

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cluvertson

AN INDISCREET DOUBLE

A certain amount (not too much) liberty can be taken in doubling opponents who have bid weakly, but the same does not apply to the double of a slam. Observe West's lack of discretion in this case:

West dealer. North-South vulnerable. 832 A Q J 10 7 A 6 4 3 2 AK Q J 9 5 K 9 8 4 K J 5 N E 10 7 4 6 5 3 10 8 2 10 5 4 6 2 Q 7 3 AK Q J 0 8 7 6

The bidding: West North East South 1♠ 2♥ Pass 5♣ 5♠ Pass Pass 6♠ Dble. Pass Pass Pass

West opened the spade king and followed up with the queen. That was his side's last lead! South ruffed, drew three rounds of trumps, and then finessed to the heart queen. He discarded a diamond on the ace of hearts, ruffed a heart, and then ran off the rest of his trumps, keeping a careful eye on West's discards. It was no feat to squeeze West between hearts and diamonds - when the last trump was played, West either had to abandon his heart king or blank his diamond king. He chose the latter, and thereupon declared discarded

KING COLE COFFEE

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

THE ONE WHO DIDN'T COME BACK

Some sound advice is hard to take. But failure is a grave mistake. -Old Mother Nature. Life among the Mouse folk moves fast. Mite, the young Meadow Mouse, had left home when he was less than three weeks old. He had been born perfectly helpless, yet he had grown so fast that when he was two weeks old he was getting his own food, and a few days later with his brothers and sisters out in the Great World. Now, at less than six weeks, he was quite grown up, and felt wholly so. Young folks are apt to feel that way when they still have much to learn.

When he had started out from home he was without fear. You see, he didn't know enough to be afraid. But he quickly learned fear, and then it was with him all the time until now. While he was afraid, he was afraid all the time, except when he was asleep. He was constantly watching for the many eyes of the last heart from dummy and kept the A-6 of diamonds. The low diamond lead then trapped West's king, and the diamond queen fulfilled the slam contract.

In the postmortem, West said that he had not counted heavily on defensive spade tricks, but had felt that his strength in the red suits was impressive. After all, he argued, he had "saved" all the way to the five-level, so if any further saving were in order, East could take a hand. This was scarcely a sound argument for the double. In a sense, West had pushed the enemy into a slam which they might not otherwise have bid, so, in view of the vulnerability, perhaps he should have kept on sacrificing all the way to the six-level. Six spades could not have been severely punished. It was asking a great deal of East, with his miserable array of cards, to take any action.



"What is there foolish that I could do?" squeaked the young Mouse.

seeds we want with almost no trouble at all," said the other Mouse. Right away, Mite wanted to know how. The other explained, "Have you noticed how these tall weeds go right up through this white stuff?"

Mite nodded. "Of course," said he. "What of it?" "All we have to do is climb one of these right up till we come out on the roof overhead. A lot of these plants have seeds in their tops, and all we have to do is run from one top to another and get all the seeds we want with no trouble at all," explained the other.

"But that isn't safe!" squeaked Mite. "Who says so?" demanded the other. "Grandfather Stubby! You know, the old fellow who has lost half his tail," said Mite. "Huh! Poo! What does that old fellow know about it? I've already been up on top and nothing happened. I'm going again. Come on! It is wonderful up there. Don't be a fraidy," cried the other.

Mite shook his head. "It is nice to feel safe," said he. "You can go if you want, but I'm going to stay right here."

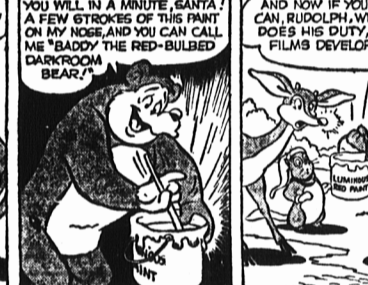
"You don't know what you're missing," said the other, and climbed up a weed stalk.

Mite watched him disappear through the snow overhead. He never came back. Though Mite waited around for a long time, he never again saw his young friend.

