

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE INDEPENDENT ONE
The independent come and go
And none presume to tell them no
— Old Mother Nature
Of all the independent people in
the Great World none is more in-
dependent than Jimmy Skunk. It
isn't because of his size. He isn't a
big person. In fact, Jimmy is rather
a small person. Yet nowhere is
there anyone who comes and goes
with greater freedom than does
Jimmy Skunk. He goes where he
wants to go. He does what it pleases
him to do when it pleases him
to do it.

Jimmy was up in the Old Pasture.
So was Buster Bear. Both were
there for the same purpose. Both
were there for the blueberries
growing there. Both were feeling
very independent. Buster Bear be-
cause of his great size, his big
teeth, his great claws and his won-
derful strength; Jimmy Skunk for
a very different and better reason.
Something was bound to happen
when the two met, and something
did. Yes, sir something did happen.
Buster Bear left the berry patch
where they met. He left in a hurry.
He left in such a hurry that he
almost choked on a mouthful of
berries he was eating when he met
Jimmy Skunk.

Yet all Jimmy had done was to
stamp his feet and show Buster
what a nice big broad tail is his.
That tail is a signal. It is a warn-
ing signal. Every one should know
what it means in case he unexpect-
edly meets Jimmy. When that tail
is standing straight up, all but the
tip it is a gentle reminder not to
come too near. As long as that tail
is straight up with the tip bending



Buster growled his deepest, ugliest growl.

down, you are safe from Jimmy's
little scent gun. But when that big
broad tail is bent over Jimmy's
back and the tip falls the other way
it is time to get away from his
neighborhood and do it quickly.
Jimmy always is prepared, but he
never takes advantage of that pre-
paredness. He never fails to give
fair warning not to meddle with
him. Our great Nation could learn
much about preparedness from
Jimmy Skunk.

Buster didn't leave the Old Pasture
then. Grumbling and mumbling
he shuffled over to another
patch of berries and once more be-
gan stuffing himself. In a few min-
utes Jimmy Skunk shuffled over
to that same patch of berries. Per-
haps it was just idle curiosity.
Perhaps he thought those berries
might be a little sweeter. Buster
Bear saw him coming. Buster
growled his deepest, ugliest growl.
He even added a little snarl. It
didn't sound pleasant at all. Indeed
it sounded very unpleasant.

Jimmy paid no attention to him
at all. It was as if he didn't hear it
as if he were stone deaf. Buster
growled again. It was an even
deeper growl than before. It was an
ugly growl. Most folks hearing it
would have turned and run. Jimmy
did nothing of the kind. He
moved right on. He didn't even
stop to stamp his feet. But his tail
was up, straight up. Buster heeded
the warning. He got out of that
berry patch just as he had left the
other one. Jimmy watched him go.
He did stamp his feet once when
Buster looked back. Buster hesi-
tated at another berry patch. Then
he heard something that caused
him to stand up for a moment so
he could look over the bushes.
What he saw caused him to leave
in a hurry, going straight back
to the Green Forest. What was it
he saw? It was Farmer Brown's
Boy with a pail. He was coming for
berries too.

Jimmy Skunk couldn't see him.
It wouldn't have made any differ-
ence to Jimmy if he had seen
him. It was a little later that
Jimmy met Farmer Brown's Boy
on one of the Old cowpaths that
wind about among the bushes in
the Old Pasture. Do you think
Jimmy stepped aside for Farmer
Brown's Boy. Both were polite.

he counted the tricks in sight he
saw that he would have to do some
maneuvering to avoid two losers!
He could not contemplate cashing
three heart tricks, discarding a
club from dummy, and then ruffing
both a club and a heart in dummy,
because if he used two of dummy's
trumps as ruffers, he would
certainly have to lose a diamond
trick.

After a moment's thought, South
saw the only chance and went out
for it. He led a club to the king and
ruffed a second spade, while West
discarded a club. Now South led
to the club ace and ruffed another
spade then went back to the heart
king and ruffed away the last
spade with the diamond ace.

Now everything depended on a
3-2 trump break, and since that
condition existed, South was home.
He led his remaining trump to the
board, drew the outstanding
trumps while discarding a club
and a heart from his own kind,
and collected the final tricks with
the ace and queen of hearts.

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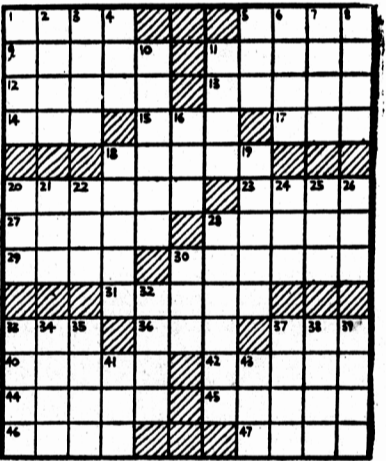
He told a press conference that there were heavy concentrations of Indian forces in East Punjab and the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Farmer Brown's Boy smiled and stepped aside. Jimmy went on his way and presently was busy eating berries. Farmer Brown's Boy was equally busy picking berries into that pail. They understood each other perfectly, those two. Each respected the other. Neither was afraid of the other.

