

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

MOTHER BEAR IS WORRIED

Always in a mother's heart, worry plays a constant part. —Mother Bear.



Looking up on the roof she saw a hole.

Mother Bear is apt to be cross. Mothers do get cross sometimes, you know. This is because mothers do so much worrying and no one does more worrying than does Mother Bear when she is away from her babies. This is not strange because no other mother in all the Green Forest has more cause for worry than does Mother Bear. No other mother has children more mischievous than Mother Bear's black imps. From the time they can first leave the den they are in and out of mischief every day. There is no guessing what they may do next. As long as Mother Bear can be with them, she does little worrying. But she can't be with them all the time. She has to go looking for food, and sometimes she is gone a long time. So when the babies are too small to travel with her she has to leave them. Then she worries, worries, worries. If you should meet her then you would think she was just a cross old Bear and would get out of her way in a hurry.

This morning Mother Bear had been delayed. She hadn't been

able to get a good breakfast as soon as she hoped. When she finally got back to the tree in which she had left the imps they were not there. Now she was more worried than ever. Any mother in her place would have been. She looked all around this way and that way. The cubs were nowhere to be seen. It didn't take her long to find the scent left by the feet of those disobedient little imps. Mother Bear has a very good nose. She followed that scent straight to the edge of the little clearing in the middle of which was Farmer Brown's sugar house.

Now Mother Bear is nothing if not cautious. At the edge of that clearing she stood for a few minutes looking all over that clearing, listening for any little sound that might be heard, and sniffing every Merry Little Breeze that came her way. She was suspicious.

his own hand, and another heart with dummy's spade ten. A second diamond ruff let South trump still another heart in dummy, with the spade king, and East discarded his last diamond.

Dummy was now down to one diamond and three clubs, while declarer still had the J-8-6 of trumps and an heart. It was here that South went astray. He led the good club and discarded his heart. West ruffed with the spade five and returned the diamond king. East trumped in with the queen of spades — and now West had to be given his ace and nine of trumps, since they lay over South's J-8.

If South had played the diamond from dummy, instead of the club, he would have been safe. East's best play would be to ruff with the spade queen, but South would discard his heart, and now, with three trumps left, he would have to get one of them.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

AN IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE

A small change in declarer's play would have made a substantial difference in the outcome of the following hand.

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

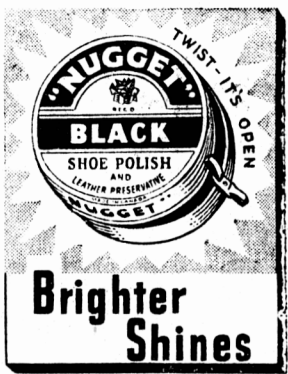
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♠ K 10 7	♥ E	♦ S	♣ J 8 4
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♠ 8 7	♥ S	♦ S	♣ J 8 5 3
♠ J 8 6 4 3	♥ A Q 6 5 2	♦ A	♣ 10 4
♠ A	♥ A	♦ A	♣ 10 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 2♣ Pass
2♦ Pass 3♦ Pass
3♥ Pass Pass Pass

Considering West's heart holding and North's expressed preference for spades, West should have opened a trump. If he had led a low card in the suit, South would have had to make quite a guess — putting up dummy's king — to avoid immediate trouble.

Actually, however, West chose to lead his top club. The queen won and a heart was led to the ace. A heart ruff followed, and South then led a diamond to his ace. Now a club was led toward dummy. South felt that if West had opened a singleton, it was better to let him ruff the trick without killing one of dummy's honors. As it was, however, West had to follow suit, and the club king held.

South now ruffed a diamond in



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ous. She knew all about that sugar house. It was made and she did not trust anything that Man had had anything to do with. She saw nothing out of the way. There was no one in sight. Just then it was very still. Had she been a little earlier, there would have been plenty of noise, but now there wasn't a sound from that sugar house. Though she sniffed and sniffed there was none of the hated Man smell. Cautiously but swiftly Mother

DAILY CROSSWORD

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| 1. Writer of fables | 6. Public notice | 25. Native metal |
| 2. Disconcert | 7. River bottom | 26. Nourished |
| 3. Particular location | 8. Drug plants | 29. Guido's lowest note |
| 4. Greek letter | 9. Pack away | 32. Pig pen |
| 5. House entrance | 10. Long-eared rodent | 33. Verbal scale |
| 6. Distress signal | 11. Flightless bird | 34. A thin scale |
| 7. Female sheep | 12. Makes neat | 35. Of an axis |
| 8. Members of the senate | 13. Negative reply | 36. Escapes (slang) |
| 9. From | 14. Sweet potato | 37. Outer coating of seeds |
| 10. Certain | 15. Chinese silk | 38. Native of Serbia |
| 11. Father | 16. Dry | 39. Letter |
| 12. Separated from others | 17. Run to lines | 40. Owl |
| 13. Wrong | 18. A horse qualified to run a mile (racing) | 41. Malt beverages |
| 14. Slack | 19. Courage | 42. Sacred bull |
| 15. Sweet potato | 20. Slumber | 43. The sailor's saint |
| 16. Chinese silk | 21. Priests (Fr.) | 44. Weakens (Tr. Am.) |
| 17. Dry | 22. Sacred bull | 45. Let |
| 18. Run to lines | 23. The sailor's saint | |
| 19. A horse qualified to run a mile (racing) | 24. Weakens (Tr. Am.) | |
| 20. Slumber | 25. Let | |
| 21. Priests (Fr.) | | |

