

By Bob Gustafson



By Thornton W. Burgess

JUST A SMALL THING

You'll find it true the whole world o'er, This little things add up the score. —Old Mother Nature.

Prickly Porky the Porcupine is what may be called a slow person. He is slow in all his ways. When he is climbing in a tree — and he spends most of his time in trees — he moves slowly. When he is on the ground he moves slowly from place to place. And his wits are as slow as he is in his movements.



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Prickly Porky had started out to take possession of a house in the ground that he had discovered the day before. It was empty at the time he found it. There was no one about. Now he had returned and found two young foxes, Too-Smart and Soft-Eyes, who clumped it was their home. They were blocking his way.

For some time Prickly Porky tried to make up his mind whether to go ahead and force those foxes out of his way, or to give up the idea of going into that house. As usual he was very slow about making up his mind. Meanwhile, the two foxes were threatening to do all sorts of dreadful things to him. He knew that they couldn't do these

things, so it didn't worry him. They were the ones that would get hurt, not he. Still, he didn't like the idea of trouble. So at long last, he slowly turned about and headed back the way he had come. The instant he was fully turned Too-Smart moved forward as if to leap on his back. Prickly Porky was switching his tail from side to side. It was a queer-looking tail. It was covered with little short spears. They are called quills. It made that tail look very, very prickly.

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Rip Kirby



King of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



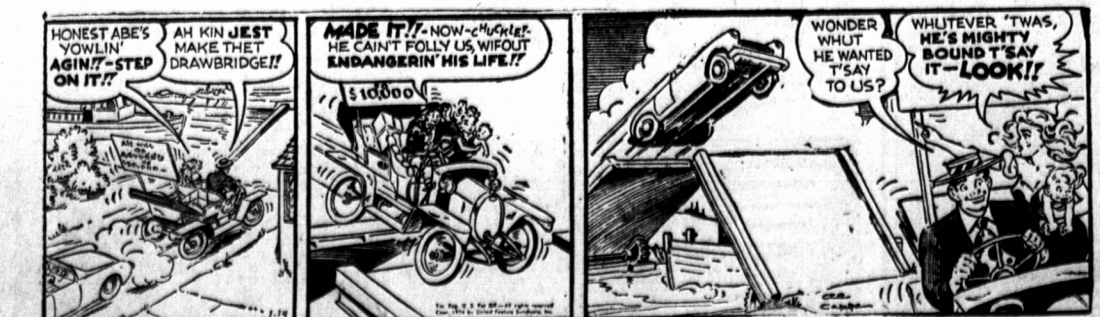
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Announces New CNR Bond Issue

MONTREAL, Jan. 11. — Donald Gordon, chairman and president of Canadian National Railways, announced today a new issue of \$200,000,000 20-year 3 1/2 percent bonds of Canadian National Railway company to provide for the redemption on February 1st of \$50,000,000 of maturing 5 percent bonds issued originally in 1924 and as to the remainder of the proceeds of the issue to repay interest-bearing capital advances from the Government of Canada.

The new bonds are guaranteed unconditionally by the Government of Canada as to both principal and interest. The new issue will mature on February 1st, 1954 and subject to redemption at the option of the company on or at any time after February 1st, 1972 on sixty days notice.

The new bonds are being offered at 99.50 to yield about 3.78 percent to maturity.

The issue will be offered immediately to the public through investment dealers and banks. The books of the issue will be opened at Bank of Canada, Ottawa, on January 14th.

Mr. Gordon stated that the capital advances from the Government which are now being repaid represent part of the capital expenditures which have been made over the past two years, taken as a whole, their effect is to improve the earning capacity of the Canadian National System and also to carry out an objective to provide the most modern facilities to service and requirements of shippers and passengers. Included in the programme to date have been substantial betterments to the road bed and track structures, mechanization in the form of power machinery and work equipment, improvements to terminal facilities, modernization of signalling equipment and telegraphs, and as well as portion of the planned programme covering the conversion of steam power to the diesel locomotive.

quill, then Too-Smart started to put out a paw to touch it.

