

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

REDDY FOX EXPLAINS

Each has his own appointed way, and from it he may never stray. —Reddy Fox.

"Is it true that Johnny Chuck sleeps all through the cold weather?" asked Young Reddy of his father, Reddy Fox.

"They say he sleeps all winter. I guess he does, though I've never seen him when he was asleep," replied Reddy.

"Is winter very long?" asked Young Reddy. You see, he was looking ahead to his first winter, and really knew nothing about cold weather.

"It's too long," said Reddy, and he meant it, for winter is a hard time for the Fox folk.

"If that Chuck can sleep all winter without eating, why can't we?" the young Fox wanted to know.

"Because we are not made that way," was all the answer Reddy could think of.

"Does anyone else sleep that way?" asked Young Reddy.

Reddy nodded. "Nimbleheels the Jumping Mouse, whom you have tried to catch and couldn't, sleeps the same way. There are some others that sleep through the coldest part of the winter. Jimmy Skunk does, and I'm told that Buster Bear up in the Green Forest does. Striped Chipmunk is another. I guess Uncle Billy Possum sleeps a good deal of the time. I don't see him around in the middle of the winter," explained Reddy.

"Don't they ever eat? Don't they get hungry?" asked the young Fox.

"I guess Striped Chipmunk wakes up and eats. He stores away enough food in the fall, and I don't believe it is wasted," said Reddy. "Johnny Chuck doesn't store up any food, so I guess he doesn't eat."

"Why doesn't he store up food? I think it's silly not to," said Young Reddy.



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the time, not getting any exercise, he doesn't need food. They tell me Buster Bear doesn't sleep as soundly as Johnny Chuck does. He doesn't go to bed until he can't find anything more to eat. So, sometimes it is long after Jack Frost gets here that he goes to bed," said Reddy.

"Why don't we store up food and sleep?" demanded the young Fox. Reddy chuckled. "How often do you get more food than you can eat when you get it?" he asked. "We can store away bones with a little meat on them, but only for a short time. We Foxes have to have meat, and we have to catch it, as you already know. But I wouldn't want to sleep all winter if I could," he added. "There is no fun in sleeping."

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

IT PAYS TO KEEP COOL

Two players may be so well matched in pure knowledge and skill that there is nothing to choose between them in that sense—and yet, one may be much more successful than the other. Why? Simply because of a better temperament—specifically, the ability to remain calm when partner has made a mistake. Consider this deal, and note how West, out of sheer irritation, allowed the contract to be made.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. North-South 30 on score.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1♦	Pass
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

In view of the opposing partnership, East might have risked a double of one spade, asking for a response in either red suit, but it

is obvious that this would have been quite a risk, and East's actual pass was certainly more orthodox.

West, having heard the opponents bid clubs and spades, the two suits in which he had length, decided to lead the ten of diamonds—specifically, the ability to remain calm when partner has made a mistake. Consider this deal, and note how West, out of sheer irritation, allowed the contract to be made.

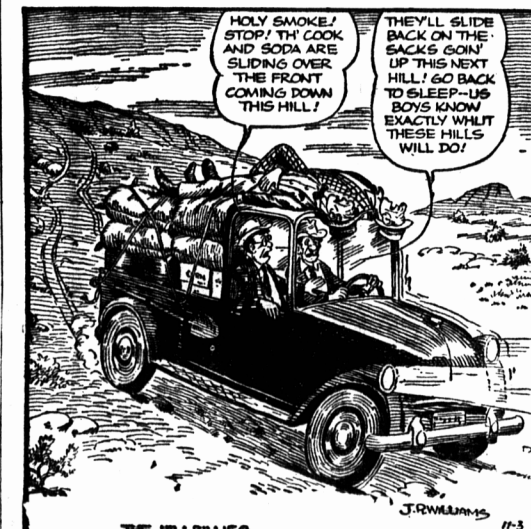
The diamond queen was played from the board; East won with the king and returned the diamond jack. East realized that South, instead of West, might have the nine, but the pressing need, it seemed, was to knock out the diamond ace—the entry to the spade suit. East couldn't know that West had such strength in clubs; from East's point of view a shift to that suit wasn't very attractive.

West, however, was confidently expecting a club return and was disgusted at the actual diamond lead, particularly since he suspected from East's huddle that South had the diamond nine. So when declarer, having taken the diamond trick in dummy, led a spade to the king, West promptly accepted his ace, feeling that the defense had been ruined.

As it happened, the defense was ruined now, but if West had made the correct hold-up play in spades it would have been a different story.

Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams



Our Boarding House Major Hoopie



STRANGE BUT TRUE

Pioneer Days In P. E. I.

