

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

JIMMY SKUNK GOES SAMPLING

The epicure seeks the best. And then for others leaves the rest.

—Old Mother Nature, Jimmy Skunk was following an old cowpath through the bushes in the Old Pasture. Old cowpaths usually wander about this way and that way. They are even more crooked than the Crooked Little Path over in the Green Forest. But if you persist and follow them long enough and do not get mixed up when they cross and recross, you get where you want to get sooner or later, usually later. Jimmy wasn't in a hurry. It was a good thing he wasn't. Jimmy seldom is in a hurry. He says that more is lost than ever is gained through hurrying. So now he just ambled along stopping here and there to look for a fat beetle or anything else he might eat.

So at long last he came to the place where blueberries were making the ground look as if it were covered with a blue carpet. When he came in sight of the berries,

Jimmy almost hurried. Yes, sir, he really did. They were what he had come over to the Old Pasture for. Now that blue carpet was broken up into small patches. Jimmy stopped at the first one he came to and began to eat. My, how good those berries tasted. He was sure that those were the best berries ever grown. That is, he was sure until he chanced to look over at another patch and saw Reddy Fox. Reddy was gobbling those berries as if he thought they were the best in the world. Perhaps they were. The way to find out would be to sample them. Jimmy forgot how good his berries were and ambled over to Reddy Fox. "Are those good berries?" asked Jimmy. "Very good," replied Reddy, "but no better than those I saw you eating over there. These are my berries."

Jimmy didn't stop. He kept right on. Reddy Fox looked uneasy, he was uneasy. Also he didn't look pleased. He didn't feel pleasant. He backed up. Jimmy said nothing, he just raised his tail a little. Reddy took a few more steps backward. Jimmy still said nothing, but raised his tail a little higher. Reddy backed a little faster.

"These are nice berries, the nicest berries I ever tasted," said Jimmy Skunk. Reddy Fox didn't hear it. He was on his way to another patch of berries. Jimmy began eating those berries. Chancing to look over a short distance away he saw Graywing the Gull. Graywing was also feasting on berries. Right then and there the berries that Jimmy was eating somehow didn't seem as good as he had thought they were until he saw how greedily Graywing was eating berries. "Those must be extra good berries over there," thought Jimmy and straightway headed for that patch where Graywing was so busy that he didn't see Jimmy coming. It wasn't until Jimmy stamped his feet that Graywing saw him and hastily took to his wings. He wasn't at all pleasant about it. No, sir, he wasn't at all pleasant. He circled overhead screaming angrily and calling Jimmy Skunk all sorts of bad names.

Jimmy didn't mind. Jimmy didn't mind at all. Right away he began to sample those berries, and somehow those berries tasted better than any he had had so far. He was sure that they were the best berries in the world until he saw another

clubs. As it turned out, this was brilliant defense, because it gave South the chance to make a ruinous discard from dummy! Apparently taking it for granted that West had the spade king, declarer discarded a spade from dummy - and the roof fell in on him! West shifted to spades, and when dummy played low, East won with the king and returned the suit. South's queen and dummy's ace went on this trick, and when South then tried for the diamond finesse, West won and rattled off three more spade tricks, each worth 600 points! It was absurd, of course, for South to expose himself to such a catastrophe. The spade discard from dummy was not only dangerous but unnecessary. The right discard was a heart -- there was no risk whatever in blanking the ace. Then, if West made the spade shift, South would have two stoppers, and even against the bad luck of both the diamond and the spade kings lying wrong, South would have gone down only one trick -- 400 points instead of 2200.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

DOWN 2200!

It is all very well -- and often vital -- for a declarer to "place" a certain missing card where he thinks it should be, but there is also the ever-present factor of safety. South forgot about this latter in the following deal.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

North's lead to three notrump and East's penalty double were about equally rash -- but North clinched his claim to the booby prize when he redoubled! True, South's one notrump response to the first double showed some strength, but not so much that North could "re-lex."

When this high optimism of North's was coupled with a terrible play on South's part, the result was extremely painful to the North-South pocketbook!

West, wanting a look at dummy, opened the king of clubs, and when he blank queen-jack showed up, continued with the ace and ten of



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RIP KIRBY



"Are those good berries?" asked Jimmy

Toronto Blacked Out By Small Fire

TORONTO, July 12—(CP)—Most of residential Toronto was darkened for three hours yesterday when fire caused by a short circuit knocked the city's largest hydro sub-station out of commission.

Hydro officials said damp wires at the MacPherson Avenue station short-circuited and set fire to transformers in the building. Repairmen stood by until smoke cleared from the damaged equipment.

The break affected city traffic lights and caused record traffic jams during the evening rush hour.

Hitler "Brain" To Go To Indonesia

PARIS, July 10—(AP)—Hjalmar Schacht, Adolf Hitler's top financial brain, is going to Indonesia as an official guest "to discuss the economic and financial problems." A spokesman for the Indonesian Embassy made the announcement today. Schacht was last reported in Italy.

