

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

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### SAMMY JAY DOES HIS BEST

Who warns another when there's a need, has proven he's a friend indeed. —Old Mother Nature.

A fight is exciting. It always is. Contract Bridge By Josephine Culbertson UNNECESSARY FINESSE

Yesterday's column pointed up one aspect of the "unnecessary finesse." Here is the same thing in different guise.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. ♠ QJ86 A Q 5 4 8 3 2 A 3 N W E S ♠ K 10 9 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♠ A K 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 ♠ A Q 8 K 9 4

The bidding: South West North East 1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass 4NT Pass 5♥ Pass 6♣ Pass Pass Pass

The club Jack was the opening lead. Dummy's ace won, and two

exciting. It is so exciting that the fighters forget everything but each other. It is so exciting that those looking on often forget everything else. Forgetting to watch for danger is one thing no one can afford to do.

Sammy Jay is one of the feathered folk who never, or almost never, forgets. Sammy Jay was watching the fight. He was watching Thunderer the Grouse and another Grouse in a most exciting

leads drew the outstanding trumps. Then, feeling that he had nothing to lose by taking the heart finesse (since he could always discard a diamond on the heart ace), declarer led to the heart queen. East won, and when the diamond finesse also failed, the slam contract was down one.

South was wrong in his view about the first finesse, in hearts. The correct analysis is as follows:

If the heart king is on-side, declarer is assured of success by playing correctly without taking the heart finesse. But before we prove this statement, let's observe that South also has a chance to



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fight. They pounded each other with stout wings. They struck at each other with their stout bills. They kicked at each other with their stout feet armed with spurs. The feathers flew. Some of these were Thunderer's. Some were from the other fighter. Neither one showed any signs of giving up. It really was a fight to see. Sometimes they jumped right up in the air as they struck at each other.

Sammy was watching from a tree that overlooked the scene. He was excited. He danced up and down in his excitement, but through it all he never forgot to

make the contract without jeopardizing his overall chances) if the heart king lies with East, not too well guarded. Thus, correct play is to combine both possibilities. South should cash the heart ace and ruff a low heart, then return to dummy and ruff the other low heart. Obviously, with the cards lying as above, this drives out East's king and establishes the heart queen.

But now let's assume that West has the heart king and we'll see that the finesse was not necessary. South, having ruffed out dummy's two low hearts and eliminated clubs from both hands, finally leads the heart queen from dummy and discards a diamond on it. Now it is just as though South had taken the heart finesse, because West is out-played—he must either give declarer a ruff-and-discard or lead up to the A-Q of diamonds.

keep watch for danger. He knew that probably other ears had heard the drumming of those two birds before they began to fight, and knew just what it meant. So while he watched the fight at the same time he was watching and listening for the possible approach of some one looking for a good dinner of Grouse. Not only did Sammy watch the ground, but he watched the surrounding trees. So it was that he caught a glimpse of a big brown bird just disappearing behind a tree.

Right then and there Sammy forgot all about the fight. He watched to see that big brown bird come from behind that tree. He didn't have to wait but a minute.

"Thief! Thief! Thief!" screamed Sammy at the top of his lungs. It was his way of giving a warning. He calls everybody whom he doesn't like a thief. Now he screamed again, "Thief! Thief! Thief!"

It was Hooty the Owl, called the Great Horned Owl, whom Sammy saw. Hooty is the largest of the Owl family; and there is no one whom the smaller people in fur and feathers fear more than they do Hooty.

Hooty lighted in a big tree to look things over. He had heard the drumming of those two Grouse, and had known exactly what it meant. At home in a big nest in the most lonesome part

of the Green Forest, Hooty had left Mrs. Hooty looking after three babies. They were three hungry babies. They were hungry all the time, and it wasn't because they didn't have plenty of food. It seemed to Hooty that they did nothing but eat. They had such big appetites, that Hooty and Mrs. Hooty could no longer do all their hunting at night, as is their habit. They had to hunt by day also. For a moment or two, he held his perch while he looked things over. Those two fighting Grouse had paid no attention to Sammy's screaming. It is doubtful if they even heard it. I suspect that Hooty would have grinned if he could have, but that is something that none of the feathered folk can do. He lifted his wings to swoop down on those fighters. "Thief! Thief! Thief!" screamed Sammy. But the busy fighters paid no attention.

