



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

UNLUCKY, YET LUCKY

Too often trappers, it is plain, care little for their victim's pain. —Old Mother Nature

Young Jerry Muskrat was unlucky. He was in great trouble. He was in the greatest trouble that a Muskrat, or any other little person in fur, can ever get in. Young Jerry was caught in a steel trap. What was he to do? What could he do?



Several of his friends had gathered around him. One of these was a grizzled old Muskrat of long experience. Two toes were missing from his right front foot. Long ago when he was young, he too had been caught in a steel trap just as Young Jerry was. He had left those missing toes in that trap. He had tugged and pulled despite the pain, until those two toes had pulled off from his foot. Now he advised Young Jerry to pull his foot off if he had to.

"If you don't, something worse will happen to you," squeaked the old Muskrat. "Nothing worse could happen," squeaked Young Jerry. "Oh yes," replied the other. "You could be killed, and you will be if you don't get out of that trap. By the way, you are lucky."

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION OF QUEENS COUNTY

Annual meeting will be held in the Canadian Legion Hall, Grafton Street, on Monday, November 9th, at 8:00 P. M. Poll Chairmen are requested to arrange for the attendance of accredited delegates. NOMINATING CONVENTION of the Second District of Queens will be held in conjunction with the above Annual Meeting. REAGH BAGNALL, President.

Federal Public Works Contracts

OTTAWA, (CP) — Contracts for projects involving expenditures of \$5,376,200 were awarded by the Public Works Department during October, it was announced Tuesday. The figure included more than \$4,170,000 for new works and \$1,200,000 for repair and maintenance of existing structures. The contracts included: New public building, Stephenville, Nfld., Byers Construction Co., Ltd., Montreal, \$56,900; RCMP detachment building, Glace Bay, N. S., Stephens Construction Ltd., Sydney, N. S., \$52,500; customs and immigration building, Clair, N. B., Gagnon Bros., Grand Falls, N. B., \$107,000. Repairs and improvements to federal building, Halifax, Foundation Maritime Ltd., Halifax, \$9,847; breakwater and wharf repairs, lower Sandy Point, N. S., Atlantic Bridge Co., Ltd., Lunenburg, N.S., \$138,100; alterations and improvements to buildings at former airport, Ammiror, M. Sullivan and Sons Ltd., Toronto, \$200,000; dredging at St. Lawrence, Nfld., Mannix Ltd., Toronto, \$93,000 and at Malagash, N. S., J. P. Porter Co., Ltd., Montreal, \$17,765.

MORELL C.W.L.

The Little Flower sub-division C. W. L. held its regular meeting Nov. 1 at the home of Mrs. P. Murphy. Following prayer, business proceeded with the president, Mrs. J. E. Rossiter in the chair. A letter was read from the Red Cross regarding First Aid Class. The treasurer's report showed the Bazaar had been a great success \$344 as net proceeds. Plans were made to start a series of card parties next week. Mrs. Gordon Bonnell invited the members to her home for the next meeting.

he had been caught. Now he did have a chance of living, if in some way he could get out of that trap. Could he pull his foot off? Would he have the courage to pull his foot off? It was a dreadful thing to think of, and a still more dreadful thing to do. It would take great courage. Had Young Jerry courage enough to do that?

BACKACHE May be Warning

Backache is often caused by lazy kidney action. When kidneys get out of order, excess acids and wastes remain in the system. Then backache, disturbed rest or that tired-out and heavy-headed feeling may soon follow. That's the time to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. Dodd's stimulates the kidneys to normal action. Then you feel better—sleep better—work better. Get Dodd's Kidney Pills now. 51

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

PSYCHIC BIDDING

Experts do not do a great deal of "psyching," these days, because they no longer can find many gullible opponents. Indeed, the prime value of an occasional psychic is that it identifies the bidder as the type who indulges, and the opponents are then somewhat on edge against all of his bids. Specifically, the short-suit type of psychic used by South in the following case is the most dangerous type — but it had remarkable success this time!

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

Hand diagram showing cards: South (443, 652, AKQ, J94, 49) and West (AKQ7, AQ84, KJ865, K1055, KJ103, 102, 4AQ3, 62, 97, 87553, 10742)

This hand came up in a duplicate match, and at almost every table East-West bid and made at least three notrump. At one table, however, the auction was quite a bit different — to wit:

South West North East 1♣ (1) 2♣ Pass (1) Pass

Ordinarily, of course, it is unthinkable for a player to leave his partner in a cue-bid, but South garnered top-on-the-board by doing just that. North was held to three tricks, for down six, but the 300 points going to East-West compared very unfavourably with what they should have earned at their own contract.

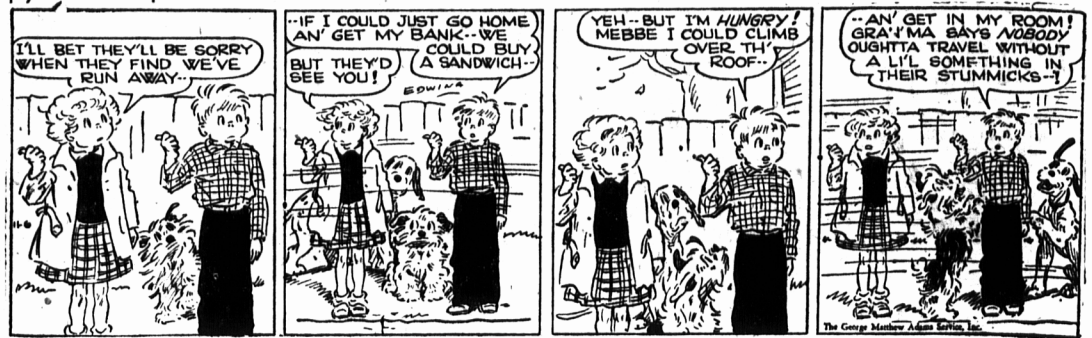
There are two points of interest in this case, aside from South's original psychic. The first is that South surmised — undoubtedly correctly — that even if North had such a powerful hand that he could make game, there would nevertheless be little virtue in holding the bidding open because North would then almost surely bid over game.

