



By Thornton W. Burgess

THE WORMY RAIN CLOUD

Mother Nature without doubt, Always knows what she's about. —Farmer Brown's Boy.

Peter Rabbit was looking down at a worm. It was an ordinary earthworm, the kind of worm that Welcome Robin so loves to pull out

Effective Immediately

New Glasgow Dairying Co. will be closed on Saturday afternoon. No butter sold on that afternoon. We will remain open all day Wednesday.

NEW GLASGOW DAIRYING CO. Herbert Stevenson, president

School Unit No. 1

All unpaid taxes in School Unit No. 1 are overdue and payable at once. Settlement should be made by August 15 or the accounts will be turned in for collection.

By order of the Trustees

ADVENTURE IN A NEW SERIAL, "TABLE TOP"

Beginning tomorrow, The Guardian will carry a new serial, "TABLE TOP" by English novelist Eden Phillpotts. It tells of the spirit of adventure in three young people who go in quest of a treasure to which they have received an indubitable clue. A 70-year-old talking bird has been entrusted with the essential instructions to the discovery of a treasure which the Incas concealed at the time of the Spanish conquest. You can read what happens to the youths and the bird in "TABLE TOP", a story filled with adventure and vitality. The serial begins Thursday and will be published daily for your reading entertainment.



"I thought I knew all about worms."

watching it drip from the roof something brown rolled off the edge of the roof and dropped just in front of him. He looked down at it. He blinked. That was an earthworm.

"Now how in the world could an Earthworm have been up on that roof? I wonder if a bird flying over dropped it," muttered Farmer Brown's Boy.

Just then another worm rolled off the roof and fell to the ground a little to one side. And then he saw one that seemed to come right down in the rain; it didn't come from the roof at all.

"If I didn't know better, I would think it is raining worms," said Farmer Brown's Boy. "Come to think of it, I have heard that such a thing does happen sometime, but I've never believed it."

Despite the rain he went outside now where he could get a look at the roof of the shed. At once he saw a worm crawling on the roof. Then over on the other end of the roof he saw another.

"There couldn't have been a flock of birds going over and dropping worms. No, sir, that couldn't have happened. One bird might drop a worm, but not a whole flock." He looked up at the dark cloud overhead. The raindrops splattered on his upturned face, and then a small worm hit him on the forehead and fell to the ground.

Farmer Brown's Boy chuckled as he ran back into the shed. As he did he said just what Mrs. Peter Rabbit had said. "That must be a wormy cloud," said he, and chuckled again.

Later he told Mother Brown about it in the house. "You've been dreaming," declared Mother Brown. "Who ever heard of worms raining from the sky?"

"I've read of it, but never believed it. Now I do," replied Tommy. He grinned at his mother. I suppose that somewhere a lot of worms were out on the ground, and a small tornado wind came along and whipped them up, and they got carried along in a fast moving raincloud until they got here. It is said the same thing happens with tiny toads sometimes. I didn't believe it when I read it, but now I do."

There was no one to tell Peter Rabbit and Mrs. Peter how it happened, and they have believed ever since that that was a wormy cloud.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

"TRUMP SUPPORT" IS A RELATIVE TERM

There has been so much harping on four-card trump support from some quarters that many easily influenced players have come to accept the "four-card support" idea as gospel. The result is, of course, that myraid sound contracts are not reached.

Take the following for example. How many players would emulate the excellent bidding move made by North on the second round?

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

Hand diagram showing cards for North and South. North: AK10, 8, A1097633, KQ. South: J95, AJ9, KJ4, AJ87. Dealer's hand: KQ10, 743, Q8, A10952. Dummy's hand: Q86432, 852, 543.

The bidding: North East South West 1♦ Pass 1♠ 2♥ 4♠ Pass Pass Pass

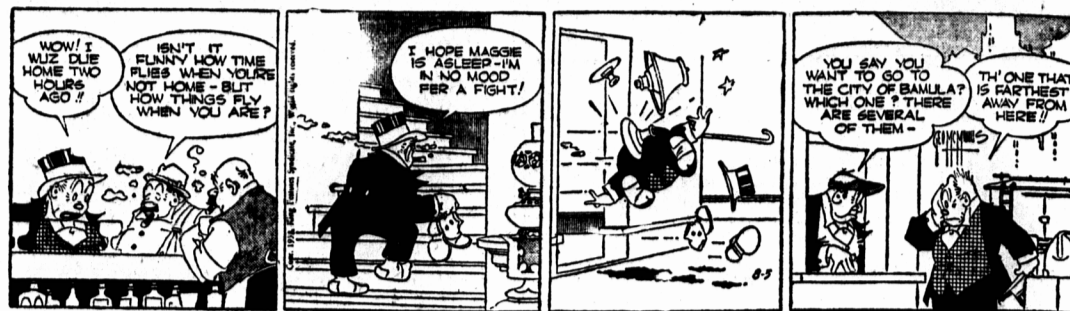
North did not shake his head to four spades without thinking; as a matter of fact (according to his own postmortem statement) he toyed with the idea of bidding only three spades. But he felt that South might be too weak to act on even the double raise and yet be strong enough distributionally to have a good play for game. So North accepted the responsibility, himself

