

OUR BOARDING HOUSE



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess
THE SQUATTER
Possession may not make it right
But gives advantage in a fight.
-Peter Rabbit.
In the middle of the dear Old Briar-patch was a hole in the ground. It really was the doorway to an old underground home. It was partly choked with leaves that had blown in there. Bushes had grown up all around it, and brambles had climbed over these, making a tangle. That old house in the ground had not been used regularly for a long time. It had been dug by Johnny Chuck's great grandfather. When he had dug it there was only a small Briar-patch, and that home was on the edge of it. Great grandfather Chuck had gone his way, and the Briar-patch had grown and grown around the doorway to his old home. That was before Peter Rabbit had come there to live.
When Peter had brought Miss Fuzztail there was Mrs. Peter to make the dear Old Briar-patch their home, that house in the ground hadn't been used by any one for a long time, so long that the

Contract Bridge
By Josephine Clubertson
WRONG DIAGNOSIS
Most players have a mistaken idea about their own bridge games - they think they play very well, even if their bidding "could, perhaps, be a little better."
The exact opposite is the case - the average player is far weaker in the play than in the bidding. For one thing, he pays too large a penalty when he runs up against a bad suit, break. Here is a typical illustration:
West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
8853
92
QJ976
Q8
QJ72
KQJ
1084
A9
A K 10 6
A 5
K 10 3
A J 7 4
7 6 3
8 5 4 2
10 6 5 3
2
The bidding:
West North East South
1♥ Pass Pass 2♠
2♥ Pass Pass 4♠
Dble. Pass Pass Pass

DAILY CROSSWORD
ACROSS
1. Pal
5. Sounded a bell
9. Port of an ox's stomach
10. Armadillo
12. Wading birds
14. Journey
15. Broad streets
17. Ever (poet.)
18. Note of the scale
19. Gratify to the full
21. Bever-berate
24. Cover
25. Scorches
27. Native of Rome
31. Sloths
33. Canter
34. Frosted
38. Father
39. Concealed
40. One who catches same for furs
43. Melody
45. Of a son of daughter
46. Showy flower
48. Try again
49. Asterisk
50. Sleeveless garments (Arab.)
DOWN
1. Small assure
2. Employ
3. On
4. Bills of fare
5. Sun god
6. Likely
7. Nostrils
8. Sorrow
9. River (Eng.)
10. Nimble
11. Valuable fur-bearing animal
12. Mix
13. Heathen image
22. Exclamation
23. Verbal
25. Sediment
28. Missouri (abbr.)
29. Comes into view
30. Almost
32. Peasant
34. Fellow
35. Charters
36. Simpleton
37. Tambourin (Arab.)
41. A piebald (slang)
42. Lisle fiber
44. Miscellany
47. Year (abbr.)
Yesterday's Answer
42. Lisle fiber
44. Miscellany
47. Year (abbr.)

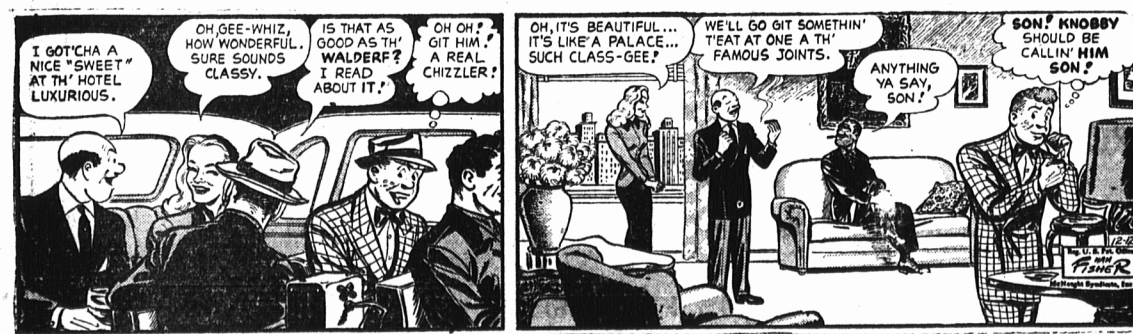
RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER



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South had a strong hand and could not be blamed for persisting to game, even in the face of West's strong bidding, but South's play of the doubled contract was little short of suicidal.
West opened the heart King. South won and, evidently feeling that West could have had plenty to double on, even with only one trick in trumps, promptly laid down the two top spades. It was a costly move! When South then cleared the diamond suit, West drew the rest of the trumps - and after that he could cash five heart tricks, for a 1400-point penalty.
What South should have done was to test the trump break without giving up control of the vital suit. After taking the first trick, South's best and safest maneuver was to lead a low trump. He would have to lose a trump trick in any case, certainly, so why not lose it at a time convenient and safe to himself? West would now find his defensive power considerably curtailed. His best counter move would be to continue with the queen and jack of hearts, but dummy would ruff, allowing South to conserve his trumps, and the diamond ace would be knocked out. Now another heart lead (best) by West could be ruffed in dummy, and even if South unfortunately decided to draw trumps at this point, he would go down no more than two tricks, for a 500-point penalty.

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