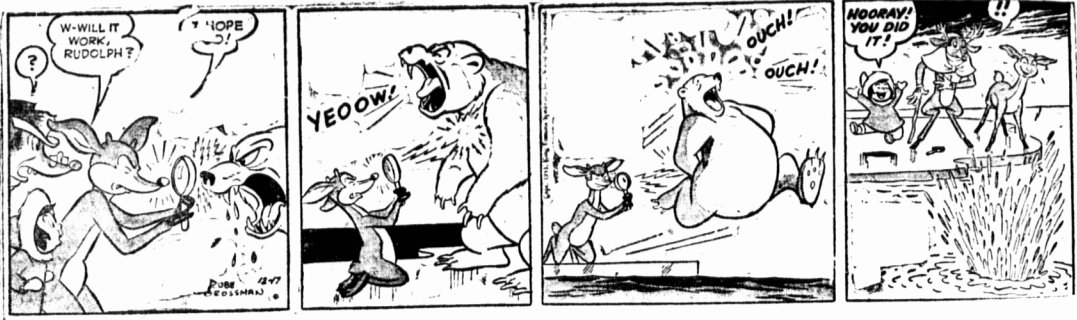


Rudolph—and the Blue Nosed Reindeer

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

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YOUNG TOO-SMART IS STUMPED

There is no cause for shame when you cannot do all that others do. —Old Mother Nature.

That is a very true saying of Old Mother Nature's. There are many folks who can do certain things that other folks cannot do, no matter how they try. When one can do something easily, another has no cause to feel any sense of shame whatever because he cannot do it. It is quite likely that he can do something the other cannot do.

Young Too-Smart really was smart. For a young fox just starting out in the Great World, he really was doing very well indeed. He learned fast, and he remembered what he learned. He had just learned a most important lesson. It was that there is nothing more foolish than to state positively that a thing can or cannot be so, unless one actually knows. He had stated that foxes cannot climb, and he had believed it. Then he had seen Cousin Gray, who is sometimes called the Tree Fox, climb a tree easily, and seemed up in a tree right away, and seemed quite at home there. He was high enough to look over, some bushes and young trees to the pastures and fields beyond. A dog was chasing someone there. He could see that dog now and then as he ran in and out among the bushes,

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

WRONG FRAME OF MIND

It was probably because South was so annoyed by his partner's bidding in the following deal that he "fluffed" the play of the contract.

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable. North-South 60 on score.

Bridge bidding table showing North, South, and West hands and bidding sequence.

The bidding: North Pass, East 1♠, South 2NT, West 3♣, North 3NT, West Pass.

North's persistence to three no-trump was dangerous (at the 60 score), inasmuch as South had shown no real signs of strength, but in all fairness North had a hand that was hard to bid.

West decided to lead his singleton diamond. Dummy won with the ace and the lone trump ace was cashed; then declarer played the other diamond honor, intending to ruff a third round of the suit for entry to the closed hand.

West exited with a low heart, and in desperation South let the lead ride around to his own jack. East put up the queen and returned a high diamond. There was no coping with this defense, and the final result was down two.

Granting that a lower contract would have been more comfortable, South still could have made the actual contract by more astute play. After cashing the spade ace, why not leave the diamond king alone and try to set up a club trick? Obviously that if South leads ace and another club, East's diamond return has no sting. West can ruff, if he likes, but the diamond king is still in dummy for future use. The most that South can lose by this line of play is two spades and a club.



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