A little later both arrived at the same patch of berries, and both began picking, one into his mouth and the other into the pail. Once they were almost side by side. No one else in all the Green Forest and on all The Green Meadows would have dared to come so near Farmer Brown's Boy, even though they knew he was their friend.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. Egyptian god
 2. Mediterranean vessel
 3. Beverage
 4. Therefore
 5. Fissure
 6. Kind of beer
 7. Affirm
 8. Mountain pool
 9. Steadfast garment (Arab.)
 10. Unrefined metal
 11. Compiles
 12. Unwrap
 13. Detect
 14. Grab and hold
 15. One who poles
 16. Fencing sword
 17. Evening meal
 18. Ocean vessels
 19. Residue of burned material
 20. Viper
 21. Stripe
 22. Steep face of a rock
 23. Leave off, as a syllable
 24. Headless bolt
 25. Of the tides
 26. Paradise
 27. A size of paper
- DOWN**
1. Bow
 2. Measure of distance
 3. Baking chamber
 4. Mediteranean vessel
 5. Beverage
 6. Therefore
 7. Affirm
 8. Mountain pool
 9. Steadfast garment (Arab.)
 10. Unrefined metal
 11. Compiles
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

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

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

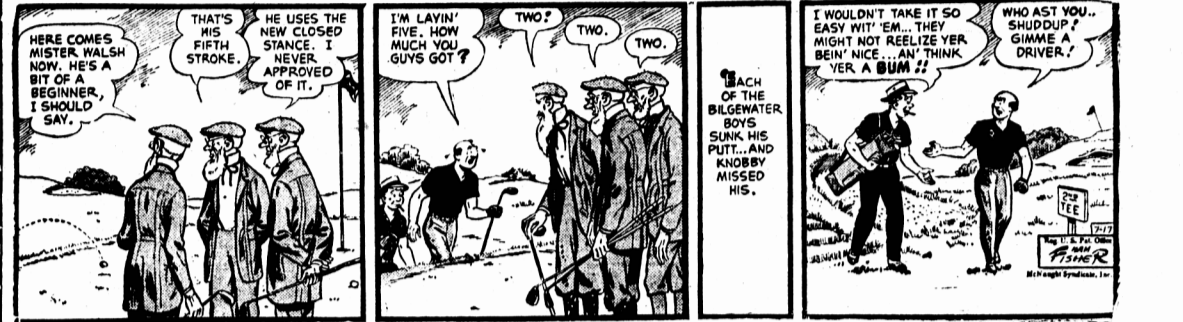
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Yesterday's Cryptquote: A FLOWER WHEN OFFERED IN THE BUD IS NO VAIN SACRIFICE—WATTS.

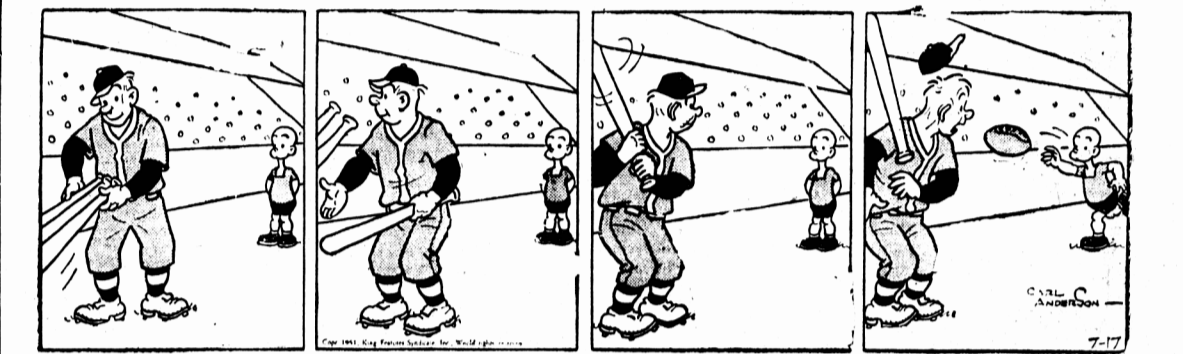
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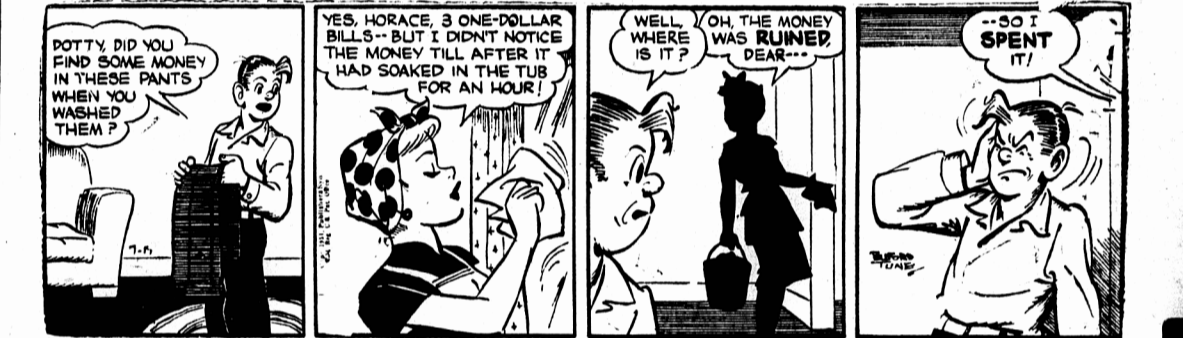
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PENNY



Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

EXPANDING THE TRUMP SUIT

A "dummy-reversal" plan of play was South's only chance in today's deal.

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

North, who has a minimum no-trump to start with, showed remarkable lack of restraint on the later rounds. South also might have had a shade more for his bidding, but as a rule his partner was super-conservative and needed great prodding to reach slams that were very much in order. The same conservatism was sorely to be commended in this case, but any severe criticism of it would be rather embarrassing in view of the fact that South won out.

West opened the king of spades and hopefully followed up with the spade ace. South ruffed, and when

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