

PURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W Barges

A MID-WINTER HOLIDAY

A little play in every day. Will do a lot to smooth the way. —Little Joe Otter.

Blacky the Crow was flying high above the trees of the Green Forest. There are times when he likes to fly high because then he can see more than when he is flying low. Blacky has wonderful eyes. He needs to have wonderful eyes. Much of his food, especially in winter is small and he must be able to see it even when flying fairly high. Getting a living in winter is anything but easy for Blacky the Crow. Somehow he manages to do it.

Blacky was flying over near where Laughing Brook comes down from the Great Mountain through the Green Forest. Off to Blacky's right was a small hill on one side of which no trees were growing. It was covered with snow, making a quite low, smooth slope. Blacky merely glanced at it. He had never found anything of interest on that open, bare slope. He was almost past when a funny thing happened. At least it seemed funny to Blacky. He almost forgot to keep his wings moving. Out from among the trees at the top of that slope bounded someone dressed all in brown. It was Little Joe Otter. Right at the top of the slope he threw himself headlong down and over down the slope. Then he slid down flat on his stomach with his arms and legs held back. He plowed through the snow, which was light and not deep, down to the bottom of that little hill and rolled over in a snowbank.

Blacky who scrambled to his feet when another Otter slid down the slope in the same way. Blacky thought it was Mrs. Joe. Then two more did the same thing. Blacky flew over to the nearest tree to watch.

By the time the last slider had reached the bottom Little Joe was back at the top of the hill. He waited there for Mrs. Joe to join him. Then before the others got there they both slid down again. In the bank of soft snow at the bottom they rolled over and over. They tossed the snow this way and that. They looked at it if they were wearing white coats instead of brown. Down came the others and joined in the fun. Then all four shook the snow from their coats and started a race to see who could get to the top of that little hill first.

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Just then Little Joe gave Mrs. Joe a push at the very top of that slope. She wasn't quite ready and she went sliding down the slope and over down the slope. Then she slid down flat on her stomach with her arms and legs held back. He plowed through the snow, which was light and not deep, down to the bottom of that little hill and rolled over in a snowbank.

Suggests New Small Industries

SACKVILLE, N.B. (CP) — Watson Jamer, president of the Maritime Provinces Boards of Trade, said here Friday the Maritimes should try to develop new small industries, complementary to major industries, which would utilize the products of land, forest and sea.

With a yearly population increase of 40,000, many new opportunities for new industry are opening up in the area, he said.

Mr. Jamer was a panel member of the sixth Mount Allison University forum. Other members were Henry Harm, a member of the executive of the newly-formed Canadian Labor Congress, and John McVittie, director of the institute of public affairs at Dalhousie University, Halifax.

Mr. Harm supported Mr. Jamer's views, but added that a better plan would be to "stabilize and expand existing Maritime industries." Wage rates in the Maritime provinces were, in many cases, much too low. He said "labor cannot be asked to accept low wage rates to aid in setting up new industry."

The British merchant fleet had 44 vessels of more than 20,000 tons among a total of 5,740 in 1954.

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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Nat Fisher, of Burbank, California, used to be an actor until he struck it rich blowing bubbles. Fisher had long had a hobby of inventing small gadgets. Wealth came his way when he invented a machine that blew bubbles. After eight years of experimentation, he brought out a secret liquid to produce better bubbles.

Fisher's bubble brew finds favor among many groups - youngsters, entertainers, scientists, the latter using it in various experiments.

The youngsters who ought to get together are Karen Smith of Ogden Utah, and John Staham, of London. They could tell each other how easily the bones of their bodies can be broken.

Karen, who is 13, has broken a bone every other year since 1948. A few days ago she snapped a bone in her foot in a ballet class. In 1948 she fell from horse and broke an elbow. In 1950 she slipped on ice and broke a wrist. In 1952 she broke a bone in her foot in a gymnastic class. In 1955 she fell and cracked a bone in her back. "I'm not looking forward to 1958," she says.

John, eight has fractured his legs and arms 15 times in the last 15 months. Physicians say he contract a rare, but fatal disease while living with his parents in Ceylon, and the disease made his bones brittle. He is a patient in a hospital in London where doctors hope they can cure him. In that respect he is different from Karen. She just seems to have a knack for breaking bones.

Church suppers have given the Rev. Edward F. White, of Auburn, Mass., enough experience for a new vocation. He is working part time as a short order cook in a restaurant to bolster his earnings.

Tradition grants girls the privilege of proposing during leap years. During other years they assume the privilege.

Statistic: Only 1 man in 17 knows the size of the gloves his wife wears.

Since 1890, the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Pederson, of Chicago, has used the same gown for 16 baptismal ceremonies.

Sideline: This expression for a faithful friend started in England. A "kick" in England was a side pocket. To pickpockets the side pocket was the hardest to unload, thus giving rise to the use of "sidekick" as a trustworthy friend.

Everyone except the babies was stung when a swarm of bees broke up an infant baptism in a church in Pray, South Africa. The mothers protected the babies with their christening shawls. Mean while, several women fainted. The pastor and his wife, after being severely stung, took shelter in their automobiles.

