

**Contract Bridge**  
By Josephine Culbertson  
**DOUBLY LUCKY**

South was lucky in two respects in the following deal. First, he virtually "tossed a coin" and happened to get into the makeable contract; and second, he received help from the enemy.

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

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|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| ♠ 7 6 4 3    | ♥ 3 2    | ♦ 8 5 3  | ♣ 8 2     |
| ♠ 10 8       | ♥ 9 5 4  | ♦ 7      | ♣ 9 5 4   |
| ♠ 10 7 3 2   | ♥ A K 7  | ♦ 10 4   | ♣ A K 7   |
| ♠ A Q 5      | ♥ A K 6  | ♦ Q 9 2  | ♣ A K 9 6 |
| ♠ 2 N T Pass | ♠ 3 Pass | ♠ 4 Pass | ♠ 5 Pass  |

The bidding:  
South West North East  
2 N T Pass 3 Pass  
4 N T Pass Pass

South said later that he was "right on the fence," whether to bid four spades over North's three, or to return to notrump, and his actual decision was "just one of those things."

It was a lucky decision, however, because East surely would have led the king and ace of diamonds against four spades, and West would have ruffed the third diamond and eventually collected the king of spades as well.

Defending against the actual three-notrump contract, West (rather indiscreetly) opened his fourth-highest heart — the seven. South played dummy's jack, and gained one trick on the spot. He then led a low spade to the queen, hoping to lose the trick, but West cagily played the nine. Now, since it would always be possible to lay down the spade ace and try to drop the king, South turned to the diamond suit in an effort to build an entry to dummy. East, evidently the impatient type, took declarer's queen with the king and returned a heart. (A club shift would have been a far better idea.)

South won, cashed the spade ace, then led his low spade. West won and, seeing the hopelessness of the heart situation, shifted to clubs, but too late. South won and led the diamond nine. The ten and jack covered, and now East could win or not, as he liked — the diamond eight was in dummy for a later entry if it was needed.

It did not require much imagination on East's part to see that dummy's only entry to the spade suit might be in diamonds. Thus, he should have refused to take declarer's diamond queen when it was offered to him, and that would have isolated the dummy.

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**TWO CHAMBERS**

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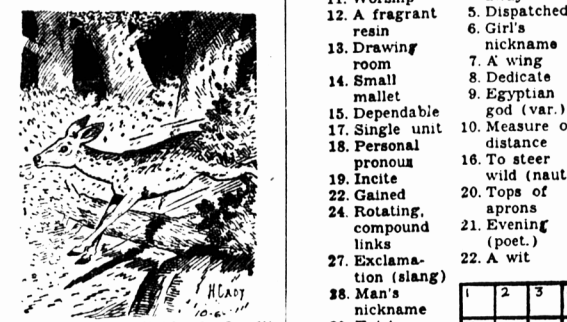
**BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES**

By Thornton W. Burgess

**THE MOST WONDERFUL SMELL**

The giving way to fright you'll find. Is proof of lost control of mind. —Mrs. Lightfoot.

Over in the Green Forest was a frightened little deer. He was one of Mother Lightfoot's fawns. He wasn't a baby now. He had been following mother through the Green Forest for several weeks, and of course real babies couldn't do that. Still he was a very young person to be all alone there in the Green Forest. And he was all alone, and had been for what seemed to him a long, long — very long time. Really it wasn't so very long. But to anyone who is lost, and this little fawn was lost, time seems much longer than it really is.



He had run until his slender little legs ached.

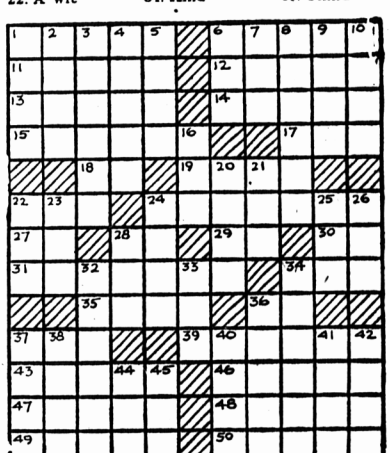
This was the first time in his short life that the little deer had ever been alone for any length of time. Usually his twin sister was with him, and when mother left them, as she often did, it was for no great length of time, and they didn't think anything of it. You see they had each other.

