

Not Looking For A Needle



Two Dutch soldiers, members of the contingent fighting with United Nations forces in Korea, are probing a haystack with bayonets as they hunt for snipers and Red guerrillas behind the Allied lines. The stack was empty, although the hole is mute evidence that it had been used as a hiding place.

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

BLACKY FEELS BETTER

One fact is true however strange: Enough of food the world can change. —Old Mother Nature.

Blacky the Crow was hungry, cold and discouraged. There is nothing more discouraging than an empty stomach on a cold day. Blacky's crop was empty. So far he had not found a bite to eat. What made it worse was that he had watched Sawbill the Merganser swallow a fish he had caught in the Big River.



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Blacky had gone over to the Big River hoping to find something he could eat brought down by the water and washed up on the ice or close against it where he could reach it. There was a big open place where the water had not frozen. There he found Sawbill and his flock. They looked well fed. They were well fed. You see they are great fishermen. They are great divers, so of course they are perfectly at home on or in the water. They are Duck folk but their bills are different from those of

other Ducks. They are not broad and flat, but long, narrow and the edges are toothed. That is why Sawbill has been given that name. Old Mother Nature has given them such bills so that they can hold on to a fish when they catch it.

Blacky had seen Sawbill dive and come up with a small fish. Sawbill held it up for Blacky to see then swallowed it. That was a mean thing to do. Of course, isn't it queer how folks sometimes like to tease other folks at a time like this?

Blacky remembered that farther down the Big River there was more open water. He decided that he would go down there and leave this place to Sawbill and his friends.

"Claw, claw, claw!" cried Blacky, and spread his black wings. He bent his way up higher in the air. Then of course he could look down on the water and see farther ahead. What was that down on the water at the edge of the open space? It showed white in the morning sun. Was it just a little piece of ice floating there? Was it—Blacky didn't really believe it could be, but it might be. Blacky flew a little faster. The nearer he got the more it looked as if it might be what he hoped it was. He was sure now that it wasn't a bit of ice. He flew down and landed on the ice close to the edge right where that gleaming white thing was.

Now Blacky's eyes sparkled. It was a small fish on its back so that its white belly gleamed in the sun. It was a fish that had been caught by one of the Mergansers and then not eaten. In his haste to get that fish out of the water Blacky almost fell in. Yes, sir, Blacky almost tumbled in head first. The first time he failed to get hold of that little fish and for an instant it seemed as if it might be carried under the ice. His heart sank. It would be dreadful to find a breakfast and then to lose it almost as soon as he had found it. The next time he tried to pick it up he was more careful. He pulled it out on the ice. He carried it a little back from the water. Of course that fish couldn't get back in the water, but Blacky wasn't taking any chances.

It didn't take him long to swallow that little fish. What a difference a full stomach makes! The whole world was changed. The water didn't look so black and cold after all. He didn't shiver now when he looked at it. It was fun to be alive. He didn't care how cold the wind might be. He no longer had any foolish wishes that he was like some one else, that he could swim and dive like Sawbill. He was perfectly satisfied to be simply Blacky the Crow.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

AN UNUSUAL HAND

The vital importance of the opening lead, with the timing it gains or loses, is graphically illustrated in the following deal, which occurred in a duplicate game. At one table West bid for and made eight tricks at notrump; at another table, South landed at the same contract and also took eight tricks!

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards in North and South hands. North: ♠ 10, ♥ 8 5 3, ♦ A K 8 3 2, ♣ K 10 8 5. South: ♠ K J 5 3, ♥ Q 10, ♦ 7 5, ♣ Q 6 4 2.

This was the bidding at one table:

Bidding table: North Pass, East Pass, South Pass, West Pass. 1NT, 2♣, 2NT.

South opened his top spade. Declarer (East) took the trick with the jack and finessed against the heart king. East made five heart tricks and three spades—he could not cash his own fourth spade because of communication difficulties, but eight tricks were quite enough for a high match-point score. It was North's failure to open the bidding with one diamond which was directly responsible for the bad score going to his side. A diamond lead by South would have resulted in five defensive diamond tricks and two clubs.

At another table the bidding took quite a different turn:

Bidding table: North Pass, East Pass, South Pass, West Pass. 1-3♠, 2♣, 2♠, 2NT.

West opened his fourth-highest heart—and now it was South who ran of the first eight tricks, dropping West's diamond queen in two leads, running the entire diamond suit and then collecting two club tricks.

Here, too, obviously enough, the opening lead was the "whole story." West could not be greatly blamed for opening his long suit, but observe that a spade lead and continuation, with a heart shift by East, would have made declarer's position most uncomfortable, and even a diamond lead would have defeated the contract!

BINGO

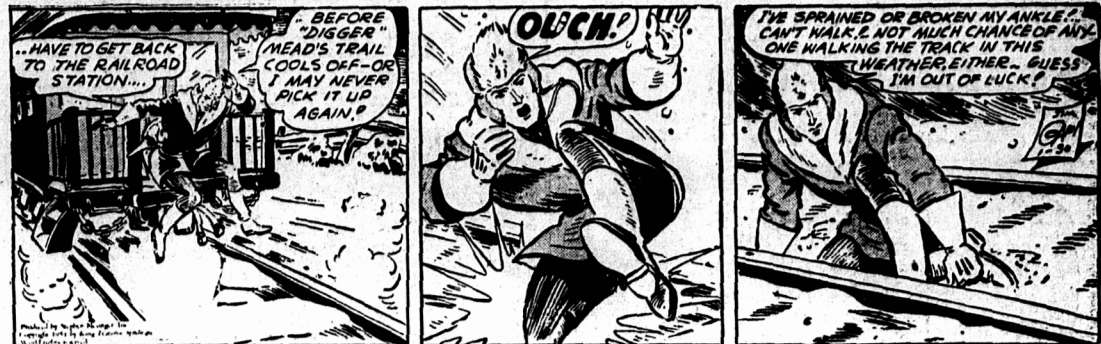
Holy Redeemer Hall TONIGHT 8.30

The prizes are the same as those prevailing at other Bingos in the city.

