

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

UNC' BILLY IS TREED

Be careful not to be overtopped. Lest in the end you find you're treed.

—Unc' Billy Possum.

Unc' Billy Possum was hugging himself because he thought he had been very smart. He was where he had never been before, but he was very well satisfied to be here. He was in the hollow trunk of a dead tree that had been broken off high up. The hollow was in the top, but it went down into the trunk.

Unc' Billy hadn't known that dead trees were hollow. He had climbed it because it was the nearest to him at the time. You see, he had been in a hurry. Great big Buster Bear had suddenly appeared. Unc' Billy had scrambled right up to the top of that stub of a tree. When he discovered the hollow in it he almost forgot Buster Bear. Unc' Billy likes hollow trees. He likes to hide in them. He likes to sleep in them. He feels very safe when he is one. He felt very safe now.

"Ah reckon ah done fool Buster Bear this time," chuckled Unc' Billy. "Yes, suh. Ah reckon Ah done fool him this time. If Brer Bear wants a Possum dinner he'll have to go somewhere else."

Now there was one thing that Unc' Billy hadn't thought of. He hadn't thought that there was no way for him to get out of that tree if Buster Bear should stay there. When anyone gets in a place out of which they cannot escape, they are said to be treed. Unc' Billy really was treed. Supposing Buster Bear should start climbing up there. Unc' Billy would have to stay right up there where he was. He couldn't climb down with Buster Bear scrambling up because Buster would surely catch him. He couldn't jump over to another tree because none was near enough. Besides, Unc' Billy isn't a jumper. He was up in that hollow tree to stay as long as Buster Bear should hang around. However, that didn't worry Unc' Billy just then. So he lay there at the bottom of that hollow. He was grinning and sometimes chuckling. It was a long time since he had been so well pleased with himself.

Buster Bear stood at the foot of the dead tree looking up. For his great size Buster has rather small eyes. In those small eyes was a rather undecided look. Was that Possum worth climbing for? Had he been hungry as he has sometimes been, there would have been no question. The truth is, he wasn't very hungry. He was warm, for it was a hot day. He would be still warmer if he climbed that tree. He looked up but he couldn't see anything of Unc' Billy. He struck the tree with a big paw. Then he knew where Unc' Billy was. He knew that tree was hollow, or at least partly hollow. That settled it. Yes, sir, that settled it. He would climb that tree and see just how hollow it was. He dug his claws into the wood and began to climb. Dead though it was, the old tree's roots held fast. Buster Bear climbed up until he could look down into the top. It was then that Unc' Billy Possum stopped grinning. It was then that he began to wonder if he was as smart as he thought he was. He was treed. And to get oneself treed usually is anything but a smart thing to do.

Buster Bear reached down in the hollow with a long arm. He couldn't touch Unc' Billy Possum. But he could get those big claws of his near enough to Unc' Billy to make him shiver and wish he were somewhere else. "I'll get you," growled Buster Bear. "No suh, Brer Bear, yo' done make a mistake. This ol' Possum isn't ready fo' a dinner yet," said Unc' Billy. He began to dig in the soft decayed wood under him. It was easy digging. In no time at



Buster Bear climbed up until he could look down into the top.

all he had buried himself down in that soft rotted wood just as if he had been burying himself in the ground.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A SUCCESSFUL HOAX

"The 'hoax' played used by South in today's deal was simply an extension of a classic deceptive play. It should not have succeeded, but it did!

North dealer. East-West vulnerable.

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

The bidding: South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass Pass Pass

No one can say that North and South were timid when they bid their hands up to three notrump! North, particularly, put on an exhibition of sheer optimism in raising South's (very questionable) two notrump rebid to game.

West made his normal opening lead, the fourth-highest heart. East put up the ten, and South, an expert psychologist if not a conservative bidder, made a rapid count of tricks and then took the first trick with the heart ace! He went to dummy with a spade and finessed the diamond queen through East.

West, in with the diamond king, did not stop and think this out very thoroughly. He was quite sure that since declarer had taken the first trick with the heart ace, East must have the heart jack, and so West now led the heart deuce, confident that his partner would win with the jack and return the suit. Poor East was not able to oblige, obviously, and now South was in a fine position—he could take four diamond tricks, four spades and two hearts.

