



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

LITTLE BILLY'S HANDY TOES

Each one is given what he needs. Who makes best use of it succeeds. —Old Mother Nature.

Some folks have one thing and some folks have another that other folks do not have. It is so everywhere among the people of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows. And always that special something is an advantage for the one who has it. Nimblehearts the Jumping Mouse has a very long slender tail. Because of this he can outjump all the other little folks anywhere near his size and most of the folks who are much bigger. His long hind feet enable him to jump and his long tail keeps his balance in the air.

Timmy the Flying Squirrel has on each side between the front and back legs a wide strip of skin that makes it possible for him to jump from high places and slide down on the air like a glider. Paddy the Beaver has a broad, thick, flat tail which he can use as a brace when he sits up to cut a tree. Old Mr. Toad has a long tongue that folds over into his throat. It is a very handy tongue because he can shoot it out to its full length and catch insects without having to get close to them.



Little Billy Possum, who was so young and so small it seemed as if he should have some one to look out for him, was out in the Great World all alone. He was the living image of his father, Unc' Billy Possum, only very, very, much smaller. He looked very helpless, but he wasn't as helpless as he looked. You see, like all Possums, he had a handy tail; a tail such as none of his neighbors had. He could wrap around things, and that was a very great advantage.

But Little Billy had more than a handy tail. He had two of the handiest toes you can imagine. They were on his hind feet. They were the first toes, or big toes, and he could use them just as you use your thumbs in picking up things. With most of the folks in fur their front feet are more nearly like hands, and often are used like hands. It wasn't so with Little Billy. It isn't so with any of the Possum folks. They use their hind feet like hands. That seems funny but it is so, and it is all on account of those handy toes. Instead of grabbing them with their paws, they grab them with their hind feet. Little Billy had two of them at home in the trees as well as on the ground and that was partly because of those handy toes. He just wasn't afraid of falling. He could hang on with his hind feet and his tail, and that was very much like having three hands.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A BRILLIANT RECOVERY

The unsound slam contract in today's deal could have been beaten on the opening lead, but when an unfortunate guess was made in that respect, it took beautiful defense to upset the contract.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A K Q 10
♥ 8 6
♦ K Q
♣ K 9 8 5 4

♠ 7
♥ Q 10 5 4
♦ J 10 9 7
♣ 4

♠ 6 5
♥ J 9 2
♦ A 5
♣ A Q J 10 7 5

♠ J 9 8 5 4
♥ A K 7
♦ 8 6 3 2
♣ 6 3

♠ 6 5
♥ J 9 2
♦ A 5
♣ A Q J 10 7 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Since North jumped from one club to two spades, he left nothing substantial unsaid, and so his subsequent leap to five clubs was an overbid. South was taking a chance when he bid a slam, of course, but he thought he would find a little more opposite him.

Obviously, a heart lead would have given the defense two immediate tricks, but West was unfortunate in having a more natural diamond lead. Declarer won the first trick with the ace in his own hand, drew trumps, and then started the spades. West's showing out was a disappointment, and now there was only one slim chance left.

Playing for that chance, declarer cashed only two spade tricks, then ran off the rest of his clubs, discarding a heart from dummy. If East had been an ordinary player, he soon would have found himself "in the lock"—that is, his last four cards would have been two spades and the ace-king of hearts. But East was an expert, and he kept the J-9 of spades and the A-7 of hearts! Now, when South went to dummy's high diamond, East promptly discarded the heart ace—and South was through!

If East had kept the heart ace, of course he would have been thrown in and forced to lead a spade up to dummy's queen-ten.

Chatterer the Red Squirrel is, as everybody knows, very much at home in the tree tops. He can travel a long way from tree to tree without ever having to come down to the ground. That is because he isn't afraid to jump. When he jumps he catches the branches he is jumping to with all four feet. But he cannot hang on with his hind feet and let himself down as all Possums can. You see, he hasn't got handy toes on his hind feet. They are good toes, very good toes, but none of them can be used like a thumb, and it is a thumb, you know, that makes your hands so useful. It is with the thumb and fingers that you pick things up.

