BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

GLUTTON AND THE TRAPPER

For what may be, prepare and plan,
Then do the very best you can.
—Old Mother Nature.

Glutton the Wolverine, largest of the Weasel cousins, was living well when most of his neighbors were starving. A trapper was feeding him. Yes, sir, he was being fed by a trapper. It wasn't out of kindness of his heart that the trapper was feeding him. The truth is, there was no kindness in the heart of the trapper. He hated Glutton. If Glutton knew this he didn't care. He didn't care the least bit. In fact I suspect he enjoyed being hated. You see, he and that trapper were playing a game—the game of life. It was wit against wit and so far Glutton had had the best of it.

He made up his mind he would get inside that cabin.

In trapping up in the Far North the traps were set in what is called a trap line. They are set sometimes long distances apart. The trap line may be many miles long, so long that the trapper has more than one cabin in which to stay.

This trap line was a long one. Glutton had discovered the trapper when he had first started to set the traps and had followed him all the way, keeping out of sight.

I suspect he had grinned to himself more than once as he watched that trapper set those traps as cunningly as he knew how, covering them lightly with leaves if there was no snow, and snow if there was some; doing his best to leave no sign that a man had been there.

Yes, I am sure that Glutton must have grinned as he watched, for sometimes the trapper was hardly out of sight before Glutton would have stolen the bait, and then uncovered the trap without getting caught. Sometimes he would pull the trap and flip it over so that the cruel jaws would spring together on nothing at all. You know there is nothing in the world more cruel than the wicked jaws of a steel trap. Glutton was having fun doing this. You know it is always fun to outwit some one else.

Of course, it wasn't long before the trapper discovered what was happening. He knew right away who it was that was doing this. There were tracks in the snow for one thing, but he didn't need to see tracks. He knew that there was no one else in all the Green Forest who could do these things without getting caught.

The trapper knew that he must get rid of Glutton or his whole trapping season would be a failure. He tried setting several traps around as tempting a bait as he could get. He hid those traps as cunningingly as he knew how, so placed that he was sure Glutton couldn't possibly get that bait without stepping in one of those traps.

The next day when he visited the traps they were scattered about on the snow and the bait was gone. He tried laying in wait with a gun, hiding carefully where he could watch one of the traps. He waited in vain. Glutton didn't come. Why didn't Glutton come? I suspect he knew just what that trapper was doing.

Sometimes Glutton would keep away from that trap line for several day, and the trapper would think his troubles were over. They never were. Sooner or later he would find his traps empty and most of them sprung.

Now that trap line was so long that sometimes the trapper would be gone from his cabin for two or three days. Glutton found this out. He bided his time. He made up his mind he would get inside that cabin. He knew that inside were stores of food. So he waited and watched, but he took care that the trapper didn't know he was waiting and watching. He kept away from the cabin and trap line for a whole week.

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

CONCERNING FINESSES

Ask any fairly experienced player whether he is thoroughly grounded in finesses, and he is apt to be insulted. Yet, the fact remains that few players short of expert status know all they should know, even in this field.

Let's look at a deal discussed some time ago in The Bridge World Magazine

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

	♠ J 5 ♥ Q 5 3 ♦ K J 6 4 ♣ Q 10 6 2	
♠ K 10 4 ♥ A J 10 9 6 ♦ 9 5 ♣ A 7 3	N W E S	♠ 9 8 6 2 ♥ 8 2 ♦ 10 7 2 ♣ J 9 8 5
	♠ A Q 7 3 ♥ K 7 4 ♦ A Q 8 3 ♣ K 4	

South became declarer at three notrump, after West opened with one heart and East made no response.

West opened the jack of hearts. South won with the king, led a diamond to the board, and then led the spade five to his own queen. West took the trick and quickly led ace and another heart. That ended the matter—South could not now win a single trick in clubs before West would take five tricks, and so the contract was hopeless.

