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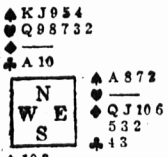
Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A MATTER OF INVESTIGATION

South overlooked an excellent line of investigation in this hand.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.



The bidding: South West North East 1♣ 2♣ 4♥ 5♣. Pass Pass 5♥ Pass.

Later, West said that he had considered sacrificing at six diamonds, in the face of South's double of five diamonds. As it turned out, however, the sacrifice wasn't necessary.

West opened the club king against the five-heart contract. The ace was played, and declarer then entered his hand with trump. His next move was to lead

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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

TADDY MAKES A MISTAKE

Always look, then look again. Perhaps 'twill save chagrin and pain. —Old Mother Nature.

For a day or two after their great adventure Taddy Bear and Totty Bear, his twin sister, had been very meek and obedient little Bears. They had been lost but had been rescued by Mother. Then they had been well spanked for disobedience. Ever since they had taken the greatest care to do just what Mother Bear told them to. If she sent them up in a tree, as she sometimes did to stay until she should return, they stayed. Sometimes there was great temptation — the ten of spades, and when West followed suit with the six, declarer "huddled" for only a few seconds before reaching for dummy's king. East smothered that card, and the contract was now gone beyond redemption — the opponents look a club trick and the spade queen. South explained to North that with the ace of diamonds "marked" with East for the five-diamond call, it had seemed a sure thing that West held the ace of spades, to justify his two-club overall.

South's stand was only superficially logical. He should have found out who held the ace of diamonds. There was no hurry about leading spades. After drawing the outstanding trump, South should have led the king of diamonds. This could cost nothing, since dummy's remaining club should be discarded on the trick, and when West turned up with the diamond ace, it would be a foregone conclusion that he did not also hold the spade ace, because with all these top cards he would have doubled the heart opening instead of merely bidding two clubs. Thus, having located the diamond ace, South would know that the only hope was to put in the spade jack on his first lead toward dummy.

tion to go down on the ground, but they didn't. Now those two Cubs were little black imps of mischief. Most Bear Cubs are. They are such lively little folks that they just have to be doing something every minute they are awake. They never do any one thing for long. It is just one thing after another and this is the reason they so often get into mischief. This day, mother had gone off to look for some roots of which she is fond. There are certain roots that all Bears are fond of. It is a good thing that this is so. These roots can be obtained whenever the ground is soft enough for digging, and this often happens when other food is scarce or there is none at all. She had not sent the Cubs up in a tree, but she had told them not to leave the neighborhood of their den. They could play around there all they pleased, but they were not to go away out of sight of it. They had played about until they grew tired of playing. Then they had taken a nap just under the edge of an old windfall beneath which was the den in which they had been born. Taddy was the first one to awaken. He yawned



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and stretched. His first impulse was to waken Totty. He changed his mind and crawled out from under the windfall. Right away, standing back to him but partly hidden by brush, was a big Bear. She had come back sooner than he had expected. Now, being an imp of mischief, he thought it would be fun to play a joke on mother. He would creep up behind her, and startle her. No sooner did he think of it, than he began to steal over towards Mother Bear. He walked softly. He walked very softly. There was mischief in his eyes. He was right behind her now and very close. He reached out one of his small black paws and struck mother as hard as he could with a hind leg. Then he turned and ran as fast as his small legs could take him toward the nearest

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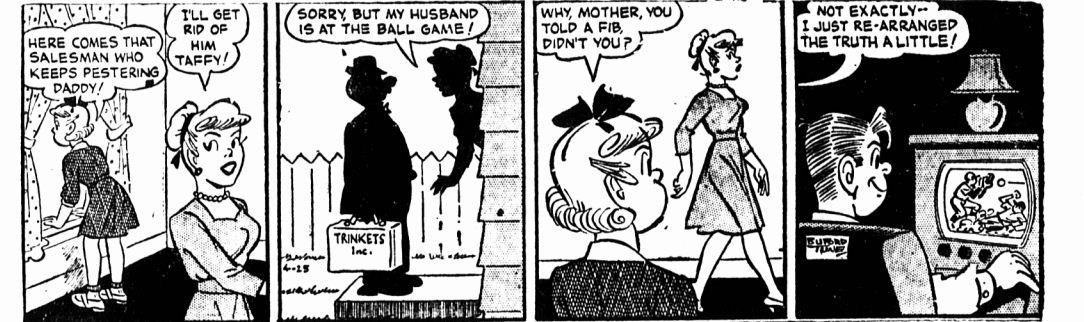


Dotty Dripple



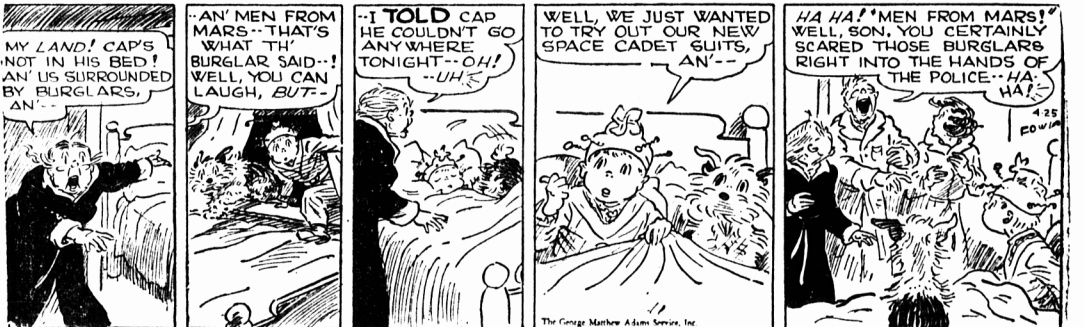
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Tilly The Toiler



