



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

CHANGE-OFF

You sometimes find it to be true that what is old, is also new.

Reddy Fox and his son, Young Reddy, were running one behind the other. Young Reddy was panting and was getting very tired.

Reddy Fox didn't like to think of once more having that dog on his trail.

He still remained behind the big dog. The sound of Bowser's voice grew fainter and fainter, and finally ceased altogether.

Reddy Fox was just getting ready to go back to the Old Pasture when Reddy appeared from behind him.

"Well, what do you think of change-off?" said he. "That is a trick that always works, if it is done in the right way. Two Foxes, changing off whenever one gets tired, can always feel safe."

When we reach Laughing Brook I'm going to leave you," said Reddy.

Young Reddy looked distressed. "I don't want you to leave me," said he. He whimpered a little.

"Yes you do, but don't know it," said Reddy. He grinned a little.

"When we get to the edge of the water you are to go on right straight on. Reddy will try to swing around you. You are to go straight on. I am not going to let you get across behind a big rock over there and see what happens."

Reddy was behind the young Fox and ran almost in his footsteps. It was leaving a double trail of scent, so they ran toward Laughing Brook and behind them Bowser barked joyously. Bowser was enjoying that chase.

Young Reddy, peeping from behind the big rock on the shore, watched Bowser out of sight.

Presently they came to Laughing Brook at a place where it was quite wide. There were several big flat rocks just about a good jump apart across the brook. The young Reddy jumped from one to the other. Reddy stopped at the edge of the water and watched young Reddy until he disappeared behind a big rock on the other side.

Then Reddy turned and trotted up the bank beside the brook. Hardly had he disappeared among the trees when Bowser came barking down to the edge of the water. He didn't see Young Reddy's trail was right there. He kept right on along the shore after Reddy.

Young Reddy, peeping from behind the big rock on the other shore, watched Bowser's out of sight. Gradually Bowser's voice sounded farther and farther away. Now and then it ceased altogether for a few minutes. The young Reddy knew what that meant. His father had played some trick to break the trail. But it never was for long all the tricks and how to work the out. So it was that after a while Young Reddy began to worry about his father. Would he return and expect to try change-off again? The

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

FIRST THINGS FIRST

It is usually a good idea to let partner get in the ruff first. He is obviously seeking—there may be a more important item on the agenda. Note this case:

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable. ♠ K J 6 2 ♥ 5 4 ♣ 9 6 3 ♦ A 7 5 2

♠ 10 5 ♥ A J 9 ♦ 7 6 ♣ K J 10 4 8

♠ A Q 8 7 4 ♥ K 7 ♦ K Q J 10 5 ♣ 8

The bidding: South West North East 1♠ 2♥ 3♠ 3♥ 4♠ 4♥ 4♠ Pass

West gave some thought to a five-heart sacrifice but decided against it. This was a sound decision inasmuch as five hearts could have beaten three tricks, 500 points, whereas the four-spade contract should have been beaten.

Shrewdly surmising that a heart or a club lead would do no great good to the defense, West opened his singleton diamond despite the

fact that he had a heart in the hand. He hoped that West held the ace-king of hearts and could cash two tricks in the suit after ruffing the diamond, and this was a possibility. But it was not a good one. Holding the ace-king of hearts, West almost certainly would have laid down the king before leading his singleton up to South's secondary bid, if one took a look at dummy. Thus, East's defensive plan was not realistic.

Needing four tricks to defeat the contract, East should have maneuvered to insure (as far as possible) two hearts tricks in addition to the diamond ace and diamond ruff. It was vital for him to retain the lead or get back on lead for the diamond return, so at Trick 2 he should have returned the heart ten (or, as a second choice, the heart queen). Observe how this would have fixed declarer. If he covered the heart ten with the king, West would win and put East back with lead; and if South ducked the heart ten, East would still be on lead and then, of course, should quickly shift to a diamond.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1. Strong wind. 2. A genus of the fly. 3. Kind of poem. 4. City (Pl.). 5. Male singing voice. 6. Around. 7. Arrange in a line. 8. Flattered by hammering with the spoon. 9. U. S. President. 10. A globule of liquid. 11. Smallest state (abbr.). 12. Center of an apple. 13. An applauder. 14. Complete. 15. Harden. 16. Dried grape. 17. Single unit. 18. And (L.). 19. Chessman. 20. Succors. 21. A command to a horse. 22. A system of long-range navigation. 23. Lift. 24. Trap. 25. Wading bird. 26. Strike (slang). 27. Facts.

