

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

Mother Gray's Mistake

None lives so wise as ne'er to make. Sometime, somewhere, a grave mistake.

—Old Mother Nature
Mother Gray Fox had told her three cubs that everybody in the Green Forest was afraid of Buzztail the Rattlesnake. Then for the first time they had seen Buster Bear, and they just couldn't believe that anyone as big as Buster Bear, anyone with such big teeth and great claws, could be afraid of anybody. They had watched Buster Bear shuffle up on the ledge where Buzztail lived. They had seen Buster stop at the sound of Buzztail's rattle then walk around Buzztail at a safe distance. It was very clear that Buster Bear was afraid of Buzztail. Now they just had to believe that mother was right when she said that there was no one in the Green Forest who was not afraid of Buzztail the Rattlesnake.

A few days later the cubs discovered that Buzztail had come down off the ledge, and was coiled up beside a little path where a Mouse or some other small person the cubs crowded together and from a safe distance watched him. They were very, very careful to stay at a safe distance.

Mother joined them. "Remember what I told you," said she. "Keep away from that fellow. He is more to be feared than anyone else in all the Green Forest."

"More than great big Buster Bear?" asked one of the cubs. "Much more," replied mother. "No smart fox has any reason to be afraid of Buster Bear. It is easy enough to keep out of his way. But it isn't so easy to keep out of the way of that fellow over there unless he gives warning in time."

Just then who should come along but Lightfoot the Deer. It was the first time the cubs had seen Lightfoot except at a distance. And they had seen Buster Bear they would have been sure that Lightfoot was the biggest person in the Green Forest.

"You better be careful where

you walk," said Mother Gray. "Why?" asked Lightfoot. Buzztail had stopped rattling and Lightfoot had not seen him. "Buzztail the Rattlesnake is right over there beside that little path," said Mother Gray.

Lightfoot pricked up his ears. He stamped at the Buzztail began to rattle. Lightfoot took two or three steps in the direction

from which that sound came. Then, he stamped again. The rattling stopped. Buzztail was in the midst of some leaves, and hidden from Lightfoot. "You'd better be careful," said Mrs. Gray. "I'm not afraid of that fellow," snorted Lightfoot. "You'd better be," said Mother Gray. "Even great big Buster Bear is afraid!" barked one of the small cubs. "Everybody's afraid of him. Mother says so!" barked another little fox.

"Well, that is mother's mistake," snorted Lightfoot. "I'm not afraid, and I'm just going to find that fellow, and prove it to you."

Lightfoot slowly and carefully moved towards the place from where that rattle had sounded. Buzztail wasn't there. Buzztail wasn't there.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Small monkey (W. Afr.)
 - Foretell (Chiefly Scot.)
 - Hornless (var.)
 - Melodies
 - Deceit
 - Paris stock exchange
 - Consumed
 - A church of a monastery (Egypt)
 - Sodium (sym.)
 - Mountain pools
 - Reverberated
 - An Indian of Peru
 - Call out
 - Member of a native race of New Zealand
 - Gull-like bird
 - Roam
 - Dilute
 - Elevated train
 - Attacks
 - Mimic
 - To go to bed
 - Sacred bull (Egypt)
 - Unit of weight (Brit.)
 - Arms (dial.)
 - River (Eur.)
 - DOWN
 - Hair on a man's lip

THE SLIPPER
APRIL CHANGE
SPIT TACKLES
BARK NIMES
RELATE JIHAD
ENACT JIHAD
SILK PANICIA
ATA AASK AL
ALICE ADAGE
SAFES HERSE

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Yesterday's Answer

1. greeting
2. Spookier
3. Without au
4. Equip
5. Varying weight (Ind.)
6. Feathered creature
7. Bend the head in
8. People of Prussia
9. Point of the compass (Chiefly Scot.)
10. Comfort
11. Shaabest
12. A truck
13. Employes
14. Land-measures, language
15. Encounter
16. Natural elevation
17. Biblical name
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20. Point of the compass (Chiefly Scot.)
21. Comfort
22. Shaabest
23. A truck
24. Employes
25. Land-measures, language
26. Places
27. Portico
28. Part of a church
29. Help
30. International language