The second point is that East was rather gullible! If his partner could make a vulnerable overcall at the two-level, and North had the strength for a cue-bid, then, considering East's own substantial values, South must have psyched. That being so, it would have been a very good idea for East to double diamonds.

Venezuela, oil-producing state in South America, has a coastline of 1,750 miles.

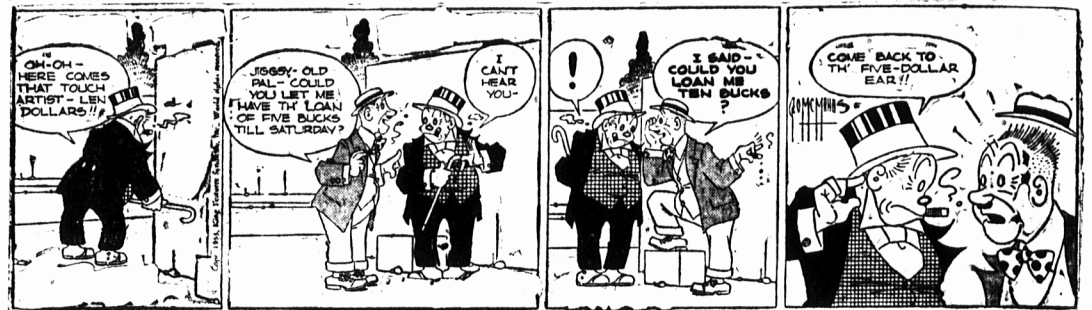
Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwina



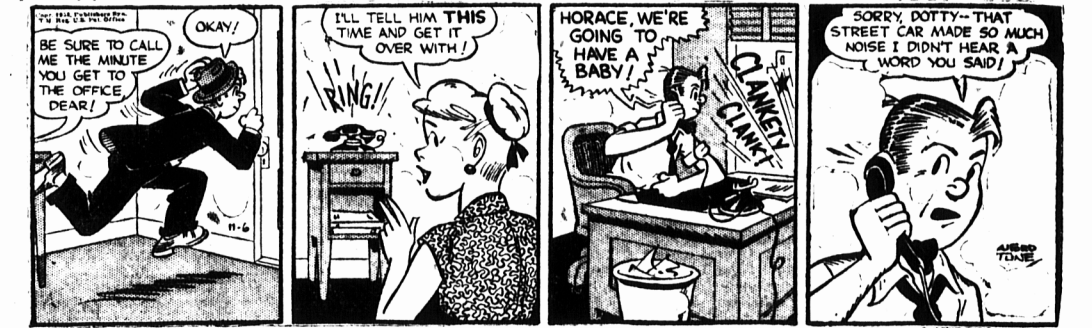
Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



Dotty Dripple

By Buford



Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



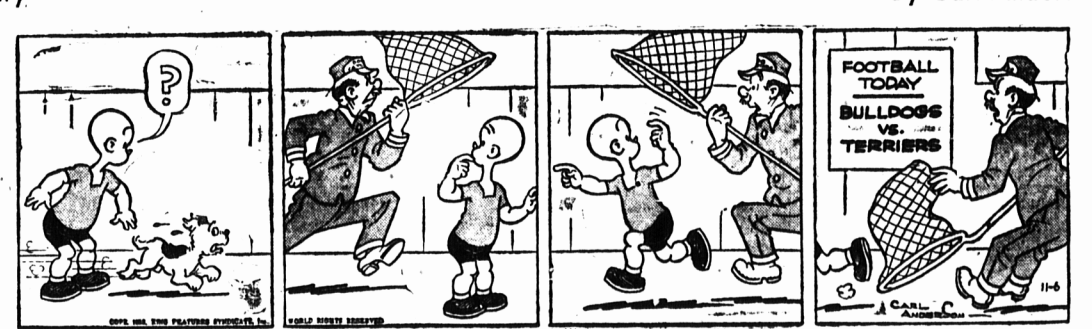
Rip Kirby

By Alex Raymond



Henry

By Carl Anderson



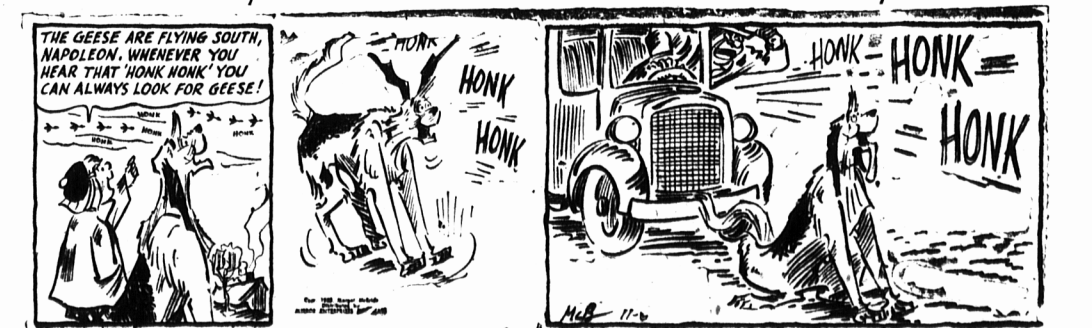
Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



King of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



Pogo

By Walt Kelly



Li'l Abner

By Al Capp



PENNY

By Harry Hoenigset

