



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE LEAK

'Tis little things in life that count. And in the end to much amount. Paddy the Beaver...

Paddy the Beaver was visiting his house, which Glutton the Wolverine had torn to pieces. He was on the ice beside the suns. He had reached there by swimming under the ice to the under-water tunnel...



"Hello," said Little Joe, cheerfully.

She was afraid you might be looking for trouble, and she felt we had trouble enough in losing this fine house of ours. Are you staying around here, or are you traveling through?"

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Clubertson

CONCERNING PENALTY DOUBLES

There are occasions when a very close penalty double is more or less logical, but the following case was not one of these.

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

South: A 9 8 7 5, Q J 8 4, 6, A 5 3

North: K 4, 10 9 8 3, 2, K 10 9 8, 9 2

West: A K 7, A Q 3, Q J 10 7 4

East: 10 9 8 3, 2, K 10 9 8, 9 2

The bidding: South West North East 1♦ 1♠ 1♣ 1♥ 2NT Pass 3NT Pass 4♥ Pass Pass

Even though West was not vulnerable, whereas North-South were, the one-spade overall of the diamond bid had no justification. Such bids, amounting to virtual psychics, can only mislead a partner.

Another point worth considering in this sort of case is that vulnerable expert opponents are apt to be bidding more soundly than one's own non-vulnerable partner!

One thing is sure - East had reason to regret his own double! West's opening lead was the spade queen. Declarer won the trick, led a heart to his hand and took the club finesse. This gave him five clubs and four hearts, and he ended up by taking the diamond finesse for a total score of 2350 points.

LONDON.—(UPI)—A rush-hour train from Middlesex headed for the financial district of London ran out of fuel when it reached the suburbs. Passengers completed the journey by bus.

