



By Thornton W. Burgess

AN UNPLEASANT DISCOVERY
When night is claimed by rule of night, Discretion will avoid a fight.

loveliest songster is better to hear than the harsh voice of Blacky the Crow on a bitter winter day.

Way down in the Land-of-always-Summer, Gentle Mistress Spring was putting on her green skirt, and preparing for a somewhat slow and easy journey north.

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"Hooty the Owl!" she exclaimed under her breath.

that she did all the work of building that nest," thought he. He didn't say this aloud.

"Let's go and look it over right now," said Mrs. Blacky.

"That's a good idea, my dear. Come on!" cried Blacky, and spread his black wings.

They flew high enough to be above the treetops, but their tongues were still as they flew.

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They were almost to that fir tree in the lonesome part of the Green Forest when Blacky suddenly checked his flight.

Blacky looked at a startled expression came into her eyes.

"Look on the top of that tall dead tree near the tree our nest is in," whispered Blacky.

Most of Greenland, Denmark's only colony, is a high plateau at 9,000 or 10,000 feet altitude.

MASON'S 49 for Coughs and Colds 45¢ - 75¢

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cluvertson

NO QUESTION ABOUT THE GUILT

A "regular reader" asks for an analysis of the bidding which took place on the following hand.

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

♠ 97 ♠ K J 6 2 ♠ K 10 8 3 ♠ 10 6 2

♠ 8 5 3 2 ♠ Q 9 8 ♠ J 6 5 ♠ 8 4 3

♠ A 10 4 ♠ 5 ♠ A Q 9 7 ♠ A K Q 9 7

This was the actual bidding in a rubber game:

South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 1 NT 2 ♠ 3 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

West's opening lead was the queen of hearts, and South ended up with 12 tricks, on his contract for only three-odd!

"Who was wrong, North or South?" my correspondent asks.

"Well, it was North, exclusively, who was responsible for the very inadequate contract; and it was North's first bid — his one-trump response to one club — which accounted in large measure for his overall dereliction.

Presumably, North bid the one-trump to show a weakish hand, but this is not the proper procedure when the opening bid has been one club.

In expert bidding, the weakest bid is the cheapest bid, and one notrump over one club is not cheap because it by-passes three lower calls, namely, one diamond, one heart and one spade.

Thus, experts reserve the notrump response to a club for hands of not average or slightly better than average honor strength — i.e., hands containing an ace, a king, a queen and a jack, or a little better.

With weaker holdings, they either pass, or answer the club bid with a diamond even though they may have only a three-card diamond suit.

In this case, obviously, North had a natural diamond response (or he could even have had one heart), and South, hearing a diamond response, could have jumped all the way to game, at least, in that suit.

It is true that North, even after his initial error, could have ventured to raise South's three-diamond rebid, but things would have gone much more smoothly if North had started off on the right course.

CHICKERELL, England, (CP)—A coroner's inquest found David Randall, 6, died after accidentally swallowing a lead pencil. He had been helping his father to mark football pool coupons.

King Of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



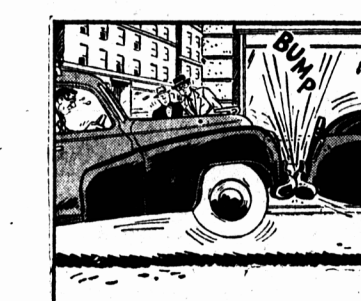
Rip Kirby

By Alex Raymond



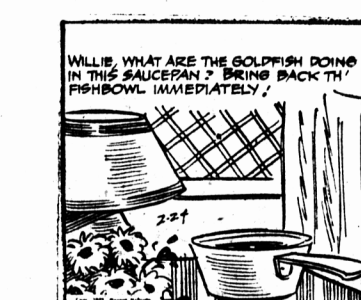
Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



PLAN TO ATTEND "Sleeping Beauty of Loreland" Comedy in Three Acts

GUERNSEY MEETING A special meeting of the P. E. Island Guernsey Breeders Association will be held in the Provincial Department of Agriculture Building Friday, February 27th at 1:30 p.m.

Comic strip panels for Tilly The Toiler by Bob Gustafson.

Comic strip panels for Dotty Dripple by Ruford.

Comic strip panels for Henry by Carl Anderson.

Comic strip panels for Penny by Harry Hoenigsen.

Comic strip panels for Pogo by Walt Kelly.

Comic strip panels for Tippy and "Cap" Stubs by Edwin.

Comic strip panels for Bringing Up Father by George McManus.

Comic strip panels for Rip Kirby by Alex Raymond.

Comic strip panels for Contract Bridge by Josephine Cluvertson.

Comic strip panels for King Of The Royal Mounted by Zane Grey.

Comic strip panels for Napoleon and Uncle Elby by Clifford McBride.

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