

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

FISHING IS FUN

Patience and a lot of wishing. Often's all there is to fishing. —Mrs. Bear.

Mother Bear had led her two little black imps over to Laughing Brook. It was their first visit there and they loved it. Everybody loves Laughing Brook. While Mother Bear dug up some roots in a small swampy place through which Laughing Brook flows, the cubs splashed in the water. It was great fun playing in it at the edge where it was shallow, and splashed with pleasure.



With a loud croak he made a beautiful long leap ending kaplop in the water and promptly disappeared.

smacked their lips. They liked fish. Now that they had seen a fish caught they were eager for more. They were quite sure they could catch fish themselves. Presently one of the cubs discovered another fish, just like the one Mother had caught. It seemed to be lying on the bottom of Laughing Brook. Yes, sir, it seemed to be just lying there. The little Bear remembered just how his mother had scooped that other one out on the bank. He made a quick scoop with his little black paw, and out on the bank came—nothing at all. Nor was that

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

FIXING THE BLAME

It is not always easy to fix the blame on one partner or the other when a contract is reached that is greatly inferior to another "spot" for the combined hands. Let's consider a case where two experts went wrong.

East dealer. Both side vulnerable. Rubber bridge.

♠ A Q 8 5 2
 ♥ 6 4 3 2
 ♦ A
 ♣ A 8 5

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

♠ J 9 4
 ♥ K J 9 7
 ♦ 10 6 3 2
 ♣ 10

♠ 6
 ♥ Q J
 ♦ K J 7 6 4 3

♠ N
 ♥ E
 ♦ W
 ♣ S

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

West made his natural fourth-highest heart opening, and the defence collected the first five tricks. This was a rather unsatisfactory outcome where North-South were concerned, inasmuch as a five-club contract would have been ironclad.

On the surface it would appear that South was the culprit for launching out into notrump without true heart protection and with only a singleton in partner's spades, but actually, South was in a difficult position. A mere rebid of three clubs, over North's two spades, would not have done justice to his holding; and a leap to four clubs, by-passing game at notrump, might easily have been a fatal call. The real flaw in the auction was North's failure to bid three clubs in response to South's two clubs. This would have been better than North's actual choice, from several different angles. First, North's spade suit was none too rebiddable. Second, a two-spade rebid did not picture North's distribution. Third, it is

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almost always desirable to raise partner's suit, when the support is there, so that the "building-up" process can be smooth and safe. If North had given this direct raise of clubs, South undoubtedly would have leaped straight to five clubs, since he would have had the honor-card and distributional values for that bid. In the absence of the club raise, however, it was understandable that South should hesitate about going past the three-notrump level.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Domestic cat
 - A light
 - Native of Rome
 - Affirms
 - Expects
 - Egress
 - A destructive
 - A climbing plant
 - Epoch
 - Sarcasm
 - A witch
 - Fruit of the palm
 - Caverns
 - Sandy
 - Famous canal
 - Body of salt water
 - Furnishing, temporarily
 - Alcoholic liquor
 - Fate
 - A rotary engine
 - Expression of sorrow
 - Trifling piece of finery
 - Storm
 - Suffered (Scott.)
 - Wither
 - The Orient
- DOWN**
- A citadel
 - Beetle
 - Mutilate
 - Temple
 - Music note
 - Hall
 - Native of Mexico
 - Not public
 - Value
 - Fashions
 - Chief river of the lower world
 - Half ems
 - Notion
 - Pay attention
 - Room under a building
 - Small spaces
 - Yearly produce of a vineyard
 - Debate
 - Slight
 - Neuter pronoun
 - Scotts
 - Small bay
 - Require
 - Violent Asiatic storm
 - Varying weight (India)
 - Southeast (abbr.)

YESTERDAY'S ANSWERS

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR) IS LONG FELLOW)

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A stands for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, acrophonics, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

...OS PS ZSKDE VSIHFHK UKLEB, DLF QKLPJ L'DSKY VSIHFHK ZJPF, JPBS L'VKXJSPELC CJPF-IVFIFCC.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHO DOES THE BEST HIS CIRCUMSTANCE ALLOWS, DOES WELL, ACTS NOBLY—YOUNG

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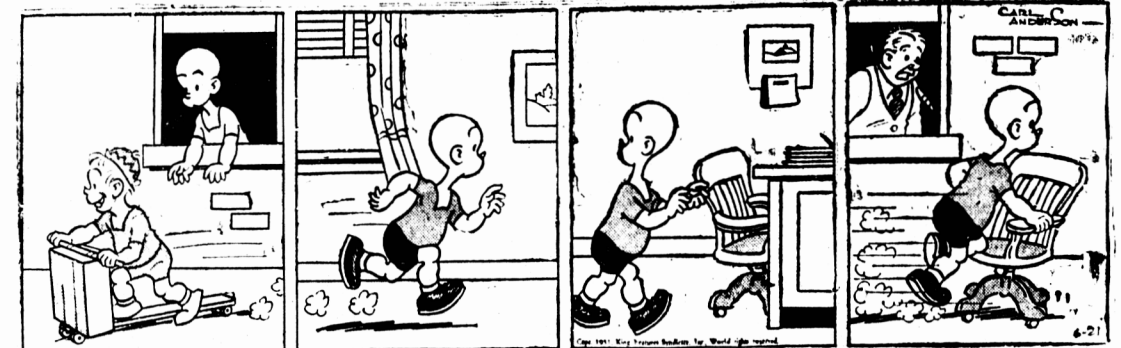
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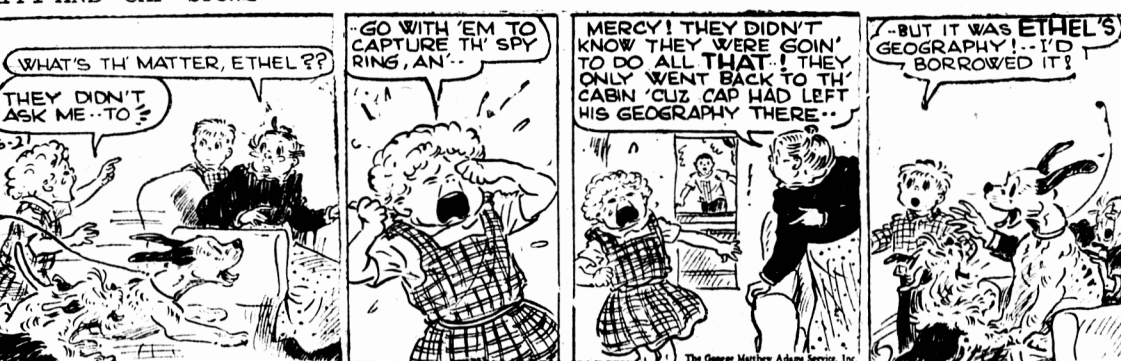
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