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

43. River (Scot.)
45. Bird's beak
47. Regius professor (abbr.)

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R
L O N G F E L L O W

Each 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, length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation

H S O I U B T X D R L H S O X L O Z M O L R K H
D F A E D H S T A O S T M O Q B A K H H O F
H S O F T X O L K Q H S O D B Q K V F R O E L
Q V Z Z O B.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: AND MANY AN EYE HAS DANCED TO SEE THAT BANNER IN THE SKY—HOLMES.

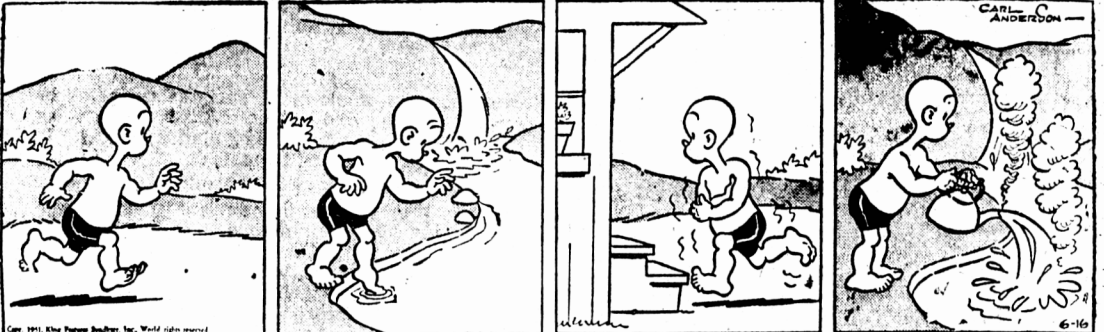
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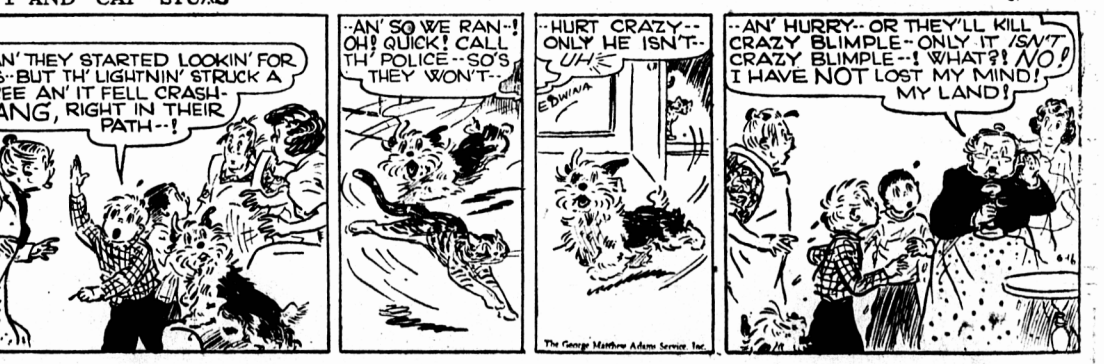
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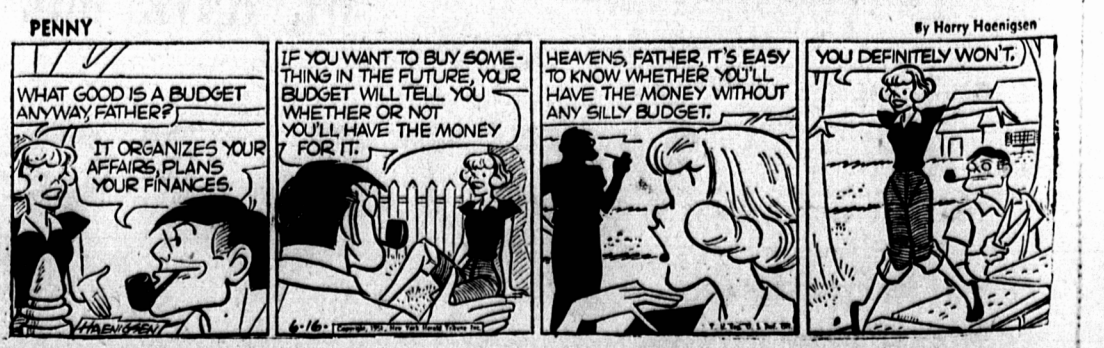
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