Pepi II of the Sixth Egyptian Dynasty, had the longest reign of any monarch on record. He ascended the throne about 4,500 years ago, at the age of 6, and reigned for 91 consecutive years.

Shakes and no problems in Ireland, New Zealand and the Azores. None has ever been found in these countries, experts say.

There was a time when a fool and his money were soon parted, but now it happens to everybody.

A weatherman, Robert McComb, picked up a ten-dollar bill being blown about by the wind near the weather station at Spokane, Washington. He told a fellow worker who said he had picked up a similar bill the day before. Another friend produced one twenty-dollar bill which he had picked up in the wind. A total of \$70 was reported blown in by the breeze.

In the pocket of an old pair of trousers he found in the house he rents, Claude Tabor, of Highland, Calif., found an uncashed check for \$10,000. It was made out in favor of Wallace Britt. Tabor turned the check over to police, who began an investigation.

Seeing a wrecked car down an embankment, at Brantford, Canada, Owen Munro stopped his car and got out to look at it. Just then, another car plunged down the hill. It was his.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

A HORRIBLE FATE

In the following deal East suffered the most ignominious and infuriating fate that can befall a bridge player—he was squeezed out of the game by a slam contract by his own partner.

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	Pass

The slam contract was not entirely sound, but neither was it open to strong criticism. If the club king and diamond ace had both been held by West, 12 tricks would have been ironclad, and there were various other possibilities.

West selected the natural lead

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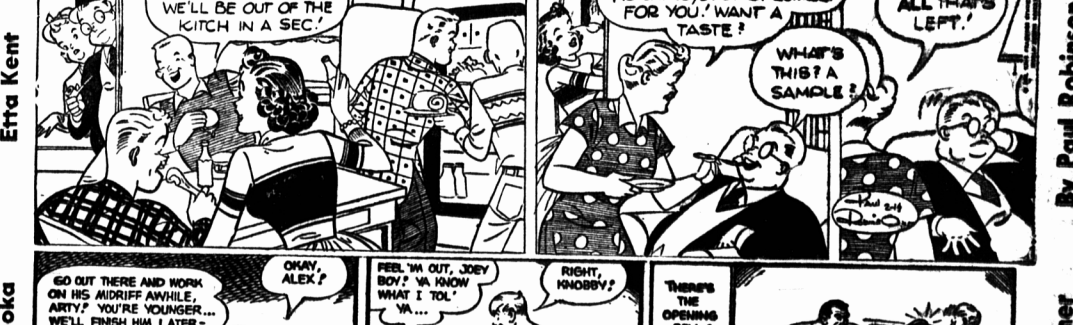
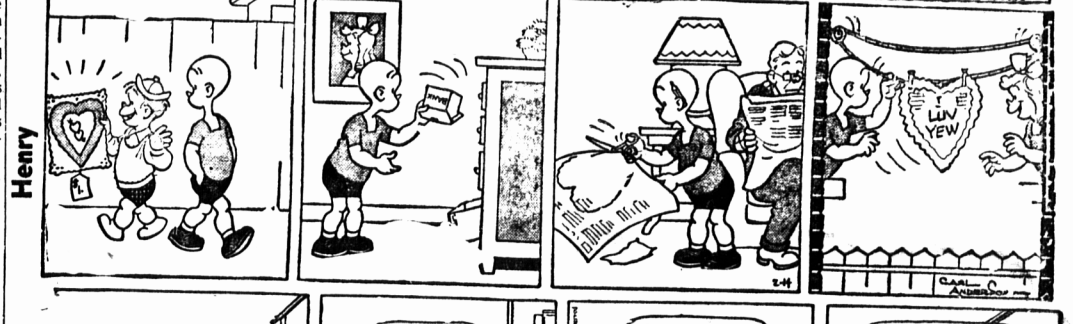
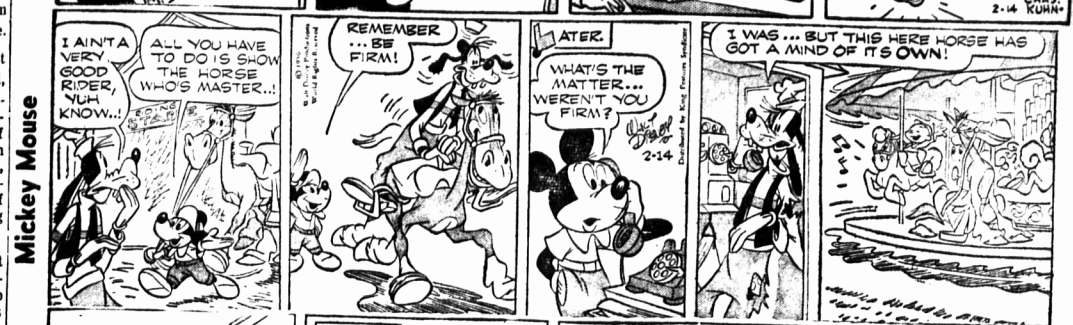
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