

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

THUNDERER DOES HIS PART

The ones who best co-operate, are surest masters of their fate.—OLD MOTHER NATURE.

Thunderer the Grouse is handsome and knows it. He dearly loves to show off, especially for the benefit of Mrs. Grouse. Not even Tom Gobbler, the big Turkey at Farmer Brown's can strut better than can Thunderer. Mrs. Grouse dearly loves to watch him and he knows it.



So it is that in the spring while Mrs. Grouse is sitting on the eggs in their hidden nest, Thunderer still struts and drums. He has no part in hatching those eggs. He leaves that wholly for Mrs. Grouse. Later when the eggs have hatched and Mrs. Grouse leads her flock out into the Great World he is likely to be not far away and often joins the family, especially when they are fairly well grown. Then he does his part in watching out for danger and giving the alarm in time when danger approaches.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By F. H. MacArthur

A woman on the West coast applied for divorce on the ground that her husband ate several raw onions while reading in bed every night. The court granted her plea pronto, since she had a strong case.

Using a near future, through the use of atomic energy, we shall have so much leisure that we'll be bored to death," says a nuclear scientist. War or peace, it seems the atom is going to get us yet.

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"Looks like a smart dog you've got there," said one North River farmer to another. "Smart, ey? I'll say he's smart. I have to do it to say 'are you coming or aren't you' and he either comes or he doesn't."

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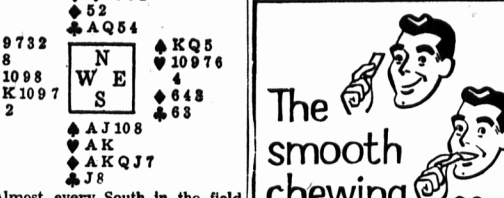
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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

ONLY ONE declarer in a duplicate game applied the proper timing to the play of the following hand, and so it was no more than just that he scored "top-on-the-board."

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.



Almost every South in the field ended up in a six-trump contract. Since clubs had been bid by North some point of the auction, no West opened that suit, no of them preferring to make the neutral diamond lead. At every table the declarer, after testing the diamond suit to

see that it would break, cashed the ace and king of hearts and then ran the rest of the diamonds, discarding one spade, one club, and one heart from dummy. Under this method of play, these discards became vital, because these declarers could not afford to reduce dummy to the blank A-Q of clubs—if they did and the finesse

lost, they would be short a trick, whereby by keeping three clubs in dummy South could lead the club jack and in that way assure himself of two-club tricks. All these declarers ended up by making exactly six-odd.

One South was a little more imaginative. Winning the diamond lead, he cashed the ace and king of hearts—saw the break of that suit, and immediately led the jack of clubs. West covered—properly, of course—and dummy's Ace won. South next cashed the queen and jack of hearts, discarding two spades, and then ran the rest of his diamonds, discarding two clubs and a spade from the table.

East was safe up to this point, but when South finally led the eight of clubs to the queen, East was not safe. Forced to keep the high heart against dummy's five-spot, East had to reduce to one spade, and South took the twelfth and thirteenth tricks with the ace and jack of spades.

It is obviously true that this declarer was lucky to find the cards right for a squeeze, but at least he played for that chance, whereas the others settled for 12 tricks.

The smooth chewing wakes up your smile - while it helps to keep your mouth fresh and clean!

Enjoy chewing Wrigley's Spearmint every day!

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS: 1. Satan (Arabian Relig.), 2. Native state (India), 3. Enticed, 4. Anger, 5. Unhappy name (pos.), 6. A small spray of flowers, 7. Biblical name (D.), 8. Crushed satisfaction (Scot.), 9. Fireplaces, 10. Trapshoot-ing (pos.), 11. Cracked, 12. In time long past (obs.), 13. Wrath, 14. Not married (Soc.), 15. Whiting in idios, 16. Permit, 17. Sodium (sym.), 18. Openings, 19. Minus, 20. Paid in advance, 21. Unadorned, 22. Professional golfer (abridged), 23. Behold!, 24. Variant of Ubi, a yam of P. I., 25. Skull caps (slang), 26. Paused, 27. Man's nickname, 28. Sluggish, 29. Century plant, 30. Girl's name, 31. Fabric made from flax, 32. Diminutive of Letitia, 33. Pay out, 34. As money DOWN, 35. Football team.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXE
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.

