



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES
By Thornton W. Burgess

FISHING WAS FUN
Ask any fisherman if this isn't true. No fisherman ever baits a hook or lets a fly without wishing that it will catch the biggest fish. And the more he wishes, the more he expects that it will. Fishing without expectation would be no fun at all.

—Old Mother Nature.

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Why didn't you catch it?" she taunted.

Mother Bear was leading her small cubs, Taddy Bear and Totty Bear, along the shore of a brook. She was going to give them their first lesson in fishing. They had never even tasted a fish. They didn't even know what a fish was like. To those small black imps this was a great adventure and they were filled with expectation, although they did not know what they expected.

Mother Bear led the way across the brook where it was very wide and shallow, so shallow that it did little more than wet their feet. It was their first experience with more than a puddle of water, and splashing across the brook had been great fun. Then, mother caught a frog and gave it to Taddy Bear. It wasn't big enough to share with Totty Bear, and she walked with disappointment until mother caught another frog for her. They kept close to mother's heels, hoping she would catch more frogs, or that they themselves might try to catch one.

Presently they came to a place where the water was running a little more swiftly, and was a little deeper, because the brook was not so wide here. At a certain spot mother stopped. She made a sign to the cubs to stop. She stood perfectly still, looking intently into the water. The cubs did the same thing, but all they saw was the water running rather fast and a little noisily over brown stones on the bottom. It seemed to those lively little imps

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

SIFTING THE EVIDENCE

It is only logical, of course, to draw deductions from the particular card led or played by the opponents, but it is not a good idea to "believe" these cards when better evidence is available. Consider this case:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A J 10 7
♥ A 10 6 4
♦ 8 5 7
♣ J 8 3

♠ 8 6 5 4
♥ 2
♦ A Q 10
♣ K 7 4

♠ 9 3
♥ K Q 9 8
♦ 7 6 4 3
♣ 5 2

♠ K Q
♥ J 8 7
♦ K J 9
♣ A Q 10 9 6

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 2 ♥ Pass
3 N T Pass Pass

Though diamonds was the only unbid suit, West naturally declined to lead from his A-Q-10 holding, and since a lead from the five-card spade suit looked no better, West chose to open his top heart. The fact that this happened to be the three-spot probably gave South the fixed idea that the lead was fourth-highest, and nothing could shake this belief.

South played low from dummy and East won with the queen. East, applying the Rule of 11, saw that the opening lead couldn't be "honest"—if it had been, South could not have had any heart but the deuce—so East shifted to diamonds. South put in the nine and West won with the ten. West then led his remaining heart.

South might have stopped to consider that West would not have led another heart if he had had the king, since East's queen-play at the first trick had marked South

Bringing Up Father

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Dotty Dripple

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Tippy and "Cap" Strubs

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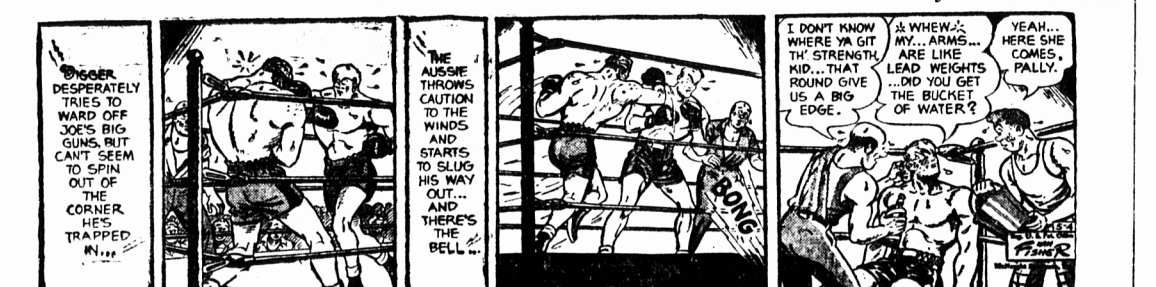


