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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

A CLEVER PAIR

One who is blest with ready wit / Should try to make the most of it. —Reddy Fox.



Of course, Reddy is right about that. And he lives up to his belief. He was a ready wit, one of the readiest in all the Green Forest, and like the true Fox that he is he tries to live up to it.

A new Dog was living in the neighborhood. He was small and his legs were short. So he could not do almost anywhere a Rabbit could. He was a member of a branch of the Hound family called Beagles, and he dearly loved to hunt Rabbits. He had been trained to do just this, and he did not hunt any one else. Fox scent, which excites Bowser the hound so, didn't interest the small Dog at all. Reddy found this out and his quick wit at once saw a way to use that Dog to help him get a Rabbit dinner now and then. Mrs. Reddy was doubtful but when he brought home the first Rabbit taken from almost under the very nose of a hunter with a dreadful gun, she admitted that Reddy might be right.

"Come on, my dear," said Reddy the next time they heard that Dog barking as he chased a Rabbit. "There is sure to be a hunter with

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

TOO "COOPERATIVE"

It is all very well to be "cooperative" by supporting partner's suit, but a player's first duty is to describe his own hand-pattern. Consider this typical case:

South dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

Q 4 3 ♠ 2
K 5 2 ♠ J 10 8 4
J 6 3 2 ♠ K 10 7
A J 5 2 ♠ Q 9 8 3

♠ 7 7 ♠ 8 2
♥ 9 8 6 3 ♠ J 10 8 4
♥ 9 8 4 ♠ K 10 7
A 10 6 ♠ Q 9 8 3

♠ A K 10 9 8 7
♥ A 5
♦ K 7 4

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West, fearing he would give up a trick by leading any side suit, opened the spade jack, and South had "tough sledding." Without any shame to himself, he ended up by losing three club tricks and one diamond—and so his beautiful hand had simply cost him points!

Moreover, this unhappy outcome had to be contrasted with the three-notrump contract which would have been a laydown!

It was North's fault that the bidding went beyond three notrump. Obviously North reasoned that he ought to show his spade support in that suit—but North ignored his response to South's jump rebid of own distributional weakness! The North hand alone—and it was North's province to describe only that hand, not to bid for the partnership!—had a notrump pattern, and South's jump rebid of spades did not alter that fact. Moreover, North had only a scattering of honors, most of them minor ones. These might come in very handy at notrump, if only as auxiliary stoppers, but they did not figure to be of substantial value at a spade contract.

Thus, North should have bid three notrump over three spades, on the reasoning that if South accepted that contract, his hand would be suited to do it; and if South's hand was not suitable for notrump, he would protect himself by going to four spades.

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Greetings To All

BEST WISHES TO ONE AND ALL.

Thanking you for your patronage in the past and soliciting your patronage in the new year.

Gordon Lodge

By Alex Raymond

ATTENTION LIVESTOCK DEALERS AND PRODUCERS

In order that we do not have to carry livestock over the Christmas week-end we shall not be accepting—

Cattle, calves, sheep and lambs—after noon on THURSDAY, Dec. 21st.

Hogs—After noon on FRIDAY, Dec. 22nd.

May we take this opportunity to wish all our Agents and Customers Season's Greetings.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. Girl (Scot.)
 5. Refuse of grapes
 9. Flavor
 10. Farewell (Sp.)
 12. One who oversees a game
 14. Ventura
 15. Exist
 16. Small stream
 18. Radius (sym.)
 19. Sum up
 21. Floating goods
 24. Fish
 26. Vessels for distilling liquids
 27. Anger
 29. Observe
 30. High-seas robber
 33. Denominational
 36. Any person
 38. American poet
 39. Whether
 40. Claw
 42. Maorium (sym.)
 43. Bird's beak
 46. More humble
 48. A Boy Scout group
 50. City (Eng.)
 51. A starchy foodstuff (Malay)
 52. Strongly built cert
 53. FOWN
 1. Hebrew letter
- DOWN**
2. Viper
 3. Mix
 4. A hairline
 5. Mother
 6. Sum up
 7. Narrow inlet
 8. (geol.)
 9. Pen for horses (West. U.S.)
 10. Musical instruments
 11. Lines of juncture
 13. Old measures of length
 17. Pieces of land
 20. Place where butter and cheese is made
 22. Birds
 23. Slumber
 25. Dull horses (West. U.S.)
 28. Boys' school (Eng.)
 30. A coloring
 31. Deduces
 32. A Dutch cheese
 34. A humorous play
 35. Rips
 37. Produce
 41. Eye alyly
 44. Crushing snake
 45. Soak
 47. New Zealand parrot
 48. River (It.)

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for two. 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

DBZ PFPZ YR CIYR PNPV. B UYX PZCPN, VIYRPV CIKQ IYSI UYSIC JIPZPXN CIP JZUH YV VKFPH- IKN.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: **THEN TO SIDE WITH TRUTH IS NOBLE WHEN WE SHARE HER WRETCHED CRUST-LOWEY.**

DAILY CROSSWORD

LITTLE ABNER

THAT'S A FEARLESS FOSDICK! COME ON, BOY! IN THESE CLOES O' LADY HOTFOOT'S!

