

BEDTIME STORIES

Did He Or Didn't He?

By Thornton W. Burgess

Unless you positively know, say nothing is, or isn't so. —Reddy Fox

Deep in the Green Forest not far from the pond of Paddy the Beaver, Prickly Porky the Porcupine and Bobby Coon were quarreling. Each was very, very angry. Prickly Porky was part way up a tree. Bobby Coon was on the ground at the foot of the tree. Reddy Fox came trotting along his way to Paddy's pond.

Reddy grunted when he heard the quarrel. He stopped to listen and his grin widened. "You did!" snarled Bobby Coon. "I didn't!" declared Prickly Porky, and his voice was more of a whine.

"You did too! I wasn't near enough to touch you, yet there are two of your little spears in my face. If you didn't throw them at me, how did they get there?" retorted Bobby Coon and his voice sounded very, very ugly.

"I never throw my little spears. I don't have to," retorted Prickly Porky. He backed down the trunk of the tree just a little, just enough to make Bobby Coon back away a little farther.

"What is all this fuss about?" Reddy Fox wanted to know. Bobby Coon turned to face Reddy. "Do you see those little spears in my face? There's one in my cheek and one in the side of my nose." Of course, Bobby meant the quills which Prickly Porky carries in his coat and on his tail.

"Yes, I see them," replied Reddy. "Don't you know enough to keep away from those things? You ought to. You've known Prickly Porky long enough. Anyone who so much as touches that fellow is sorry for it afterward."

"I tell you he threw them at me! I wasn't near enough to him to touch him. Of course I know enough not to do that. If that fellow didn't throw them, how did those two little spears get in my face?" Bobby Coon grew more indignant as he talked.

"I wouldn't know," said Reddy Fox. He grinned again. Reddy was enjoying that quarrel. It is curious how so many people seem to enjoy seeing others quarrel. It is always so.

Bobby Coon kept trying to rub those two little spears out of his face. In doing this, he was doing the very worst thing. He was rubbing them in instead of out. His face was beginning to be sore.

Prickly Porky up in the tree was grumbling to himself. "I didn't throw those little spears," he kept saying over and over. I

Captive Says Well Treated

ALGIERS, Algeria (Reuters) — An 18-year-old French schoolgirl, held captive for a week by young Nationalist insurgents, said Wednesday she was well-fed, gently treated and even allowed to listen to songs broadcast from Paris by a popular French crooner.

Dark-haired Micheline Gomez, captured by rebels 11 days ago and released Sunday, told reporters here that toward the end of her week's captivity the rebels gave her 700 francs (about \$1.95) as payment for a medical examination "to prove that you have not been harmed."

French forces launched a widespread search Wednesday after rebels made a "commando" raid on a village in the Bou Andas mountains during the night and killed 22 Moslems, French authorities said.

About 60 insurgents were killed in scattered actions Tuesday.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER

East dealer. East-West vulnerable. ♠ K J 3 ♥ Q 8 7 ♦ J 3 ♣ K Q 4 2

The bidding: East South West North Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead—king of hearts. East played the jack of hearts on the opening lead, and West continued with the ace and another heart. East trumping the third round. A diamond was returned, which South won with the ace. Declarer now played all five of his trumps. On the last trump, East grimly hung on to his four clubs, discarding the king of diamonds, and South went down one.

There are two points of interest in this hand which we call attention. First, East's play of the jack of hearts on the opening lead, which was correct. Somewhere in the dim past some vicious rumormonger spread the

