

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

JIMMY FOOLS THE CUBS
Though alleged humor it may cloak,
A joke that hurts is not a joke.
—Old Mother Nature.

Over in the Green Forest, Mother Nature's small black imps of mischief had met Jimmy Skunk. They didn't know just what to make of him. No, sir, they didn't know just what to make of him. He wasn't the least bit afraid of them. They had watched him pulling over pieces of bark and leaves to see what might be hidden under them. They had seen him pounce on a fat Beetle and eat it. All the time he had acted as if he didn't know they were anywhere about. Then suddenly he had turned and said, "Hello, Taddy Bear. How are you?" For perhaps the first time in their short lives the two little Bears were bashful. Jimmy Skunk said, "You needn't be afraid of me," said he.

"Where is your mother?" asked Jimmy Skunk. "She's somewhere around. I guess you'll be afraid of her," spoke up Taddy Bear. Jimmy Skunk grinned. He shook his head. "Your mother and I understand each other," said he. "Do you like all kinds of insects?" asked Taddy Bear. "Why do you want to know?" replied Jimmy Skunk. "Because we know where there are some if you want to dig them

for what they were sure would happen. Jimmy has good digging claws. In no time at all he had dug into that Yellow Jacket's nest. Nothing happened. The waiting cubs saw Jimmy put his black paws inside, and pull something out. He was eating something, and enjoying what he was eating. He dug a little more and pulled something more out. They saw pieces of something on the ground that looked very like the gray paper of the Wasps' nest they had found up in a tree, and from which the Wasps had poured out and stung them. Mother Bear had said those Yellow Jackets were cousins of the Wasps and had just as hot tempers and just as hot stings. Why didn't they come out? Could it be that they were not Yellow Jackets at all?

Then Jimmy turned and walked away. The cubs watched him out of sight. How was it that that fellow had been able to dig open that nest and not get stung? What the little Bears didn't know was that those Yellow Jackets were asleep and the coolness of the evening, for it was the edge of the evening, had made them too stupid to fight.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

DEFENSIVE PITFALLS

There are two specific dangers that confront defenders time and again: that declarer will pass the lead to the defender he chooses; and that a high card in the hand of one defender will of itself block out the partner.

A hand in an Australian "Par Contest" illustrates both of these points admirably.

North dealer. East-West vulnerable.

10832
Q6
AK954
J10
Q44
109
J72
AQ9
75
N
W
E
S
J97
J852
Q106
4643
AK5
AK742
83
K82

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♥ Pass
2♦ Pass 3NT Pass

West makes his natural lead, the fourth-highest club, and when the ten holds, any competent declarer will see that his course is clearly marked. He will cash the heart queen, then lead the heart six and try to pass the trick to West, the non-dangerous hand. If this maneuver succeeds, South is on safe ground.

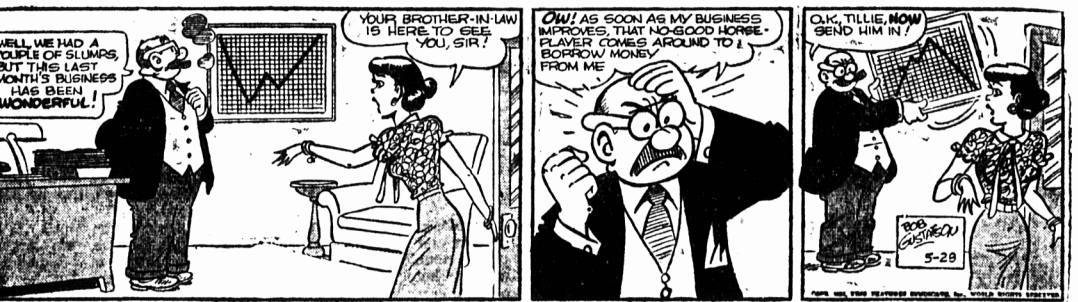
Bringing Up Father



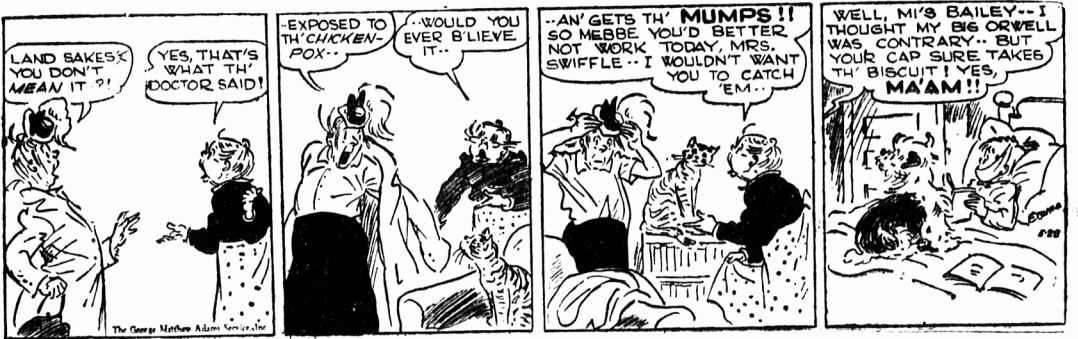
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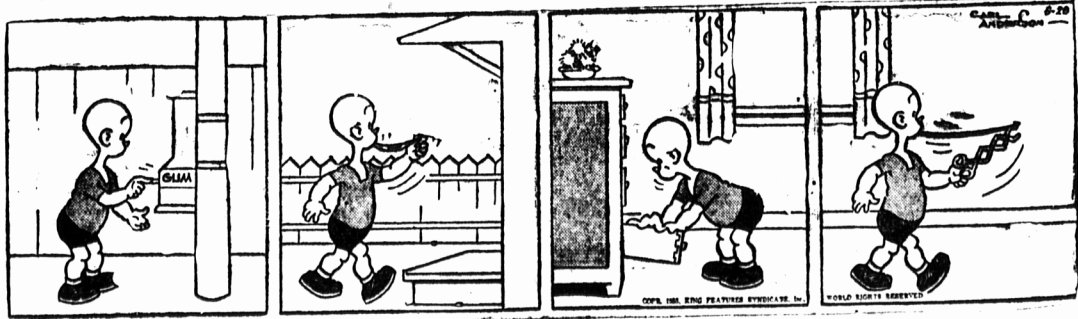
Tippy and "Cap" Stubs



Napoleon and Uncle Elby



Henry



Pogo



Penny



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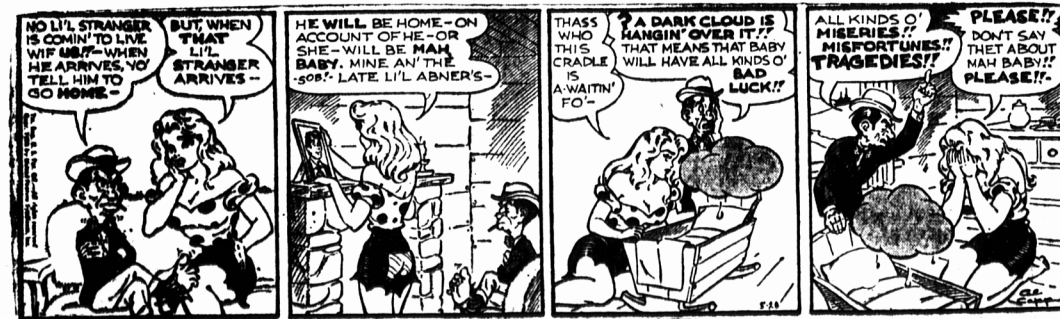
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