A Cryptogram Quotation.
OAPH SEPMY HPVCE KMNYYU
OPACE HYQQKOQVPVM MCAVJHM-
HKQCPT

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHEN SHALL WE THREE MEET AGAIN, IN THUNDER, LIGHTNING, OR IN RAIN?—SHAKESPEARE.

Out Our Way

By J R Williams

GO AHEAD, WISE GUYS HAVE FUN WITH THAT PIECE OF AIR HOSE! YOUR COMEDY IS AS BAD AS YOUR REPAIR JOBS!

THEM REPAIR GUYS HAVE GOT A LOT OF TRICKS TO KID TH' BOYS ON THEM AUTOMATIC MACHINES THAT TURN OUT WORK WITHOUT MUCH HELP!

YEH, THEY'RE LETTIN' ON THE MACHINE IS MORE HUMAN AN' CAN TELL 'EM MORE, BUT WON'T THINK SO IF THAT KID SWINGS ON 'EM—HE'S TOUGH!

Our Boarding House

Major Hoople

HELLO, MORRISSEY! PLEASANT AFTERNOON, SO THIS MAJOR AND I TOOK A STROLL!

HELLO, TWIGGS! GLAD YOU DID! WELL, MAJOR, IF IT'S OKAY, I'LL MOVE BACK TO HOME MAJOR TOMORROW! SORRY I MISSED THANKSGIVING DINNER!

AWNF—GUST-TT! CERTAINLY, MR. MORRISSEY!—HAK-KAFF!

GREAT CAESAR! THE MAN READ TWIGGS'S MIND AND FLED FOR DEAR LIFE! NOW HE'S BACK IN IT AGAIN! AND DECIDES TO RETURN! UTTERLY BAFFLING!

GET MACE'S GUNBELT! HE'S GOT THE MAP OF THIS PLACE HID IN A CARTRIDGE!

COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!

WE GOT NO TIME!

DON'T SHOOT!

I SURRENDER!

Anderson's car rolls over and over...

Later...

PHIL, WAKE UP!

WHAT'S SO URGENT, COLONEL?

ANDERSON! HE WAS KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT ABOUT TEN MILES FROM HERE... GATONS TRUCK CO. COVERED THE WRECK A LITTLE WHILE AGO!

OUCH! YOU'RE CRUSHING MY FEET!

NATCHERLY! TOMORRY'S TR RACE!!

ATPIN' ARRIET!! HENGLAND'S PUBLIC HENNY NUMBER ONE!!—WHY, I'VE GOT HENOUGH ON YOU TO KANG YOU!

NOT IF I CATCH YOU IN THE RICE, INSPECTOR BLUESTONE!! CAN'T TESTIFY AGAINST ONE'S OWN LOVIN' WIFEY, Y'KNOW!!

OH, SHE LOOKS SO INNOCENT, AN' YET TOMORRY HELL BETRAY HIS OWN BROTHER!!

YOU CAN SLEEP WITH A LIGHT HEART TONIGHT, BRUCE! THANKS TO MY SPECIAL FUND IN THE PIGGY BANK, YOUR FRIENDS AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME WILL GET A LIVE PONY FOR CHRISTMAS!

GOOD NIGHT, LITTLE BOY! GOOD NIGHT, RUDOLPH! SEE YOU BRIGHT AND EARLY IN THE MORNINGS!

GOOD NIGHT, SANTA—AND THANKS!

YOU MAY SEE RUSH EARLY SANTA—BUT THOSE WON'T LOOK SO BRIGHT! EH, BLOW ME-DOWN!

YOU'RE SO RIGHT, CAPTAIN BLACKBARD!

HI, BILLY!

HELLO, GRANDMA!

GEE, GRANDMA MUST'VE HAD AN ACCIDENT! HER HANDS WAS ALL BANDAGED UP!

OH, BOY, WHEN THAT HAPPENS...

...YOU CAN BE SURE SHE'S BEEN CRACKIN' WALNUTS FOR A FRESH NUT CAKE!

