

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Frances W. Burgess

FAIR OR UNFAIR?

Who is bold enough to dare say what is or isn't fair? —Old Mother Nature.

Was Old Mother Nature fair or was she unfair? Peter Rabbit thought she was unfair. Anyway, he pretended he thought so. That was because he was feeling out of sorts. He thought she was unfair because she puts some of the Green Forest and Green Meadow folk to sleep through all the bad weather of winter. For instance, there was Johnny Chuck. Johnny goes to sleep down underground, where Jack Frost cannot reach him, and never even hears rough Brother North Wind how-



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ling and roaring in winter storms. Peter thought that must be wonderful, until little Mrs. Peter reminded him of some of the things he would miss if he were asleep all winter, especially the fun of living.

"Just the same, I don't see why Johnny Chuck should sleep," declared Peter.

A guess is always involved in this situation — assuming that the suit does not break 3-2, declarer must guess which defender has the length, but sometimes the fall of cards is significant. East, who knew how to size up such a situation, made sure that declarer should have some very significant (if false) information on his lead of the diamond ace! Instead of woodenly following suit with the three or five, East played the eight of diamonds. South could not be blamed for going astray. He realized that East might be false-carding, but he certainly could not be sure, so, when he next led the diamond king on the assumption that West might have started with four diamonds to the jack, he was more to be pitied than censured. East, on the other hand, deserved credit for a play which, at worst, could not lose.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cubertson

DISCRIMINATION IN FALSE-CARDING

Most players go in for false-carding too casually and indiscriminately, thus destroying the value of such plays when they are really called for. (A case of "crying wolf" so often that no one believes the cry.)

A subtle and honest-appearing false-card play, however, is a different matter. Consider East's clever performance in the following deal.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K 6
♥ J 10 8
♦ Q 7 6 4
♣ A K Q 4

♠ J 9 7 3
♥ A 9 6
♦ 5 2
♣ 7 4 2

♠ 10 5 4
♥ 2
♦ 4 3
♣ J 8 5 3

♠ A Q 8
♥ K Q 7
♦ A K 10 9
♣ J 10 9

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	6♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the ace of hearts and led a second round. Now, of course, declarer's only problem was to draw the trumps. He did what every other sound player would do in his position — he laid down the trump ace, preparing to lead next to the queen.

BINGO

Holy Redeemer Hall
TONIGHT
8.30

The prices are the same as those prevailing at other Bingos in the city.

clared Peter lamely. "Johnny Chuck can't live on the things we live on, and you know that very well, Peter Rabbit," declared little Mrs. Peter. "If he were out and about, he would starve to death. He couldn't get around the way we can even if he could live on bark and twigs. It is bad enough for us, but you know very well it would be much worse for him if he had to go roaming around the way we do. Reddy Fox or some one else would soon catch him. I guess Old Mother Nature knows what she is doing when she puts him to sleep. I'm glad she doesn't put us to sleep."

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DANCE

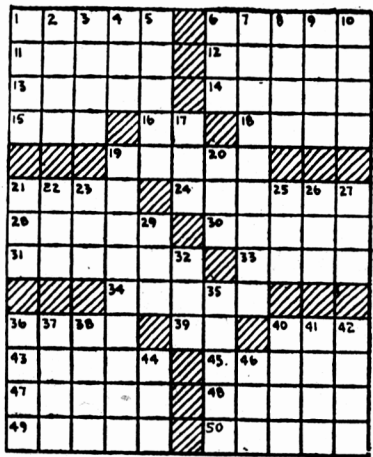
At The ROLLAWAY CLUB
December 4th
In Aid Of St. Vincent's Orphanage
Don Messer & His Islanders
Dancing 9:30 - 12:30
Admission 50c