King Of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



Rip Kirby

By Alex Raymond



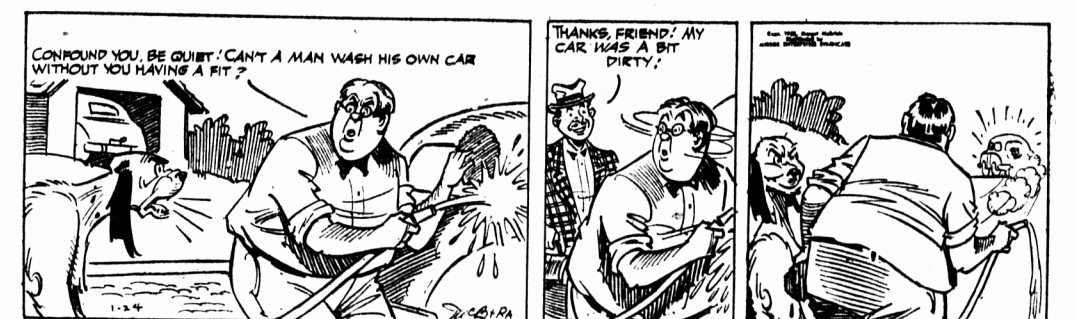
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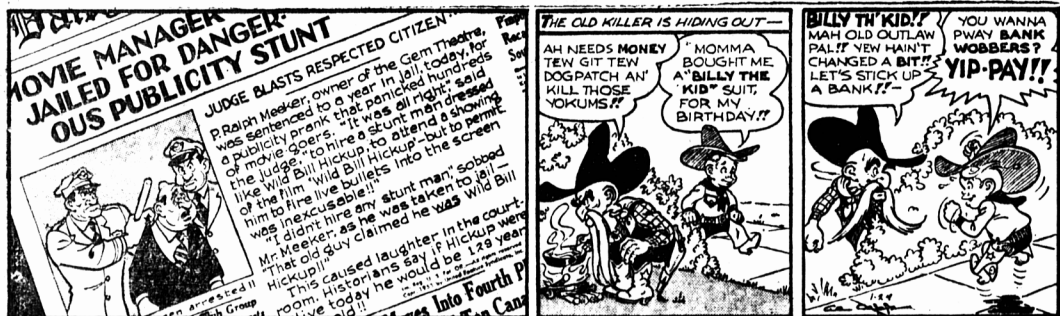
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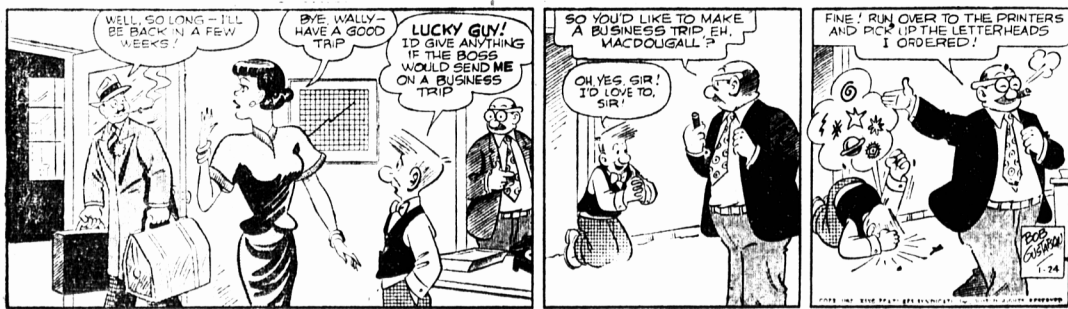
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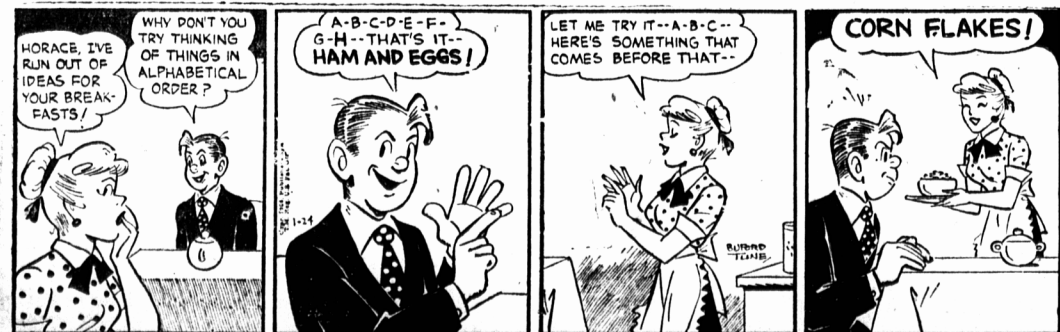
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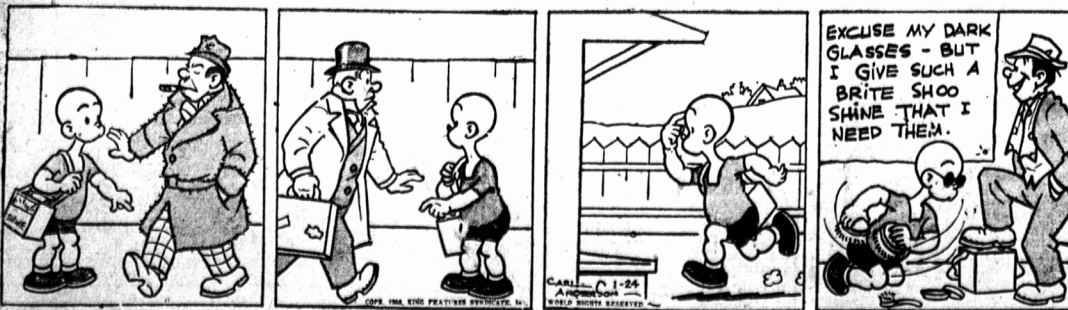
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By Ruford



Henry

By Carl Anderson



Pogo

By Walt Kelly



Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwina



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By George McManus



PENNY

By Harry Haenigsen

