



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

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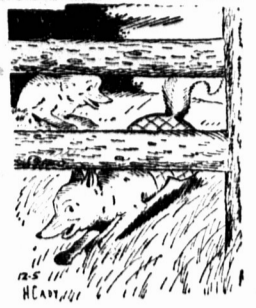
THE SILLY HELPERS

Even those in wiles of others schooled At times may easily be fooled. —Reddy Fox.

Reddy Fox is one of the smartest of all the Green Meadow and the Green Forest folk. Mrs. Reddy is just as smart. Had they not been smart, they couldn't have lived as long as they have so near to the homes of men. They couldn't have successfully brought up their children.

Reddy had already shown his young son several tricks for breaking a trail that a dog might be following. Young too-smart was one of the smartest children Reddy and Mrs. Reddy ever had. One day when he was very little, Reddy had called him Too-Smart, and that had been his name ever since. Now

Young Too-Smart was learning from Reddy some of his sharp tricks for fooling the dogs and hunters that might be after him. Already he had learned how to use friendly water for breaking the trail. But it wasn't always that friendly water was at hand. He had been shown how to change off with another fox, but it wasn't always that another fox was at hand. He wondered what trick could be worked to break a trail in such a situation. He couldn't think of one himself. Then one morning when he was returning with Reddy Fox from an all-night hunt they came to a field in which a flock of sheep grazed. They were the first sheep Reddy had ever seen. Reddy started to lead the way around that field, then changed his mind. He crept under the fence a little way from the flock.



He crept under the fence a little way from the flock. The young fox followed.

The young fox followed. "What are they?" whispered the young fox.

Reddy's face wore a grin, a sly grin, as he replied: "Those are my silly helpers."

The young fox didn't understand. He looked puzzled. "I don't know what you mean," said he.

"Those are sheep," replied Reddy. "And about some things, sheep are the silliest folks in the world. They are afraid of their own shadows. If I wanted to, I could set them all to running to the other end of this field, crowding together too frightened to know what they are doing. They are afraid of dogs, especially a dog that is running and barking. So sometimes when I want to get rid of a dog that is chasing me, I lead him over here and let the sheep do it for me."

"How can they do it for you?" asked the young fox.

"It's easy," replied Reddy. "With my silly helpers, it is just as easy to break a trail as it is in running water. I just make use of running sheep instead of running water. You see, when they hear that dog coming they all crowd together. Then one of them starts to run and they all run. I run with them. All I have to do is keep from being stepped on. By the time we get to the other end of the field, the trail is broken and all I have to do is go on about my business."

"What breaks the trail?" the young fox wanted to know. He looked much puzzled.

"Their feet," replied Reddy. "So many feet with sharp little hooves trample out any trail I may leave and there isn't any scent left but sheep scent. It is a trick that will work every time if the dog isn't near enough to see you run in among your helpers."

"B-a-a-a-a-a," said one of the sheep.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

CHANCE FOR RECOVERY

South could have redeemed his own bad bid in the following deal by good play.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards and bidding sequence.

The South hand, with its 19 high-card points, 4+ plus honors, was not nearly strong enough for the two-trump opening. One diamond was the only correct bid. North could not be blamed for overestimating the resources of the combined hands.

West opened the spade ten. The king was played and the diamond finesse was taken. When this lost and the spade nine came back, South concluded that his only chance was a successful finesse to his own spade jack. So he ducked in dummy, and was very annoyed to see East's queen. Down one.

The lead of the spade ten, to say nothing of the follow-up play of the spade nine, was virtually a guarantee that West did not hold the spade queen. A player does not voluntarily lead from such a tenace holding as Q-10-9. Thus, instead of hoping for the spade finesse, South should have played dummy's second honor. There was a chance that the spade queen would drop; if it didn't South would have another good chance.

Let's follow the correct play: The spade king is put up and East's queen does not fall. Now the finesse must be taken immediately, and when it wins, South cashes every diamond and the club ace. With four cards left, declarer's are the spade jack and his three original hearts. West is out of the running. Dummy holds four hearts. East must make a discard from this holding: spade queen and original four hearts. Obviously, if he lets go the spade queen, declarer can cash the spade jack; and if East surrenders a heart, declarer wins four tricks in that suit.

Rudolph—and the Blue Nosed Reindeer

By Robert L. May



Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



Dotty Dripple

By Buford



Tippy and "Cap" Stubbs

By Edwine



Pogo

By Walt Kelly



PENNY

By Harry Hoegen



Li'l Abner

By Al Capp



DAILY CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid and word list.

STAMP CLANG

Stamp and word puzzle.

Yesterday's Answer

Answers for yesterday's crossword.

ITCHY PILES

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

A X Y D L B A A X R H L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. 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 G Y B M G E Y E D S A W I M L R S Y R S M S S M E R S L G H S M E M G C Y E P K U Y R C M H Y S S M - J U L K S D.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: WHAT IS A WOMAN? ONLY ONE OF NATURE'S AGREEABLE BLUNDERS—COWLEY.

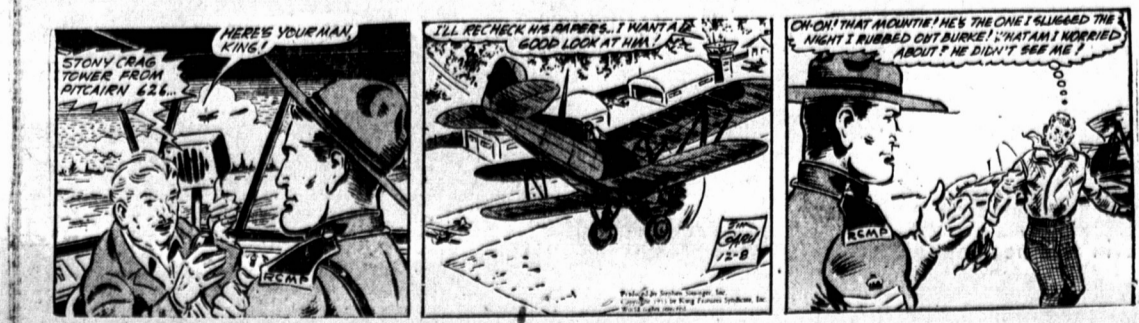
Joe Palooka



Rip Kirby



King of The Royal Mounted



By Ham Fisher.

By Alex Raymond

By Zane Grey