

BEDTIME STORIES

I Told You So

By Thornton W. Burgess

Strange though it seems, it still is true. That which is old can still be new.

"What is the reason you don't believe Sticktoes can't call rain?" Polly Chuck wanted to know.

"Because I don't believe anybody can call rain. I don't believe anybody but Old Mother Nature can bring rain," replied Johnny Chuck.

"You haven't heard Sticktoes calling for a long time, have you?" said Polly Chuck.

Johnny Chuck admitted that he hadn't. "What of it?" he wanted to know.

"Well, you hear him now," said Polly Chuck. "If rain follows soon, will you believe that he can call it?"

Johnny Chuck scratched his nose thoughtfully. He looked around the sky. There wasn't a cloud to be seen.

"If it rains soon, I'll believe that Sticktoes can call it; but it just won't rain. You can make up your mind to that."

Polly Chuck went down in the house where it was cooler. Johnny Chuck followed her. They were down there for some time. Then Polly Chuck went up the long hallway and poked her head out the door.

The first thing she did was to look up in the sky. She squealed and fairly squealed with excitement. "Come up here!" she squealed. "Come up here right away!"

Johnny Chuck looked up at the two little clouds.

Johnny began to grumble, but he came up. "What are you so excited about?" he demanded.

"Look up in the sky and see if you see what I see," said Polly Chuck.

Johnny looked up. He blinked. He blinked two or three times. Can you guess why? Up there in the blue, blue sky was a cloud.

It was a small cloud, but was a cloud.

"Listen!" said Polly Chuck. Both listened. Sticktoes the Tree Toad was still calling. There was no doubt about it, he was still calling.

Just coming up above the treetops at the edge of the Green Meadows was another little cloud.

"Now do you believe that Sticktoes can call rain?" cried Polly. Johnny Chuck looked up at the two little clouds.

Then he saw a third cloud beginning to show above the treetops. Could it be that those clouds were coming because of Sticktoes?

"Well, do you believe it?" demanded Johnny Chuck.

"It isn't raining yet," replied Johnny Chuck. "Two or three little clouds may not mean rain at all."

"I don't care whether you believe it or not, I do," declared Polly Chuck. "We are going to have rain. Wait and see."

"I'll wait all right," declared Johnny with a grin, and went over to a patch of sweet clover and began to nibble some. It was wilted and rather tasteless because of the long spell of dry weather.

Polly Chuck continued to sit on the doorstep and look up at the sky. The clouds that were up there were growing bigger, and more clouds were coming up over the treetops.

Already the first cloud had hidden the face of jolly, round, bright Mr. Sun. It seemed to Polly that Sticktoes was calling louder than ever.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable. ♠ KQ852 ♥ QJ3 A96 ♦ A4 ♣ A7 762 843 ♠ A7 762 843 ♠ A7 762 843 ♠ A7 762 843

The bidding: West North East South Pass 1 4 Pass 3 NT

Opening lead—seven of clubs. A low club was played from dummy and East won the queen and returned a club.

South took his partner to task, as sometimes happens in bridge circles, for the failure to rebid his spades, pointing out that eleven tricks were sure with spades as trump.

Our view is that neither player made a strong case against the other. If South does not respond two notrump, he will have to choose another bid which is less acceptable.

We are not so kindly disposed towards South's play. He should have rebid his partner to task, as sometimes happens in bridge circles, for the failure to rebid his spades, pointing out that eleven tricks were sure with spades as trump.

Mr. Horace MacKay left on Saturday morning to visit his uncle, Mr. Shelton MacKay, Toronto. Mr. MacKay will be absent for a month.

Mr. Horace MacKay who has been employed in Plaster Rock, N.B., is spending his holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacKay.

Congratulations are being extended to Rev. and Mrs. L.M. MacNaughton on the occasion of their marriage which was solemnized on Wednesday afternoon in the Presbyterian Church, Valley.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harford Millar. (Nee Evely Morrison) on the occasion of their wedding which took place on Wednesday afternoon, June 28th, at the St. James Anglican Church, Port Hill.

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win the opening lead with the ace of clubs. It can be seen that in the actual hand this play assures them tricks. The opponents' clubs get tangled so that they cannot cash more than two of them. Furthermore, South is in a position to know this will happen.

By applying the Rule of Eleven to the opening lead, declarer can tell East has only one card higher than the seven. He deducts seven from eleven leaving four cards higher than the seven in the three hands other than West's. Since he sees one in dummy and two in his own hand, East can have but one.

West cannot have started with K-Q-J-7, or he would have opened the king. Therefore, East's one card higher than the seven must be either the king, queen or jack. But the inevitable effect of this, whenever West has five clubs, is that the suit is bound to be blocked if the ace is taken immediately.

