

By Al Capp

**Contract Bridge**  
By Josephine Clabertson

**DON'T UNDERRATE A SIX-SPOT!**

It isn't often that so low a card as a six can play a stellar role against a slam contract, but that was the case in the following hand.

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K4  
♥ KJ9653  
♦ Q8  
♣ K104

♠ 72  
♥ 82  
♦ K1097  
♣ KJ983

♠ A86  
♥ Q107  
♦ AJ53  
♣ A62

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass Pass Pass 1NT  
Pass 6NT (!) Pass Pass

North's leap to six notrump over South's one notrump was perhaps so sensational a bid but, considering his original pass, North did very little if any stretching. North's honor holding virtually guaranteed at least three aces in South's hand, and North's heart suit alone was good for at least five tricks. Finally, since North's hand was balanced, in the true sense of that word, with no singleton or void, there was no presumptive advantage in ending up in a hearting trick with the five of diamonds.

**BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES**

By Thornton W. Burgess

**MOUSEVILLE**

Happiness is where you make it. Where you find it, and you take it. —Old Mother Nature.

Mouseville is on the Green contract rather than notrump. West opened the spade queen. Dummy's king won, and South naturally cleared the heart suit. West, after taking his ace, made the safe continuation of the spade jack, and of course South took the trick. Now declarer ran off the hearts. On the third round East signaled with the nine of clubs; on following rounds he let go another club and, necessarily, the seven and nine of diamonds. South discarded a diamond, a club, and finally the nine of spades.

West was a little careless! Discarding on the hearts, he gave up two spades and one club, but when the last heart was played from the board (the really critical point) he discarded the deuce of diamonds. It was just as though he said, "How can my diamond holding be worth anything?" He was soon to find out, however! South cashed the ace and king of clubs, then led the diamond queen through East, who covered. South won with the diamond ace, cashed the jack, and made the last, fulfilling trick with the five of diamonds.

through it. This is the sleep called hibernation.

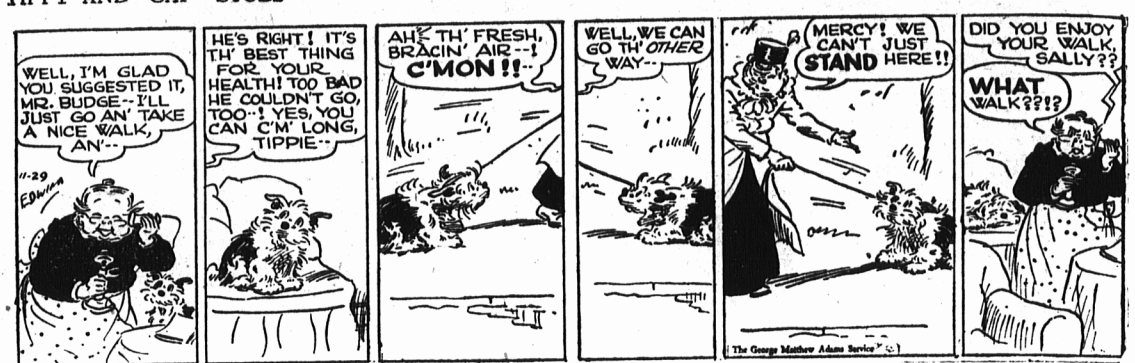
But it is not so in Mouseville. When the snow seems to cover all the Great World it is the happiest time in Mouseville. Can you guess why? It is because it is the safest time in all the year for all the little folk who live in Mouseville. Without safety there can be no complete happiness. At no other time of year is Mouseville such a safe place as when it is buried in snow. All the little winding criss-cross streets are dug open by the busy Mouse folk, and become tunnels. Along these tunnels the Mouse folk can go and come as they please, and do it in perfect safety. They do not have to look up in the sky to make sure that no Hawk or Owl is overhead watching for them. They know that Reddy Fox, and Old Man Coyote, and Black Pussy the Cat, and Jimmy Skunk cannot see them, and so cannot know where they are.

They do not have to show themselves to get food. Most of them have little stores of food, hidden here and there. If need be they can live on grass, or the bark of bushes, or young trees, and can get these things without once showing themselves above the snow. Snow time is happy time in Mouseville. Mite, the young son of Danny and Nanny Meadow Mouse, was finding it so. He did a lot of running about and visiting. Winter is visiting time, because under the snow it can be done safely. While at all other times they must constantly be watching for danger. It isn't for a Mouse to move until sure that no hungry enemy is close at hand. Just a moment of carelessness, just a moment of forgetfulness, may cost a life.

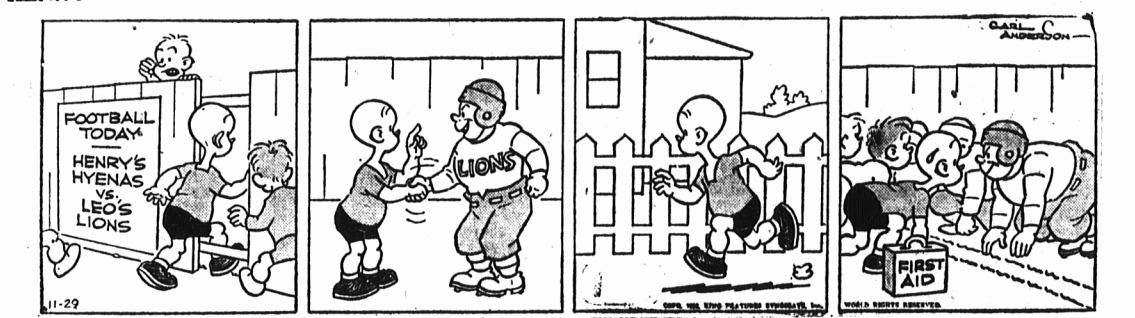
Mite soon forgot all about watching out, looking and listening. He would just run out when he pleased, and run where he pleased, and never once give a thought to looking for danger. Of course, it was just the same with all the others in Mouseville. This was nice, but in this very lack of danger, there was danger. There was danger that forgetfulness would follow. When the snow should be gone forgetfulness to watch for danger might result from the safety under the snow. Mouseville was a busy and happy, and an unseen little town under the snow.