something that too few of the better players are willing to do. Analysis reveals that North's decision was logical. South's bid over the takeout double was the announcement that he couldn't stand a one-diamond contract and, though the one spade was anything but a strong call, North knew that South would not have offered to play a spade contract on less than a five-card suit, queen-jack high, or a six-card suit. In the former case, South would probably have another honor card of some value outside of spades and, if he had six or more spades, he wouldn't need any outside strength.

The play required only ordinary bridge intelligence on South's part. West opened the heart king and soundly led a second round, ruffing down the dummy. After trumping with the spade ten, South cashed the diamond ace and ruffed a diamond, then led to the spade king and took the precaution of ruffing another diamond with the spade queen, as he could afford to do. Now he simply led to the ace and discarded his last heart on a good diamond while East was ruffing with the jack. South was now safe against any attack.

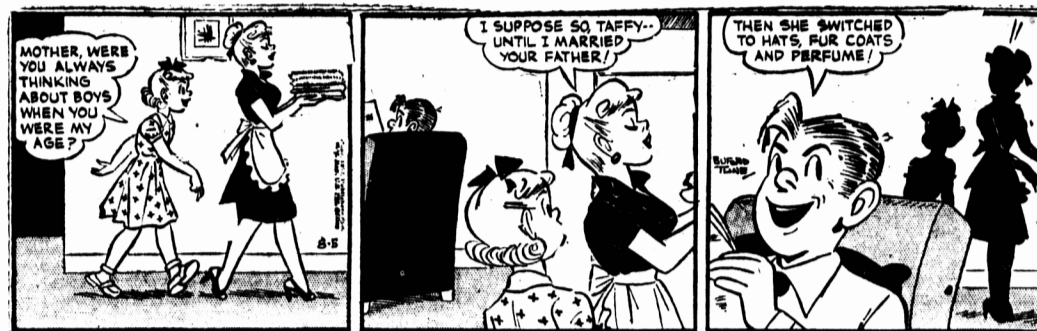
Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



Dotty Dripple

By Ruford



Henry

By Carl Anderson



Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



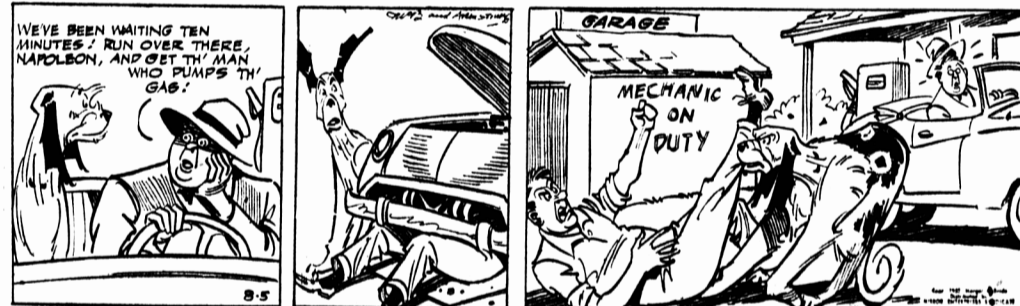
King Of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



Yogo

By Walt Kelly



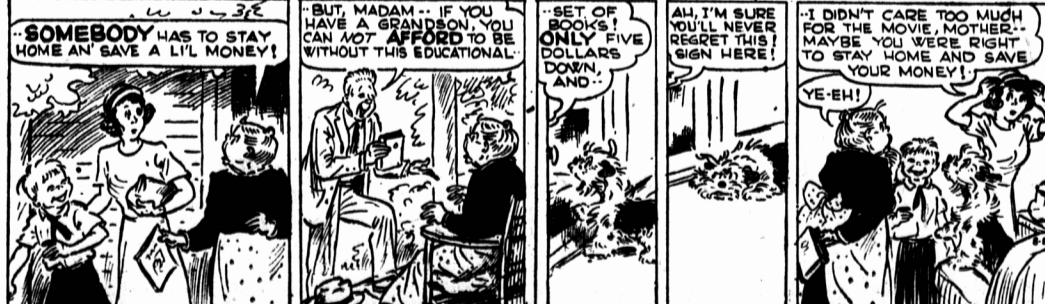
Lil Abner

By Al Capp



Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwina



Rio Kirby

By Alex Raymond



PENNY

By Harry Hoenigsen