KIN I COME OVER, MICKEY? GOT A SURPRISE FER YUM!

SURE! COME ON!

WELL... WHADDY'E KNOW! A TOTEM POLE!

AIN'T NO TOTEM POLE! I MET THEM GUY'S BROTHERS JUST MOVED IN DOWN TOWN THUH STREET!

OH, ARNE! THIS WILL BE TILL THE END OF TIME!

I'LL CARVE OUR LOVE HERE IN THE FRESH CEMENT!

COME OUT OF THE TRANCE, PAL! PEEK IN THE BOOTH!

POD!

TILL THE END OF TIME, SHE SAYS!!

KITES IN STOCK!

YOU'LL NEED A GOOD TAIL FOR YOUR KITE, HENRY!

WOOF!

WHIS! THAT DOG-BONED RABBIT TALKS HIS HEAD OFF, I'VE GONNA HAVE ME A LI' DIP—

THING ABOUT RABBITS IS THEY 10 KNOW-IT-ALLS... BLA-BLA-BLA-BLA—ALL THE TIME BLA-BLA—HERE ME AN' THE DOG ALMOST LEFT FOR NEW YORK! YET HE TELLS US TRAVELERS ALL ABOUT MANHATTAN—HAI! WHERE'S HE EVER BEEN?

I BE DOG-GOL-BERNER! I SEA GON' GEE-RAST—OR MEBBE YOU IS A ZEE-BORA—IF SO, MY APOLOGIES—HOW'S THE WATER?

FER A FEERIN' TOM WHAT WATCHED ME GET UN-DRESSED YOU AN'T VERY TALKY... WHICH PROVES YOU AN'T A GAL—THANK GOODNESS (ON ACCOUNT OF YOUR ABEAY PRESENCE) I'VE MY HAT ON—OHAY!

WHERE ARE YOU TAKING THE KITTEN?

UPSTAIRS—TO WEIGH HIM!

IT LOOKS TO ME AS IF HE'S PUT ON A LOT OF WEIGHT!

WHAT?!... HE'S GAINED ANOTHER POUND?

YES! AND JUNIORS LOST A POUND! I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! I ALWAYS PUT THREE TIMES AS MUCH FOOD IN BUNNIES' DISH AS IN MERS!

WELL, THAT EXPLAINS EVERYTHING... DID YOU EVER SEE A DOG OR A CAT WHO'D EAT OUT OF THEIR OWN DISHES?

IT'S NOTHING—JUST A \$100 BONUS!

GEE! IF I GOT A \$100 BONUS I'D TREAT US ALL TO LUNCH! WOULDNT YOU?

OF COURSE!

CERTAINLY!

AND WE WOULDN'T GO TO JUST ANY OLD PLACE. I'D TAKE YOU TO SWANKY SAM'S FOR STEAKS!

TABLE FOR FOUR, SAM!

MAX DEAR, YOUR FRIEND MR. PALOOKA IS CHARMING... I'M SO SORRY HE HAD TO LEAVE—WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY IT'S BEEN.

I'M SO HAPPY THAT I CAN HELP SOME BUDDY WHICH NEEDS HELP... OYSHOYKOJY!

I MUST OF BEEN MISTAKEN... I WAS SURE I SAW A FACE AT THE WINDOW...

JIGGS AND I WILL BE DELIGHTED TO SPEND THE DAY WITH YOU, MOTHER—WE'LL BE RIGHT OVER!

I KNOW HOW TO GET OUT OF THAT ORDEAL—I'LL PRETEND I'M GONNA DO SOME HOUSEWORK! THEN MAGGIE'LL HAVE TO GO THERE ALONE!

SO YOU'RE DETERMINED TO CLEAN THE HOUSE TODAY?

YES, IT NEEDS A THOROUGH GOIN-OVER!

MOTHER, JIGGS INSISTS ON STAYING HOME TO CLEAN HOUSE! SO WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER HERE? YOU AND I CAN CHAT!

By Charles Kuhn
By Walt Disney
By Paul Robinson
By Carl Anderson
By Walt Kelly
By Wally Bishop
By Bob Gustafson
By Hom Fisher
By George McManus