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

GRAND-SLAM CONSIDERATIONS
THEORETICALLY, partners should not stretch a sure small unless they have at least a 70% chance for success—they are risking too much to gain too little. There is, however, something to be said for the optimistic venture when (a) the partnership has first-round control of every suit, and (b) when 12 sure tricks are in the hands, and (c) when the declarer has the skill to execute the squeeze play that is so very often available when the first two conditions are satisfied.

Here's a typical illustration: North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

♠ 109
♥ AK108
♦ AQ85
♣ K43

♠ 754
♥ Q732
♦ 3
♣ J9862

♠ 95
♥ KJ106
♦ 47
♣ Q107

♠ 64
♥ 97
♦ A5

The bidding:
North 1♠ East 2♦ South 3♠ West 3♠
4♠ Pass 4NT Pass
5♠ Pass 5NT Pass
6♠ Pass 7♠ Pass

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Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams

SEE THERE, THAT'S ONE DANDELION—NOT ONE DANDELION—PULLED APART INTO TEN PIECES AT A CENT A PIECE! SO I'M PUTTING RUBBER BANDS AROUND EACH AND DON'T TALK TRICKS WITH MORE BANDS, FOR I'M COUNTING THEM!

OH! THAT AIN'T JUST ONE—IT'S BALKIN' 'EM SHE SEZ I'M TRICKY, BUT SHE'S WORSE—I NOW GOT A CENT A BALK!

WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

Our Boarding House Major Hoopie

WE'RE RUNNING LATE—I WONDER IF THE TRAIN ISN'T OVER-LOADED!

YER THAT'S IT! WE TOOK ON A BIG SHIPMENT OF LARD A FEW STATIONS BACK!

UM-YAG, MEN! ONCE I FOILED A DARING TRAIN ROBBERY NEAR DODGE CITY—I GOT THE DROP ON THE LEADERS OF THE BAND!—IN THOSE DAYS I WAS SO DEFT I COULD HOLD A BIRD CAGE IN MY GLAD HAND AND RECOVER THE CAGE BEFORE IT HIT THE GROUND!

STEAM IS ESCAPING IN THE WASHROOM!

Tilly the Toilet

WHO TOOK MY LETTER OPENER?

I USED IT TO GET THE WINDOW OPEN THAT WAS STUCK

I'D!

I WISHED I LEAN WY THOSE ALONE

Eira Kent

DOREEN HAS AN LITTERLY DARING APPOINTMENT MOM!—AND DREAMY NEW CAR!

THE FURNITURE IS LUSH TOO! THEY'RE PAYING FOR EVERYTHING ON MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS

ALL THAT YOUNG NEWLYWEDS NEED TO FEATHER THEIR NESTS NOWADAYS—

—IS A BITTLE DOWN!

Muggs and Skeeter

MY GOODNESS! MUGGS HAS BEEN TALKING TO THE GIRL FRIEND ON THE UPSTAIRS EXTENSION FOR HALF AN HOUR!

NOW, DON'T GET UPSET, MA!

WELL, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A CALL TOO!

YOU NEVER USED TO MIND HOW LONG I STAYED ON THE PHONE WHEN I WAS COURTING YOU!

OH, I'M SURE I NEVER LET YOU HOLD OUR PHONE FOR HALF AN HOUR!

WELL, COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU'RE RIGHT, MA!

...IN FACT, IN THOSE DAYS YOU DON'T HAVE A PHONE...REMEMBER?

Henry

HENRY—DRAW A PICTURE OF A COWBOY PLEASE—

I HATE HAVIN' TO DRESS UP— BUT I DON'T WANT TO ANTAGONIZE MAGGIE!

WELL! YOU'RE CERTAINLY ALL DRESSED UP! GET THAT COAT AND SHIRT OFF— I HAVE WORK FOR YOU TO DO!

