



(By Thornton W. Burgess)

BUSTER BEAR ISN'T HAPPY

True happiness, you'll often find, Lies wholly in the state of mind. —Old Mother Nature.

Buster Bear was not happy. This was nothing new with Buster. I suspect that most of the time Buster is not truly happy. People who are very selfish can never know true happiness. Buster Bear is very selfish. In all the Green Forest there is no one who thinks more of self and less of other folk than Buster Bear. It is sad but true.

Now Buster had set his heart on

a Beaver dinner. Never in his life had he been more sure of anything than he was of that dinner.

Then Prickly Porky, without knowing he was doing it, had upset Buster's plans. Buster didn't get that Beaver dinner. Paddy the Beaver and Mrs. Paddy were warned just in time and dived into the water to safety. Buster lost his temper and slapped at Prickly Porky. Right away he wished he hadn't. Some of Prickly Porky's little spears were sticking in Buster's paw, and he lost still more temper.

Buster tried to get even with Prickly Porky. He knew that if he could turn Prickly Porky on his back, he could have a Porcupine dinner without danger from those little spears that cover Prickly Porky everywhere but underneath. A Porcupine dinner would be next best to a dinner of Beaver. But try as he would, and he certainly did try, he couldn't find a chance to slip a paw under Prickly Porky and turn him over. All the time Prickly Porky was trying to get to a tree that he could climb.

Buster tried and tried. Then in disgust he gave up. Perhaps if he had kept on trying he might have succeeded. Buster is one of those persons who gives up easily. He has not yet discovered the value of perseverance. So after walking around Prickly Porky a few times, he gave up in disgust and shuffled away, grumbling and growling in a bad temper. Prickly Porky climbed a tree. Up in that

last outstanding trump. South discarded his three diamonds on these tricks and they led the diamond king from dummy.

East covered the diamond king with the ace, since he could be very sure that South would play him for the ace. South would then have led the diamond jack through East. This time East tried to dissemble by playing low, but South had made up his mind that the ace and queen of diamonds were a vital part of East's double and so South simply discarded a club. On the next diamond lead, East's queen was ruffed away by declarer, who then returned to dummy for the third time to discard his remaining clubs on the established diamonds. It is true that South took a slight risk by not drawing the second trump immediately, but his decision to go all out was well rewarded when he collected three overtricks, each worth 200 points!

Observe that if West had led his short suit, diamonds, the contract could easily have been beaten.

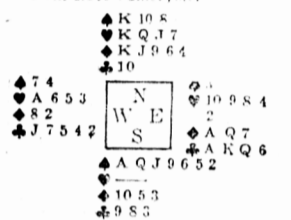
Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

AN EXPENSIVE LEAD

The weakest part of the average player's game is his defense, and his weakest part of his defense is his opening lead. Take the following case, for example. It cost West no fewer than four tricks in a doubled, vulnerable contract, to lay down an ace!

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.



The bidding: South West North East. 3 Pass 4 Pass 4 Pass 4 Dble.

South's spade preempt should have been all the warning West needed. South was very sure if not void in the other major hearts. Unmindful of this, however, West laid down the heart ace. Presumably, he felt that if East had doubled without knowing who held that card, he (West) should promptly believe East's mind.

The effect of the ace-lead, however, was quite to the opposite! South was led to a low trump to dummy's eight, and took the risk of playing all three of dummy's high hearts before drawing the



He couldn't use that paw in walking.

he felt safe.

Buster winced and muttered as he shuffled along. He was limping. The paw with which he had slapped Prickly Porky was sore and getting more sore all the time. He was trying to walk on three legs. This was because every time he put that sore paw down it hurt more than ever. Two of Prickly Porky's little spears and part of another were still sticking in that paw and he couldn't get them out. He couldn't use it to dig with. You know Buster eats a lot of roots of different kinds. When he can

find nothing better he digs up roots, usually in swampy places where the ground is damp and soft. There the digging is easy. He was still hungry so now he headed for a little swamp where certain favorite roots grew. When he got there he started to dig with both paws as he was in the habit of doing. He gave a little grunt of pain. Soft as the ground was he couldn't dig with that sore paw. He just couldn't. He tried to dig with the other paw. To do that he had to put the sore paw on the ground. He had to stand on it and it hurt too much for him to do this.

