

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

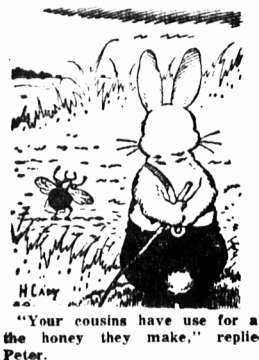


By Thornton W. Burgess

QUEEN BUMBLE'S THRIFT

Nothing is without some use. And wastefulness has no excuse. —Queen Bumble.

Peter Rabbit was still curious about Queen Bumble Bee, and the busy home where Queen Bumble's children were coming going continuously. He knew that they brought the flower dust that is called pollen, and that it was used to make a bed on which Queen Bumble laid her eggs and which also furnished food for the babies when the eggs hatched. Queen Bumble had told him this. She had also told him that the children brought in sweets from the flowers to make honey. Peter wondered about that honey. The first chance he got, he asked about it.



"Your cousins have use for all the honey they make," replied Peter.

"Did you say that you make honey from the sweets that are

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

SIGN-OFF BIDDING

The precise extent to which one partner should defer to the other in the case of sign-off bidding is the subject of hot debate among experts. The following hand, taken from a recent team-of-four tournament, raised this important issue.

North South

♠	A 4 3 2	K 10 9 8 7
♥	K 10 9 8 7	A 4 3 2
♦	A 4 3 2	K 10 9 8 7
♣	K 10 9 8 7	A 4 3 2

West East

♠	K 10 9 8 7	A 4 3 2
♥	A 4 3 2	K 10 9 8 7
♦	K 10 9 8 7	A 4 3 2
♣	A 4 3 2	K 10 9 8 7

This particular tournament was conducted on the board-a-match plan, which means that each deal constitutes one match between two teams, to be won or lost or tied, and of course the team winning the greatest number of such matches is the winner of the tournament.

When the board was first played, the North-South pair quickly reached three notrump via this (somewhat questionable) sequence:

North	East	South	West
1 NT	Pass	3D	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

South's distribution was scarcely adapted to a notrump contract, but when East opened a low spade and further in the diamond king dropped under the ace, the declarer had no worries.

At the other table, however, the North-South pair had a much rockier road to travel.

Actually, the one-club opening by this North was the right approach. The hand was too good for one notrump, but the immediate developments were unfortunate from the North-South point of view. First, even under the vulnerability conditions, South had no sound alternative to doubling the one spade, and then he certainly could not stand the double of one notrump. West's virtually psychic rescue. Nor could South look with pleasure or confidence on his partner's following two-notrump bid—the South hand was simply too freakish. Thus, the final destination of the partnership was really in North's control, and the crux is that North should have ignored the sign-off and persisted to three notrump on his sheer power.

For pure ENJOYMENT!

KING COLE TEA

Tired Feet

Soothe them with

MINARD'S LINIMENT

Strange But True

By F H MacArthur

Convicted of speeding Edward Onuska, of Westport, Conn., asked and was granted permission to pay his fine in blood to the Red Cross.

Medical science seems to be well on the way to eliminating diseases and lengthening the life span to the point where the principal cause of death will be boredom. At the age of two years a Montclair boy is whistling at girls. This is the first case I've run into of a wolf in baby's clothing.

"Every star in the heavens is running away from every other star says an astronomer." Distrust and fear seem to be spreading to the skies.

Primitive drawings said to be thousands of years old, can be seen in the caves of Lascaux at Montignac, France. The paintings consist of more than 1000 animals. Discovered in 1904, the cave drawings are considered to be one of the most important archaeological finds of the 20th century.

The community of Edinburg, Me., is the smallest town in Uncle Sam's country. (Population 25). It is a properly incorporated town, which operates its own government, holds annual meetings, boasts a woman mayor and a woman constable, Mrs. Ruth Anderson.

The mayor drives the school bus. "Better shave at home," was the warning R. J. Burks, a policeman in Montreal gave a motorist he stopped. The driver was shaving with an electrical razor which he plugged into his car's cigarette lighter.

We wish the United Nations would adopt a 13-month calendar—with seven June and 6 Octobers. When boiling fish add a little lemon juice to the water. This will keep the fish from breaking up and preserves its flavor.