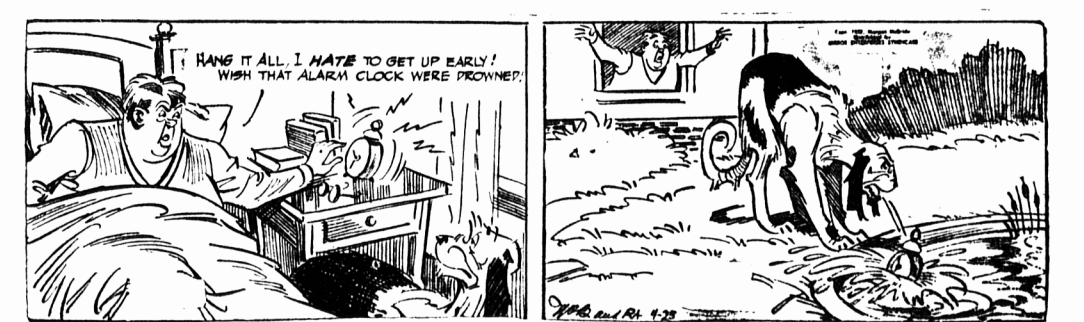
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Tippy and "Cap" Stubs



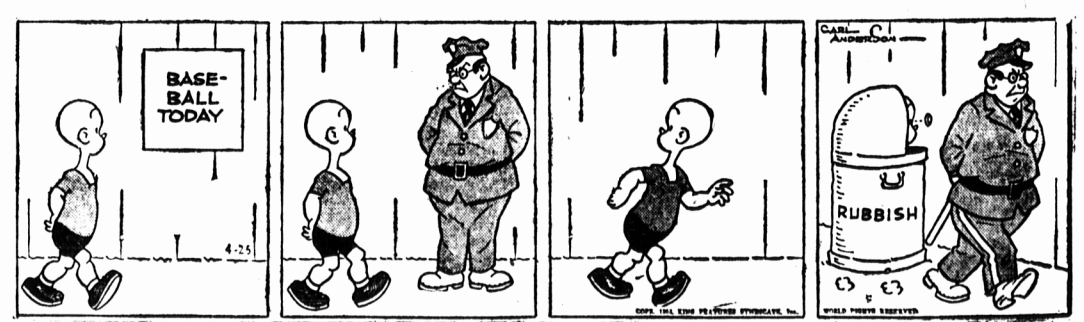
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Napoleon and Uncle Elby



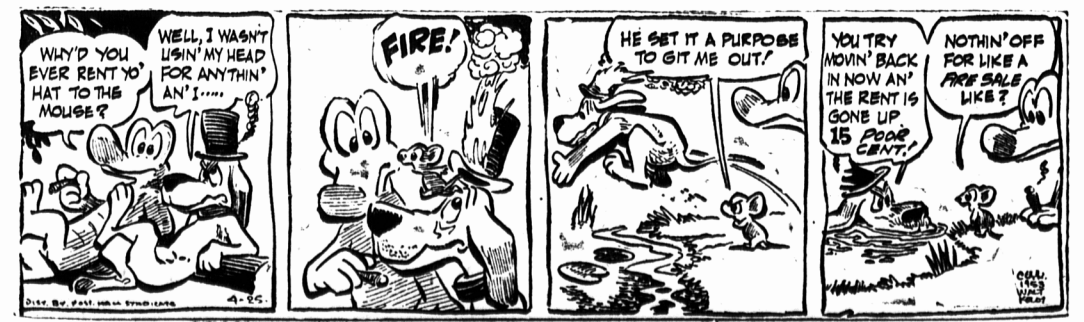
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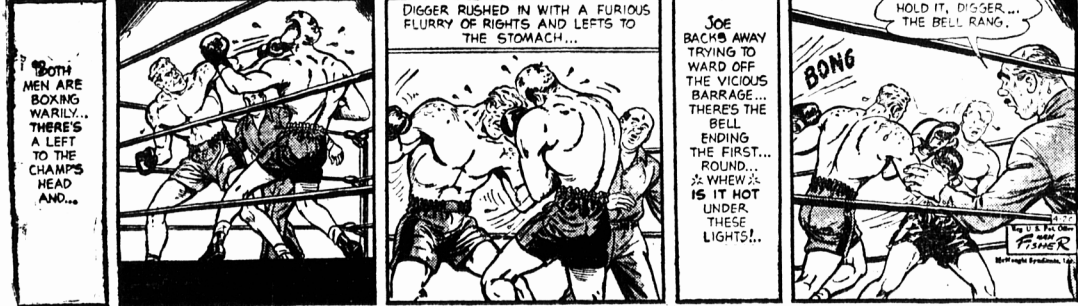
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