

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER RABBIT IS OUT OF SORTS

Complaining never ends the gears of daily living through the years. —Old Mother Nature

Peter Rabbit was out of sorts. He was very much out of sorts. He was complaining. "I don't like this weather," complained Peter. "Neither do I, but there's no point we can do about it," replied the Mrs. Peter.

"Everything's drying up," complained Peter. "I haven't had a green leaf of sweet clover for over a week."

"Complaining about it won't get you any," said little Mrs. Peter. "You're just a complainer. You're getting a little tired of listening to Peter's complaints."

"If things keep drying up at this rate we'll have to live on bark the way we do in winter; and probably that will be dry too," Peter continued.

"Well, we've always managed to get through the winter on bark, and I guess we can do it now, Peter."

"Do you know that Laughing Brook is almost dry?" Peter asked. "What of it? We don't live in Laughing Brook," retorted Mrs. Peter.

"I hear that Busy Bee can't find flowers enough to make honey. What do you think of that?" said Peter.



"Hello! Peter Rabbit," said mammy.

"I think it's too bad for her, but I'm not interested in honey," declared Mrs. Peter.

"If the bees can't make honey they'll starve to death through the winter. And without flowers they can't make honey," said Peter.

"That's too bad, but just let the bees do their own worrying," snapped Mrs. Peter. "For all we're getting really cross. No one likes to listen to complaints. Most folks have troubles enough of their own without having to listen to those of others."

"It is too hot for comfort," complained Peter.

"You don't mind the heat any more than I do, but you don't hear me complaining about it. There is only one time for folks to complain," declared Mrs. Peter.

Peter pricked up his long ears. "When is that?" he asked.

"When there is something they can do about it," replied Mrs. Peter.

"Oh," said Peter. "I would love to go over to the Smiling Pool, but it is too hot," he added a moment later.

Just then, Sammy Jay arrived in the dear Old Briar-patch. "Hello, Peter Rabbit," said Sammy.

"You're looking well despite the hot weather."

"I'm not feeling too good," said Peter.

"That's too bad. What's the matter?" said Sammy.

"He's full of complaints," spoke up Mrs. Peter. "That's all that's

the matter with him."

"It's the weather," said Peter. "If that's all that's the matter with you, then forget it. There's nothing you can do about the weather, and it's no worse for you than for other folks," said Sammy Jay. Spreading his blue wings, Sammy flew over toward the Green Forest.

"I wish I could fly," said Peter.

Maine Seeking Potato Pickers

CARIBOU, Me. (AP) — Maine employment service security commission "talent scouts" ranged over the Quebec and New Brunswick borders Monday seeking Canadian reinforcements for the forthcoming harvest of a bumper Maine potato crop.

MESC officials said they expected the first contingents of Canadians to enter Maine late this week.

Elliott Barker, manager of the MESC office at Caribou, said his men would like to find 6,000 Canadian workers but doubt that more than 5,000 can be recruited.

Pioneer Days In P.E.I.

By F. M. MacArthur

A count taken in 1925 gives the population of the island as 23,000 persons. That year 18 vessels arrived from Great Britain, and 128 from other British colonies. Imports for the year were valued at 95,337 pounds, exports at 95,426 pounds.

Then, as now, Islanders drank too much liquor, 54,000 gallons of rum, 2,500 of brandy, 9,000 of Geneva and 2,000 gallons of wine were consumed in a single year. Thus it may be seen the inhabitants were well supplied with spirits, if not with the spirit of God, for Rev. Theophilus Desbrisay was the only Protestant minister for many years. He was appointed rector of the Parish of Charlotte" by Royal Warrant on Sept. 21, 1774, but did not reach here until a year later.

A traveling gossip who paid the island a visit in 1782, told the Rev. Mr. Black, a Methodist minister then residing in Nova Scotia, this: "The people on the island are very backward, and in many quarters openly profane." Black came to set matters right, but went away again without any marked satisfaction, although he preached several times in Charlottetown and at St. Peter's. Speaking of his attempt to Christianize the wild Islanders he had this to say: "I am sick at heart over the sins of Islanders. Sin seems everywhere to prevail." But he returned two years later for a brief spell and organized a society of 20 members, which leads one to believe that Mr. Black's opinion of our forefathers was not entirely well founded.

It is not pleasant to remember that the first Methodist minister appointed to the island met with little success in his chosen calling. His name was Bulpit, and he was sent here from the Old Country chiefly through the influence of Dr. A. Clark. This scribe cannot say how long he remained on the island, but according to T. W. Smith, author of Methodism in Eastern British America, Mr. Bulpit's followers never swelled beyond the fifty mark. We must remember, however, that the struggle to carry the gospel amid

the building was usually construction, the family found shelter under a tree, or as was sometimes the case they lived in a wigwam like the Micmac Indians of that period.

If there were any near neighbors in the vicinity they never failed to come to the new settler's aid. First they selected suitable trees near the proposed site, from which they cut logs about fifteen feet in length. These were now trimmed and notched at the ends. When sufficient logs had been prepared, some of the group began laying them out and the rest continued to cut and trim. In this way the work went on at a steady pace.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

RASHNESS SOMETIMES REWARDED

SOUTH's unilateral three-no-trump bid in the deal below was bold to the point of rashness, but such bidding has remarkable success—sometimes.