Lost people, and this includes grown-ups as well as children, almost always do the most foolish thing possible just as soon as they discover they are lost — they start running, or walking very fast. Usually they go in circles without knowing it. All the time they are getting themselves more lost. The little deer had done just this thing. He had run this way, and that way, looking for his mother. He had run until his slender little legs ached. All the time he had grown more and more frightened. Every unexpected little sound seemed strange, and made his heart jump. Anyway, it seemed so. Every leaf moved by a Merry Little Breeze seemed to hint at danger to his frightened little eyes. All the time he kept using his slender little nose, as mother had taught him to do. He was trying to catch the mother smell that would lead him to her. Instead he got many other smells: some good, and some bad. Even the good ones frightened

those spreading boughs that sheltered him. He used his delicate little nose silently sniffing at every Merry Little Breeze that blew his way. A Merry Little Breeze brought him the smell of Buster Bear. That was the smell of danger, the fright smell. He got it again when Old Man Coyote passed a short distance away. It got so that he didn't want to smell, but he just couldn't help it. Tired out, he went to sleep. When he awoke it was night. He wasn't afraid of the dark. Few, if any, of the little people of the Green Forest are afraid of the dark, because they knew that darkness in itself hurts no one. At first, he couldn't think where he was. Then he remembered, and shook with fright. A wandering Little Night Breeze stole under the overhanging boughs, and kissed his slender nose. It brought with it a most wonderful smell in all the Great World, the mother smell.

**DAILY CROSSWORD**

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                     | <b>DOWN</b>               |
| 1. Confronts                      | 2. Jewish month           |
| 2. Polite term of address         | 3. Pillar                 |
| 3. Uneven, as if gnawed           | 4. Dross of metal         |
| 4. Worship                        | 5. Dispatched             |
| 5. A fragrant resin               | 6. Girl's nickname        |
| 6. Drawing room                   | 7. A wing                 |
| 7. Small mallet                   | 8. Dedicate               |
| 8. Dependable                     | 9. Egyptian god (var.)    |
| 9. Single unit                    | 10. Measure of distance   |
| 10. Personal pronoun              | 11. To steer wild (naut.) |
| 11. Incite                        | 12. Gained                |
| 12. Rotating, compound links      | 13. Evening (poet.)       |
| 13. Exclamation (slang)           | 14. Man's nickname        |
| 14. Exist                         | 15. Hawaiian bird         |
| 15. Natives of a European country | 16. Mischievous (colloq.) |
| 16. Shake-spearian character      | 17. Greek letter          |
| 17. Viper                         | 18. Plays                 |
| 18. Thick cords                   | 19. Moham-medan god       |
| 19. Capital of Guam               | 20. City in North Dakota  |
| 20. Like beetle                   | 21. Setting               |
| 21. Quick                         |                           |



**DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:**  
A X Y D L B A X E  
I S 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**

Z P T E F W F U Q L J W W Z U I J H F L T U A F  
W P J N U Z U ; W K O O J L I J B I J H F L T .  
I Z J U — A J H F L Z S Q F .

Yesterday's Cryptogram: THE DARKEST DAY. LIVE TILL TO-MORROW. WILL HAVE PASSED AWAY—COWPER.

