



By Thornton W. Burgess

FUN ISN'T ALWAYS FUN
When all is said and all is done,
Some fun isn't always fun.
—Old Mother Nature.

Two little black imps were running through the Green Forest. They had surprised Jumper the Hare behind an old stump, and Jumper had taken to his long heels. Away he bounded, and after him ran Totty Bear and Taddy Bear, the black imps who were supposed to be following Mother Bear. This was the first time they ever had seen Jumper the Hare. He was as big as themselves but he was afraid. He must be afraid of...

he wouldn't have run. Chasing him was no end of fun. What a funny way he had of running. He bounced over the ground. Yes, sir, he bounced over the ground. Never had they seen any one run like that. They couldn't run that way themselves. They could gallop, and they did. But they couldn't run in jumps the way this queer fellow ahead of them did. Run as hard as they could, and they did just that. They couldn't catch up with that queer fellow with the long ears. After a short time they grew tired; they grew short of breath. They just had to stop and rest a little. "I just can't run any farther," squealed Taddy Bear. "I can't either," agreed Totty Bear. "It's too bad we can't catch that fellow," said Taddy. "What a funny way he runs. I don't suppose we'll ever see him again. I wonder who he is."

The little cubs rested, then began to look for mother. Of course she was nowhere to be seen. They walked this way and that, looking



Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cluvertson

A TOO-COMMON ERROR

The particular bidding error made by South in the following deal is committed with deplorable frequency by almost all grades of players.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
Both sides 40 on score.

Hand diagram showing cards for North and South. North: ♠ 10 6, ♥ K 5 4 3, ♦ Q J 8 7, ♣ 5. South: ♠ 9 8 4, ♥ J 10 7 2, ♦ A 5 2, ♣ 6 3.

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

South played the cards as well as possible, but the nevertheless lost five tricks.

A 200-point penalty at rubber bridge is no great catastrophe, of course, but the North-South loss was far greater because they could easily have made three diamonds, taking the rubber game with their 40 score, or if East-west outbid them, doubling and collecting at least 200 points.

The error mentioned originally was South's rebid of three spades. This auction was utterly illogical: on the score, particularly, South should have bid three diamonds. It is true that in some bidding systems or "styles" a single raise (such as North's in spades) guarantees four supporting trumps, but very obvious. North in this case was not playing such a system, and indeed, even if North had had four small spades, his diamond holding might have clearly indicated the superiority of a diamond contract.

In any case, it was not North's raise to two spades which was responsible for the result. That raise was entirely justified; in fact, no other response would have been as sound. Two diamonds was an unthinkable response, and one no-trump would be less strategic, in that it would carry less shutout value than two spades.

No, the responsibility for the doomed spade contract was South's. What was wrong with three diamonds instead of three spades? If North did not prefer diamonds, he could go back to spades at the same level, and if he did prefer diamonds, that was obviously the best spot for the hands.

Most babies are long-sighted at birth but as the eyes develop vision tends to become normal.