word around to all and sundry that it is not permissible ever to signal with an honor. The seed was so well sown that where ever one goes from Maine to California and even beyond, this canard is quoted as the gospel truth. The ghost should have been laid to rest some time ago, and here is one small voice raised to still the nursery tale. The rule would be more correct if it were stated to be that it is unwise to signal with an honor where the loss of a trick is apt to result from the signal. In the present case, as far as the honor is concerned, the declarer's failure to make the hand. His manner of play placed all hopes in the adverse clubs breaking 3-3. Omitted from his calculations were those hands where the clubs break 4-2. There is a method to cover both possibilities. South's proper play, after winning the ace of diamonds, is to play the ace and another trump to the king. Then, without drawing West's nine of trumps, he plays the ace and another club to the king. A low club is ruffed high, after which a trump to dummy's jack provides the entry to discard the two diamond losers on the Q-9 of clubs.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 1. Ancient Egyptian goddess 5. Fish 10. Fear 12. Poker stake 13. A basting device 14. Sailor (abbr.) 15. A relative 16. Prefix denoting "two" 17. Rough 18. Kind of cheese 21. Cross in money 22. Discriminating 23. Part of the face (pl.) 26. Flowers 27. Suspended 28. Metal container 29. Sea eagles (abbr.) 30. Musical instrument 34. Land-measure 35. Canvas shelter 37. Girl's name 38. Timing device 40. Kind of boat 41. Scaeches 42. Entices 43. Famous Italian actress 44. Mimicks



DOWN 1. He was swallowed by a whale (Bib.) 2. Extreme 3. Born 4. Bone (anat.) 5. Reach across 6. Hurrying 7. Emmet 8. Destructive condition 9. Head 11. Gross violations of law 13. Purchases 15. Matures 18. Members of criminal gangs 20. Clamor 23. Deceit 24. Moved swiftly 25. Small hotel 26. Portion 28. Regards studiously 31. Sky-blue 32. Date in Roman calendar 33. Places 36. Scottish-Gaelic 38. Anamese measure 40. Young 42. Music note

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

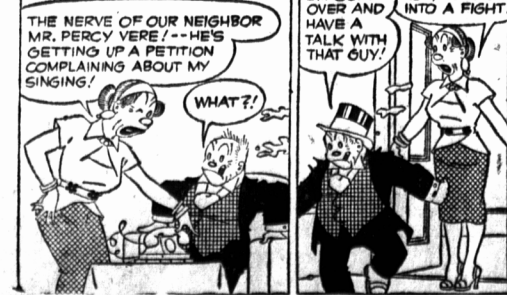
— Here's how to work it: A X Y D L B A A X R H L O N G F E L L O W One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams



Bringing Up Father



Lt. Abner



Band Trapped In Bus After Accident

HAMILTON (CP) — Thirty-two members of the Royal Canadian Regiment band and a civilian bus driver were trapped briefly Tuesday after their bus rammed a dump truck.

Two men were admitted to hospital. Seven others suffered cuts and bruises as they were pitched about.

ROCKETS GO ASTRAY

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP) — Six rockets, fired from an F-89 Scorpion jet fighter plane on a gunnery range near Fairbanks, fell on the southern outskirts of the city Monday night. Police said there were no injuries.

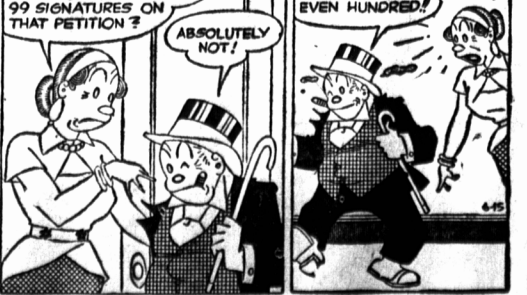
Advertisement for Ripley's Believe It or Not! featuring a hanging man and a snail. Text: 'HANGMAN'S ROCK Colonsay Island, The Hebrides, Scotland THIS NATURAL GALLONS - WITH EVEN A HOLE FOR THE ROPE - WAS USED FOR CENTURIES FOR EXECUTIONS IN CLAN WARS' and 'CHINESE HAT SNAIL'.

Our Boarding House

Major Hoople



Secret Agent X9



Why Have Sore Feet?



Grid of comic strips including Grandma, Mickey Mouse, Henry, Mugs and Skelter, Tilly The Toiler, Etta Kett, Joe Falooka, The Lone Ranger, and POGO.

Advertisement for Minard's Footwear featuring a man in a suit and the text 'WHY HAVE SORE FEET? JUST RUB IT MINARD'S FOOTWEAR'.