



By Thornton W. Burgess

BUBBLING BOBSAYS GOOD-BY to look ahead," said Bubbling Bob. Peter scratched a long ear with a long hind foot. Then he scratched the other long ear with the other long hind foot. "Why should any one traveling look ahead any more than any one staying at home?" he asked.

"Skimmer the Swallow and those with him have a long, long journey ahead of them. It is going to take them a long time to get to the place where they will spend the winter. That means that they must make an early start," explained Bubbling Bob. "They must start early enough to be sure they can get plenty of food on the way," he added. "Don't you go as far as Skimmer does?" Peter wanted to know. Bubbling Bob nodded. "Yes," said he. "We Bobolinks go even farther than Skimmer and his friends."

"How far?" asked Peter. "That was a question Bubbling Bob couldn't answer. You see, Peter, never having been any but a little distance in the Green Forest and up in the Old Pasture, had no idea at all of what distance means. Bubbling Bob when he goes south really does travel a great distance, a tremendous distance. He and his friends go way down to the southern part of South America. "If you go farther than Skimmer does, why don't you start earlier than Skimmer? If the Swallows have to start so early to be sure of having enough food, why don't you have to do the same thing?" asked Peter. "It isn't quite as necessary for us," explained Bubbling Bob. "You see, the Swallows get most of their food in the air. Their food is very largely flying insects. If there comes sudden cool weather, a lot of the insects do not fly. Supposing Skimmer and his friends should wake up some morning and find it was so cold that none of the insects had taken to their wings, what would they do then?" "Wait until it became warmer and the insects did fly," said Peter.



"One who travels much learns to look ahead," said Bubbling Bob.

Contract Bridge
By Josephine Culbertson
NO JUSTICE!
One of the longest series of bidding ever heard at a New York club was produced by North-South in the following hand — and then the final contract was horrible! But, as proof that Justice is often blind, the contract was fulfilled.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
Match-point duplicate.
A Q 7
K 8 6 4
J 5
A 3 2
K J 6 2
Q J 7 5
Q 8 4 3
Q
N
W
E
S
10 3
10 3 2
10 7 6
J 9 8 6 4
9 8 5 4
9
A K 9 2
K 10 7 5

This hand occurred at match-point duplicate, and most of the North-South pairs reached and made three notrump. One pair, however, was more ambitious; this was the auction:

9-16 B
South West North East
Pass Pass 1♥ Pass
1♠ Pass 3♣ Pass
4♣ Pass 4♥ Pass
5♣ Pass 5♠ Pass
6♣ Pass 6♠ Dble.
Pass Dble. Pass Pass
6 NT Dble. (final call)

Obviously there is no room for analysis of this bidding — so let's get to the play.
West got off to a very bad start by opening his fourth-highest diamond. South made the lucky guess of dummy's jack; when it held he cashed the club ace. Taking West's play of the queen at face value, South then finessed to his own club ten — and right here, West was in trouble. His only safe discard was a spade, and when South next cashed the club king, West could not afford either a diamond or another spade discard, so he gave up a low heart.
South then led the heart nine to dummy. West played the seven, and the king won. The ace and another heart threw West on lead and he was now quite helpless, since dummy had two good hearts ready for cashing and the spade finesse was right for declarer.
Remarkably enough, after the opening lead the only successful defense involved West's discarding a heart honor so that his partner could win the third round of the suit and cash club tricks.

There Ought To Be A Law

By Fagaly And Shorten



Li'l Abner

By Al Capp



Rip Kirby

By Alex Raymond



King Of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



Dotty Dripple

By Ruford



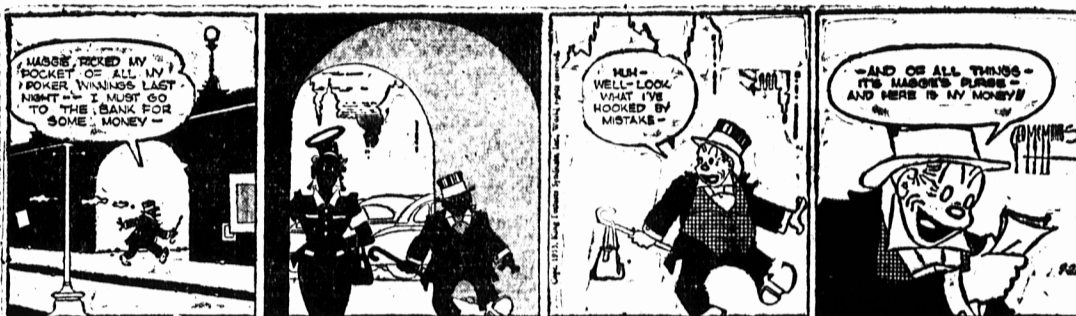
Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwin



Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



Logo

By Walt Kelly



Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



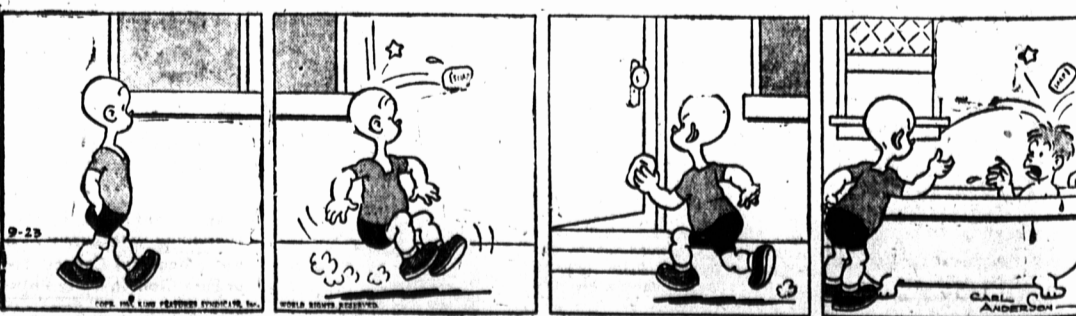
Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



Henry

By Carl Anderson



PENNY

By Harry Haenigsen