DAILY CROSSWORD

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| ACROSS | DOWN | 21. Spigot |
| 1. Beautiful | 1. Resorts | 22. Wine |
| 6. Head of | 2. Walk | 23. Chum |
| monastery | through | 24. Cravat |
| 11. Yellowish | water | 25. Outcast |
| fruit (South | 3. Armadillo | 26. Outcast |
| U. S.) | 4. Girl's | 27. Twilled |
| 12. Flaming | nickname | fabric |
| light | 5. A row | 28. Born |
| 13. City | 6. Astern | 29. Born |
| (S. Turk.) | 7. Berry | 32. Millpond |
| 14. A sheer | 8. Stop short | 35. Flowers |
| fabric | 9. Voided | 36. Wanders |
| 15. Varying | escutcheon | about |
| weight | 10. Golf mounds | idly |
| (India) | 17. Retired | 37. Verbal |
| 16. Toward | 19. Rear | 38. Twining |
| 18. Pieces out | appendage | stem |
| 19. Part of | 20. Encountered | 40. A son |
| the hand | | of Adam |
| 21. Fiber of | | 44. Wallaba |
| mulberry | | tree |
| bark | | |
| 24. Seesaw | | |
| 28. Violently | | |
| 30. Common- | | |
| place | | |
| 31. Became | | |
| insipid | | |
| 33. Harvest | | |
| 34. American | | |
| Arctic | | |
| explorer | | |
| 36. Asian desert | | |
| 39. Molybdenum | | |
| (syn.) | | |
| 40. Warp-yarn | | |
| 43. Sprite | | |
| (Shake- | | |
| spear) | | |
| 45. Valuable | | |
| fur | | |
| 47. A ball | | |
| 48. Fencing | | |
| swords | | |
| 49. Driving ice | | |
| and rain | | |
| 50. Seasons | | |

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

41. Internal decay of fruit
42. "Good Queen"
44. Permit
46. Wallaba tree



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR
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.

A Cryptogram Quotation
KYJ LGVV SZEQ MY JMLZVOYTZ
UQZRZMNR NY NAZ VGNVZ OAGV.
KQZM-AYQEOZ.

Yesterday's Cryptogram: HE DOES NOT PLEASE ME WHOM THE DANDIES PRAISE—PLAUTUS.

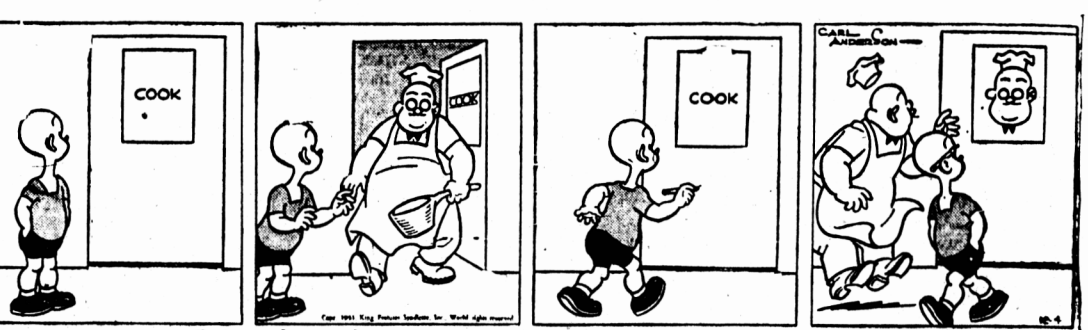
KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTAIN



JOE PALOOKA



HENRY



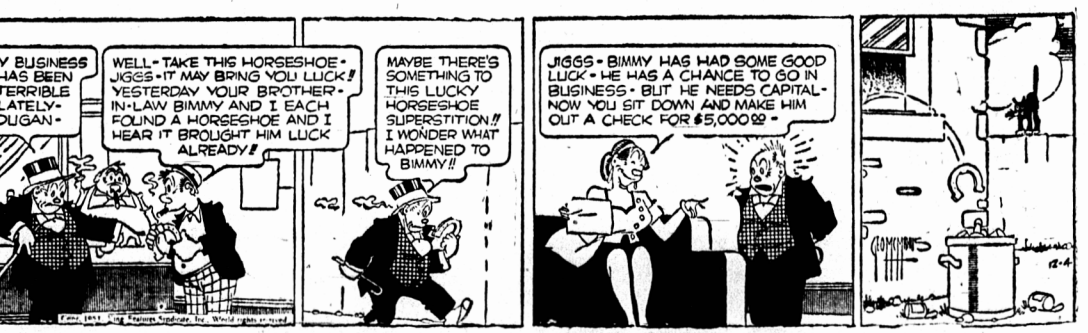
COTTY DIDDLE



TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS



BRINGING UP FATHER



TILLY THE TOILER



PENNY



POGO



LI'N ARNIE



RIP KIRBY



By Alex Raymond

By Harry Rosen

By Edwin

By George McManus

By Walt Kelly

By Al Capp

By Westcott

By Edwin

By Harry Rosen