

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

BUSTER BEAR WISHES HE HADNT

For granted nothing ever take
Lest it may prove a sad mistake.
—Buster Bear.



He sniffed at the open end, and Someone was in there.

Porky's little spears were sticking in it. He had made a sad mistake. He had taken it for granted that there was no one in there except Uncle Billy Possum. Now he wished he hadn't, and how!

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

AN OFTEN DUBIOUS POLICY

It is a common occurrence for a player to refrain from making a sound double of one contract because he fears that the opponents will run to another suit which he cannot double. Under certain circumstances, this sort of self-control is obviously wise. At the same time, the opponents cannot always make the feared escape! Here is a typical case from a duplicate match:

South dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

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

This was the bidding at one table:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	Pass	1NT
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass (1)
Pass	2♣	Pass	Pass

West defeated one trick at his two-spade contract, North getting a ruff in hearts, and South making two trump tricks as well as a heart, a diamond and a club. This result was in strong contrast with what would have occurred if North-South had been permitted to play the hand. The fact that they were not so permitted was directly due to East's refusal to double two diamonds "because he like that contract and was afraid of the hearts."

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DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Southwest wind
- Kind of lottery (pl.)
- River (It.)
- First man
- Kind of wolf
- One's
- Freelances
- Carrying vehicle
- Severe critics
- Born
- Island in China Sea
- Egyptian dancing girl
- Close to
- Needs
- Immense
- Unaspirated consonants
- One who pores
- Egyptian goddess
- Neglectful
- Personal pronoun
- Part of a window
- Haggie
- Strange
- Pen-name Charles Lamb
- Bigger
- The again
- Score
- A raving
- Fencing sword

DOWN

- Officer's assistant
- The front
- High priest

36. Arid
39. Knock
41. Elevated train

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAX
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
XS XEDEL XS XSWL XS WDMJL ML
KEEFG DJ DJUER X KYMXCEEZ
TDRR XTLL

Yesterday's Cryptogram: "VILLAS" NOW, WITH SOUND-
ING N=O, ALL NAME AND DOOR—LE GALLIENNE.
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KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

By Lane Grey

11—MY LEG IS BROKEN, B—BUT IF I CAN GET MY GUN I'LL...
YOUR GAME'S UP, DAN!
SO THAT'S THE GUY WHO TRIED TO KILL ME? BUT WHY?
I NEVER SAW HIM BEFORE!
THAT DIDN'T MATTER TO HIM, TOMMY. HE WAS INTERESTED IN FRAMING ARCHIE OHMS!

JOE PALOOKA

By Flam Fishes

IT'S A GREAT DAY AT WEST WOKKINGTON FALLS, OHIO. THE WORLD IS BEATING A PATH TO ITS DOOR FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE HUMPHREY PENNYWORTH MONUMENT AND PARK.
I BROUGHTCHA SOME LUNCH, VIRGIL, LIKE I ALWAYS BROUGHT B-BROTHER.
SHORE SWEET OF YA, PRUNEV, I'VA JEST PUTTIN' A FINISHIN' TOUCH ONTA THY STATUA SO'S IT'LL BE ALL SET FUR TH' UNVEILIN'!
I NEVER WAS S'PROUD OF A JOB...EVEN WHEN ME AN' H' HUMPHREY...MAY HE REST IN PEACE...DIDN'T DO TH' BIG JOB ON AT, RUSHMORE... BUT, BUT I JES CHOKED UP EVERY SO OFTEN... LIKE PUTTIN' TH' FINISHIN' TOUCH ON A EAR...
I... I AIN'T NEVER BEEN ABLE... T' BELIEVE... THAT... B-BROTHER'S GONE...
THAT'S HIS OLD SHOP... THE LITTLE RED BUILDING... I REMEMBER HOW TH' CAR BROKE DOWN... AN' HE CAME OUT OF HIM HELP... THAT WAS TH' FIRST TIME I... SEEN HIM...
I WISH FOR HIS SAKE... WE NEVER HAD, HE'S STILL BE BLACK-SWITTING... JERRY... I DIDN'T MEAN... I MEAN... I'M SORRY.

HENRY

By Carl Anderson

GO TO TH' RANCH WITH DODY AN' BE A COWBOY??
ASK YOUR MOTHER! BUT POP?
SHE SAID TO ASK YOU!!
SPECIAL DELIVERY, MRS. BAILEY—DON'T EXACTLY RECOGNIZE TH' HAND-WRITIN'!

HIPPY AND "CAP" STUYS

By Carl Anderson

CAN I, POP? CAN YOU WHAT??
GO TO TH' RANCH WITH DODY AN' BE A COWBOY??
ASK YOUR MOTHER! BUT POP?
SHE SAID TO ASK YOU!!
SPECIAL DELIVERY, MRS. BAILEY—DON'T EXACTLY RECOGNIZE TH' HAND-WRITIN'!

DOTTY DIPPLE

By Ruford

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DOTTY, YOUR SNORING IS KEEPING ME AWAKE!
—I'M NOT SNORING!
HORACE, I WAS BROUGHT UP TO BE A LADY—AND YOU KNOW VERY WELL LADIES DON'T SNORE!!
ZZ

B'INGING UP FATHER

By George McManis

HIM—SIX IN THE MORNIN'—AN' I HAVEN'T HAD A WINK OF SLEEP!
I'LL GET DRESSED AN' TAKE A WALK AROUND TH' BLOCK... MAYBE I'LL FEEL BETTER!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SNEAKING OUT AT THIS HOUR OF THE MORNIN'? YOU KNOW I HAVE SOME WORK TO DO AROUND HERE!

RIP KIRBY

By Alex Raymond

THE TREASURE! AND KIRBY AND THE COUNT OUTSIDE... YOU'VE GOTTA MOVE FAST, MANGLER!
WHAT ARE THEY UP TO? EITHER I'M GAFFY, OR THEY'RE FIXIN' TO FIGHT A DUEL!
COUNT, YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ME! YOU'RE SIMPLY TRYING TO SILENCE ME BY KILLING ME! WELL, I WON'T PLAY YOUR LITTLE GAME!
UNFORTUNATELY, MR. KIRBY, YOU MUST KIRBY! I SHALL START COUNTING NOW! ONE.....

FENNY

By Harry Moenigen

I HAVE TO RUN UPSTAIRS AND GET MY SUIT READY TO GO TO THE CLEANERS... YOU REST, FATHER I'LL DO IT.
NO, YOU RUN ALONG I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT.
NO, FATHER, YOU'RE TIRED I'LL DO IT.
WELL, THANK YOU, PRINCESS. VERY CONSIDERATE OF YOU.
THINK NOTHING OF IT, FATHER.
YIPES, FORTY SEVEN CENTS. GOOD HUNTING!

The Neighbors

By George Clark

"You don't mind smashing into a man like that. Didn't say a word—just took my number and walked off!"