Of course he blamed Prickly Porky for all his troubles. But all the time it was wholly his own fault. Buster is no different from a lot of other people. It is much more satisfactory to blame others for troubles we get into by our own actions. So Buster blamed Prickly Porky for a place where he could lie down in comfort and nurse that sore paw. When he found a place to suit him he lay down and began to gently lick that sore paw. Among many of Mother Nature's children, especially among the larger ones in fur coats, there is nothing so helpful and healing to a hurt place as a good licking. He licked and licked. But licking a sore paw is poor fill-

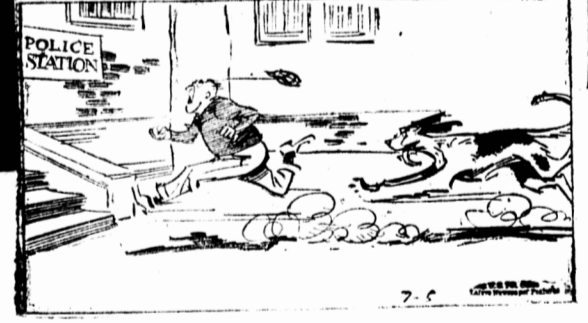
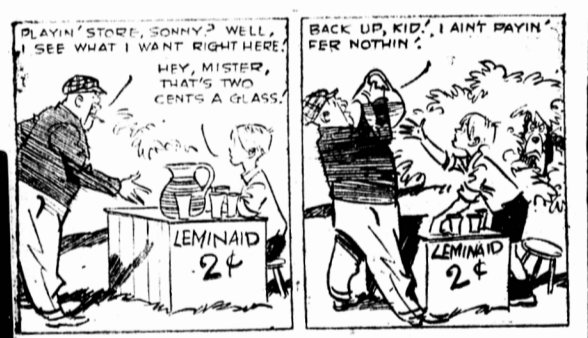
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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY & NATURAL RESOURCES Farm Improvement Service. No further applications will be accepted for Land Clearing or drainage work this season. All applications received as from this date will be placed on file and will be included in the programme of work to be done in 1952. DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCES. Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, July 2, 1951.

DAILY CROSSWORD. ACROSS: 1. Medieval legend, 2. Maxim, 3. Region of North Central Africa, 4. Intrigue, 5. Lizard, 6. Similar, 7. Halfpenny (Eng.), 8. Indisposed to sleep, 9. Coarse hominy (U.S.), 10. Amount, 11. An edible seed, 12. Foreword, 13. Astern, 14. Newt, 15. Case for toilet articles, 16. European fish, 17. Order, 18. Hawaiian food, 19. The eyes in symbolism, 20. Half gallon tankards, 21. Close to, 22. Feline, 23. Lofty mountain, 24. Buffalo, 25. Pointed arch, 26. Scorches, 27. Gazed intently, 28. Kill, 29. Little children. DOWN: 1. Sweet substance, 2. Herd of whales, 3. Miscellaneous, 4. Ascend, 5. Corridor, 6. Fetish, 7. Habitual to sleep, 8. Drunkard, 9. Coarse hominy (U.S.), 10. An edible seed, 11. Perform, 12. Deed, 13. Astern, 14. Consumed, 15. Send forth, 16. Young pigeons, 17. Applies putty, 18. (reel), 19. Narrow inlet, 20. Kettle, 21. Flower, 22. Scottish landholder, 23. Sprites, 24. Hastened, 25. Girl's name, 26. Salt (chem), 27. Make choice, 28. Gazelle (Tibet).

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR LONG FELLOW. 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: NMSUBXUSWMSOBJLBTWMS BVQ OUGKXQS NMB TPKMW NGWM PL LGQS OJ LGQS NSXWMSUVJ. Yesterday's Cryptogram: BETTER IS A DINNER OF HERBS WHERE LOVE IS THAN A STALLED OX AND HATRED THEREWITH—PROVERBS.

Napoleon and Uncle Elby By Clifford McBride



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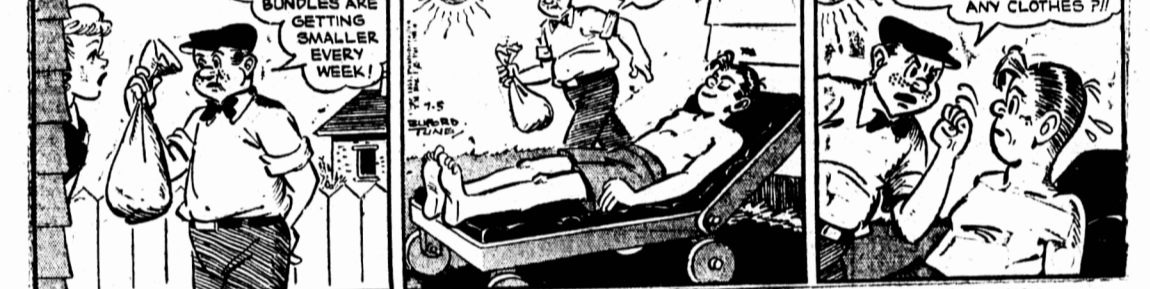
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DOTTY DIUPLE



By Edwin

FILPY AND 'CAP' STURS



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BRINGING UP FATHER



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TILLY THE TOILER



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