

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

BUSTER BEAR BECOMES CURIOUS

Curiosity controlled
Much of knowledge has unrolled.
—Old Mother Nature



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no food for a Bear so there is no use hunting for it, and one cannot go roaming about without food. The only thing to do then is to forget about it, and the easiest way to do that is to find a comfortable place and go to sleep.

The long sleep in which several folks in fur, and many others, such as members of the Snake family and Grandfather Frog's family and others, spend the winter is called hibernation. Buster Bear is said to hibernate, but it isn't true hibernation like the winter sleep of Johnny Chuck. The only way to waken Johnny from that sleep is to put him in a warm place for a while. But Buster can be wakened just by disturbing him. Probably he wakes up now and then. Perhaps he wonders what time it is and when Sweet Mistress Spring will arrive, then turns over for another long nap.

He was awake now, very much awake and wishing it were not so difficult to find something to eat. Roaming about in the loneliest part of the Green Forest he had heard strange sounds, snarling, growling and now and then a yelp.

Trust Companies Form Association

TORONTO, March 27—(CP)—The Trust Companies Association of Canada was formed today. The organization meeting was attended by representatives of 33 trust companies with more than 180 branches in all provinces, and with assets of more than \$4,000,000,000 under administration. A full-time secretariat will be located in Toronto.

C. N. Bissett, Halifax, was elected president; R. S. Anderson, Toronto, first vice-president; and W. R. Scott, Toronto, secretary-treasurer. An executive committee will consist of representatives of member companies in various parts of Canada.

The announcement of the formation of the new association said it will not take the place of present provincial organizations, but is intended to co-ordinate their activities.

He stopped to listen. He grinned. "A fight," thought he, and straightway hurried in the direction of those sounds. But though he hurried he moved quietly. Big as he is Buster can walk softly when he wants to.

Once more he stopped to listen. "Sounds like those Fox cousins. I wonder what they are fighting about," he muttered and went on. He was right. It was Reddy Fox and Gray Fox. They were locked together, rolling and tumbling about on the ground, snarling, biting, kicking, a sorry sight to see but exciting.

"Woof, woof," said Buster. The way in which those fighters came apart and took to their heels, one in one direction and the other in another direction, was funny to see. He grinned. He almost laughed aloud. The two Foxes stopped a little way off and barked at him. But that was all they did.

Buster began looking about to try to find out what they had been fighting over. "It must be something to eat," thought he. "What else would they fight about? If it is good enough for them to fight over it is good enough for me to eat. Anyway, I'm not fussy."

He shuffled about looking for the cause of that quarrel but found nothing. Then he noticed Hooty the Owl and Mrs. Hooty flying back and forth. They looked worried. Then he saw the nest high in the big tree. Could that have been the cause of that fight? Buster became curious. He went over to the foot of that tree and stood up on his hind legs, looking up.

"I wonder if there is something in that nest," muttered Buster Bear.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

LOGIC BEFORE "RULES"

Mathematical rules must always take second place to simple logic. Consider this deal:

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
♠ Q 10 6 3 2
♥ A 10 7
♦ K Q 10
♣ 10 5

♠ K 7
♥ J 8 5 3 2
♦ 9 6 4 2
♣ K 9

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ 2♣ 3♠ 3♣
Pass Pass 5♠ Pass

The strong opposing bidding convinced West that East must be extremely weak; so, in the hope of finding East with a singleton club, West led the club ace and another round. He missed his precise goal, but East did have the club king, and after winning with that card he returned a low diamond, hoping for a club continuation that would let him overruff the dummy. East feared that his partner had a seven-card club suit, and declarer only two, but no other chance seemed reasonable.

West, on taking his diamond ace, naturally refused to lead a third round of clubs and thus put his partner in the middle—he snifled to hear. Dummy's ace was put up and declarer led the spade queen through East. The latter was not so accommodating as to cover—and now South had a problem!

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P. S. FIELDING,
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

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By Zepp Grey



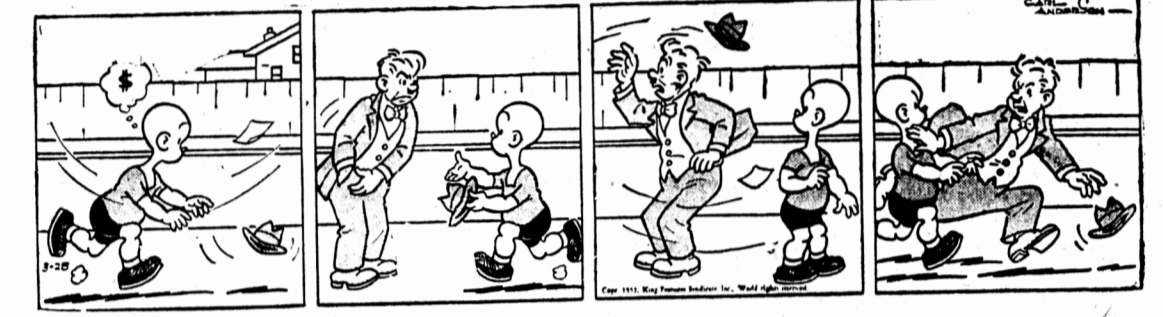
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