"Don't touch it! Don't touch it!" shrieked Sammy Jay from a neighboring tree.

"What's the matter with that fellow? He's done nothing but scream 'Don't touch! Don't touch!' said Too-Smart. "There can't be any harm in touching a little thing like that." He reached out a black paw, and began to push that quill about.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

INCOMPLETE FIGURING A "regular reader" asks about the best "percentage" in the play of the following hand.

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable. Match-point duplicate.

♠ J104
♥ A Q 2
♦ K Q 5 2
♣ 10 8 6

♠ 8 7 6 2
♥ K 8 5
♦ 10 8 7
♣ 4 3 2

♠ A K Q
♥ J 10
♦ A 4 3
♣ A K Q J

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 7 NT Pass
Pass Pass

South (according to "regular reader") knew that his partner never made a psychic bid, so the abrupt leap to the grand slam was not quite as reckless as it may seem. It was South's misfortune that North had opened more lightly than was his habit.

It was also unfortunate for South that West guessed a heart opening, because this forced South to an immediate decision.

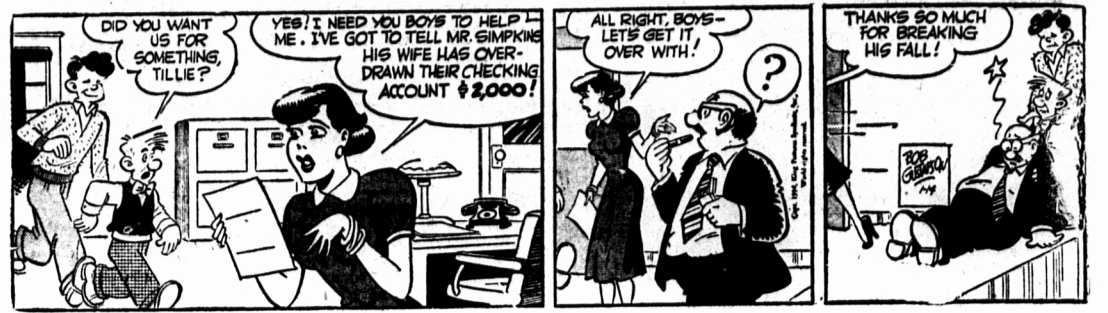
In sight were five club tricks, three spades, three diamonds and one heart, and if the six missing diamonds were divided 3-3, South would not need the heart finesse.

To make a sad story brief, at least, South took the heart finesse because of the mathematical truth that a finesse is 50-50 whereas a 3-3 break happens only about one-third of the time. The result: down one.

South's arithmetic was sound, as far as it went, but it did not cover the entire situation. The right play at Trick 1 was the heart ace, because after that declarer would make his grand-slam contract if either of two things developed: if he found a 3-3 break, of diamonds, or, failing that diamond break, if the same defender had the heart king and the diamond stopper. In this latter case that defender would be squeezed.

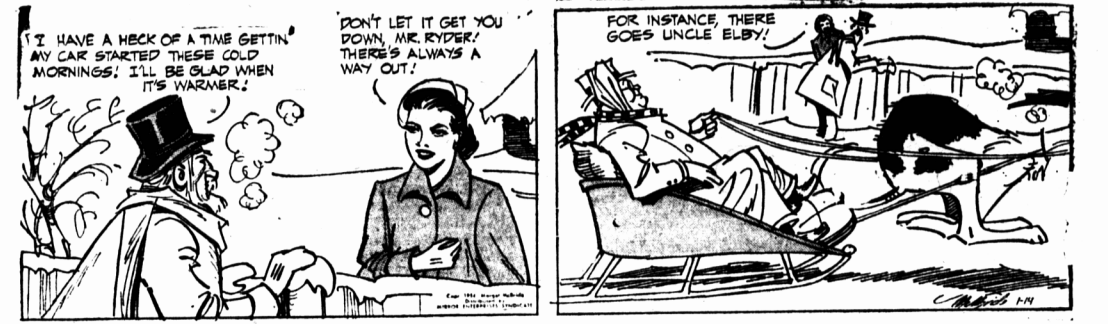
In other words, it was not a simple case of weighing the diamond break against the heart finesse. Moreover, there was the additional factor that West, scarcely would have led away from a king against a grand-slam contract.