KARACHI (CP) — Twelve million persons in Pakistan are expected to benefit by the government's anti-malaria campaign this year. In addition to preventive measures it includes the establishment of a big new plant for production of disinfectants.

## BACKACHE May be Warning

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## DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1. A breed of dog; 2. Long-eared rodent; 3. Biblical name; 4. Skin tumor; 5. Giraffe-like mammal; 6. Country in Asia; 7. Malt beverage; 8. Girl's name; 9. Nipperlike (sym.); 10. Short for "Stanley"; 11. Marks as "all correct"; 12. Wading bird; 13. Wide-awake; 14. Evening (met.); 15. Open (poet.); 16. Tantalum (sym.); 17. Measure (Chin.); 18. An Indian stat.; 19. Performers; 20. Toward; 21. Bird; 22. Game of chance; 23. At home; 24. A spice; 25. The shutting up of a place by troops; 26. Northeast (abbr.); 27. Hawaiian bird; 28. Island in Aegean sea; 29. Support; 30. Long-shafted weapon; 31. Capital (Egypt); 32. A plant of genus Casia; 33. To deprive of men; 34. University officer; 35. Local deity (anc. Semite).

DOWN: 1. Ornamental tropical tree; 2. Part of "to be"; 3. Chinese society; 4. Group of three; 5. Offer; 6. Officer (S. Army); 7. Pacific coast state; 8. Foreman; 9. Centered; 10. Mohammedan title; 11. Capital (Peru); 12. East-north-east (abbr.); 13. Young bear; 14. Miscellaneous.

4x4 crossword grid with numbers 1-14.

### DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it!

AXYDLBAAXR is 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  
ATC NCMB JCDTPJW KCE CDTMB  
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WCM DTM.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: INNOCENCE HAS A FRIEND IN HEAVEN—SCHILLER.

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### The Lone Ranger

Despite the odds, the disguised Lone Ranger fights hard...

### Joe Patoka

Overcome came out first and started an immediate response with both hands... he caught Patoka.

### Henry

I will exchange one slightly used doll for one little kiss.

### Grandma

Knock knock... Bang! Knock knock... Openin' an' shuttin' th' door for you half-pint size kids!

### Mickey Mouse

What can you do with that old straw? There's just one thing about blackbirds...

### Bringing Up Father

Mrs. Garrie Gossip to see you, Madam... Oh, that nosey woman! Well, show her in!

### Muggs and Skeeter

Ah, it's so quiet and peaceful around here today... Goodness, this ball had Skeeter's name on it... I do wish he'd be more careful with it...

### Erta Kent

I'm glad Etta's bringing her new sare to the house tonight so we can look him over! Wendell will be here any sec. dad. I'm inviting him in like you said!

### Tilly the Toiler

Wildweed Golf Club... It says "Although the course does not open until Saturday, you are invited to come out Friday for the pre-opening day special event."

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### Secret Agent X9

Not mine! Charlie Finerree scout for fishery! Report fish runs and locate sea turtle spawning grounds!

### L'il Abner

They're shore doin' a nice business, thar??

### Meanwhile...

We'll sleep in three-hour shifts, Joe! Can't risk having some latter-day captain kidd easing the San Palms gold bullion out from under our noses!

### By Al Capp

Matchy-ye - this new place is offerin' a 12-inch...

### By Paul Robinson

I'm simply dying for you to make a good impression on him!

### By R. B. Greenleaf

All right men! The special event is cutting away underbrush around the 12th hole!