Considering the bidding, South could be sure that every missing high card was in the West hand. that being so, his correct play was to lead a low spade from his own hand toward dummy's jack. This too would be a finesse, since by definition South would be trying to win a trick with a card that was lower than another card he lacked. But it would be the proper finesse—and observe its effect. If West put up the spade king, declarer would be assured of three spade tricks, and so would not need a club trick. He could definitely count on these three spades, two hearts, and four diamonds.

If, conversely, West ducked declarer's spade lead toward dummy, the jack would of course hold, and then, with two spade tricks assured, it would be simplicity itself for South to establish a club trick by leading that suit. In this variation. South would make two spades, two hearts, four diamonds and one club, for the same satisfactory total.

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ACROSS

1. Legislative errand boy
5. Armadillo
9. Road surfacer
10. Scandinavian tales
12. Large American cat
14. Extinct pigeon
15. Little girl
16. Confer knighthood upon
18. Part of "to be"
19. Whether
20. Harem
23. Ireland
25. Discharge, as a gun
26. Impure skin coating
28. Countries
31. A feudal estate (Law)
33. Extent of canvas
34. Scarves
37. Music note
38. Ahead
39. Confederate general
40. Astern
41. Mine entrance
44. Formal order
46. Swollen part
48. Looks askance
49. Fencing sword
50. Oceans

DOWN

1. Largest ocean
2. Birds, as a class
3. To jellify
4. Eat away
5. Like
6. Cushion
7. Past
8. Half diameters
9. Flowers
11. Mediocre
13. Sod
17. Pail handle
20. Hair line on letter
21. Lawn
22. River (Sib.)
24. Fluted collar
27. Dropped
29. Disagrees
30. Writing tablets
32. Nourish
34. Ditch around a castle
35. Excessive
36. Staggers
40. Region
42. Mischievous person
43. Digit
45. Letter C
47. Music note

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SEPAL LADED
PUTRID SATE
NORTHMEN
WIDE ORE
URI SPARTAN
HONDO ISERE
UNTWIST LEE
FLU CLAD
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HARD SCOTIA
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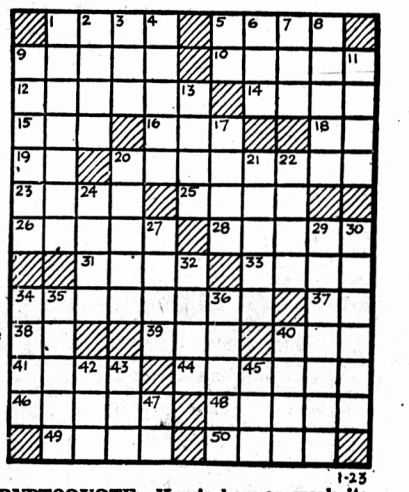
WANED ONNES

Yesterday's Answer



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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
is 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, apostrophics, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

JWENHJC SVJ KVEHKRO, PGE FNVE HE SWJRWGJLK; JWENHJC, PGE FNVE VKEWJHKNAK, HK ETGA—OWGJC.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: INTELJECT OBSCURES MORE THAN IT ILLUMINES—ZANGWILL.

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JOE PALOOKA — By Ham Fisher

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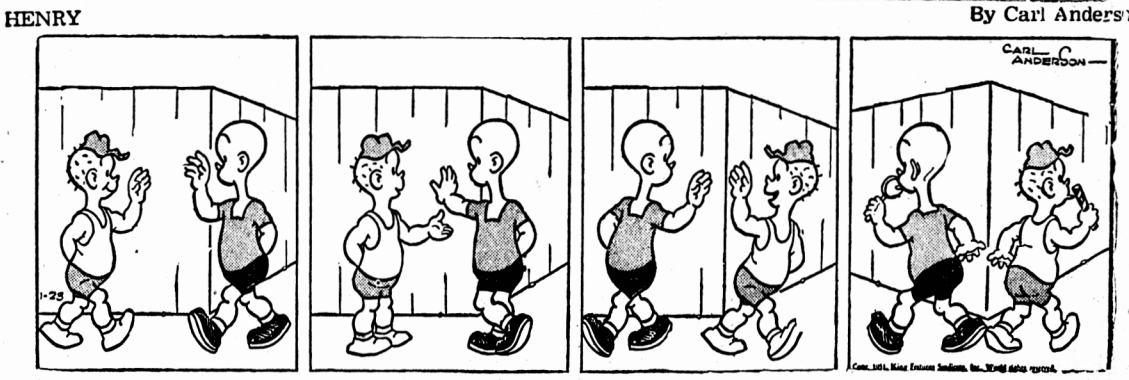