And if West started with only four clubs, the contract is iron-clad.

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DENIES SLAVE LABOR CANBERRA, Australia (Reuters)—Paul Hasluck, Australia's minister for territories, Friday denied a report issued by the Anti-Slavery Society in London claiming that Australian aborigines are denied the right to offer their labor freely. Hasluck said in a statement that aborigines are free to offer or withdraw their labor as they wished.

STRIKE FORCES TIE-UP CLEVELAND (AP)—The United States Lake Carriers Association said Friday two-thirds of the Great Lakes fleet is laid up because of the process of being laid up because of the United States steel strike. The Great Lakes fleet includes 260 iron ore carriers and 60 other vessels, mainly self-loading stone and coal haulers.

BURKE CONDEMNED ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Elmer (Trigger) Burke, notorious gangster and prison escape artist, who figured in the Boston Brink's robbery, was doomed by New York's higher court Wednesday to die in the electric chair the week of Aug. 13 for the barroom killing of a former friend in 1952.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include: 1. Food, 2. Island, 3. Malay, 4. Potato, 5. Aside, 6. Sily, 7. Pie, 8. Indefinite, 9. Neuter, 10. Abstain, 11. Employ, 12. About, 13. Branches, 14. Chinese, 15. Farm, 16. Aircraft, 17. Monks, 18. Place, 19. Standard, 20. Roman, 21. Coquetish, 22. Masseur, 23. Verb, 24. Oral, 25. Chopped, 26. Rub out, 27. Stitches, 28. Man's nickname, 29. Method, 30. Greek letter, 31. French river, 32. Golf mound.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW. 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.

Our Boarding House Major Hoopie Out Our Way

Comic strip panel showing a man in a hat talking to a woman. He says: "LOOK, I'LL SET UP THIS HEAT & HIS FACE TURNED THE COLOR OF A CAULIFLOWER!" She replies: "AND SPUTT-TT!"

Comic strip panel showing a man in a suit talking to a woman. He says: "I'LL TAKE THE WHOLE GROUP NEVER MIND WHAT I WANT THEM FOR - SEND THEM TO MY OFFICE IMMEDIATELY."

Comic strip panel showing a man in a suit talking to a woman. He says: "LOOK, TINY!! LOOK AT YOUR BRIDE!!"

Comic strip panel showing a man in a suit talking to a woman. He says: "A TRIUMPHAL RETURN! BACK FROM THE COOLIES."

Grandma comic strip panel. Benny says: "BENNY, WILL YOU GO TO THE MARKET FOR ME? I'LL GIVE YOU A LIST!"

Mickey Mouse comic strip panel. Mickey says: "GOOFY! YOU'LL GET ARRESTED!"

Henry comic strip panel. Henry says: "HENRY LOVES HENRIETTA!"

Muggs and Skeeter comic strip panel. Muggs says: "JUNIOR WON'T BITE YOU, GROVER... HE JUST WANTS TO BE FRIENDLY! SPEAK TO HIM!"

Tilly the Toilet comic strip panel. Tilly says: "SURE, JIM - I'LL PLAY GOLF WITH YOU. PICK ME UP IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE IN FIVE MINUTES!"

Etta Kett comic strip panel. Etta says: "OH, DAD! - YOU KNOW WHAT DOUBLE-DATING IS?"

Joe Palooka comic strip panel. Joe says: "YOU'RE THE GRANDEST PERSON IN THE WIDE WORLD... WIDE WORLD... GRAMPS?"

The Lone Ranger comic strip panel. The Lone Ranger says: "THE LONE RANGER! HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN MONTHS!"

Secret Agent X9 comic strip panel. Secret Agent X9 says: "THEY'RE OPENING A NEW GARAGE IN COLBY. YOU CAN TRY THERE!"

Pogo comic strip panel. Pogo says: "HELLO, PHIL! WHAT'S UP?"

Pogo comic strip panel. Pogo says: "OH, NORTH! No wonder I saw so much of ADMIRAL BYRD!"

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WHY HAV SOR FEET? JUST RUB IT MINARD'S LINIMENT.

BRINGING UP FATHER comic strip panel. Bringing Up Father says: "MAGGIE COULD NEVER PASS UP A BARGAIN LIKE THAT!"

MOUSEWANT comic strip panel. Mousewants says: "YES - I AM GOING OUT, JIGGS - I HAVE A DATE AT THE HAIRDRESSER'S!"

LI Abner comic strip panel. LI Abner says: "AM I A REASON WHY THIS MARRIAGE MUSTN'T BE COMMITTED?"