"I know how we can get all the

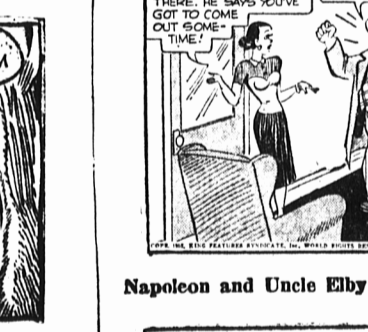
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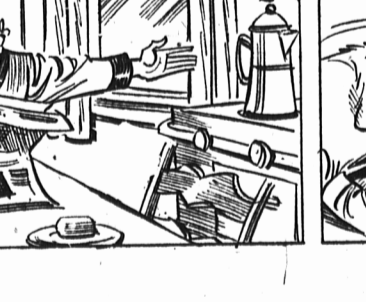
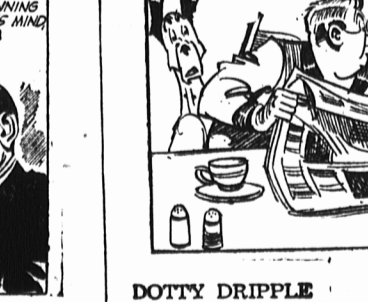
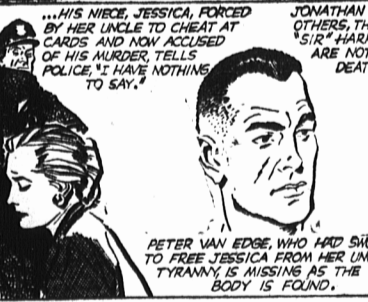
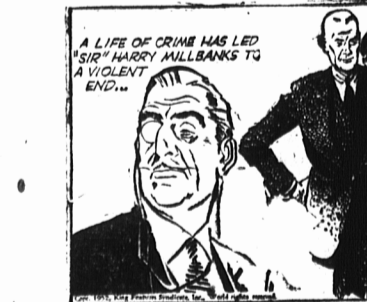
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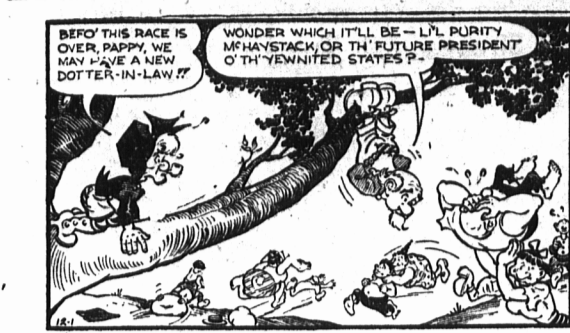
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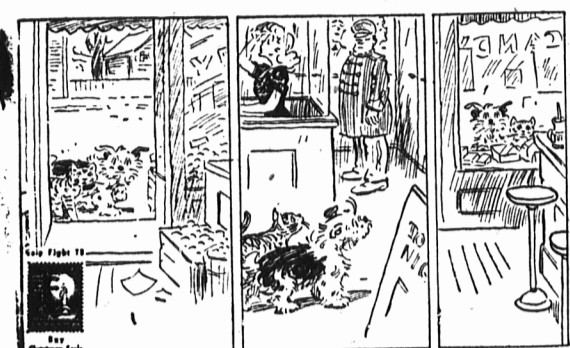


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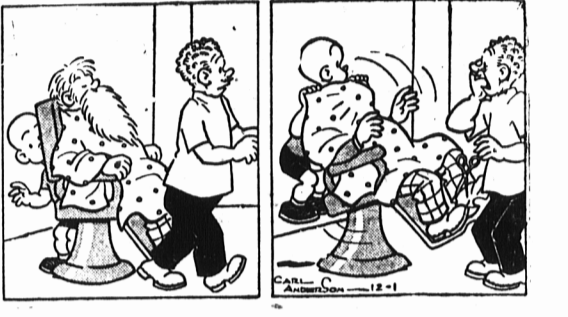
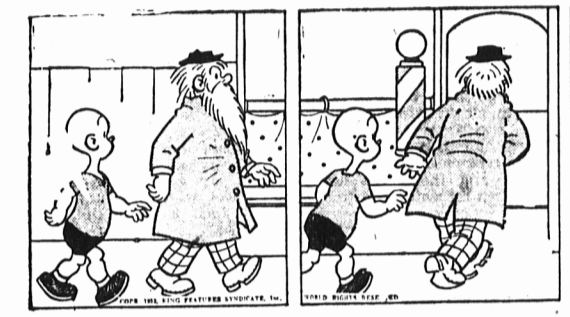
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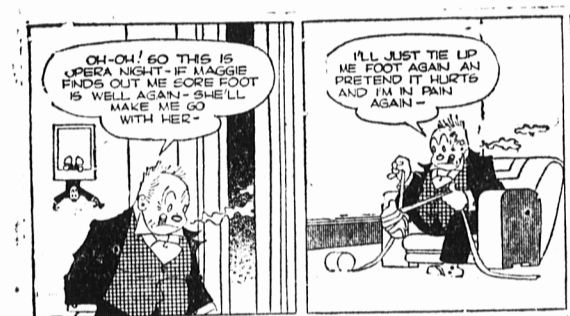
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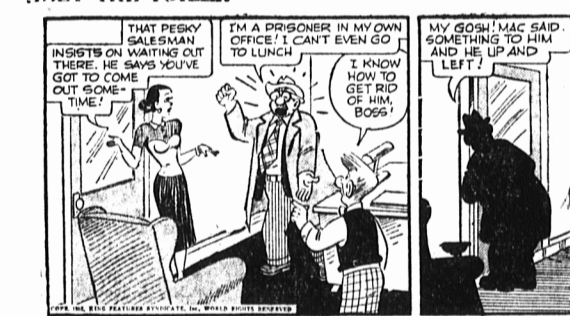
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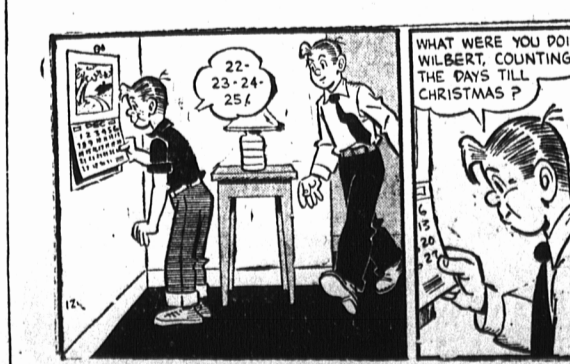
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Napoleon and Uncle Elby



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