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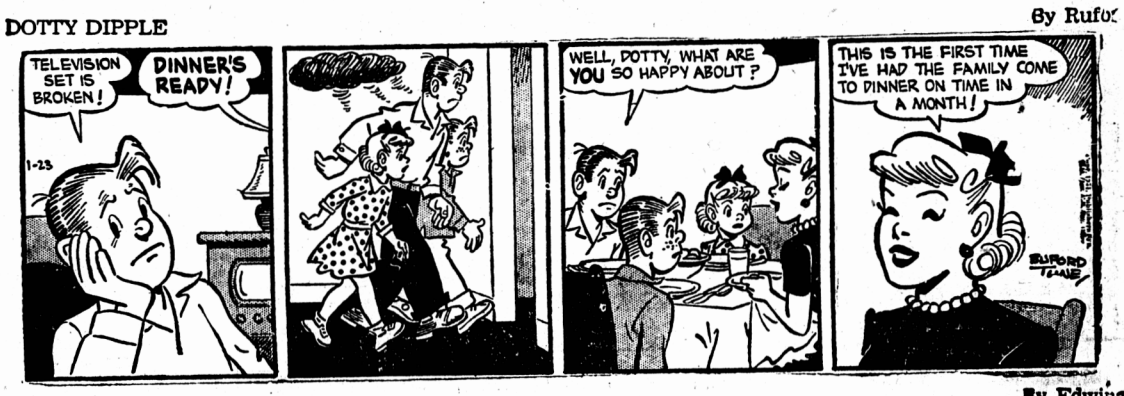

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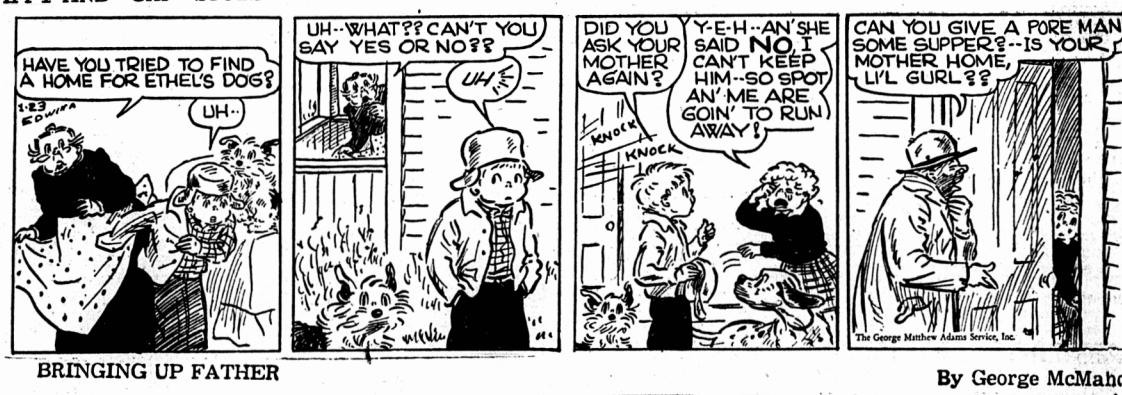

BRINGING UP FATHER — By George McManus

LI'L ABNER — By Al Capp

TILLY THE TOILER — By Westover

RIP KIRBY — By Alex Raymond

PENNY — By Harry Haenigsen