

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

NOBODY CARES

The saddest lot, that no one shares, is his for whom nobody cares. —Old Mother Nature.

Buster Bear was sorry for himself, but no one else in the Green Forest was sorry for him. It is a bad state of affairs when no one is sorry for another one who is in trouble. One of the saddest sights in all the Great World is a person in trouble, perhaps hurt and suffering, with no one around who cares.

Buster Bear really was in trouble. One of his big paws was very, very sore. It hurt to use it in walking. In it were some of Prickly Porky's little spears which are called quills. He hadn't been able to get them out. They worked in deeper and deeper. The deeper they got the worse that paw felt. He couldn't use it. No, sir, he couldn't use it. He couldn't take a step with it. He couldn't dig roots with it even in the softest earth. He couldn't use it to tear old stumps to pieces after Ants or Mice. He couldn't use it to climb a tree after the honey that Busy Bee and her sister workers had stored in a hollow high up in that tree. He had found that tree after that paw had become sore. There's nothing in the world Buster loves quite so much as he does honey. So perhaps you can guess a little bit of how Buster felt sitting at the foot of that tree looking up from the board and took the trick with the ace. (He had a plan which involved the subsequent use of that spade card.)



For a long time he stood there just looking and listening.

South laid down the diamond king. East took the trick and, correctly analyzing that he could not afford to return a spade or a heart, shifted to the ace and deuce of clubs. South, in with the club king, cashed the trump queen to draw East's jack, then proceeded to run off four more trumps. This required the South hand to the spade seven, the A-9 of hearts and one trump. Two spades and two hearts were kept in dummy, and East held on to the K-9 of spades and the K-J of hearts. When declarer cashed his last trump, however, throwing the low spade from dummy, East was fixed. He could not afford to blank the heart king and so discarded the spade nine. Thereupon, South led the spade, and East was endplayed.

If East, after winning his diamond ace, had exited with a low club, South would have been helpless. Or East could have exited with the diamond jack if he later ducked when South went to dummy in trumps and led a club.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cubbertson

COMPLETE VICTORY

South outdid the opponents in both the bidding and the play of today's deal.

East dealer
Both sides vulnerable.
North-South 40 on 50

♠ Q532
♥ 963
♦ 10754
♣ J1084

♠ K96
♥ KJ55
♦ A J
♣ A J92

The bidding:
East South West North
1NT 3 Pass 3 Pass
Dble. Pass 3 Pass
Pass 4 Pass Pass
Pass

East-West could have made four hearts, but it must be admitted that they needed good breaks for that contract, and so it would not have been a bad mistake to let South buy the contract at four diamonds, despite his partnership, if East had defended more skillfully.

West opened the spade jack. The expert declarer did not waste dummy's queen — he passed low

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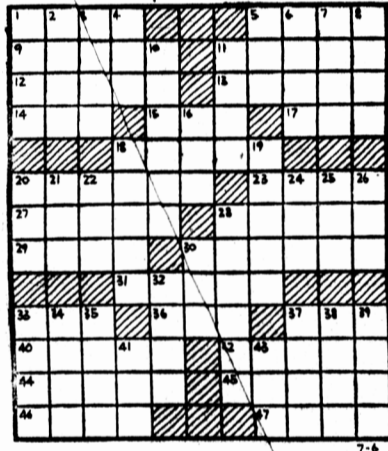
at the Bees going and coming high above his head, his mouth watering so that it dripped, his stomach almost turning over with desire, and he unable to climb that tree. It is the little things of this world that often make the most trouble. These little spears of Prickly Porky's were small, yet here was great big Buster Bear unable to even get enough to eat. And all because of those little quills. Everybody in the Green Forest knew of Buster Bear's troubles but nobody cared. Nobody seemed to be sorry for him.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
- Kind of rock
 - Shove
 - Melodies
 - Division of a long poem
 - Ward off
 - Mountains (So. Am.)
 - Malt beverage
 - Scold
 - persistently
 - Female sheep
 - Pig pens
 - Marsupials (Australia)
 - River
 - Guide (Afr.)
 - Plant life of a region
 - Thraush
 - Underground passage
 - Prick painfully
 - Past
 - Writing fluid
 - Tuber (So. Am.)
 - Danger
 - Moth
 - Cavalry sword
 - Moony valley
 - Scottish-Gaelic
 - Wagers
- DOWN
- Fiber of mulberry tree
 - River (Russia)
 - Discharge
 - Distant
 - Kettle
 - Wavy (India)
 - Boil slowly
 - Stocking structure (Gram.)
 - Enclosure
 - Baths
 - Sporting of a church
 - Equipment
 - Hebrew dry measure (var.)
 - Poem
 - Girl's name
 - Age
 - Devoured
 - Any split pulse
 - Artificial hazard (golf)
 - A metal
 - Piece of baked clay
 - Projecting end of a church
 - war (Gr.)
 - Spheres
 - Eye of inhabitant (Scot.)

Yesterday's Answer:
39. God of a war (Gr.)
41. Anger
42. Piece to hold parts (Mach.)



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW.

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.

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHERE ARE THE BOYS OF THE OLD BRIGADE WHO FOUGHT WITH US SIDE BY SIDE? WEATHERLY.

The Neighbors

By George Clark



"If only the fish were biting like that."

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

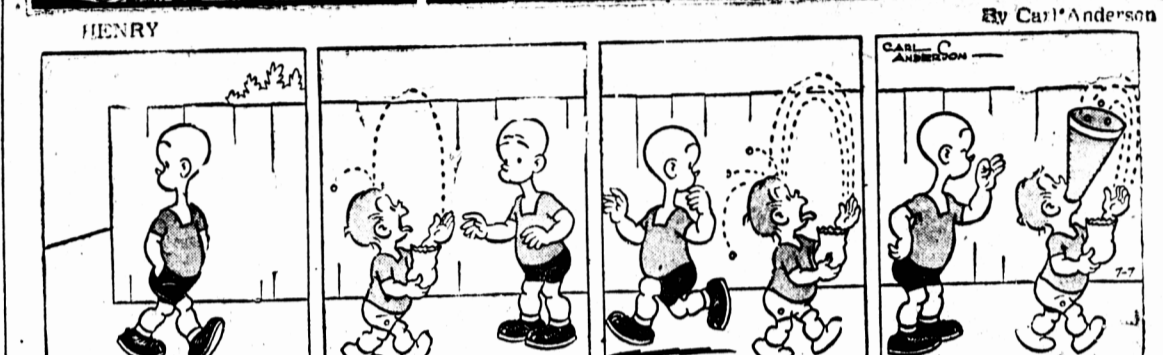


JOE PALOOKA

by Ham Fisher



by Carl Anderson



by Ruford



By Edwina



By George McManus



By Westover

LIL' ABNER



By Al Capp



RIP KIRBY



By Alex Raymond



WILLY THE TOILER



By Harry Steiniger

PENNY