LADY HOTFOOT? THEY WERE THE NEXT NAME ON THE LIST-FY MEEMBA! AN IMPORTANT PIECE O' TH' PITCHER O' TH' GAL WHOSE KNEECAP AN' LOVES IS IN IT!

S-SADIE HAWKINS! THE NEXT NAME ON THE LIST-FY MEEMBA! AN IMPORTANT PIECE O' TH' PITCHER O' TH' GAL WHOSE KNEECAP AN' LOVES IS IN IT!

WOW! I'LL BE BACK SOON! I'LL BE BACK SOON! I'LL BE BACK SOON!

WHERE IS HER KIDNEY?

SHE GOT THE SMALLEST WAIST I'VE EVER SEEN! WON'T COST MUCH T' FEEL WITH HIM... LUCKY DAVE! THAT AH IS?

RIP KIRBY

MISS LANE'S COFFEE POISONED? THAT'S PREPOSTEROUS! WHY, IT'S... IT'S...

OH! I... I FEEL ILL...

MR. KIRBY! HIS HEAD...

THE POOR OLD MAN! THE SHOCK OF YOUR SUDDEN ENTRANCE... THE TALK ABOUT POISON... IT WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM!

I WAS AFRAID OF THAT... BUT I COULDN'T LET YOU DRINK THAT COFFEE! YOUR LIFE WAS IN DANGER! STAY WITH HIM... I'LL CALL A DOCTOR!

PENNY

SINCE YOU INSIST UPON STARTING FIGHTS YOU WILL WRITE THE WORD, PEACE, 100 TIMES ON THE BLACKBOARD.

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

MY PEOPLE DO NOT DESTROY YOUR TOWERS THAT MATCH OUT FOR EVIL WAR BIRDS!

THEN EVIL WAR BIRDS STRAGGLES DRESSED LIKE YOUR PEOPLE TO DO EVIL DEEDS! I WILL FIND THEM!

WE SEE MAN WHO LOOK LIKE AN EVIL MAN! HE'S HIDING IN TRADER SNOW'S BIG BIRD!

THANKS, LITTLE CHIEF! HE'S THE ONE I'M TRAILING!

KING! HURRY! TRADER SNOW IS GETTING READY TO TAKE OFF. IN SPITE OF YOUR ORDER!

JOE PALOOKA

I WILL SIT WITH HIM, COLONEL. I INSIST ON GUARDING HIM MYSELF. IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY!

FOUND THE PLANE. HEAVILY MANNED WITH HUMPHREY, JUDGE BOOKLOVICK AND STALWART GUARDS, TAKES OFF.

HMM... I THINK I'LL LOOK OVER MY PAPERS.

HENRY

WEATHER REPORT: COLDER TODAY

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DOTTY DIPPLE

I'M GONNA LOOK AT THE XMAS PACKAGES ONCE MORE THAT I'M GIVING AUNT DOTTY, UNCLE HORACE AND TAEFF!

I'VE LOOKED AT 'EM A HUNDRED TIMES—AND—

I'D LIKE TO HAVE THESE RE-GIFT-WRAPPED!

TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS

GRAN'MA—MY MONEY'S GONE!!

LOOKIE! THERE ISN'T ANYTHING IN MY BANK—!! I'VE BEEN ROBBED!

NONSENSE! I—WELL, I NEEDED A DOLLAR—TWENTY TO FINISH PAYIN' MRS. SWIFFLE FOR CLEANIN' AN'—

WELL, I RAN SHORT—COUNTA GIVIN' YOU A DOLLAR TO BUY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, SO—WELL, I BORROWED IT FROM YOUR BANK, AN'—I MERCY SAKES!—I'LL PAY IT BACK!!

BRINGING UP FATHER

JIGGS—YOU'LL NEVER LEARN! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE WOMEN—IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY TO YOUR WIFE—JUST SAY IT—DON'T BE AFRAID!

IT'S HARD TO GET TO SAY ANYTHING!

I SUESS DUGAN IS RIGHT—I'LL TRY IT—IT MAY WORK—

NOW I'M GLAD I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING—LOOK! WHAT HAPPENED—AN' I DIDN'T EVEN OPEN A ME MOUTH!

TILLY THE TOILER

MR. MACDOUGALL WANTS US TO BE PEACEFUL AND YET WRITE A FIGHTING SPEECH FOR HIM!

BUT THEN WE'D BE BREAKING OUR PROMISE TO MR. MACDOUGALL!

BUT IT COULD BE ONLY A TEMPORARY FIGHT!

NO, THAT WOULDN'T DO—

I COULD NEVER PUT MY HEART INTO A FIGHT LIKE THAT!

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