



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PRICKLY PORKY PERSISTS

Persistence in a cause that's right, will almost always win a fight. —Old Mother Nature.

Two young foxes stood in front of their home facing one who was a complete stranger to them. It was Prickly Porky the Porcupine. Too-Smart and Soft-Eyes, as those foxes were called, hadn't known before that there was any such person in all the Great World. They didn't like his looks one bit. No sir, they didn't like his looks. Too-Smart had just prepared to spring at Prickly Porky when Sammy Jay in a tree near by screamed, "Don't do it! Don't do it!" Too-Smart hesitated. Prickly Porky looked to be almost as big again as when he had first appeared. That was because the thousand little spears called quills he carried in his coat, were standing on end.



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Too-Smart was on his doorstep right in front of the doorway. Prickly Porky rustled those sharp-pointed little spears. It was a most unpleasant sound. The two young foxes knew nothing whatever. Never having seen Prickly Porky before, they had never seen those quills, about those little spears, which are called quills. Without knowing just why they didn't like the looks of him.

"What do you want here?" demanded Too-Smart, and his voice was really a snarl.

For answer Prickly Porky moved forward a step. "Get out of my way. If you don't, you'll be sorry," said he.

Soft-Eyes moved up beside Too-Smart. The two, side by side, held their ground.

"You'll be sorry if you don't get



Why have sore feet? Just rub in Minard's Liniment.

Rip Kirby



By Alex Raymond

King of The Royal Mounted



By Ham Fisher

Joe Palooka



By Al Capp

L'il Abner



By Harry Haenigsen

World's Liar Champ Tells His Tale

BURLINGTON, WIS., (AP)—Bee McIntyre of Richmond, Va., a liar with a penchant for detail, was recently named by the Burlington Liars Clubs as the flower of American falsehood.

A cast-iron kettle "about three feet across and about two feet deep" won McIntyre the title of "world's champion liar" for 1953 because the kettle was swept off its feet by the strongest wind ever imagined.

McIntyre Wrote:

"The strongest wind I ever heard of hit our place last summer, along with a slam-bang thunderstorm. The wind was so strong that it picked up our cast-iron wash kettle about three feet across and about two feet deep and blew it out of the country.

"And the wind blew that kettle so fast that while it was sailing across our front yard the lightning struck at it five times — and missed."

McIntyre succeeds Harry V. Cummings of Dallas, Tex., who took the 1952 honors with a tale about mosquitoes he encountered in Korea. Although they were six feet tall they decided to devour him on the spot because they feared that "if we carry him home the big mosquitoes will take him away from us."

Honorable Mention

Another Texan L. C. McRoberts of Kingsville, this year won honorable mention which is awarded by the judges of fabrications which, according to the clubs' rules of crystalline deceit, didn't quite make the grade.

McRoberts wrote: "During drought years on the south Texas coast, Baffin bay becomes so salty that the fishermen use a bottle of fresh water with a nipple on it for bait."

Ray Chitwood, Lost Creek, Wash., if his honorable mention tale is believed, almost was killed learning about a deer with incredible reflexes.

"Last fall I pretty near got shot while deer hunting," wrote Chitwood. "Coming around a bend in the trail I saw a large buck standing, looking away from me.

"I shot the deer in the back of the head. He turned around so quick to see where the shot came from that the bullet came out between his eyes and went right into the rifle barrel."

So now he held this ground, and refused to go back into the Green Forest.

"Don't touch him! Don't touch him!" screamed Sammy Jay, and there was something in the way he screamed that made the two young foxes hesitate.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

DEFENSIVE COUP

The ancient military adage that the best defense is an attack, served West extremely well in the following case. Of course, it must be said that he had a strong ally in the person of the declarer!

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards in North and South hands.

The bidding: North 1♥, South 2♥, North 3♥, South 4♥, North 5♥, South 6♥, North 7♥, South 7♥.

West's first six effort was to open the jack of hearts from his blank queen-jack. South should not have fallen for this, but he did.

West was very much up against it for discards on the hearts and spades, but he gave up two low diamonds and two clubs without the slightest indication of discomfort. Naturally declarer now could have caught the diamond queen — but how could he know it?

He followed up his none-too-brilliant performance by cashing the diamond king and leading the eight to the jack. Thereupon, West made his lone queen of diamonds, and when he laid down the club king, the contract was down two. South actually losing his diamond ace.

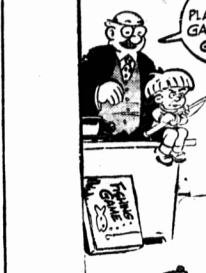
World's tallest cathedral spires at Ulm and Cologne, Germany, are respectively 529 and 512 feet high.

TALLEST SPIRES

By Alex Raymond

Tilly The Toiler

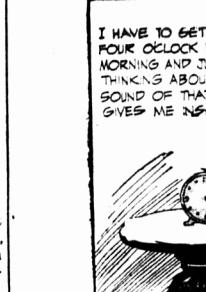
By Bob Gustafson



By Clifford McBride

Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Carl Anderson



By Walt Kelly

Henry

By Carl Anderson



By Walt Kelly

Pogo

By Buford



By Buford

Dotty Dripple

By Buford



By Edwin

Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwin



By George McManus

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



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PENNY

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