

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

BUSTER BEAR'S SORE PAW

When there's no one else to blame Likely you're the one to blame. —Old Mother Nature.



Buster danced about and yowled.

Most folks like to blame others for their troubles, yet more often than not, they are to blame themselves. Somehow, self-blame is like a dose of bad medicine—hard to take. Buster Bear was in trouble. Buster had a sore paw, and there was no one to blame but himself. He had been careless. He had been thoughtless. Carelessness and thoughtlessness go together. Buster had taken something for granted without first making sure that it was as he thought it was. He had thought Uncle Billy Possum was in a hollow tree on the ground and he had thrust a paw in without first making sure no one else was in there. Some one else was in there. It was Prickly Porky the Porcupine. Feeling about Buster Bear had put that paw down on Prickly Porky's tail.

Now Prickly Porky's tail is one of the prickliest things in all the Great World. It is covered with needle-sharp little spears called quills. They are very loosely fastened to the skin of that tail. When Buster Bear put his paw down on that tail a number of those little spears not only pricked him but were left in his paw when he pulled it out.

Buster danced and yowled. Yes, sir, he yowled. Those little spears hurt and he knew that they would hurt more. They were not the first of Prickly Porky's spears he had felt.

When he stopped dancing about he tried to get hold of those little spears and pull them out. It hurt. You see, those little spears are covered with tiny scales that are like barbs on fish hooks. The little spears go in all right, but they are hard to pull out, and oh, how it hurts doing it. Buster pulled some out, but some were bitten off leaving the points in his paw. They worked their way in deeper. Buster couldn't put that paw on the ground without it's hurting so that he would whine. So Buster went about on three legs holding that sore paw up. The worst of it was, he knew that he had only himself to blame for it.

Now getting enough to eat wasn't easy with one paw. You know Buster Bear likes to pull open old stumps for the insects and sometimes the mice that are in them; he likes to dig open ant hills and lick up the ants; above all he likes to find a hollow tree full of honey and tear it open, for Buster dearly loves honey. There are certain roots he likes to eat and he has to dig them out of the ground. With only one paw to use Buster couldn't do any of these things very well, and he couldn't run about; he had to limp. Fortunately or him, there were plenty of berries and those he could get without the use of both paws.

Somehow none of his neighbors in the Green Forest seemed to be sorry for Buster Bear. They said it was his own fault and served him right. Those that usually were not afraid of him no longer were afraid of him. They wouldn't be as long as that paw was too sore for him to put it on the ground.

As for Prickly Porky, he came out of that hollow tree and climbed another tree without so much as a look at Buster Bear. He knew that Buster couldn't climb up after him and wouldn't if he could. Of

all the people in the Green Forest there is none more independent, more unafraid of others, than Prickly Porky. He and Jimmy Skunk, both of whom are armed for defense and not for offense, are the most independent folk in all the Green Forest. You see, they are at all times fully armed and fully prepared for any attack that an enemy may make. They offer an example which even a great nation like ours would do well to follow. They insure their own independence.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

TOO PESSIMISTIC

Since today's deal occurred at match-point duplicate, East could not be blamed too much for basing his defense against overtricks, instead of doing everything he could to defeat the contract. However, even at duplicate, his defense could have been shrewder!

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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

In most cases North-South stepped at part-score contracts, but at one table the bidding was far more vigorous, to wit:

West	North	East	South
Pass	Pass	1♣	2Dbl.
Pass	1♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass

West felt sure that the enemy had clubs well controlled, and so he led the spade device. South won with the king and laid down the top hearts. The fall of East's queen was a pleasant sight to South, who now crossed to the heart jack and returned a low club.

East was either napping, or he was concerned only in holding the enemy's overtricks to a minimum—in any case, he played low on the club lead, and now, of course, South could claim his nine tricks.

East, upon seeing dummy, should have realized that the opposing contract might not be nearly as sound as he had feared it would be. North had responded to the double with a diamond on nothing in the suit, and South had then jumped to two no trump. It was obvious that South had three spade tricks—he must have been able to take East's nine more cheaply than with the king—and when the heart situation was revealed by West's third-round play of the ten, South was marked with five heart tricks. Thus, East should have gone right in with the club ace and shifted to diamonds.

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ACROSS
1. Crowds
5. Great mass of ice
9. Man-eating monster (Myth.)
10. Arabian chieftains
12. God of many youth
14. Small drink
15. A sofof Jacob
16. Prize fighter (slang)
19. Half an em
20. Gape
21. Girl's nickname
22. Take off, as a hat
23. At what time
26. Girl's nickname
27. To assess for a public purpose (Law)
28. Loiter
29. Cheese
30. Land-measure
31. Furnish
33. Jewish month
35. A commission
37. Guido's highest note
38. Consume
39. English poet
41. Long scarf
44. Part of the divine office (East Ch.)
45. Spoke

DOWN
1. Oriental country
2. Egyptian god
3. 1/1000 of an inch
4. Oyster plant
5. Exist
6. Type measure
7. Creole
8. Mourns
9. Dip out, as liquid
11. Run at top speed
13. Patron saint (Nor.)
17. Guido's lowest note
18. A showy trifle
20. Solid-hoofed mammals
22. Canine
24. Masculine pronoun
25. Blitzes
26. Lassos
27. Pertaining to Adonis
29. Brother of Jacob (Bib.)
32. Nickel (sym.)
33. Apart
34. Coins (Rum.)

