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LITTLE MISS ELVER EXPLORES
Who goes about with open eyes is seldom taken by surprise.
—Old Mother Nature.

Little Miss Elver was an Eel, a very small Eel. Very small Eels are called Elvers just as small cats are called Kittens. She had made a frightfully long journey from far out in the Great Ocean where the water was very, very deep at the place where she was born. Many miles up the Big River, then up Laughing Brook. Now she was in the Smiling Pool. A new feeling had come to her, a feeling such as she never before had known. It was contentment. Ever since she was tiny and fat instead of long and slender, as she now was, an urge to keep moving had driven her on and on and on. She had to get to some far distant place, though what place and where it was she had no idea.



The little Eel watched from beneath the overhanging edge of a piece of rock.

Now that urge to keep going on had left her. It left her the instant she swam into the Smiling Pool. It was a strange but nice feeling, this not wanting to go on. Little Miss Elver had arrived home. She didn't know this. She had never had a home from the day she was born far out in the deep water of the Great Ocean. But now she was in the place where her mother had once lived for a long time, growing from a small person no bigger than Miss Elver to be one of the biggest Eels that had ever lived in the Smiling Pool. Then she had gone back to the Great Ocean.

For some time little Miss Elver rested. Then she became more and more curious and began to swim about close to the bottom. She liked the feel of the soft mud of the bottom. It was wonderful to hide in. There had been nothing like this out in the Great Ocean. There she had had nothing to bury herself in out of sight in time of danger, only floating seaweed called kelp under which to hide.

Presently she came to where

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ORDER INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON (CP)—The senate investigations sub-committee Saturday ordered a full-scale public hearing on the outside business interests of Air Force Secretary Harold Talbot. It will attempt to determine whether Talbot used his government position to exert pressure on business firms in order to get them to do business with Paul B. Mulligan and Company, a management engineering firm in which Talbot is a partner.

Laughing Brook entered the Smiling Pool. She was tempted to go up Laughing Brook and did for just a little way. But there was no longer that urge to drive her on. She turned back to the Smiling Pool and continued to explore it. At one place the mud of the bottom gave way to sand. Some small fishes called Minnows were swimming about there. The little Eel watched from beneath the overhanging edge of a piece of rock. A shadow passed over. There was a splash as Rattles the Kingfisher plunged into the water. In a second he was in the air again, and in his long, stout bill was one of those Minnows. Would this eat a little Eel if he could? Little Miss Elver decided then and there she would never give him the chance to try. She would keep away from sandy places. One could be too easily seen there from overhead. She felt safer over a muddy bottom.

She swam in among the rushes growing in the water at the upper end of the Smiling Pool. She liked it there. The bottom was soft mud, and the rushes growing straight and tall above water seemed to protect from any danger above. She felt safe in there. She liked it there. She saw a small Frog. It was the first Frog she had ever seen. She didn't know what to make of him. She decided he was too small to do her any harm. She watched him swim ashore and hop out of the water. Then for the first time she saw Longlegs the Heron.

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LOST CHANCES
A PART-SCORE affects some players in the wrong way, by making them too "game-conscious." It is all very fine to reflect that game (and perhaps the rubber) is within easy grasp, but you should never lose sight of the defensive angle. If the opponents are equally game-conscious, in reverse, and are recklessly intent on competing because of your part-score, don't pass up the chance to punish them severely. After all, you will still have your partial after exacting a huge penalty.

All of which is a roundabout way of saying that East missed an outstanding chance in the following deal.

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable; 60 part-score.

♠ AK98
♥ K54
♦ 432
♣ 976

♠ 85
♥ AJ97
♦ AQ97
♣ AS

N
W E
S

♠ QJ102
♥ Q8
♦ KJ6
♣ QJ10

♠ 743
♥ 1062
♦ 1085
♣ K432

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♠ Dbl. 1 NT (1) Pass
2 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

West won 10 tricks at diamonds, but he was not pleased. He asked East why he hadn't doubled North at one spade, and pointed out that that contract could have been beaten at least four tricks, for a 700-point penalty.