Chatterer happened to be in the same tree with Little Billy Possum. Little Billy was hunting. Yes, sir, he was hunting high up in a tree. Chatterer was watching him. He saw Little Billy poke around in a knot hole and a beetle ran out. The Little Possum grabbed it. He grabbed it with a hind foot.

"Hi, you can't do that," cried Chatterer.

"Why can't Ah do it?" asked the little Possum as he began to eat the little beetle.

As he had already done it, Chatterer felt rather foolish. "That isn't what your hind feet are for," declared Chatterer.

Just then another fat beetle ran out of the knot hole and Little Billy grabbed him with the other hind foot.

"That is what mine are for!" said Little Billy, and ate that beetle.

He went far out near the tip of a limb. He held on to a twig by both feet and his tail and lowered himself to get something on a limb below him. Chatterer opened his mouth to say something but closed it without saying anything. Perhaps he wished he had handy toes like those of Little Billy.

THROAT SORE?

For common ordinary sore throat. JUST RUB ON

MINARD'S LINIMENT

"KING OF PAIN"

TOYKO, Aug. 18—(CP)—Australian Mustang pilots strafed a hay-stack in enemy territory over Korea today—and it blew 3,000 feet in the air.

The Australians did not explain just why they took a pass at the disguised ammunition dump, but a summary released through Gen. MacArthur's headquarters quoted an unidentified squadron leader as saying:

"As I pulled out, I saw flame, smoke and bits and pieces go mushrooming past my tail. The blast started some local fires and just about devastated that bit of territory."

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Biblical name (D. Bib.)
 - Open (poet.)
 - Measure (Chin.)
 - Pre-eminent (Law)
 - Belonging to us
 - Genus of the lily
 - Pass between peaks
 - Conclude
 - Forbid
 - Astringent fruit
 - Buildings for care of sick
 - Open (poet.)
 - Measure (Chin.)
 - Pre-eminent (Law)
 - Belonging to us
 - Genus of the lily
 - Pass between peaks
 - Conclude
 - Forbid
 - Astringent fruit
 - Pale
 - Perch
 - A feeling
 - Man's nickname
 - Mature (Law)
 - Crew member (Naut.)
 - Tavern
 - Equip with men
 - In front of
 - By way of
 - Greek letter
 - Malt kiln
 - Handle

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

39. Owling
41. Spring month
42. Wallaby (Braz.)
44. Fish
45. Musical symbol



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X E
A L O N G F E L L O W

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

H P A T K T D A K M Y M K T C P T P T T H J X
D Q K U Y M P T S J A U K T C P B V T Y — Q P T D
O Y Q Q P E

Yesterday's Cryptogram: WITH ONE HAND HE PUT A PENNY IN THE URN OF POVERTY—POLLOK.

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L'L ABNER



RIP KIRBY



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KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



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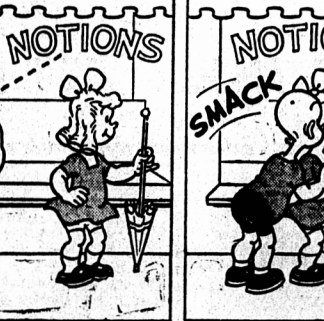
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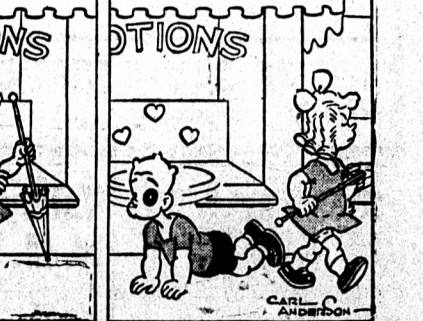
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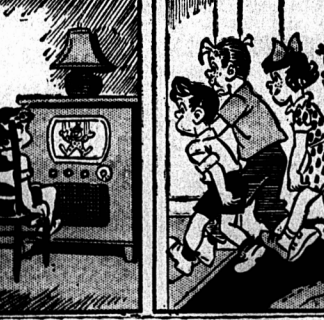
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BRINGING UP FATHER



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