

BEDTIME STORIES

Joy Of The Young Fir Tree

In making other happy you will find that you are happy too. —Old Mother Nature. The young fir tree had been growing for several years in the Green Forest. It has been somewhat by itself and had plenty of room for its growing branches to spread out on all sides. It was the handsomest young fir tree anywhere around and it held itself proudly. All who passed that way admired it. Peter Rabbit often sat under it when he visited the Green Forest. All the feathered folk knew it and loved it. Often the smaller feathered folk had found shelter among its branches. It was proud of itself in the Green Forest and it held itself proudly.

The young tree looked as forlorn as it felt. There was no happiness in it or in its appearance. It was carried to a village and there for a time it lay in a doorway, helpless and hopeless. Then a strange thing happened to it. It was taken inside a house. It was once more set upright and fastened securely so that it stood alone. It was covered with silvery things and golden things that shimmered in the light. It was strung with small lamps, red lamps, green lamps, blue lamps. Gay ornaments were hung from it. Beneath its spreading branches were packages in gay wrappings. Toys were there too.



"Too bad," said Sammy Jay as he watched the handsome young fir carted away. "Too bad," he repeated. "The Green Forest will never be the same again."

It was evening now. Suddenly all the little lamps with which it was strung burst into light — red lights, green light, yellow lights, blue lights. A door which had been kept closed was opened and in came several children. Behind them came a father and mother. There were happy shouts and squeals of delight. Joy filled that room and the young fir tree felt that joy. And in the happiness it saw all around it, it became once more happy. It was different happiness but it was a greater happiness than it had known before. It was the happiness of making others happy. It was the happiness of the spirit of Christmas for this was the night before Christmas.

Could Sammy Jay have pecked into that room then he would have known.

no longer have been sorry for the young fir tree. He would have seen such happiness as never before in the Green Forest had that little tree in all the time of its growing known. Now it had given itself for the joy of little children. And greater joy than this, none

may know. "Merry Christmas!" cried the children and danced about the young tree. "Merry Christmas!" they shouted over and over. And could it have so expressed itself, I am sure the young fir tree would have cried back, "Merry, Merry Christmas!"

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER FAMOUS HANDS

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH: ♠ Q 9 7 2, ♥ A Q J 9, ♦ A K J 7, ♣ 4 5. WEST: ♠ A 5, ♥ 10 3, ♦ Q 8 3 2, ♣ J 8 7 3 2. EAST: ♠ 3, ♥ K 6 4 3, ♦ 10 9 4, ♣ A K Q 10 6. SOUTH: ♠ K J 10 8 6 4, ♥ 8 7 5, ♦ 6 5, ♣ 4 9 4.

The bidding: North 1♥, East 2♠, South 3♥, North 4♥, East 4♣, South 4♣.

Opening lead—three of clubs.

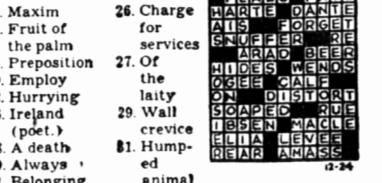
It is no easy matter to figure out how South went down at his four spade contract. Yet go down he did, and it all came about naturally, as we shall presently see.

North's double of three clubs was an informative double requesting South to bid, and of course showed a good hand, far more than just an opening bid. East's effort to block out South's spades was a mistake, and South's double of three clubs was a good defense was amply rewarded.

It just goes to show that even ironclad contracts develop weak spots when they are properly exploited.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1. Story, 5. Insane, 8. Prefecture (Chin.), 10. Hodgepodge, 11. A state (poet.), 13. Tilts, 14. Essence, 15. Half an em, 16. Borders, 17. Arbitrator, 20. Sanskrit school, 23. Greedy, 24. Adhesive substance, 25. Frequently, 27. Dens, 28. Costly, 29. Brother of Abel, 30. Lamprey, 31. Fawcett, 34. Hebrew patriarch, 36. Greek letter, 37. The fall, 39. Sleeveless garment, 41. English poet, 42. Incite, 43. Flox, 44. Foxy, 45. Chums DOWN: 1. A stone roller (fish), 2. Straighten (var.), 3. Back talk, 4. Goddess of dawn, 5. Heeded



