



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

MR. LET-ALONE

Most touchy folks soon make it known, That they prefer to be alone. —Sammy Jay

Prickly Porky the porcupine prefers to be alone most of the time. He doesn't want company. When

he is by himself with no one around he is happy as a porcupine can be. His is not a happy disposition. That is, it isn't as judged by other folks. But what is happiness for one person may not be happiness for others. Prickly Porky may not appear to be happy, but what appears to others a lack of happiness may actually be complete happiness from his point of view.

Prickly Porky has few, if any, friends. That doesn't bother him at all. Some of his neighbors have a nickname for him, and it is a very good one. They call him Mr. Let-A-Long. As a rule, they do let him alone.

He minds his own business. It is true he has little business to mind, but what there is he attends to and doesn't interfere with others. He lets other people alone, and let only asks to return to his neighbors have sense enough to do just that. He isn't a person to be med-



Even great big Buster Bear steps aside politely if he meets Jimmy Skunk.

died with. You see, when Prickly Porky raises the thousand little spears in his coat he is a sort of giant, living pin-cushion with all the points sticking out. No one can touch him then without getting hurt.

If someone bigger than himself comes along and threatens to attack him, Mr. Let-A-Long likes to get his head under an old log or a stone, or anything else that he can get his head under, raise the thousand little spears in his coat until they are standing on end with their sharp points in all directions and then switch his tail from side to side on the chance that he may slap the enemy he fears. No one wants to be slapped by that tail. It is covered with short stout little quills, as his little spears are called. And if that tail slaps anyone, it drives those little quills into him. All porcupine quills are barbed. They are barbed for much of their length. Those little barbs are so small that you can hardly see them. But it is these that make it very hard to pull quills out when they have been driven into the flesh. There is no one in all the Green Forest better protected than Prickly Porky the porcupine. Perhaps only Jimmy

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

LOOK AHEAD!

The moment the dummy is spread it behooves declarer to ask himself this question: "What will happen if I run up against an unlikely (but quite possible) break in this or that suit?"

South de. North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

The timely answer to this specific question would save many a contract. Consider this typical case: West's opening lead was the jack of diamonds. The ace won and declarer confidently cashed the ace of trumps. His confidence faded

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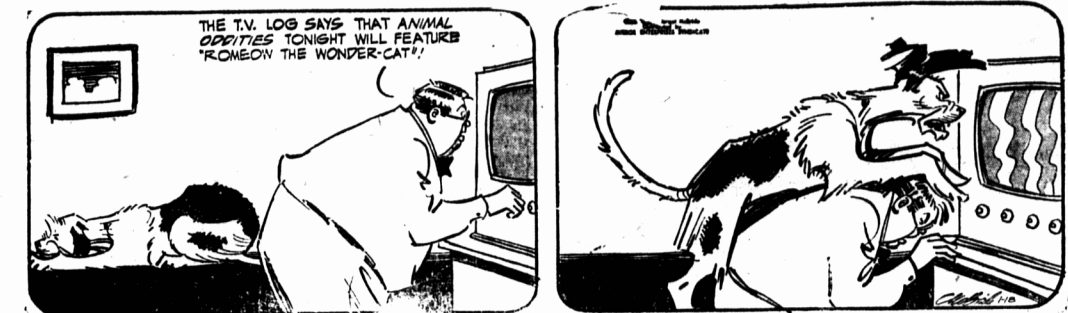
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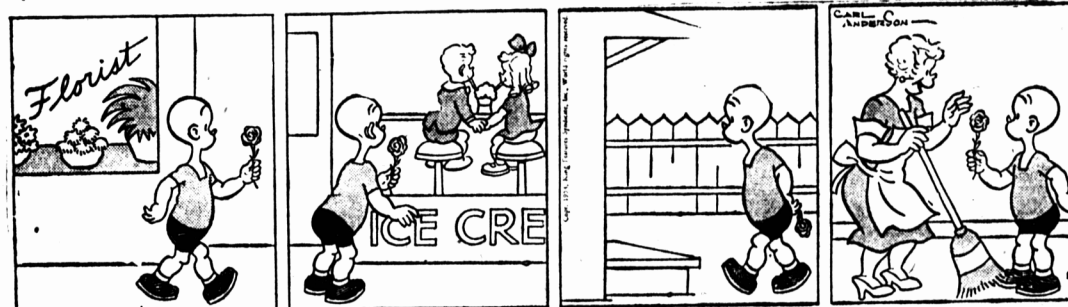
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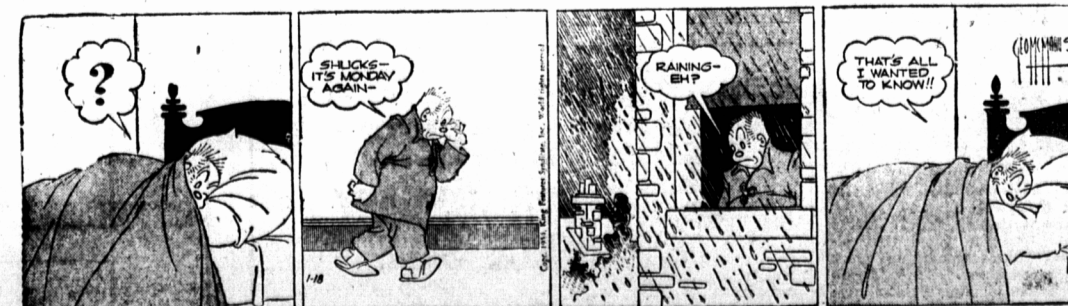
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By George McManus



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By Alex Raymond



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By Zane Grey



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