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER
36. Portico (Gr. Arch.)
37. Volcano (Sicily)
40. Falshood (Chin.)
42. Measure (Chin.)
43. Man's nickname

WATER PALP
VIOLET BOBOL
ADRIAN BOBOL
NILE BOBOL
ALMA BOBOL
ANY BOBOL
CRABIES BOBOL
LIZIE BOBOL
LISIE BOBOL
ME BOBOL
BARGAIN BOBOL
SHEILA BOBOL
SHEILA BOBOL
DELL BOBOL

Yesterday's Answer
36. Portico (Gr. Arch.)
37. Volcano (Sicily)
40. Falshood (Chin.)
42. Measure (Chin.)
43. Man's nickname

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X E
L O N G F E L L O W

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
Q J O C U C K E O C E G P E P Q J U P E F W:
Q J O C U C F M B C F R P E P Q J O J C E:
U Q J V V J K

Yesterday's Cryptogram: SO SWEET, SO SOFT, SO FAINT, IT SEEMED AN ANGEL'S WHISPERED CALL—SCOTT.

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED By Zane Grey

YOU SURE MUSTVE WANTED ARCHIE TO WANT TO PIN A MURDER ON HIM!
STICK! I WORKED FOR STATION WPOC-TV BECAUSE ARCHIE WAS HIRED...
BUT HE GOT A BETTER JOB—CAUSE HE HAD MORE EXPERIENCE. HE HAD TO POWER TO FIRE ME, AND HE DID!
YOUR METHOD OF SETTLING A DIFFERENCE WITH ARCHIE WISE CERTAINLY TOUGH ON A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE. DAN DIM, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
NEXT WEEK! THE LOOKOUT!

JOE PALOOKA By Har Fisher

WE THOUGHT WED STOP BY TO PAY OUR RESPECTS TO YOU MISS PENNYWORTH.
IT WAS SHORE NICE OF YA. BROTHER LIKED YOU FELAS BETTER. ANYTHING ON EARTH EXCEPTIN HARD WORK AN HONESTY.
BUT... REALLY WE CANT STAY HERE. WELLS STOP AT...
YOU GOT ENOUGH TROUBLE, PRUNEY—NOW LOOK...
YOURE STAYIN RIGHT HERE AN NO ARGUMENTS. WE NON TALK ABOUT BROTHER LATER. NOW IM GOONNA FIX YA SOME VITULS.
SCUSE ME.
I...UH... COME OUT HERE Y-SEE YA ALONE. I KNOW HOW TUGH YA GOT IT NOW... WITHOUT NUMPH...UH...UH...HERES A CHECK... IT AINT MUCH... ITS FOUR AN A HALF GRAND... I HOPE YALL...
NOW YOURE WENT AN MADE ME CRY.

HENRY By Carl Anderson

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AW, PLEEZE CANT I GO WITH DODY AN BE A COWBOY?
DINNER'S READY...
WELL, NOW, SON— YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET HIM GO, MILT STUBBS!!!
I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY— DOESN'T YOUR SCHOOL START PRETTY SOON??
LOOK— HERE'S A SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER— MERCY!! HOPE NOBODY'S SICK— I YOU READ IT, MILT!

DOTTY DIPPLE By Rulon

I'M A BONDED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ACE SALES CO.
HERE'S MY IDENTIFICATION BADGE WITH MY PICTURE, NUMBER, AND FINGER PRINTS...
AND HERE'S MY CERTIFICATE SHOWING I'M AN AUTHORIZED AGENT!
OKAY— WHAT ARE YOU SELLING?
SHOE-STRINGS!

BRINGING UP FATHER By George McManus

I'M SORRY, DADDY—I HAVEN'T ANY CASH—I TRIED TO BORROW SOME FROM MOTHER BEFORE SHE WENT OUT— BUT SHE PAID EVERY CENT TO OUR BUTLER— HIS PAY WAS DUE!
KUMQUAT— DO YOU EVER PLAY CARDS?
SIR—I PRIDE MYSELF ON THE FACT THAT I'M ONE OF THE BEST!
WELL— WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?
WITH THESE CARDS— I DON'T THINK IM GONNA DO VERY MUCH!
TOO BAD MAMME DIDNT PAY A LARGER SALARY—I COULDA WON MORE!!

RIP KIRBY By Alex Raymond

SEVEN... EIGHT... I WARN YOU, MR. KIRBY, AT THE COURT OF TEN I TURN AND FIRE!
THE FOOL MEANS IT! WHAT ON EARTH SHALL I DO!

PENNY By Harry Houghigan

BE-E-T-I-P THAT'S ELSA'S CONVERTIBLE.
BE-E-T-I-P THERE GOES ELWOOD'S FAMILY CAR.
PENNY'S MUSIC TEACHER CALLED ROGER. SHE THINKS PENNY'S DIFFICULTY IS A FAULTY EAR.