East, visibly shocked at having such a question put to him, replied that he wouldn't have dreamed of doubling one spade when he could go game and rubber by bidding only one notrump. He reminded West of the respective vulnerability, as though that settled the matter.

But East was wrong—very wrong. His partner's observation was well taken, and East should have doubled one spade instead of rushing to win the rubber. It is profitable to win rubbers, but it is more profitable to "murder" opponents who stretch their necks too far. Even with the score what it was, North's takeout double of a heart was a little too desperate, but thanks to East's rubber-grabbing propensity, North was given a free try at saving the game—free in the sense that he was not punished when he found his left-hand opponent, instead of his own partner, with almost the entire balance of power.

73rd Annual Henley Regatta

PORT DALHOUSIE, Ont. (CP)—Americans won the classic events—the championship singles and the senior eights—but St. Catharines Rowing Club captured the 73rd annual Royal Canadian Henley regatta title Saturday with a whopping 315.4 points. It was the Ontario club's first championship since 1950.

John B. Kelly, 28-year-old world-famed sculler from the Philadelphia Vesper Boat Club, set history when he won the championship singles for the sixth time in his colorful career. He surpassed the mark of five-time winners Joseph Laine of the Montreal Grand Trunk Rowing Club set in the 1890s and equaled by Toronto's Bob Dibble 35 years ago.

Buffalo Westsides, a powerful, smooth-stroking crew, won the senior eights and the Ned Hanlan Memorial Trophy to close out the four-day regatta. They won by one length over Philadelphia Vespers who had nipped Westsides by a narrow margin in the American national at Philadelphia a month ago.

But the New York state club's triumph in the "big eights" wasn't enough to give them the regatta title, a championship they've held the last four years. Westsides started the final day's program in seventh position, methodically picked up points through the afternoon and ended in second place with 240.5 points.

Vespers were third with 143 and New York Athletic Club was fourth with 138.4.

LONG RANGE
The alpenhorn, an over-size wooden horn used by Swiss herdsmen for centuries to gather their flocks, can be heard for miles.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