- 6. Maxim, 7. Fruit of the palm, 8. Preposition, 9. Employ, 12. Hurrying, 16. Ireland (poet.), 18. A death, 19. Always, 21. Belonging to, 22. Man's nickname, 24. Win, 25. Poem, 26. Charge for services, 27. Of the, 29. Wall crevice, 31. Humped animal, 32. Quat, 33. Legislatures, 35. Soapy water, 40. Arabian garment, Saturday's Answer: 17. Arbitrator, 18. A death, 19. Always, 20. Sanskrit school, 21. Belonging to, 22. Man's nickname, 23. Greedy, 24. Adhesive substance, 25. Frequently, 26. Charge for services, 27. Of the, 28. Costly, 29. Brother of Abel, 30. Lamprey, 31. Fawcett, 32. Quat, 33. Legislatures, 34. Hebrew patriarch, 35. Soapy water, 36. Greek letter, 37. The fall, 38. Sleeveless garment, 39. English poet, 40. Arabian garment, 41. English poet, 42. Incite, 43. Flox, 44. Foxy, 45. Chums

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXE is LONGFELLOW. One letter simply stands for another. In this sample 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: FVNLXOVR EU VZX WSOXGV NM OXLNJIVENG SGB QOEKX—SOEU—VNVJX.

Saturday's Cryptogram: O FOR A LIFE OF SENSATIONS RATHER THAN THOUGHTS—KEATS.



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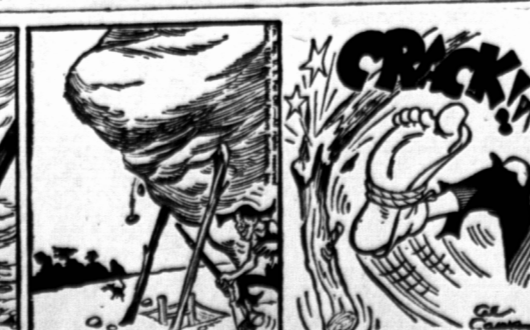
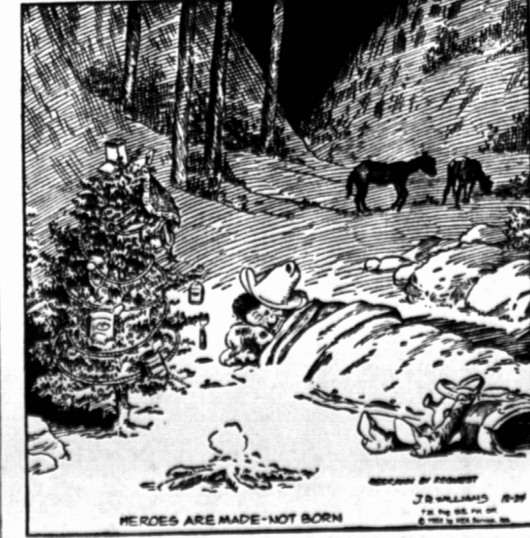
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TUESDAY 11:30—Test Pattern 12:15—Fullness of Time 12:30—Home Thoughts From Abroad 1:00—Happy Holiday 1:30—TBA 2:00—The Wondrous Gift 2:30—Christmas Souvenirs 3:00—Christmas In The Market Place 4:00—Lamb In The Manger 4:30—Howdy Doody 5:00—Underneath The Christmas Tree 5:30—Pony 6:00—Open House 6:30—News & Weather 6:45—CBC News 6:55—Viewer's Guide 7:00—A Christmas Carol 7:30—Don Messer 8:00—Big Town 8:30—The Brothers 9:00—Dragnet 9:30—Pick The Stars 10:00—Movie—"Man's Heritage" 11:00—News & Weather 11:05—Christmas In The Market Place

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