By Al Capp

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

By Zane Grey



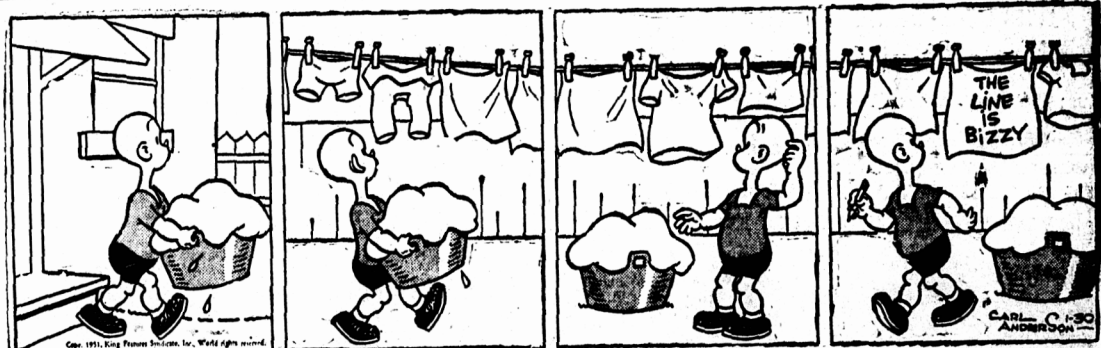
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HENRY

By Carl Anderson



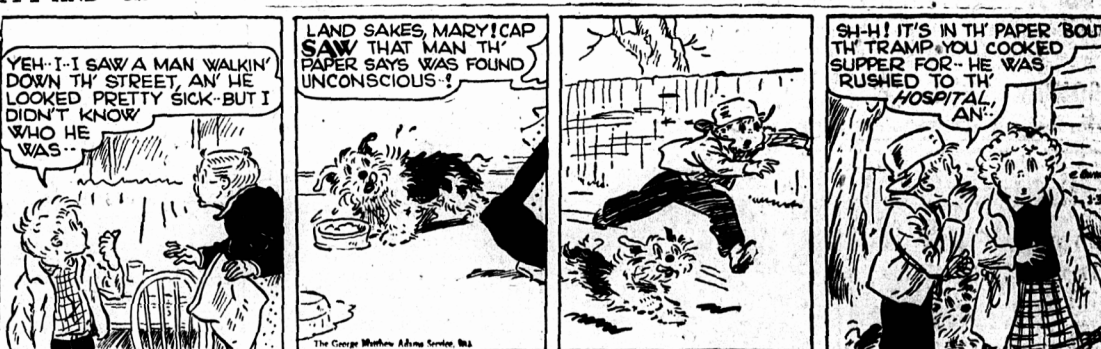
DOTTY DIPPLE

By Ruford



By Edwina

TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS



By George McMahon

BRINGING UP FATHER



By Westover

TILLY THE TOILER



TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL FORUM

An open Forum on TB control and Health Education is being held in the Auditorium of the Provincial Sanatorium on Thursday and Friday, 1st and 2nd Feb., from 10:00 a.m. to noon and 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. and on Thursday evening from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m.

All nurses, health workers and technicians connected with TB control are invited to attend any of the discussions.

The forum is being conducted jointly by the Division of Tuberculosis Control of the Department of Public Health, the Division of Public Health Nurses and the P. E. I. Tuberculosis League.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1. Fellow, 2. Flock, 3. Malt beverage, 4. Grazing ground, 5. Species of frog, 6. Employed wages, 7. Herd of whales, 8. Mocked, 9. Scorch, 10. Bind, 11. Relies, 12. Vex, 13. Cloaks, 14. Participle of addition, 15. Island (Malay Arch.), 16. Hebrew letter, 17. Overhead, 18. Strike, 19. Lever, 20. Roman garments, 21. Mistake, 22. Bondaman, 23. Not tight, 24. Paradise, 25. Remain, 26. Declares for score, 27. Corridor, 28. Speaks, 29. Natives of Odessa, 30. Hebrew letter, 31. Strike, 32. Lever, 33. Roman garments, 34. Mistake, 35. Bondaman, 36. Not tight, 37. Paradise, 38. Remain, 39. Sun god, 40. Steals, 41. Gloomy, 42. Internal decay of fruit, 43. A fur scarf, 44. Declares for score, 45. Corridor, 46. Speaks, 47. Natives of Odessa, 48. Hebrew letter, 49. Overhead, 50. Strike, 51. Lever, 52. Roman garments, 53. Mistake, 54. Bondaman, 55. Not tight, 56. Paradise, 57. Remain, 58. Oriental country.



Yesterday's Answer: 27. Wander about it, 28. Halt, 40. Decay

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X E is LONG FELLOW

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: E J B P Y Q H X D R J B P Q J R D T C R B B — R X Q J I T R E.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: AS WE JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE LET US LIVE BY THE WAY—WATSON.

LPL ABNER



ALP KIRBY



By Alex Raymond



By Alex Raymond



PENNY



By Harry Messinger