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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♦ 7 4 3
♣ 6 2

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♣ 10 5 5

♠ N
♥ E
♦ S
♣ W

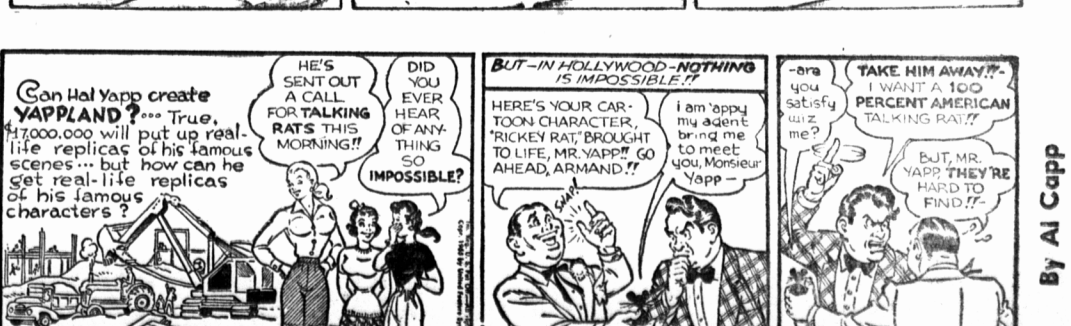
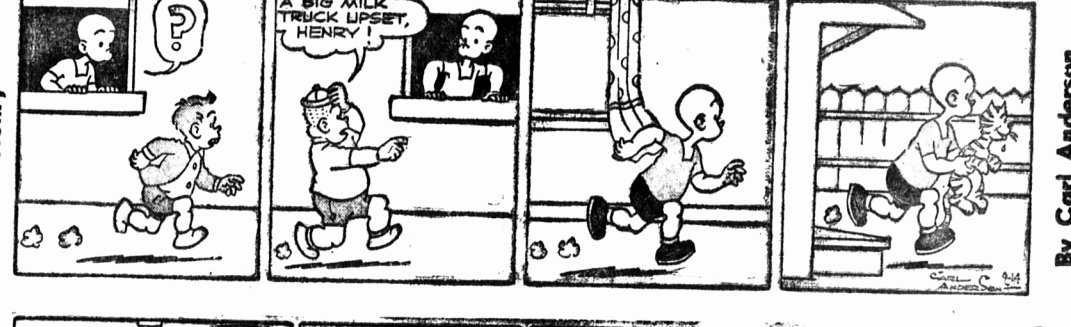
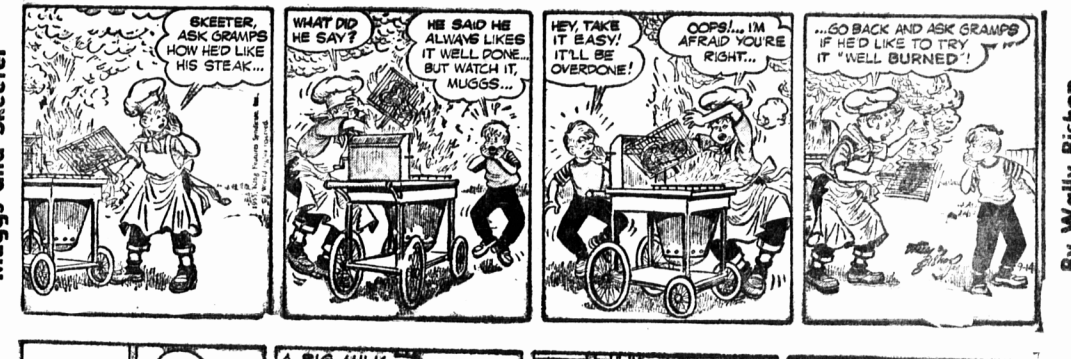
The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 3NT
Pass Pass

It is usually pardonable—in fact, under many circumstances, logical—to contract for game at no-trump without a stopper in one of the four suits, but South airily disregarded two suits, spades and hearts. In the postmortem he tried to justify his three-no-trump bid by saying that he was prepared to run to four clubs if he was doubled, but there was no rea-

DAILY CROSSWORD

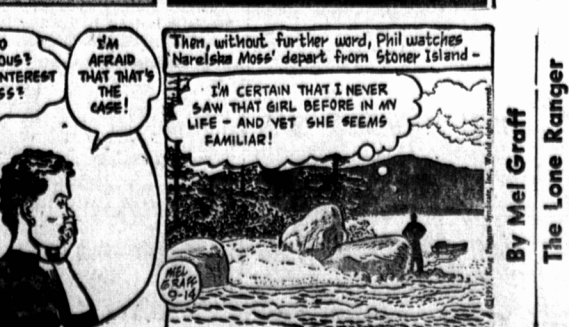
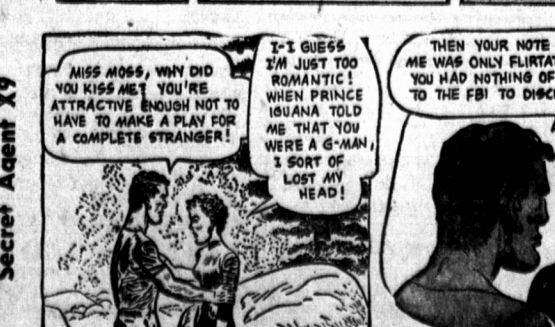
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A Cryptogram Quotation
PCNSGO VX JYVX RPY QVD FYA.
BYJR WYUYSIY: VOVSGBX YMNYAS.
YGUY HBJSSGO XC ZYJSYIY—NASCA.
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