King Of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Gray



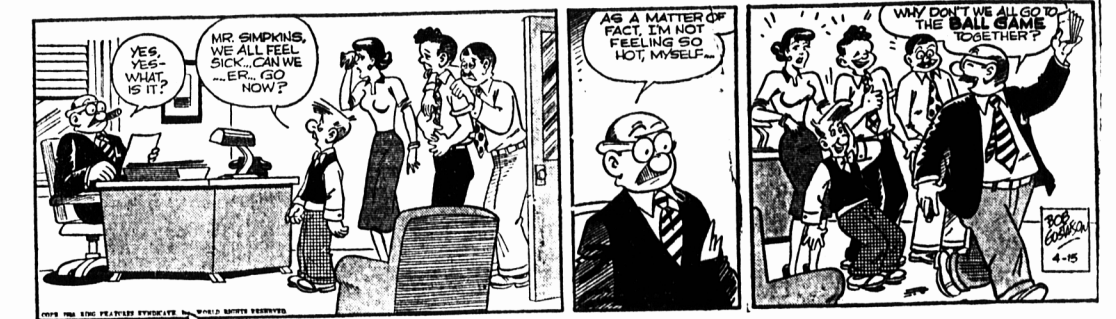
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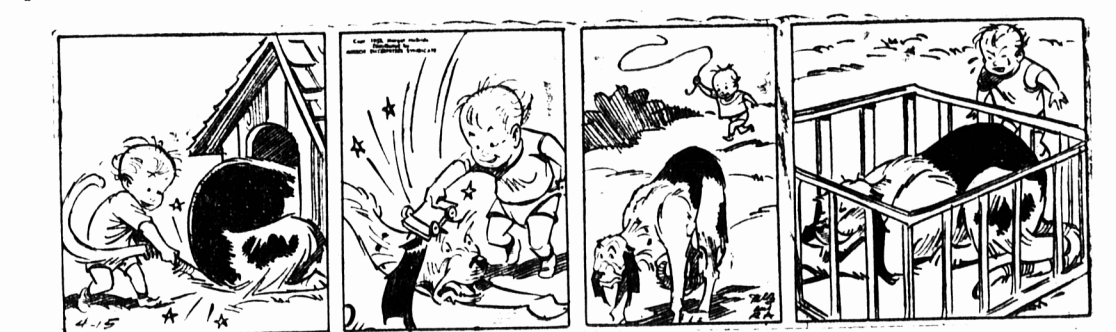
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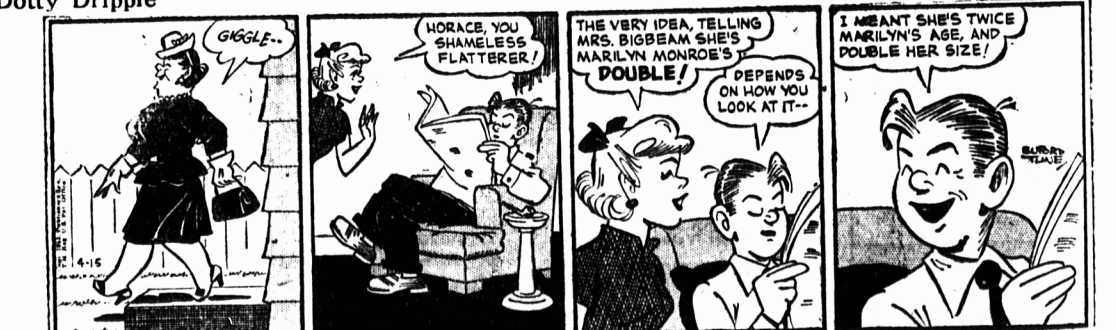
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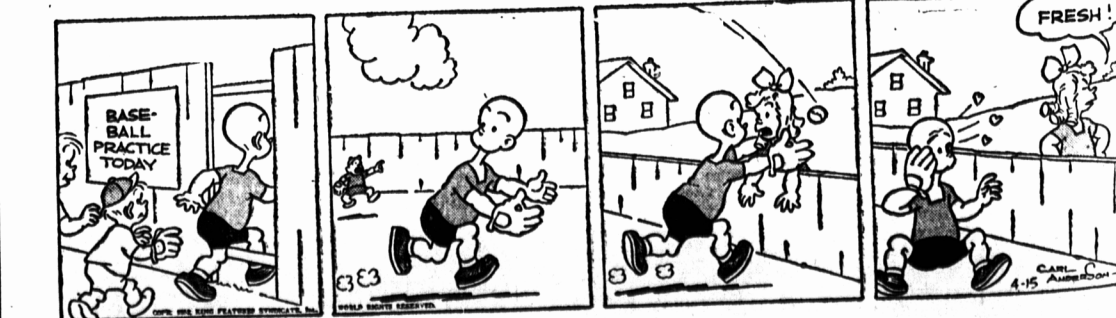
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