BAR HARBOR, Me., July 10—(AP)—Seven-year Paul Thorne was found scratched and barefoot today on Rugged Door Mountain. He had spent the night climbing around sharp rocky ledges and precipices.

DANCE

EAST ROYALTY RINK HALL
Friday July 13th.
George Chappelle and His Merry Islanders
Bus Leaving I.M.T. 9:30
Admission 50 cents
Canteen service Free Check Room

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. Ninth letter (Arab.)
2. Peltah
3. Wheaten flour
4. Left side (abbr.)
5. A pace
6. Wagon wheel grooves
7. Long-eared rodent
8. Float
9. Gusto
10. Erase
11. To (poet.)
12. Ugly old
13. Sharpen a razor
14. Half an em
15. Territory (abbr.)
16. Drop
17. Part of "to be"
18. Obstacle
19. Goddess of dawn
20. Character in "Little Women"
21. Equipment
22. Music note
23. Greek letter
24. Microbe
25. Japanese holiday
26. Seaweed
27. Land surrounded by water
28. Bondsman
29. Carousal
30. Level
31. Remove (print.)
32. Prophet

DOWN
1. Breezy
2. Peltah
3. Wheaten flour
4. Left side (abbr.)
5. A pace
6. Wagon wheel grooves
7. Long-eared rodent
8. Float
9. Gusto
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Yesterday's Answer
37. Bestowed
39. Learning
41. East-north-east (abbr.)
44. A pronoun

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
LONGFELLOW

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
AYDK NDEV ATW JSPAAWDPKJ
RDFRW ATQ HXEDKNYS WQW—ZETK-
HEK.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: 'HE SMILED A KIND OF SICKLY SMILE, AND CURLED UP ON THE FLOOR—HARTE.'

By Al Capp



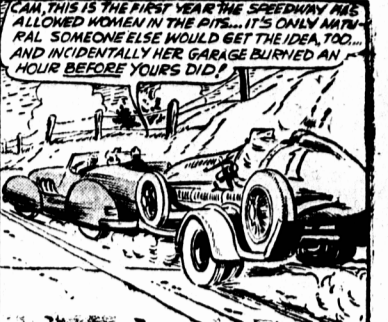
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KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

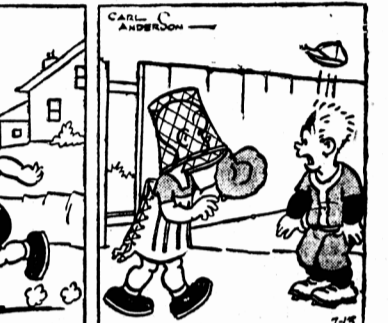
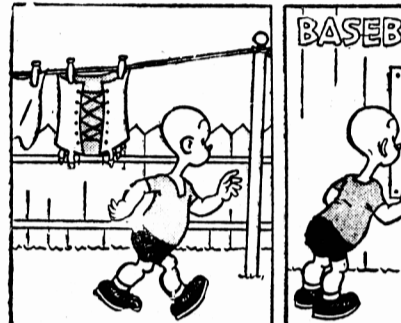


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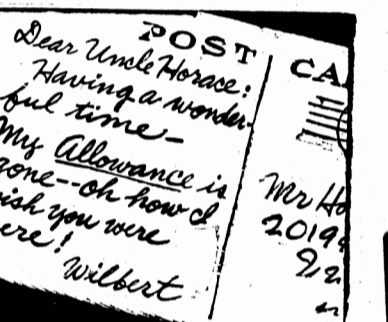
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FIENRY



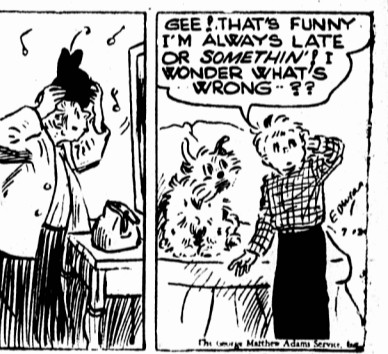
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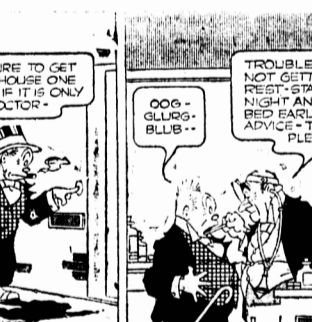
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TIPPY AND "CAP" STURS



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BRINGING UP FATHER



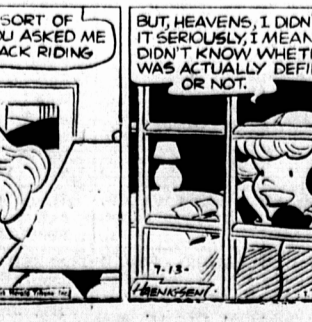
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TILLY THE TOILER



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PENNY



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