

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

A DOUBLE TREAT

The unexpected oft seems best, though just exactly like the rest. —Old Mother Nature.



Those Yellow Jackets were giving him a hot time.

Jackets met him half way. He just proved that he could run faster than those Wasps could fly. Now Wasps are of the daylight. Like the Bee folk they spend their nights at home, which is very good place for most folks to spend their nights. Farmer Brown's Boy knew this, so he decided to leave the pail of berries where it was where it was until after dark. Then he could safely get it without danger of being stung.

Now Jimmy Skunk is one of those folks who likes to turn night into day, so to speak. That is, he sleeps through the day and spends the night wandering about looking for something to eat. This night he was out early. He didn't wait for the Black Shadows to come out from the Purple Hills to draw a curtain of darkness over the Old Pasture.

For once he started out knowing just where he was going. He wanted some blueberries and he knew just where they were growing. He ambled along an old cowpath. It wound in and out among the bushes. Now and then he stopped to poke under leaves, or a stick, or a stone, to look for a fat beetle. He hadn't quite reached the place where the blueberries grew when he came to a strange thing beside the path. It wasn't a rock. It wasn't an old log, or a stump. It was shiny and it was hard when he poked his nose against it. Can you guess what it was? It was Farmer Brown's pail of blueberries.

Jimmy put his forepaws on the edge of that pail and raised himself to look in. Over went the pail, spilling berries all over him and the surrounding ground.

and the upshot was that he took only one top spade, one heart, a heart ruff in dummy, and two of his own diamonds. South could have saved the vital trick by first leading a low spade, instead of the ace. West could do no better than to put up the spade queen and play another heart. Dummy would ruff, and now the remaining spade would be led from dummy through East's king-jack-seven. If East failed to "split his honors," South's correct play would be to put in the nine-spot; then South would cash the ace and give East the spade trick, setting up his own fifth card in the suit. The same result would come about if East covered dummy's spade eight with the jack. Dealer would win and return the spade ten to knock out East's king.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

THE VITAL TRICK

South's sacrifice bid in the following deal would have turned out well if he had played the hand a trick better.

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South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	Pass	1NT
2♦	Pass	3♦	3NT
4♦	Pass	Pass	4♦
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

This deal occurred at match-point duplicate. Most of the East-west pairs bid three notrump and made 10 tricks for a score of 630 points, but at one table this was the auction:

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

♠ 85			
♥ 04			
♦ 9862			
♣ K Q 7 5 2			

♠ 9 7 5	N	K J 7 3
2	W	K Q 6
3	E	A K Q
4 8 6 4	S	J 10 9

South felt that he could hold his loss to three tricks, 500 points, and he was right—but he actually went down 700 points, for bottom on the board.

West opened a heart. East put up the queen, and when South ducked, cashed his three trumps and played another heart. South won, laid down the spade ace and led another spade. West took the trick and led a third round of hearts. South soon found that he could not establish his long spades

In fact the pail slipped over his head. It startled Jimmy, he backed hastily and stamped with his front feet as he always does when he is startled. His big broad tail went up in a hurry. That always happens when he is startled. He even growled a little down in his throat. You see he didn't know just what had happened. Hastily he looked around. Nobody was to be seen. He sniffed at the pail, then began to gobble up berries. Here was a treat he had not dreamed of. All the berries he could eat and more and he didn't have the trouble of picking them from the bushes. What a treat!

Presently he had had enough berries. Enough is always enough, and more than enough is too much. Some folks seem never to have learned this. Jimmy Skunk is not one of these. He was just turning away to look for something else when a belated Yellow Jacket, hurrying home whizzed past one of his black eyes and disappeared in a little hole in the ground. Jimmy grinned. He walked over to that little hole and began to dig. It didn't take him long to open the nest of those Yellow Jackets.

Most of the Wasps were already asleep or were very drowsy. They did rouse enough to fly about a little and try to sting him. He didn't mind them in the least. In the first place they couldn't get down into his long fur to sting him. He just gobbled up young

and old Wasps until there wasn't another Yellow Jacket left. Then he sighed with contentment. He had had a double feast when and where he had least expected it.

LONE ROCK, Sask. (CP)—The Wheat Pool plans to build 100 grain annexes this year at a cost of \$10,000 for each annex of 36,000-bushel capacity, pool director J. H. Wesson said recently.

VANCOUVER (CP)—Because she walked in uninvited, a woman lost a claim for damages against a Vancouver garage for injuries suffered when she slipped and fell into a grease pit.

NUGGET TWIST-IT'S ON
BLACK SHOE POLISH
Economical

DAILY CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 23. Astern | 24. Spawn |
| 1. Ill-tempered person | 1. Strangled | 2. Bird of fish | 25. Province (Can.) |
| 5. Cover with wax | 3. Malt beverage | 4. Faith | 27. Soothes |
| 9. Kind of rock | 4. Faith | 5. Fish | 28. Pungent vegetable |
| 10. Unfolds | 6. Kind of poem | 7. Delays | 29. Music note |
| 12. Hut | 8. Admission | 9. Young hog | 30. Anger |
| 13. The forehead | 14. Turkish weight (var.) | 11. Furnished with a sole | 31. Merchant |
| 15. At home | 16. Medieval boat | 17. Man's name | 32. Combed, as wool |
| 18. Denary | 20. Behold! | 19. Lamprey | 33. Accumulate |
| 21. Female ruff | | 22. Editor (abbr.) | |
| 23. Gave | | 25. From | |
| 25. From | | 26. Bone | |
| 26. Bone | | 27. Humbly penitent | |
| 27. Humbly penitent | | 32. Calcium (sym.) | |
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| 34. Emmet | | 35. Blunder | |
| 35. Blunder | | 36. Escape (slang) | |
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LIL ABNER

