

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

LITTLE TOAD HAS A LESSON

In all you see, in all you do, There's something to be learned by you.

Independence is the greatest thing in the world. It is one of the most precious things in the world. What

a pity that so much of it is being lost these days. Independence is one of the basic laws of Old Mother Nature. The children of the furred and feathered folk of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows learn it very early in life. When they are little more than babies, it is given to them. Father and mother care for them while they are helpless, but just as



"It is good?" asked Little Toad.

soon as they can learn to do for themselves, father and mother see to it that they stand on their own feet, as the saying is. That is, they must depend on themselves and not others. Those who do not learn to be independent do not live long. Independence and long life go together.

Little Toad had been independent from the time he was born. He had had no one to look out for him, or watch over him, or take any care of him whatever. Even as a tadpole in the Smiling Pool, he had had to look out for himself. When he left the Smiling Pool as a tiny Toad he had no one to tell him where to go, what to do, how to hide, how to catch his food, what dangers to look out for.

He had to learn to do all these things himself, and had to learn by doing them. He was independent, and he would be independent all the rest of his life, just as was his father, Old Mr. Toad.

Little Toad was now living in Farmer Brown's garden. It was a good place in which to live. He could hardly have found a better place. From the very start he was paying his own way, although he didn't know this. You see, he was living on harmful bugs and insects and worms that were eating the plants growing there. And that was the finest kind of help for Farmer Brown's Boy who, had charge of that garden.

Little by little he learned just where to look for different kinds of insects, and just how to catch them when he found them. He learned just how near he must get before shooting out his long tongue with its sticky tip. He learned that there were some worms that he couldn't pick up with his tongue, but must pick them up with his mouth. He learned that what seemed easiest to catch was not always easiest to swallow.

It was Old Mr. Toad who gave him a lesson in swallowing earth-worms, those long rubbery worms that fishermen use for bait and Robins delight to pull out of the ground. Little Toad had seen little ones and big ones crawling along the ground in the early evening. They crawled by stretching themselves out as far as they could, and then seeming to pull themselves together.

He had wondered about these brown fellows, and more than once had been tempted to try to swallow one.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

THAT ALL-IMPORTANT FIRST PLAY

In today's deal it cost South about 2000 points to play carelessly at the first trick.

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
2 N T	Pass	3 N T	Pass
Redbl	Pass	Pass	Pass

East could not have felt very secure when his indiscreet double of three notrump brought a prompt rebid from South, but, as he explained later, East felt that he might drive North back into spades, and that he would have a better chance against that contract.

West, reading his partner's double as a demand for a spade lead, obediently opened the six-spot. Declarer covered with dummy's seven, but East refused to part with an honor — he played the deuce. Declarer won with the blank queen, but it was an expensive victory! When he then went to dummy in hearts and returned the spade king, East again ducked, and now dummy's spade suit was finished for all practical purposes. The outcome was that South won precisely two spade tricks, two hearts, two diamonds and two clubs, and so had to give the opponents 400 points.

This result would have been altered considerably if South had made the proper play at the first trick — namely, the king of spades! Now, whether or not East elected to hold off, South could easily establish four spade tricks and cash them in via the two outside entries in dummy. Instead of going down 400, he would have collected four spade tricks and two tricks in each of the other three suits, thus scoring 400 below the line, 450 above, and the 700-point bonus for the two-game rubber.

KING COLE TEA

The Popular Choice

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KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



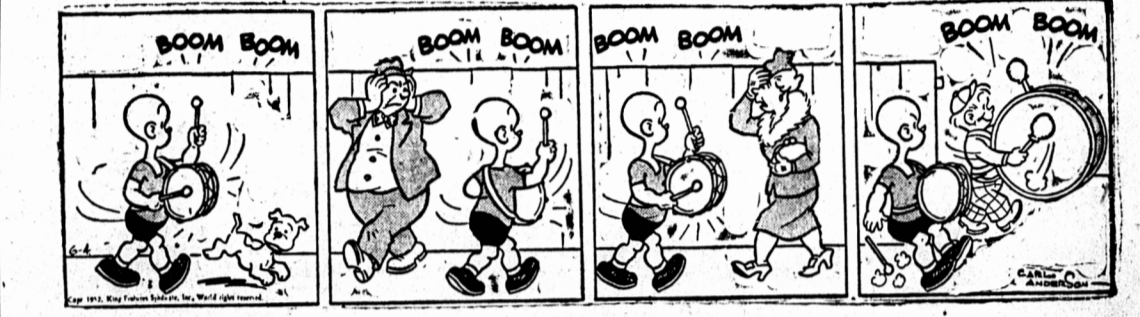
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By Carl Anderson

HENRY



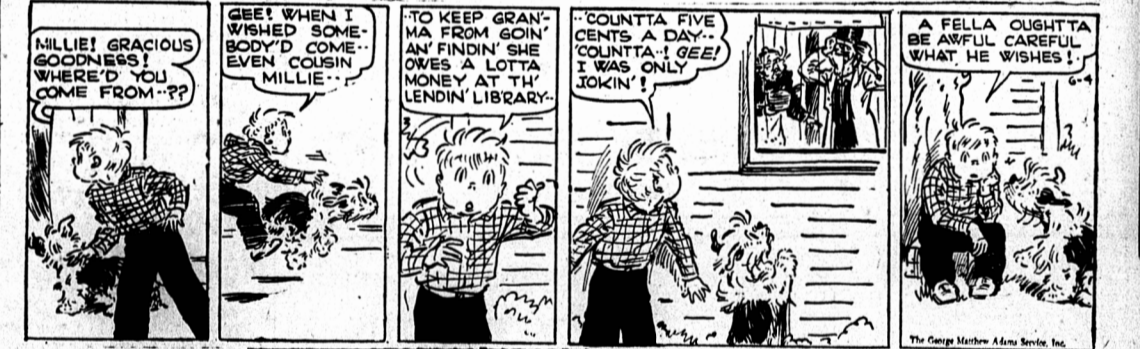
By Ruford

DOTTY DRIPPLE



By Edwina

TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS



BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus



TILLY THE TOILER

By Bob Gustafson



PENNY

By Harry Hoen



DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- Light
- Vipers
- Small drum
- Assert
- Ech
- Actions
- Snarls
- Twisted fabrics
- Ant
- Warp-yarn
- People
- Of England
- Slightest
- Right-hand
- To appease
- Organ of sight
- Choice group
- Baking chamber
- Entire
- Bay window
- Bird's claw
- Feeling regret
- Sacred pictures (Russ. Ch.)
- Negative
- Let it stand (print.)

DOWN

- Wash
- Incite
- American inventor
- Lever
- Beast of burden
- Frighten
- Wan
- Frozen water
- Pig pen
- Garden tool
- Landscap
- Music note
- Perform (sym.)
- Measure of distance (Ind.)
- Press
- Coin (It.)
- Genus of the lily
- Montana (abbr.)
- Half ems
- River (Fr.)
- It is (contracted)

Yesterday's Answer

41. Half ems
43. River (Fr.)
44. It is (contracted)

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

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
OUAUC, UBC KXXO, UBC AVXVJBY
EUYK, JGBK JVK WJUAUB ONUYR'O
XGWJUY—NYWPFY.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I DID BUT DREAM, O COWARD CONSCIENCE, HOW DOST THOU AFFLICT ME! —SHAKE-SPEARE.

POGO



By Walt Kelly

Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



LIL' ABNER

By Al Capp



RIP KIRBY

By Alex Raymond

