



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

SAMMY JAY'S WARNING

A warning that is greatly needed. It is useless unless fully heeded. Sammy Jay, he of the bright blue coat with white and black trimmings, is either liked or very much disliked. Some folks like him very much. Some folks dislike him just as much. You see, Sammy has a habit of meddling in other folks' affairs. Anyway, that is what some of the folks think. No one knows how many lives Sammy has saved by doing what is called "butting in." Those who dislike him most are those who live largely by hunting others. It is those who are hunted who think of him as a friend. You see, he has warned them time and time again when hunters were near. He has spoiled many a hunt for Reddy Fox, for Old Man Coyote, for Hooty the Owl, and some of the same thing to two-legged hunters with dreadful guns.

Sammy has a way of getting about without being seen. At times he is a noisy fellow, but when he wants to he can get around as silently as one of the Black Shadows at eventide. So it is that very little goes on in the Green Forest, and outside it for that matter, that Sammy Jay doesn't know about.

This morning Sammy had happened to be over in that part of the Green Forest at the edge of which



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two young foxes, Too-Smart and Soft-Eyes, had made a home. Sammy knew all about that home. They didn't know it, but he did. This morning he was in that neighborhood and thought he would have a look just to see if the foxes were at home. Ahead of him he saw Prickly Porky the Porcupine. Prickly Porky was shuffling along as if he had an engagement somewhere. He was almost at the edge of the woods. Sammy stopped in a tree to watch. Prickly Porky was heading straight for that fox home.

"Now what in the world is he going over there for?" Sammy Jay asked himself. "Can it be that he has a notion he wants that house himself?"

Presently Too-Smart, one of the two young foxes, barked sharply. "That's a warning to Prickly Porky," thought Sammy. "I wonder if he'll heed it?"

Prickly Porky did stop for a minute, then shuffled on straight ahead. He acted just as if he neither saw nor heard the two young foxes at the entrance to their home. Too-Smart barked again. It was a sharper bark than before. He followed it with growl. Prickly Porky did stop. He was almost at the sandy doorstep. "Get out of my way," he said querulously, and started on as if to enter the house.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

CAUTION WITH PSYCHICS

One reason why most experts are exceedingly careful in their use of psychic bids is illustrated in this deal.

Even with North doubling one spade, South had no guarantee of finding quick control of that suit, but he decided to take the risk. Obviously, his leap to the slam was quite a gamble!

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♠ 1♠ (!) Dble. Pass
 2♠ Pass Pass Dble.
 Pass Pass Pass

West, who was probably not pleased with the result of his own psychic spade bid, opened the diamond queen. East signalled with the eight and declarer's blank ace won. It was obvious to South that the only chance to fulfill the contract was to set up dummy's spades, so he led the five and put in dummy's nine. He was not surprised to see this won by East, and now, when the diamond king was returned, South ruffed and led his remaining spade directly to the ace, disdaining a second finesse. It was possible, of course, that West had the spade king with some