Three years ago Edward Hanlon of Easthampton, Mass., stumbled on a curb near his home and broke his right hip. Last month he stumbled at the very same spot and broke his left hip. Did you know that rice formed the staple crop in South Carolina for 300 years?

The H-bomb, which fuses hydrogen into helium, as do the stars, has such unlimited and terrifying force that it seemingly offers the alternative of wiping out civilization or stopping warfare altogether.

Hamilton river flows more than 800 miles from northern Labrador to the Atlantic ocean.

"Why should we?" "Because we wouldn't have any use for it," replied Queen Bumble.

"Why wouldn't you?" Your cousins have use for all the honey they make," replied Peter.

"They need it, and we don't," said Queen Bumble.

"I don't see why not," said Peter.

"Because a lot of them live together and they have to have food all winter. With bumble bees, only the queens live through the winter. And they sleep all winter by themselves, and so don't need any honey. That is what I did," explained Queen Bumble.

"Oh," said Peter, "so that's it. I wondered. Now, I understand."

Of course, Peter didn't understand. But perhaps, you do. Anyway, that is how it is. The honey bees spend the winter in a great colony inside a hive or a hollow tree. But, like some of the wasps, all the bumble bees, excepting the queens, die when cold weather comes.

Bloomfield Corner

—Mr. Lawrence Doucette and Miss Shirley Lynch were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Lynch on April 4.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Archie Gallant was held at St. Anthonys on April 4. The large attendance bore silent testimony of the esteem in which Mrs. Gallant was held both in her community and by all who knew her.

Mr. Wendell Gallant of Tewkesbury, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gallant of Quincy, Mass., also her grandson Raymond of Toronto, attended the funeral of Mrs. Archie Gallant.

Mr. Reg MacAusland was hostess to the B.C.W.I. on April 4 at her home. Eleven members answered the roll call. Several visitors were present who with the members enjoyed several films, "Australia," "Magdalen Islands," and "A day's Big Catch" suitable for now when all the anglers are busy getting ready for "big ones" that get away.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg MacAusland received word that their son, Harry of the R.C.A.F. Que., will be home to spend the Easter holidays with them.

It is regretted that Miss Grace McKenna and her sister, Carol Ann, are ill at their home. All wish them a speedy and complete recovery.

CLOVER CLUB

EASTER MONDAY DANCE

11 APRIL—9.30 TO 1 A.M.
Admission \$1.50 per couple
Dress semi-formal
For reservations phone 6022
Music by the Legionaires

Joe Falaka

MR. WALSH... THIS IS MR. GUBBINGS, MY BOSS...
HOW DO YOU DO... I HOPE YOU'LL PARDON MY INTERRUPTION...
OH... SURE... GLAD TO MEET YOU...
HELEN, THERE'S A PAGE OF THAT DEED MISSING... I'LL NEED YOU... IT'S URGENT...
YES... I KNOW... KNOBBY, WOULD YOU EXCUSE ME... I'LL CALL YOU LATER...
I'LL EXPLAIN THAT NEW YORK, SHE'LL UNDERSTAND, KNOBS.

VA GOT A WIRE I OPENED IT IN CASE YA CALLED...
JOE STARTING HEAVY TRAINING... NEED YOU BADLY... NOT MUCH TIME LEFT... GET UP HERE FAST... NOW...
I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO HELEN... THIS IS KNOBBY WALSH...
I'M SORRY SHE'S HAD TO GO SOMEWHERE ON BUSINESS... SAID IF YOU CALLED TO TELL YOU SHE'LL CALL YOU TOMORROW...
MISSED... WANT A CRAZY ARKED-HI MESS... I GOTTA LEAVE TNITE?

Henry

COME IN AND INSPECT OUR UNBREAKABLE TOYS...
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CLOSED TODAY

By Fran Stryker

WELL, IT'S A LONG STORY, MR. OTIS...
...YA SEE, LAST NIGHT I DECIDED TO CHANGE MY FURNITURE AROUND A BIT...
...AN I HAD TH' JOB JUST ABOUT FINISHED, WHEN I BLEW AN ELECTRIC FUSE...
...AN' THIS ALL HAPPENED FINDING MY WAY OUT O' TH' HOUSE!

Mickey Mouse

WORLD WILL YOU SEE SUCH A COLLECTION OF MINIATURES AS THIS? GEE... THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL!
NOWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD...
WE ALSO TRY TO IMPROVE THE CULTURAL PROCESSES IN THEIR LITTLE MINDS!
GO I SEE! EXTRAORDINARY!