THE ADVENTURES OF WILDROOT CREAM-OIL CHARLIE... STAY WELL GROOMED 'TIL AFTER THE BALL IS OVER



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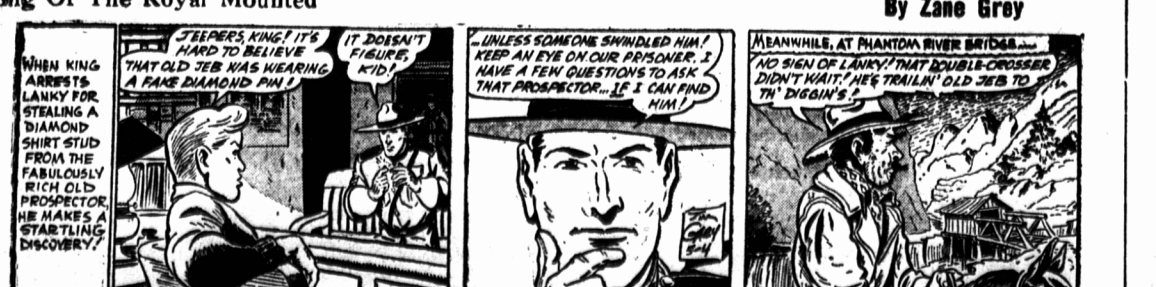
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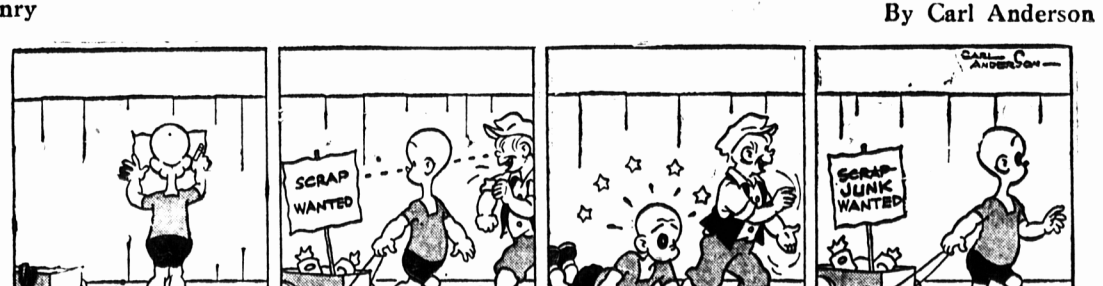
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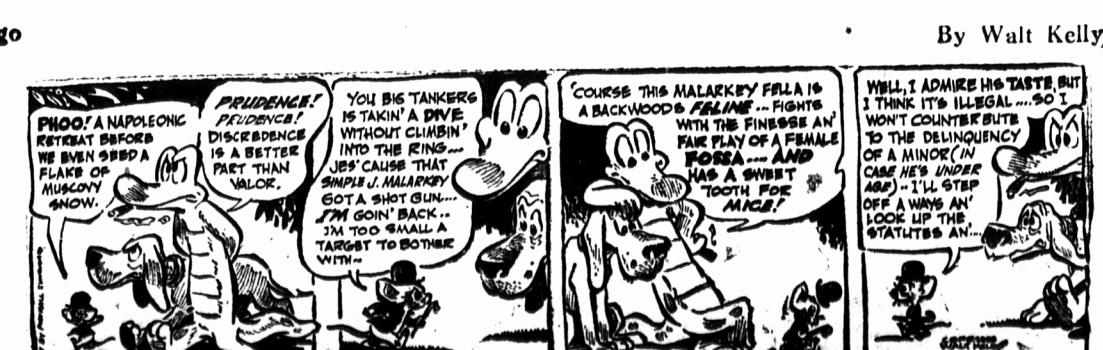
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PENNY

By Harry Haenigsen