The purpose of South's first play—winning the trick with the heart ace when he could have won with the jack—was of course to lead West from shifting if that defender had the diamond king. South did not care about the extra heart trick, since he could run four spades, one heart and five diamonds. But South knew that if he took the first trick with the heart jack and then lost the diamond finesse, a club shift was bound to be made against him, and that was one shift that he could not stand!

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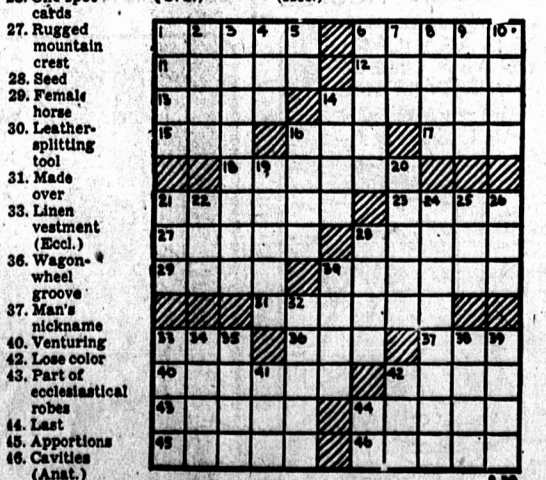
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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1. Projecting ends of churches; 6. Flots; 11. Small water vessel; 12. Faithful; 13. A fluted reamer; 14. Plunder; 15. Constellation; 16. Put on; 17. Fresh; 18. Loud sounds; 21. Any excellent vegetable; 23. One-spot cards; 27. Rugged mountain crest; 28. Seed; 29. Female horse; 30. Leather-splitting tool; 31. Made over; 33. Linen vestment (Eccl.); 36. Wagon wheel groove; 37. Man's nickname; 40. Venturing; 42. Lose color; 43. Part of ecclesiastical robes; 44. Last; 45. Apportions; 46. Cavities (Anat.); 19. External; 20. Savory; 21. Escape (slang); 22. Epoch; 24. Compact; 25. Before; 26. Weight (Ind.); 28. Three-handed card game; 30. Compacent; 32. Sea eagles; 33. First man (Bib.); 35. Young herring; 38. Sixth month (Feb.); 39. Web-like membrane; 41. Frozen water; 42. Paddle-like process; 44. Music note



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it: A X Y D L B A A K E 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, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different. A Cryptogram Quotation A I E T L V O U T A A U Z O I F M L E D L D H N R I D O R L A L L O T E D U H F A I C G L E N L — A T F O U R Yesterday's Cryptograms: EVEN NOW, WHILE I WRITE, TIME STEALS ON OUR YOUTH—HERVEY. Distributed by King Features Syndicate

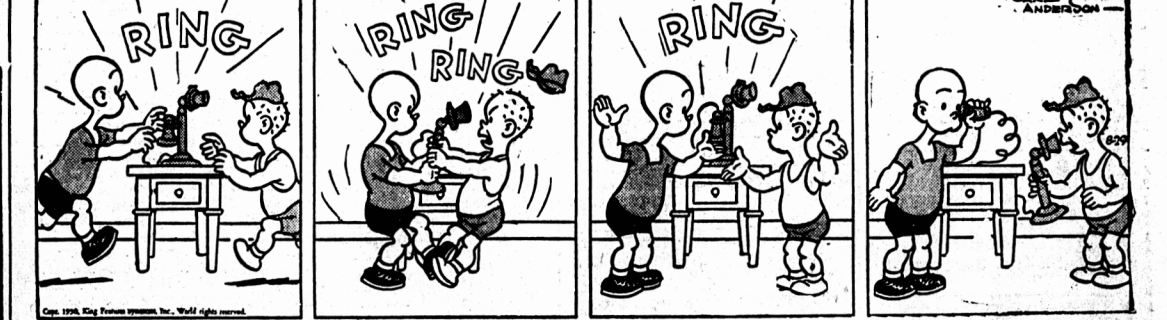
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The Neighbors

By George Clark



"That comic book stand does bring in customers—to hang around and read 'em."