By Mel Graff

THIS IS A NEW RECIPE I TRIED OUT I HOPE YOU'LL LIKE IT!
WELL, HERE GOES! IT CAN'T BE ANY WORSE THAN USUAL!
HORRORS! THIS IS AWFUL!
UGH! I'M GONNA TELL HER WHAT I THINK OF HER COOKIN'!
I'M TRYING OUT A NEW RECIPE ON THE MAMMAM AND THE MADAM! IF IT AGREES WITH THEM, I'LL LET YOU TRY IT!

Muggs and Skeeter

VOICE, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
GRANDMA HEN'T GOING TO LIKE THIS!
ARE YOU GOING TO TELL HER?
NO... I WOULDN'T DO THAT!
WELL, I WON'T TELL HER, EITHER...
...SO HOW WILL SHE EVER FIND OUT I WAS PLAYING WITH MUD PIES?

By Al Capp

WHEN DO WE EAT?
YOU'LL HAVE TO RAID THE REFRIGERATOR—MOM'S NOT HOME YET...
SHE WENT SHOPPING, THE STORES ARE OPEN LATE TONIGHT!
THEY'RE HAVING BIG SALES, CAN'T YOU JUST SEE HER DASHING FROM BARGAIN?
YOU MEAN CHARGING AROUND?

Tilly the Toller

(THANKS LOADS FOR GETTING THE FOOD FOR MY PARTY TONIGHT, CARLEY...)
GAWD, TILLY—I GUESS YOU IS EXPECTING A NOB!
YES, AND I JUST DON'T KNOW WHERE I'M GOING TO PUT THEM ALL, THE PIANO TAKES UP HALF THE LIVING ROOM...
HEY, TILLY!
COULD I TROUBLE YA TO RUN UP AN' OPEN DA ATTIC DOOR?

The Lone Ranger

TOMMY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
ME HELP LONE RANGER!
GITTUM UP SCOUT!
TOMMY'S FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF THE OUTLAWS!

TAKE THE PRISONER INSIDE WHILE I GET SWAG...
HEY, LOOK!
YOUR LEGS AREN'T BUSTED WHAT SORT OF TRICK IS THIS?

Secret Agent X9

AH, SENOR CORRIGAN—ALREADY MY SHOVEL HAS REACH ONE OF THE GOLD BARS! ANOTHER MOMENT AND...
But the next moment Benny arrives in the life of Hernandez Mako—the earth erupts under his feet with a deafening blast!

A hundred yards offshore, Benjamin Benny hears the booby-trap blast that has taken the life of Mako...
SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG—BUT I'M NOT HANGING AROUND TO SEE WHAT IT IS!
Minutes later, Benny's cruiser is retreating from the scene...
But Benny isn't destined to get far...

L'il Abner

WHO IS YOU?
I'M YOUR LAWYER. I GRADUATED FROM LAW SCHOOL THIS MORNING!
AS SOON AS I SAW YOUR SOFT BROWN EYES, I KNEW YOU WERE INNOCENT!
YOU DID?
I'LL GET YOU ACQUITTED BY BRINGING OUT THE FACTS!
TH' FACTS!
DEF TH' BOYS AT TH' STABLE KNOWNED TH' FACTS...
BAKE ME YAKI YAKI... NEVAH MIND TH' FACTS... JUST LET 'EM SEND ME T' CHAIR!
IF THE PRISONER CONFESSES—THE UNITED STATES RESTS!

WAIT!—AH LOVES TH' YEW-NITED STATES! AH DON'T WANT TO BE VERSUS T' AH CORN-FESSES!
THE UNITED STATES VERSUS L'IL ABNER YOKUM!
I OBJECT! WE HAVEN'T HEARD THE FACTS!
NEVAH MIND TH' FACTS! LET 'EM SEND ME T' CHAIR!—YORE YAPPIN' WILL GIT ME INTO REAL TROUBLE!
GOOD!—TH' YEW-NITED STATES NEEDS A REST!—ANY-ONE SO DO AH!—J-JUST SET ME ON THET-YAKER-CHAIR!

By Ham Fisher
By Carl Anderson
By Charles Kuhn
By Walt Disney
By George McManus
By Wally Bishop
By Paul Robinson
By Bob Gussafson