WHAT'S THE USE?

Bringing Up Father

I THINK I'LL STAY HOME FROM THE OFFICE TODAY AND TAKE IT EASY!

DADDY, MOTHER WILL BE ANGRY IF SHE SEES YOU LOOKING LIKE THAT! PLEASE PUT YOUR SHIRT ON!

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Grandma

GRANDMA, HOW IN TH' WORLD DO YOU STAND.

...HAVIN' SO MANY O' TH' NEIGHBORHOOD BOYS IN YOUR HOUSE ALL TH' TIME?

OH, I LIKE KIDS? THEY NEVER BOTHER ME...

... MUCH, THAT IS!!!

Mickey Mouse

BOOBY, THIS IS THE WELL-KNOWN FRONTIERSMAN... DAVY!

RIGHT HAPPY TO KNOW YUH!

LIKEWISE, DAVY!

LET'S HAVE A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED OUTDOOR ROAST TONIGHT!

FINE! ME 'N DAVY'LL HUNT DOWN THUH VITTLES!

SHHH!

Ham Fisher

HOW'S BUSINESS, MARRYN SAM?

ROTTEN!!

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THAT FIGURE? IT'S HAUNTINGLY FAMILIAR!

Secret Agent X9

PROFESSOR, I CAN TELL YOU NOW THAT I HAVE SEARCHED FOR YOUR NOTES! DO YOU KEEP A FILE?

THO! ONE IS IN AN HEAD AND THE OTHER MUST BE SECRET UNTIL MY WORK ON 'FALBON' IS COMPLETE!

IF THAT BOO FOL WERE TO SUDDENLY DIE, HIS RESEARCH MIGHT BE LOST FOR ALL TIME!

I MUST TAKE THIS MATTER UP WITH MY SUPERIORS!

Early that evening, Phil meets an old FBI ally—

JOE! I WAS HOPING THAT YOU'D BE AVAILABLE!

ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO TEAM WITH YOU, OLD BUDDY—BUDDY! AND HAVE I GOT AN EYEBROW-RAGER ABOUT KRINGLE!

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Believe It or Not!

George Morley of Winchester, England, GUIDED ONE OF HIS COUNTRY'S RICHEST SEES—YET HE SLEPT ON A STONE SLAB WITHOUT BEDDING—NEVER KIDNAPED A FIRE FOR WARMTH AND FOR 43 YEARS ATE BUT ONE MEAL A DAY.

Rheinfelden a city in Switzerland WAS SO HOSPITABLE TO EMPEROR FERDINAND I OF GERMANY THAT HE OFFERED THE CITY FATHERS FOR PAYMENT OF ANY TRAVEL OR CASH AWARD—BUT INSTEAD ASKED ONLY FOR 2 ADDITIONAL STARS IN ITS COAT OF ARMS.

Joe Palooka

CLICK CLUCK CLUCK

CLICK CLUCK

SHE LAID A EGG FOR ME... BUT SHE WOULDN'T GET OFF IT? JES' SEES THERE?

HUMPHREY'S ALIVE... GOT THRU THE STORM... HE WAS SPOTTED IN THE OCEAN BY A CARGO BOAT...

THANK GOODNESS! BUT WHAT'S KEEPING HIM UP?

THAT OLD PROFESSOR GAVE OUT A GREAT WHEAT THAT THE MACHINE USES NICKEL-FUEL.

The Lone Ranger

STACEY SAID TO LOOSEN THE WHEEL, SO IT'LL COME OFF WITHIN A MILE.

HERE'S MR. DEWITT, HE SAYS HE CAN DRIVE THE BUCKBOARD TO THE RANCH.

DRIVE ALONG THE TRAIL, WE'LL FOLLOW ON HORSE.

WE LEARN PLENTY ABOUT POISONED WATER HOLE.

MEANWHILE, BEHIND THE BUILDINGS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE TRACKS—