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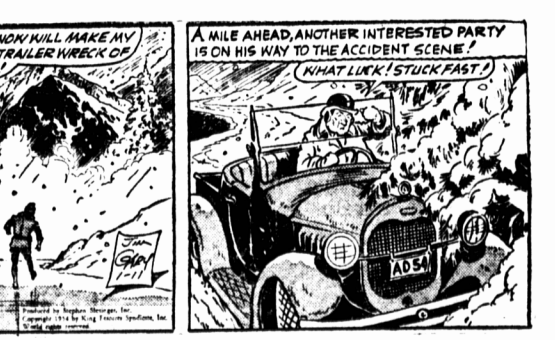
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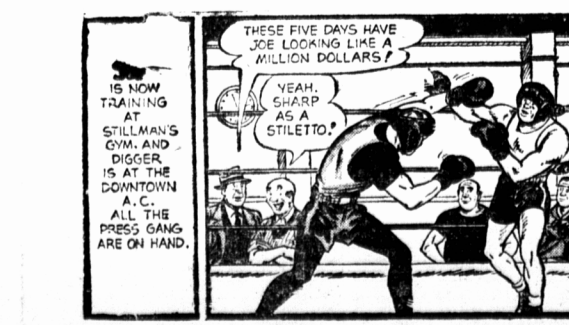
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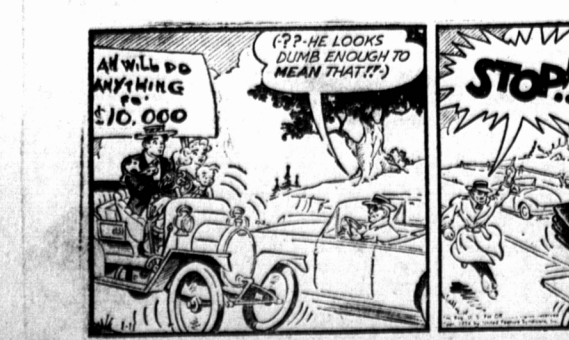
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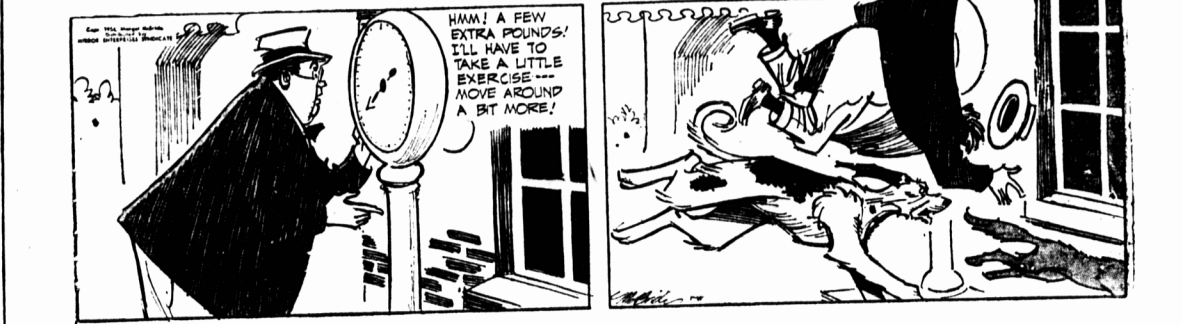
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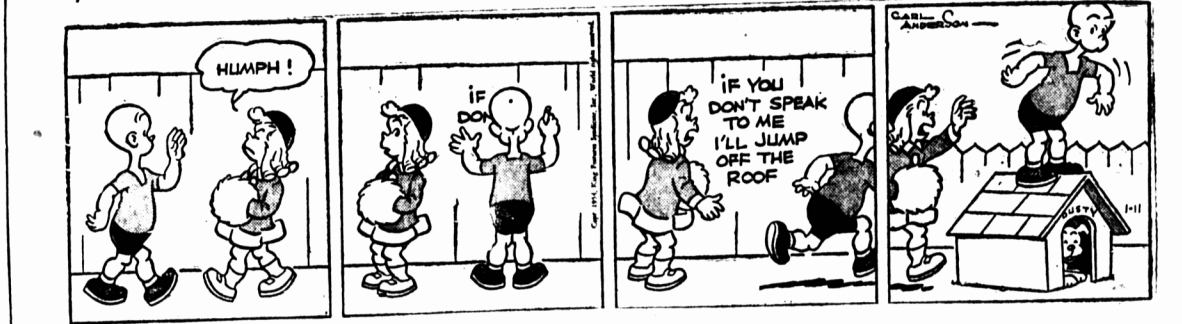
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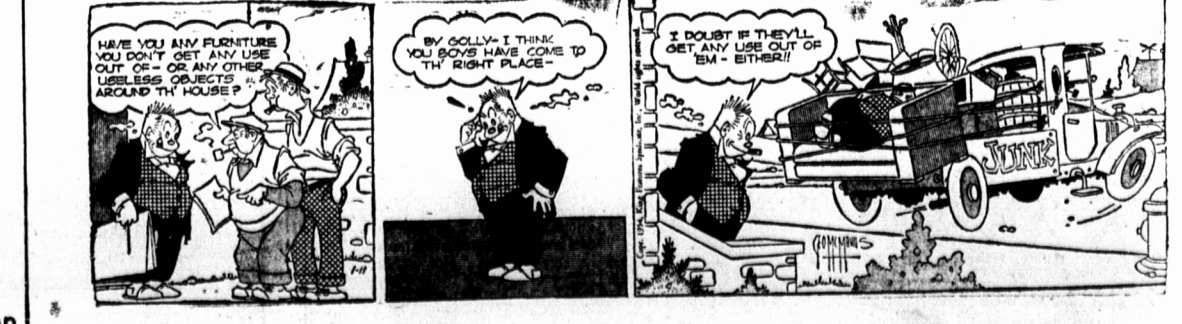
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