Tilly The Toiler



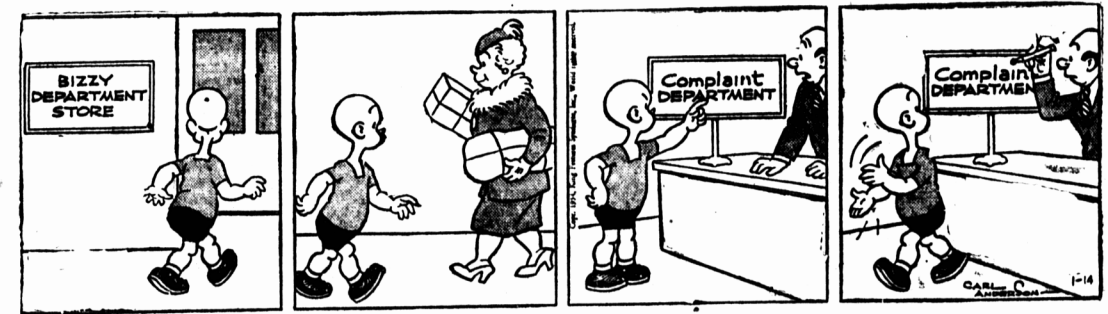
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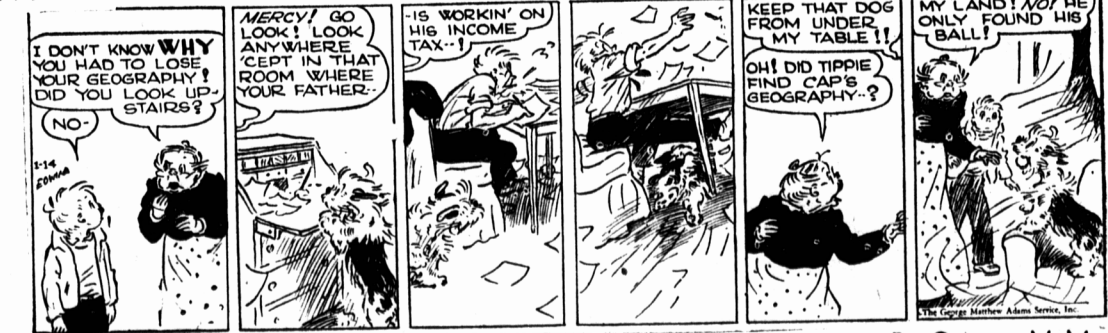
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By Buford



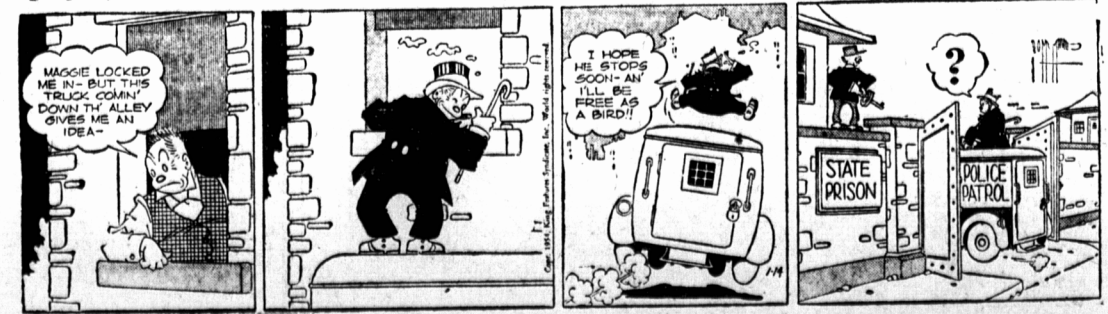
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