DOWN: 1. Scott. 2. A genus of the fly. 3. Washes clothes. 4. Come in. 5. Greek letter. 6. Beat. 7. Protuberances of the head. 8. A colleague. 9. Chart. 10. Goes to bed. 11. Junebug. 12. Hawaiian food. 13. Large caulk. 14. Bark. 15. Old horse. 16. Telegraphed. 17. On the ocean food. 18. Breakfast foods. 19. Loose soil. 20. On the ocean. 21. Cherished animal. 22. Snare.

Yesterday's Answer: 1. SCOTLAND 2. Gnat 3. Detergent 4. Enter 5. Pi 6. Rhythm 7. Bump 8. Horns 9. Map 10. Retire 11. Flea 12. Fly 13. Goggles 14. Hoop 15. Fly 16. Grape 17. Pound 18. And 19. Knight 20. Aid 21. Trot 22. Loran 23. Hoop 24. Trap 25. Grebe 26. Strike 27. Facts

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it: AXYDLRA R 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: V J J H C Y Q V A Y V Q Z S X S C E B G V X E A V J J D - Q V A J C H Y.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: WE HAVE HEARD IT SAID THAT FIVE PER CENT IS THE NATURAL INTEREST OF MONEY

Pioneer Days In P. E. I.

By F. H. MacArthur

Ham worked like a fiend, throwing the debris to right and left. Tray barked incessantly. Seth's moans reached his brother above the fiendish voice of the wind. At last he came to the end of the junk. It was a heavy board. Through the board protruded a large spike the end of which was deeply imbedded in his brother's back, just between the shoulder blades.

Ham pulled on the object, taking a firm grip of the board with both hands. Seth gritted his teeth and swore softly. Another pull and the spike came away. Ham looked at it and saw that it was rusty. Then he looked at the ugly, jagged wound and saw the natural color of the flesh beginning to turn dark and purple. Sarah hastily prepared a cup in one corner of the kitchen for her favorite son. To see him suffering

so made it hard for her to hold back the tears. Ham had a flash of genius. It was the only chance of saving his brother's life.

"Lie flat on your stomach," Ham said to Seth. "And don't bother me with questions." By now the pain in Seth's back was terrible. The poison was

spreading. The white skin around the ugly wound showed dark purple. Sarah watched in rapt silence while Ham bent low over the body of his brother. A moment more, and his lips closed over the wound. All that day Ham sucked at the wound. Sarah applied hot packs while Ham rested.

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IRISHTOWN W.I.

Mrs. George T. MacLeod was elected president of Irishtown W.I. at the annual meeting in the community hall on November 1. Other officers elected were Mrs. Borden Campbell, vice president; Mrs. Harold MacLeod, secretary; Mrs. Clair Campbell, treasurer; Mrs. Archie Paynter, card secretary; Mrs. Archie Johnstone and Mrs.

Mrs. Archie Paynter, Auditors Mrs. Leroy Campbell, Mrs. Cecil Campbell and Mrs. James Evans, Directors; Mrs. H.B. MacLeod, Organist; Mrs. David Campbell, Red Cross secretary; Mrs. Ellis Profit, press secretary; Mrs. David Campbell, assistant press secretary.

It was agreed that the duties of the press secretary include all advertising. It was decided that the "Button Cake" be continued, names on roll call replacing button.

Suggestions for convention project included children's clothes and cushion tops. Correspondence was read and discussed and two dollars was voted for the Drama Festival membership fee. The committee for October reported \$5.00 added to the funds. Mrs. Borden Campbell announced that the December meeting will be held in the hall

at 8 o'clock on the 12th.

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