



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess
THE TROUBLE MAKER
The first thing jealous people know a trusted friend becomes a foe. —Old Mother Nature

Hungry most of the time, but happy all of the time, Too-Smart and his pretty mate were enjoying the new home they had made for themselves out in the Great World. When they first met, and then decided to make a home together, they were the only foxes in that neighborhood. That is the way they wanted it. If other foxes moved in the hunting would be just that much harder, and it was hard enough as it was. They regarded



Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

MATCH-POINT CONSIDERATION

A factor peculiar to match-point duplicate is illustrated by the following case.
North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
Match-point duplicate.
A 984
K 3
Q 875
65
N
Q 106
K J 10
8 5
Q 10 4
K Q 9 8
E
K J 7
5 2
8 4 2
A J 6
10
S
Q 7 6
5 2
A K J 7 4 3 2

This was the bidding at one table of a large duplicate game:
North East South West
1 Pass 2 Pass
2 Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

West opened the heart jack. This was ducked in dummy, and South was pleased to win the trick with his queen. His pleasure soon vanished, however, because when he laid down the ace and king of clubs, hoping to run the entire suit, it became apparent that instead of seven club tricks, he was going to take exactly two! Since dummy was also sparsely supplied with winners, South ended up with only five tricks.
No expert (or even experienced) duplicate player would let such a thing happen to him. It is true that this same expert probably would not have landed at three notrump, but if he did, and if he was fortunate enough to win the first trick with the heart queen, he would not toss away his good fortune. He would reason something like this: "Is it very doubtful that many other North-South pairs have landed at three notrump on this hand? My two-notrump bid was pretty aggressive, and North bid his head off right from the start! So I don't have to make overtricks for a good score on this board: what I have to do is bring home the contract!"
Acting on this flawless reasoning, the expert declarer — assuming that he had reached three notrump — would lead a low club at the second trick, very pleased to insure six club tricks out of seven for himself.

\$800,000 FIRE

COLUMBUS, Wis. (AP) — An explosion and fire virtually destroyed the Columbus municipal light and water plant Wednesday. Frank Robb, manager of the utility, said damage may run as high as \$800,000. The blast which ripped out a huge section of the plant's wall and the fire which followed left 2,300 city residents and 1,700 rural electric customers without electric power and water service. No one was injured.

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Rip Kirby

CRUSH ME IN YOUR ARMS, CRUSHER!
BEAT IT, SISTER, I WAS HERE FIRST!
BUT, MR. KIRBY, I ONLY KNEW ONE JENNY ROBBINS!
COME ON, MR. TWICKAM, THESE ARE ALL FAKES... AFTER YOUR MONEY!
WHILE FAR AWAY SHARD HASKIN, WHO HAS SEEN THE NEWS STORY, ADVANCES HIS OWN DARK PLAN.
THERE'S THE SHOT IN JENNY'S ROOM. NOW TO MAKE MY GRAND ENTRANCE.

By Alex Raymond

THE RESPONSE TO RIP KIRBY'S APPEAL TO JENNY TO CONTACT HIM HAS HAD UNEXPECTED RESULTS.
THEY'RE FINE. WE SPOKE TO MRS. PALOOKA BEFORE WE STARTED. THEY WEREN'T SNOWED IN.
GREAT... I'LL CALL THEM SOON AS WE GET OUT. ANY NEWS FROM DIGGERS' CAMP?
NOT YET.
C'MON? WE'RE GETTING OUTA THAT 'S-C-2' DUMP?
HE'LL BE OKAY. IT'S MORE NERVES THAN ANYTHING ELSE.
WE'LL TAKE HIM IN THE HELICOPTER. GOOD-O!

King of The Royal Mounted

ON RESCUING BONNIE BYRD FROM THE CLIFF IN OXBOW HILLS, KING LEARNS THAT THE FRIGHTENED GIRL HAS PREMATURELY SENT THE KILLER INTO HIS TRAP?
BONNIE, I HAVE TO RISK FLYING THROUGH THIS THUNDERSTORM!
THAT KILLER WILL HEAD RIGHT TO THE HOSPITAL! LAROUX IS THERE ALONE. HE'S DEPENDING ON ME TO HELP HIM!
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, KING'S DECOY HAS BEEN LULLED TO SLEEP BY THE PELTING RAIN.

By Zane Grey

MAMA-ISN'T THAT BEAUTIFUL?
WHAT'S BEAUTIFUL ABOUT IT? THERE'S NO PICTURE ON IT, JUST NUMBERS.
YEAH, BUT THINK OF THOSE 52 PAY DAYS!

Joe Palooka

WHAT'S THE NEWS? HOW'S MY FAMILY... I'VE BEEN TERRIBLY WORRIED... AND I IMAGINE MY WIFE IS TOO.
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By Ham Fisher

YOU BET TIPPY'N' ME HAVE MADE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS, GRAN'MA!
I HOPE ONE OF 'EM IS TO STUDY HARD, AN...
OH, LOTS MORE N'THAT!
WE'RE GON' TO STUDY HARD TO BE PRIVATE EYE DETEACKTIVES, AN...
AN' WHEN WE'RE NOT DOIN' THAT WE'RE GOIN' TO PRACTISE BEIN' CIRCUS PERFORMERS!

L'il Abner

HOW MUCH DO A RICH AN' FAMOUS SPESHULIST, LIKE YO, CHARGE FO A HORN OPERATION?
TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS!!
PSSST... IF THAT'S TOO MUCH — DO IT FOR A DOLLAR FIFTY!! WE'RE STARVING!!
BUT, SIR — MAH PATIENT CAN'T AFFORD THAT!!
SORRY!! — I WONT' DO IT FOR A PENNY LESS!! AND NO ONE ELSE CAN'T — GOOD DAVE!! — I'M A BUSY MAN!!
WELL — I'VE TO EAT CHESTNUTS AGAIN TONIGHT!!
I SPENT 30 YEARS LEARNING THAT OPERATION — AND THEY'RE GOING TO PAY FOR IT!!

By Al Capp

WHAT'S UP?
AN' I SAID "KNOCK BEFORE ENTERIN'!"
YOU NEVER! BUT NONE THE LESS AN' NOT WITH STANDIN' I'LL DO AS YOU REQUESTS.
WHICH WAY'D HE GO?

Tilly The Toiler

HEAVENS!! THIS IS AWFUL!
I'VE GOT TO BUY A GET-WELL CARD AND SEND IT TO SOMEONE RIGHT AWAY!
I'VE NEVER SEEN TILLY GO CONCERNED — WHO'S SICK?
DONT YOU SEE THE PAPER?
DONALD DREAMER, THE MOVIE STAR, IS SUFFERING FROM A HANGNAIL!

Napoleon and Uncle Elby

GO FETCH IT, NAPOLEON!

Henry

Pogo

Dotty Dripple

Tippy and "Cap" Stubbs

Bringing Up Father

PENNY

HE'S THE MOST, A GONE GARRY AND SHE'S AN AVID AVA AND THEY'RE DART STRUCK...
BUT HER MOTHER IS A CURFEW KATE SO SHE HEAVES THE WRENCH...
NOW HE'S ROBOT BOUND BOOK-BEATING FOR MID-YEARS AND IT'S ALL GREEBY. I THOUGHT YOU KNEW.
WELL, I KNEW ABOUT IT, NATCH...
BUT THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE HEARD THE DETAILS.