By F. H. MacArthur

When he came to himself, Lawrence Poirier was in the chief's wigwam. Water was brought and his face washed free of blood stains. Asked if he would be slave to the chief and make steel arrows for his bows, he replied in the affirmative and was ordered to kiss his master's hand, which he obligingly did. The Indians cried out for his death, but the chief turned a deaf ear to their pleadings. A tobacco leaf was placed over the wound on his head and he was permitted to lie down and sleep.

That night the savages danced a war dance around Nataka's wigwam and again asked for the death of Lawrence Poirier, the White Fox.

"I have promised the trader his life," said his leader, "and Chief Nataka Maquina never breaks a promise. Besides," said he, "the whiteman knows how to make weapons which we can use."

For three long years the pale faces of the white men, who had whatever he was told. During those

years he was obliged to eat mukt-rat, eon and other flesh food cooked and served a la mode.

Maquina one day informed Poirier that he must marry one of their women. Refusal would bring about his instant death.

Next day they boarded a canoe and paddled across Malpeque Bay to another village to pick up a wife. We are told that he chose a young maiden named Upquesta. Then followed a great feast of hearing spawn and frogs' legs.

Next, the chests were carried in and the gifts exhibited, the master of ceremonies explaining that all this treasure belonged to the white man and was offered by him in exchange for the girl. Nataka jumped to his feet and for over half an hour extolled the virtues of his slave. Then the bride's father sang the praises of his only daughter, saying he could never part with Upquesta but ended his speech by agreeing to the marriage. The unusual ceremony ended with a wedding feast and a rollicking war song which echoed through the primeval forests.

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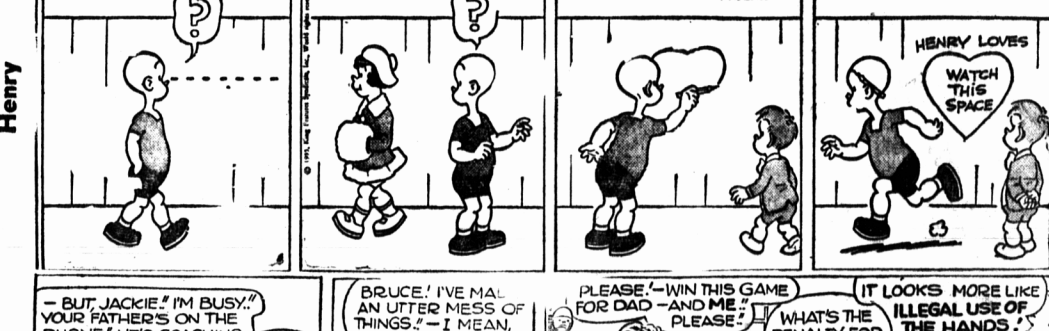
DAILY CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 17. Land-measure |
| 1. Wife of Jupiter | 1. Location of Mount Fujiyama (Asia) | 20. Affirmative vote |
| 5. Goats (Asia) | 2. The cosmos | 21. A poem |
| 9. An ecclesiastical rule | 3. Not any | 22. Built a nest |
| 10. Peeling skin | 4. Single | 23. Heroical form of "have" |
| 12. Think | 5. Kind of piano | 24. One skilled in an industrial art |
| 13. French river | 6. A poet's form of "have" | 27. Hoarders |
| 14. A setting for jewels | 7. Region | 28. Knave of clubs (loosely) |
| 15. Involve by necessity | 8. A shrub | 29. Thoron (abbr.) |
| 16. Compass point (abbr.) | 9. The arch of the sky | 33. Is concerned with learning |
| 17. Mature, as cheese | 11. To load again | 36. A grave moral fault |
| 18. Negative reply | 15. Self | 37. March date |
| 19. One of the Cook Islands | | 38. Seaweed |
| 23. Not hard | | 40. Haze |
| 25. Variant of "dyad" | | |
| 26. Appropriated | | |
| 30. Neuter pronoun | | |
| 31. Man's name | | |
| 32. South American river | | |
| 35. Good citizenship | | |
| 38. At a distance | | |
| 40. Apart | | |
| 41. Coquettish | | |
| 42. That which laces | | |
| 43. S-shaped moldings | | |
| 44. Headland | | |
| 45. Wanders about idly | | |

CRYPTOGRAM QUOTATION

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Yesterday's Cryptogram: THE FLASH OF THAT SATIRIC RAGE... BRANDED THE VICES OF THE AGE, AND BROKE THE KEYS OF ROME — SCOTT.



Bringing Up Father

Tilly The Toiler

POGO

Muggs and Skeeeter

Henry

Etta Kent

Grandma

Mickey Mouse

By Fran Striker Secret Agent X9

By Al Capp Joe Palooka

By George McManus

By Bob Gustafson

By Walt Kelly

By Wally Bishop

By Carl Anderson

By Paul Robinson

By Charles Kuhn

By Walt Disney

By Fran Striker

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