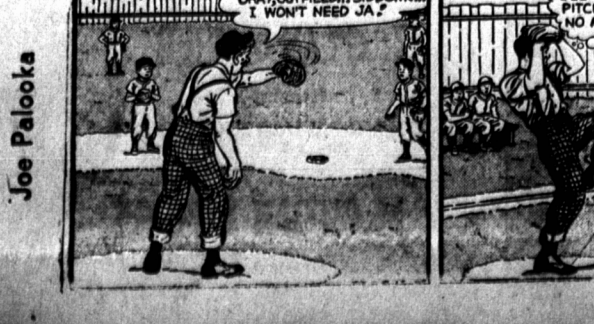
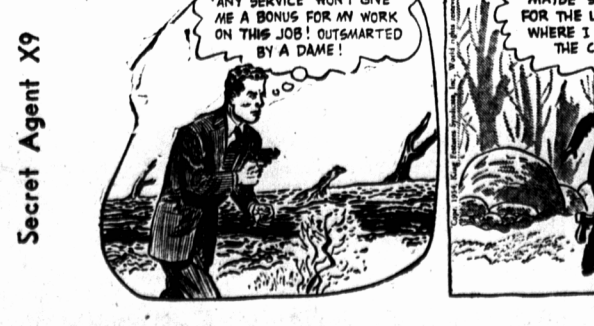
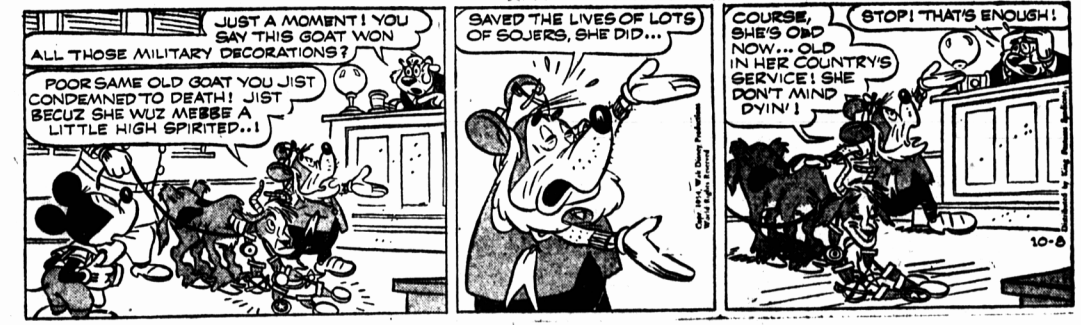
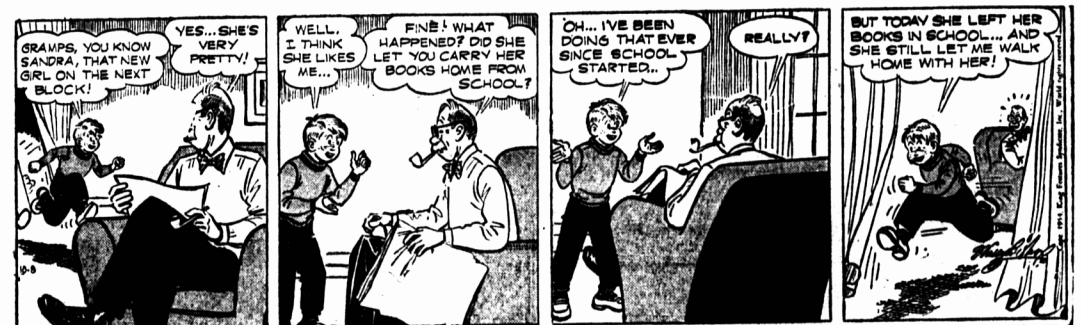
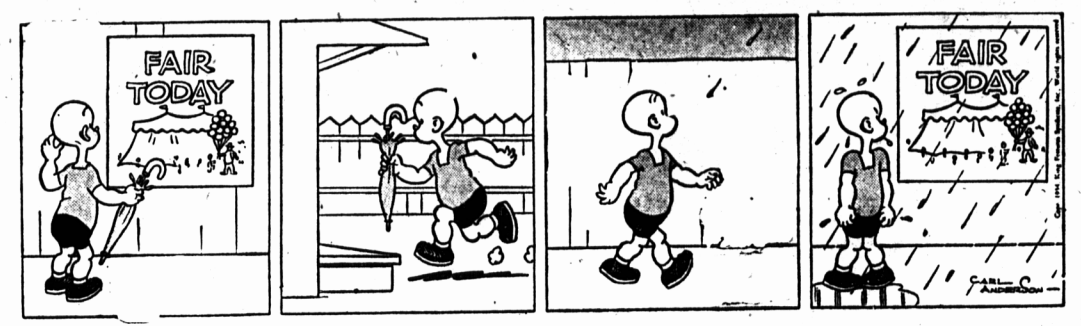
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By Tilly The Toilet  
By Bringing Up Father  
By Li'l Abner  
By The Lone Ranger  
By Secret Agent X9  
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