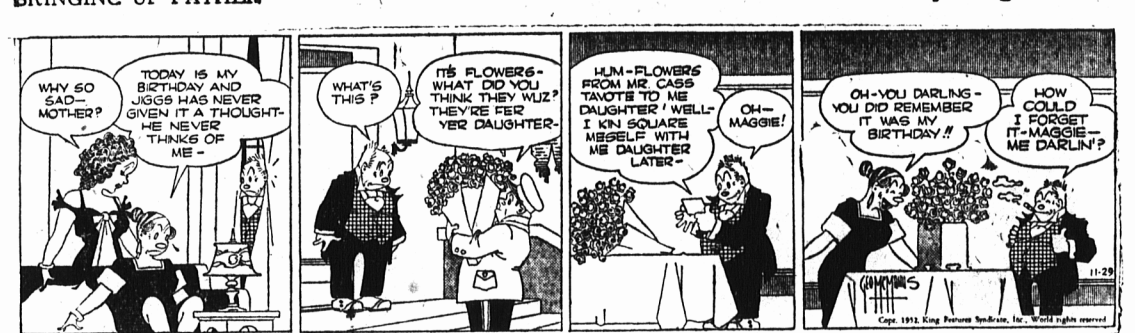
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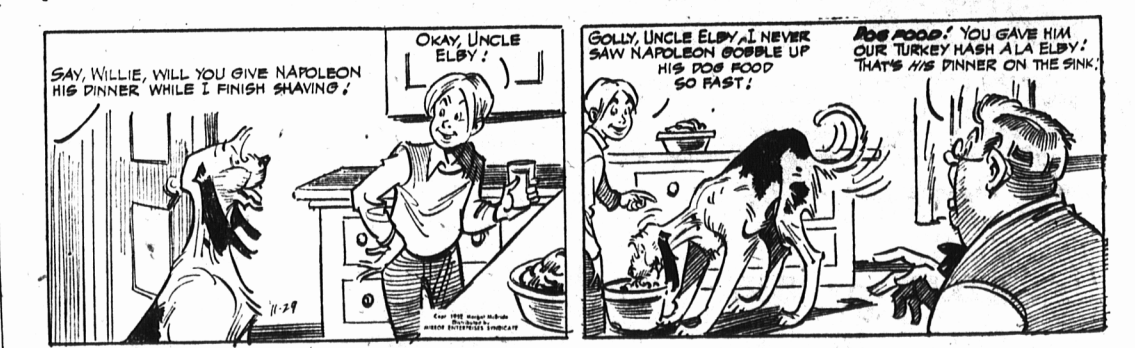
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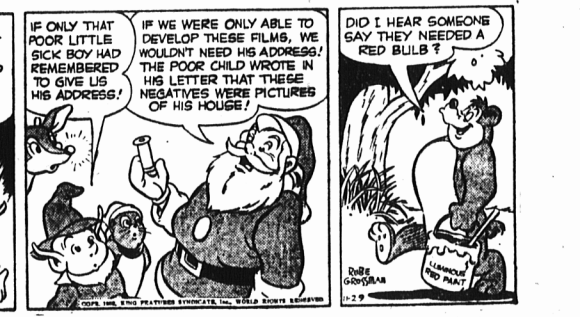


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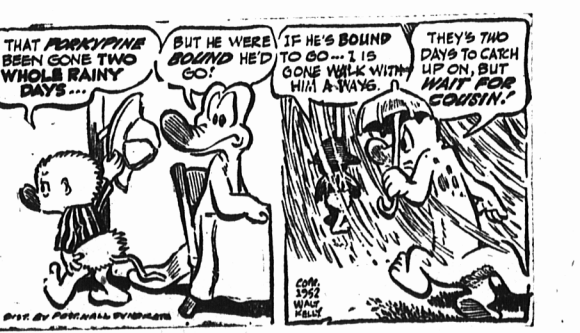


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**BY ROBERT L. MAY**



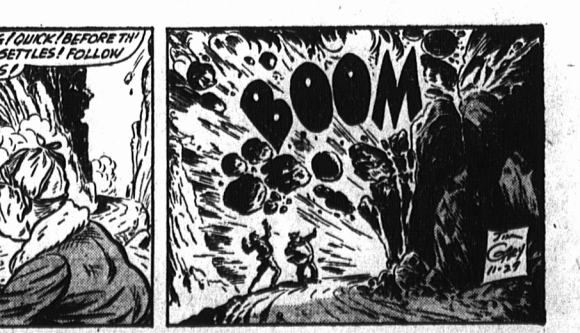
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