

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W Burgess)

THE RUEFUL BERRY-PICKER

Who himself can laugh will find his troubles soon are left behind. —Farmer Brown's Boy.

Ruefully Farmer Brown's Boy picked up the big, new shiny pail which only a few moments before had been on a big rock, filled to the brim and heaped up with luscious big blueberries. Now it was a sad looking pail. Yes, sir, it was a sad looking pail. It had a great dent in one side where it had

struck a stone when Buster Bear knocked it off the big rock. The blow of Buster's big paw had also knocked it out of shape. So it was a sad looking pail. Of course, it was empty. Those beautiful, luscious blueberries were scattered over the ground among the bushes and it was all because Buster Bear had seen his own reflection in that new, shiny pail and had mistaken the image for another Bear.

When Farmer Brown's Boy had appeared Buster had gone crashing away through the bushes to the Green Forest. In his excitement Farmer Brown's Boy had tripped and fallen and had spilled all the berries out of another pail he was carrying. No wonder he was peeved. He shook his fist in the direction of Buster Bear and perhaps it is just as well he didn't say out loud what he was thinking.

What changes can happen in just a few minutes! Just a few minutes before Farmer Brown's Boy had had several quarts of berries that had taken him two or three hours to pick. Now those berries were scattered far and wide and his work was all for nothing. A few minutes before he had had a big, new, bright, shiny tin pail. Now he still had the pail, but it was a battered-looking pail. It no longer looked new. A few moments before Buster Bear had been feasting to his heart's content, and should I say his stomach's content? There's nothing in the world he loves more than berries unless it is honey. Now his feast had been ended when he had only half enough, and he was back in the Green Forest feeling very much out of sorts.

Farmer Brown's Boy picked up

South a ruff and discard, East re- turns a low heart, South ducked, and West was so injudicious as to put up the jack! Dummy's queen won and now South finessed the heart return through East's king making the slam.

West could not possibly gain by playing the heart jack on his partner's lead, and if he had made the proper low heart play, declarer would have been helpless. East, however, should have made it impossible for his partner to fall into this error. All he had to do was count South's marked distribution. Thus, he would have known that South had three hearts, certainly including the ace. That a ruff and discard would do him no good. Obviously, if East had returned a diamond instead of a heart, and then had covered the heart queen when led, declarer would have had to lose a heart trick.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

GUARDING AGAINST PARTNER'S ERROR

West made a bad defensive play in today's deal, but a truly expert East would have made it impossible for his partner to go wrong.

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding: West North East South 3♦ Pass Pass Dbl. Pass 3NT Pass 4♠ Pass 5♠ Pass 6♠ Pass Pass Pass

West's three-diamond opening was, of course, a desperate shut-out tactic.

West tried the surprise attack on his hand. South won in own his hand, laid down the spade ace, then led the club seven to the ace and ruffed a club. Next, he cashed the diamond king, then led the diamond three to the ace and ruffed dummy's last club, completing the elimination of both minor suits.

South had no reason for feeling hopeful, but the line of play he adopted at least gave him a chance. Now, playing for that chance, he led a trump.

Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



L'L ABNER

By Al Capp



RIP KIRBY

By Alex Raymond



"Caw, caw, caw!" That was Blacky the Crow.

comfort. Suddenly Farmer Brown's Boy began to chuckle. He chuckled and chuckled. The chuckle became a laugh. Farmer Brown's Boy sat down on a handy rock and laughed and laughed and laughed until the tears ran down his cheeks. What was he laughing at, he was laughing at himself. Yes, sir, Farmer Brown's Boy was laughing at himself and what had happened to him. It suddenly seemed to him one of the funniest things that ever happened to him.

Now that laughter was good medicine. Laughing at one's self after a funny mishap is always good medicine. Farmer Brown's Boy wiped the tears from his eyes, the tears of laughter, picked up his pail and started picking berries. He whistled while he picked. Now and then he stopped whistling to chuckle at the memory of Buster Bear and how he looked when he hit that big, new, bright, shiny pail and sent it and the berries flying.

"The old rascal cheated himself," said Farmer Brown's Boy to no one in particular. "He might have eaten all those berries if he hadn't lost his temper. I wonder just why he did lose it." You see, Farmer Brown's Boy didn't know how Buster Bear had seen his own reflection in the pail and had mistaken it for another Bear.

