

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

GETTING EVEN

Most folks, though some the thought deplore will try to even up a score. —Old Mother Nature.

Gray Fox, who is a very good climber, had been watching from a high in a tree at the edge of a woodland while his young cousin, who wore red instead of gray, was being hard run by a dog. Truth to tell, cousin Gray hoped the young fox would be run out of the neighborhood. He was disappointed. At the same time, he grudgingly admitted the smartness of the young fox who had completely broken his trail again. Finally he gave up. Now Young Too-Smart, who was a true son of his father, Reddy Fox, knew that Cousin Gray had deliberately put that dog on his trail. "I'll get even with that fellow," thought the young fox. "Yes, I'll get even with him," Gray thought too, as he lay resting on a sunny knoll and enjoying a sun-bath.



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gotten that hen. Of course not. He would wait until jolly, round Mr. Sun went to bed and the Black Shadows came creeping out from the Purple Hill to wrap everything in darkness. He made sure that the Black Shadows were blackest where he had tossed that hen. Then, cautiously, stopping every few steps to look and listen, and keeping all the time where it was darkest, he made his way back to the little clump of bushes into which he had tossed that hen. What a dinner he would have! His mouth watered at the thought.

He crept in among the bushes. His mouth stopped watering. There was nothing there to make it water. That hen was gone. What could have happened? Who could have found it and taken it away? All that remained was a few feathers. He sniffed here and there. Suddenly he gave a low growl. It was a growl of anger. He knew now what had become of that hen. He had found the scent of his young cousin of the red coat, the mean trick. He started to follow Young Too-Smart's trail. He would take that hen away from him. But when he caught up with his young cousin, he changed his mind. He put up a big bluff that that was his hen, but he didn't dare to try to take it away. Young Too-Smart grinned at him, but took care to show all his teeth in doing it. "Now, we are even," said he.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

PARTNER'S IDEAS OFTEN BEST

One defender has to have a very sound idea in mind if he takes it upon himself to overrule his partner's obvious suggestion. In this deal East had no such sound idea. South went too far when, after making one try for game over his partner's weak original response, he persisted in the face of an out-and-out sign-off. However, with East's help, South landed on his feet.

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable

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

West selected a good opening lead—a trump. South took East's ten with the king and led a low heart toward the blank queen. West continued his good work by putting up the heart king—ducking would have been fatal—and hammering away with his remaining trump. Declarer took the second trump lead in his own hand, and since any other plan was hopeless, led and passed the jack of hearts, discarding a club from the board. East, in with the heart ace, vetoed his partner's sound ideas of defense by shifting to the jack of clubs. Perhaps he felt that he had better collect some club tricks before declarer could discard another one from dummy on his marked ten of hearts. If this was East's notion however, it enjoyed no success! South took the club lead, cashed his ten of hearts to discard another club from dummy, then cashed his own second club honor. Now he could ruff both a heart and a club in dummy, and he ended up by surrendering only the diamond trick. The contract was home.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

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Rudolph—and the Blue Nosed Reindeer

By Robert L. May



Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



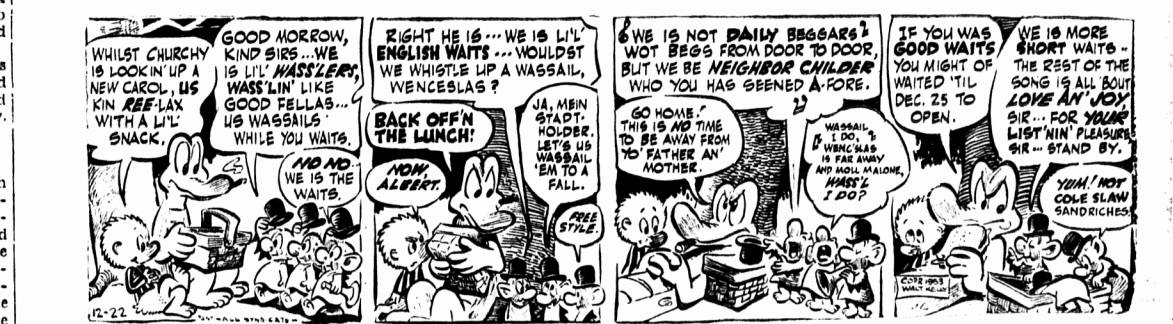
Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



Pogo

By Walt Kelly



Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



L'il Abner

By Al Capp



Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



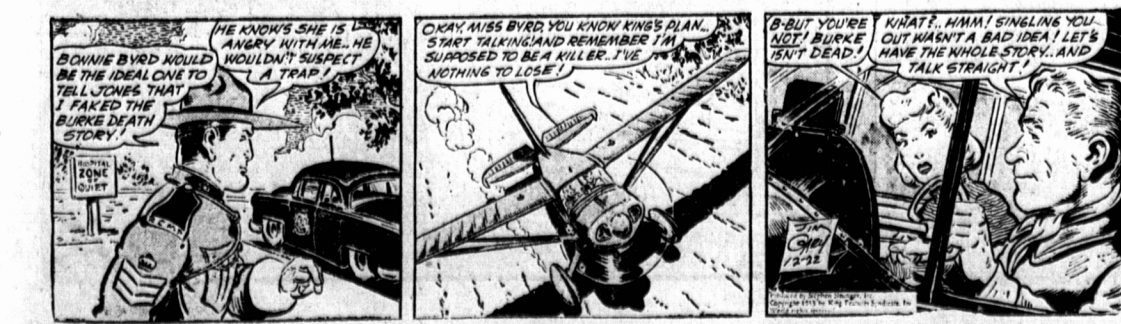
Rip Kirby

By Alex Raymond



King of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



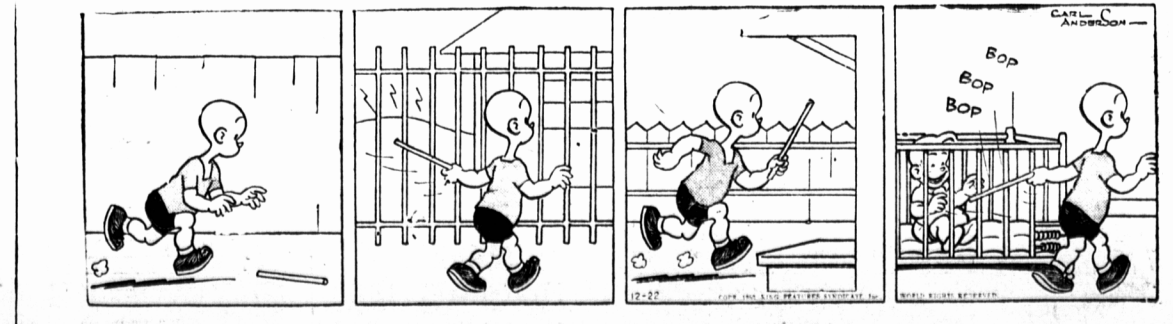
Dotty Dripple

By Buford



Henry

By Carl Anderson



PENNY

By Harry Haenigsen

