THIS BUM... C'MON, JOEY BOY!

...AND THERE'S THE BELL FOR THE FOURTH ROUND...

KEEP IT UP, LARRY... HE WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE IT MUCH LONGER!

I FEEL SURE I'VE JUST BERTHED THE FIRST ROUND.

"GROUNDER IS STILL PRESSING WITH HIS WINDMILL — ONE CH- SLAUGH — PALOOKA CAN'T CASH TO KEEP HIS GO — AND WHO'S A HARD EGG TO THE GROUND'S SQUAR PLEASIN'."

DOOP!

Henry

DO NOT WORRY, WHILE JERRY, HE'LL WIN.

Grandma

BUT, GRANDMA THERE ARE NO BIG FISH IN THIS POND!!

YEAH, I KNOW! I'M JUST TRYIN' TO CATCH A FEW LITTLE FELLERS!!

GOLLY, SPRING FEVER HAS HIT ME SUCH A WALLOP...

I WOULDN'T HAVE THE ENERGY TO LAND ANYTHING BIGGER THAN A SARDINE, ANYWAY!

Mickey Mouse

HEY... NO FAIR! NOW I GOT 'EM BOTH!

HANG ON! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

I NEED A MATCH! GOT ANY?

NOPE!

MIKEY... I CAN'T HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER! ALTHOUGH ARE GETTIN' WEAK!

HOLD THE FORT! JUST ANOTHER MOMENT...

Bringing Up Father

JIGGS, THE MANAGER OF THE OPERA HOUSE MOVED IN NEXT DOOR! I WANT HIM TO HEAR ME SING!

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT AGAINST HIM?

WHEN HE HEARS MY VOICE, PERHAPS HE'LL MAKE ME AN OFFER!

"WE BROKE HER HEART" — SO SHE BROKE HIS!

"MAYBE THAT'S HIM AT THE DOOR NOW."

THAT WAS THE OPERA HOUSE MANAGER MAKING YOU AN OFFER, MAGGIE... \$1000 IF YOU'LL MOVE AWAY!!

Mugs and Skeeter

STOP, JUNIOR!

PA, HE'S GOT YOUR HAT!

IT'S YOUR STRAW HAT FROM LAST YEAR... BUT NOW IT'S RUINED!

THAT SAVES ME THE TROUBLE OF DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO RETIRE THAT REPEATER!

Etta Kent

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