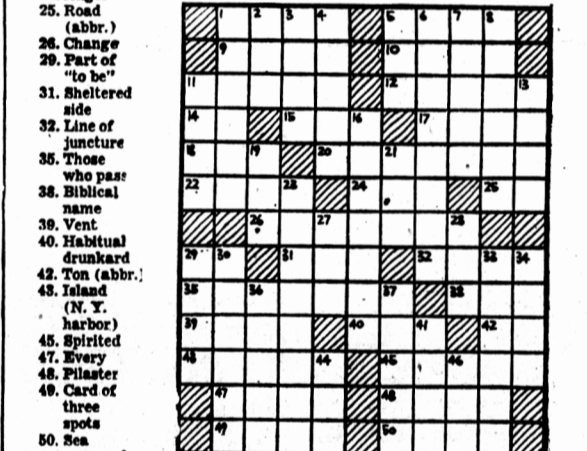
"Caw, caw, caw!" That was Blacky the Crow. "Caw, caw, caw!" Farmer Brown's Boy looked up. "Are you laughing at me, you black rascal," he exclaimed. "Caw, caw, caw!" It did sound as if Blacky was laughing, or if not exactly laughing was enjoying Farmer Brown's Boy's dis-

DANCE

EAST ROYALTY RINK HALL
FRIDAY, JULY 20th
George Chappelle and His Merry Islanders
Bus Leaving I.M.T. 9:30
Admission 50 cents
Canteen service Free Check Room

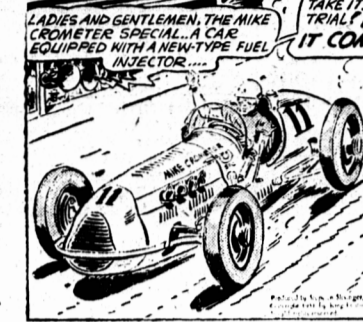
DAILY CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 19. Incorporated |
| 1. Manufacture | 1. Of the sea | 21. Land- |
| 5. Rod for meat | 2. Hall | measure |
| 9. Greedy | 3. Sovereign | 23. Highest |
| 10. Forearm bone | 4. Norse works | 25. Take supper point |
| 11. Tendancy | 5. Take supper | 27. Born |
| 12. Like paste | 6. Covers with plaster | 28. Beverage |
| 14. Slith | 7. Insert | 29. Projecting end of a |
| 15. Fuel | 8. Fragment of cloth | 30. Gavel |
| 17. Bristlelike organ | 11. South African Dutch | 33. Like stars |
| 18. Cuckoo | 13. A measure of length | 34. Great quantity |
| 20. Smash | 16. Trembles with cold | 36. Of the sun |
| 22. Part of a camera | | 37. Couches |
| 24. Anger | | 41. Frog |
| 25. Road (abbr.) | | 44. Time |
| 26. Change | | 46. Greek letter |
| 29. Part of "to be" | | |
| 31. Sheltered side | | |
| 32. Line of juncture | | |
| 35. Those who pass | | |
| 38. Biblical name | | |
| 39. Vent | | |
| 40. Habitual drunkard | | |
| 42. Ton (abbr.) | | |
| 43. Island (N. Y. harbor) | | |
| 45. Spirited | | |
| 47. Every | | |
| 48. Plaster | | |
| 49. Card of three spots | | |
| 50. Sea mammal | | |



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B 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
K E Z F Z F V Z E R S B Z S A E X Z R W M J
S A E X K E Z L I S A L Y - L E J J I X S J .
Yesterday's Cryptogram: BY NATURE HONEST, BY EXPERIENCE WISE, HEALTHY BY TEMPERANCE, AND BY EXERCISE—POPE.

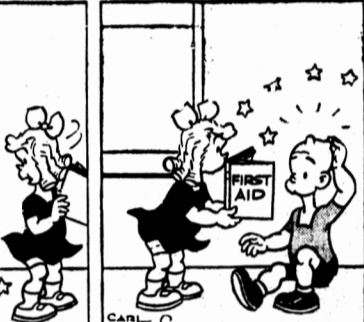
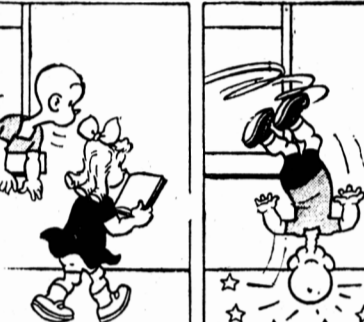
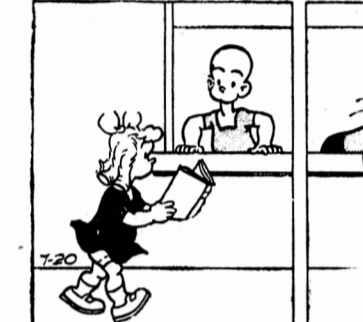
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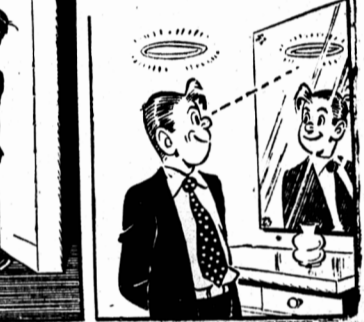
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DOTTY DIPPLE



TIPPY AND "CAP" STUHS



BRINGING UP FATHER



TILLY THE TOILER



PENNY