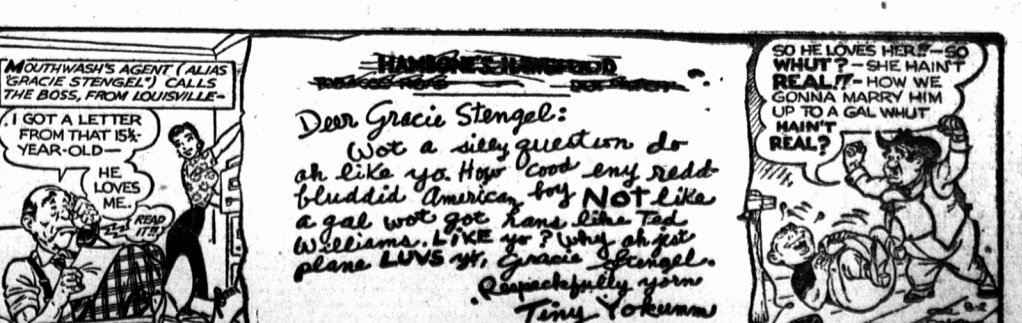
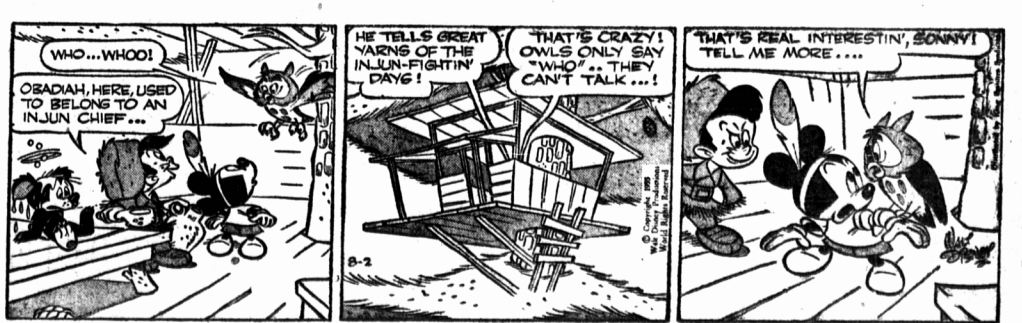
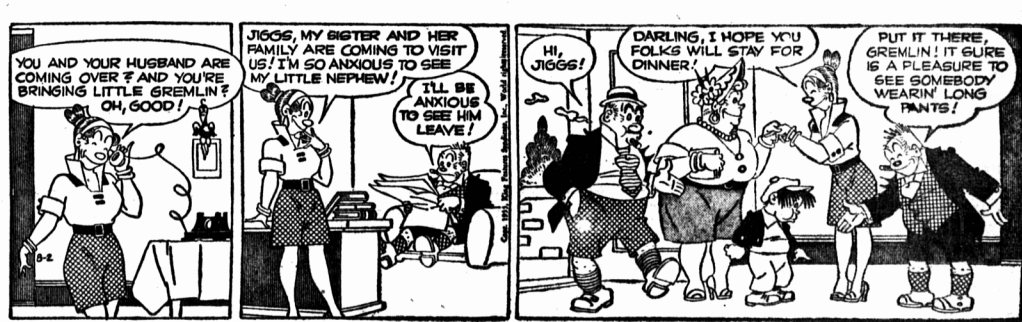
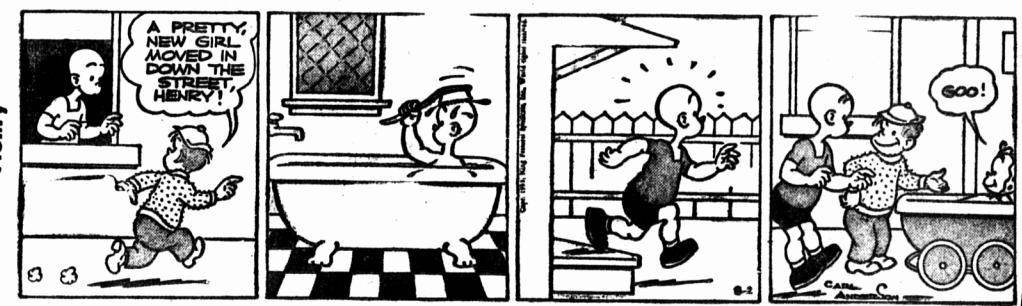
- Switch places
- Head coverings
- Greedy
- Medley
- Awry (dial.)
- One learned in the sacred law (Moh.)
- Tavern
- Heal
- Sun god
- Music note
- One who signs with another
- Die of hunger
- Conceal
- Regret
- Spider's net
- Sacred bull (Egypt)
- Cleanses
- Teaching
- Greek letter
- And (Latin)
- Becomes less bright
- Sesame
- To trace, as a source
- Job
- Germanic character
- A relative
- Droops in the middle
- Narrow inlets (geol.)

DOWN

- Loadstone
- Baking chamber
- Contend for
- Man's nickname
- A beautiful girl in Paradise (Moh.)
- River (W. Pa.)
- Sesame
- Flew aloft
- Affected manners
- Ponder
- Long-eared rodent
- Sheltered
- Vigorous promotion of an idea
- Pen points
- Dry
- Coverings of false hair
- Mimicked
- Dimin
- Shades gradually
- Singular of "Warus"
- The parson
- Capital (It.)
- Lives (Maori)
- Lustrous fabric

Yesterday's Answer
31. Bestows
35. River (Afr.)
37. Singular of "Warus"

A Cryptogram Quotation
MTZOL NUNFV DLL OU VU BRIO
MTZOH BUHFV YG RLZ UBS SIVT.
ISG FTERO-ATFOUS.
Yesterday's Cryptogram: LOVE IS A SPIRIT. ALL COMPACT OF FIRE; NOT GROSS TO SINK, BUT LIGHT AND WILL ASPIRE—SHAKESPEARE.



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