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I NEED A BABY-SITTER—ONE WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF MY LITTLE DAUGHTER.
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AM'D LOVE. I TAKE CARE OF HER.
MEANWHILE...
SOMEHOW, IT DON'T SEEM RIGHT 'T'PUT SAWDUST IN THET SWEET DOCTORS DOLLY. AH'LL STUFF IT WIF SWEET-IT-CACALE!
WELLER JUNE BUGS

RIP KIRBY

YOU THINK YOU'VE TRAPPED ME Vicious P. CCKWALLER! SUPPOSE I REFUSE YOUR OUTRAGEOUS DEMAND FOR \$100,000?
TREN I SHALL IMMEDIATELY SUMMON JERRI AND TELL HER YOU ARE NOT HER TRUE MOTHER BUT HER AUNT...
...I SHALL DESCRIBE HER FATHER, YOUR OWN BROTHER AS THE SHRETTLEZEL AND JALIBED THAT HE IS.
SURE I BELIEVE YOU WAS FRAMED... BUT CUT OUT THIS JAIL-BREAK TALK! YOU'RE GOIN' STR-CRAZY!
JERRI WILL NEVER BELIEVE YOU! YOU HAVE NO PROOF!
NOT LET ME SHOW YOU A FEW RECORDS FROM MY FILES!
WELL, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU ENTERTAINED HIM, UNTIL I GOT DRESSED, WITH THE YARNS ABOUT YOUR BOYHOOD... SURE, GLAD TO
...BUT, FATHER, PLEASE BE SURE TO USE THE SAME VERSIONS AS LAST TIME.

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KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

WHEN KING LEARNS THAT THREE CARS ARE PRIVATELY COMPETING FOR FABULOUS FUEL-INJECTOR CONTRACT HE SENSES TROUBLE AND WITHOUT FURTHER WARNING TRAGEDY STRIKES!
GREAT BLAZES! RUTROAD HIT THE WALL AT 150 MPH!
I WAS AFRAID SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THAT \$500,000 CONTRACT!
I RESENT THAT MY CAR HAS BURST, SO YOU'RE AS MUCH AS SAYING THAT I OR CARA HALEY CAUSED THIS ACCIDENT!

JOE PALOOKA

WHEN HE SPOTTED TH' NEW HAIR, A BOY WAS AFRAID HE MIGHT OF KNOWN I WAS USIN' TH' SOAP.
SO WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT'S TH' DEAL?
WE'RE MEETIN' TOMORRA MORNIN'. I GIVE 'EM A OFFER OF A HUNDRED GRAND. I TOLD 'EM I WON'T GO A CENT MORE.
YEAH...YEAH... I THOT WE WAS WILLIN' TO HUNNERT AN' FIFTY 'OUSAN'.
HE SAID HE'LL TALK IT OVER WITH TH' BROTHERS BUT HE'S SURE THEY WON'T CONSIDER LESS THAN A HUNDRED AN' TWENTY-FIVE GS. I'M SLICK ON THIS KINDA STUFF, TOOTS.
WE CAN'T LET IT SLIP 'THRU OUR HANDS. WE'LL MAKE BILLIONS!

HENRY

BOOM BOOM BOOM
HONK HONK
TWEET TWEET
TWEET TWEET

DOTTY DIPPLE

NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR...
SAY WHO PAINTED THAT MUSTACHE ON THE TV SCREEN?
I DID, DADDY--I'M MAD AT THE MAN WHO GIVES THOSE LONG COMMERCIALS!
WELL, THE MAN WHO GIVES THE LONG COMMERCIALS IS OFF THE SCREEN NOW!

TIPPY AND "CAP" STURS

I GUESS YOUR COMIN' IS 'BOUT TH' NICEST PRESENT CAP GOT, JANE...
YET!
ISN'T HE SWEET!?—WELL, YOUR PRESENT IS ON THE WAY, CAP— BUT IN THE MEANTIME...
YOU CAN CELEBRATE WITH 74/8...!
FIVE DOLLARS!! OH, JANE!—THAT'S TOO MUCH!!

BRINGING UP FATHER

WAKE UP! STOP THAT SNORING—YOU'RE ANNOYING THAT FAMILY UPSTAIRS!
ONE HOUR LATER...
BY GOLLY—I NEVER GET A CHANCE TO TALK—NOW I'M NOT EVEN ALLOWED TO BREATHE OUT LOUD!
I THOUGHT THE TELEVISION SET WUZ ON AND SOME COWBOYS WUZ CHASIN' A HERD OF CATTLE...
MY SNORIN' MAY ANNOY PEOPLE—BUT TH'AT'LL WIL' FRIGHTEN 'EM!

TILLY THE TOILER

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, ASKING ME TO POSE AS A MODEL WHILE THE FACIAL SURGEON MAKES YOU MORE BEAUTIFUL?
TAKE IT EASY, JUNIOR!
CALM DOWN, MAC WHIRLWIND IS TOO BIG FOR YOU!
DON'T WORRY, TILLIE—I NEVER HIT A SMALLER MAN
THERE'S NO PUBLICITY VALUE IN IT WHEN A BIG MAN LIKES A LITTLE MAN!

PENNY

FATHER, YOU GOING TO BE HOME THIS EVENING?
SURE, PRINCESS, WHY?
MELVIN'S CALLING FOR ME TONIGHT...
YES?
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