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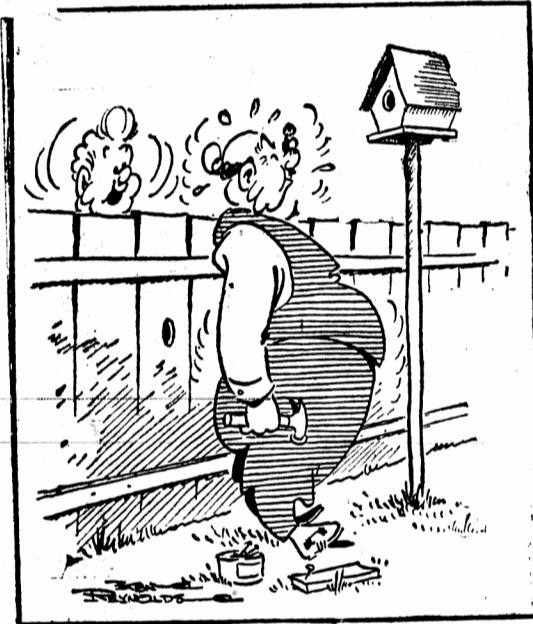
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Quickies By Ken Reynolds



"I see you have a renter already — got him with a Guardian Want Ad, I suppose?"

Yapoleon and Uncle Elby By Clifford MacBride



RIP KIRBY



## BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

He often cheats himself who acts, Before obtaining all the facts, —Farmer Brown's boy.

"Have you any Bob Whites on your place?" asked Farmer Brown's boy.

Neighbor Jones, who owned the next farm, shook his head. "I'm afraid not," said he. "There were few left after the shooting season last fall and I am afraid the winter was too much for those few," he replied.

"Did you put out any food for them when the snow was deep?" asked Farmer Brown.

Again Neighbor Jones shook his head. "I never got around to it," he confessed.

"We have two coveys that came through the winter fine," said Farmer Brown's boy. A covey is a flock. "Of course, we put out grain for them when they need it," he added.

"You don't allow shooting on your land, so the gunners didn't get any of them last fall," said Neighbor Jones.

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"Bob-White?" came a reply from farther away over by the edge of the Old Pasture.

"Hear that!" cried Farmer Brown's boy. "They will be nesting soon. We should have a lot of helpers this summer."

"Helpers? They are grand game birds and fine eating, but I've never thought of them as helpers," said Neighbor Jones.

"That's right — helpers," said Farmer Brown. "We figure that they are worth more to us in dollars and cents as helpers than they ever could be shot as game birds. The more we have on the farm the less work for us fighting weeds and insect pests, not to mention the pleasure we get from hearing them and seeing them around."

"It is said that they eat more kinds of weed seeds and insects than any other birds. Last year they kept our potatoes almost wholly clear of those pesky striped beetles called 'potato bugs.' If that wasn't being helpers, what was it? You have no Bob White on your farm, yet you shoot every Hawk and Owl and Fox and Skunk you can. Reddy Fox, Jimmy Skunk, Hawks and Owls have their homes and families on our farm, yet we have two big coveys of Bob Whites. According to you and your hunting friends, we shouldn't have any. Your land is just as good as our land, but you are going to have a short crop of hay while we will have a good one. You're overrun with Mice; we are not. What's the answer? We have a lot of helpers and you haven't. That's all," declared Farmer Brown's boy.

Both Farmer Brown and Neighbor Jones laughed at his earnestness. "So you think all Foxes are good Foxes, all Hawks are good Hawks, and all Owls are good Owls and none should be killed," teased Neighbor Jones.

"I didn't say that," retorted Farmer Brown's boy. "I guess they are like the rest of us, getting food where they can get it easiest. If Mice and other food was scarce around here and we had a lot of Chickens running out in the open probably all the Foxes and Hawks and Owls for some distance around would come here as the easiest place to get food. Then we would have to do something about it. They wouldn't be helpers then. It is the same way at a game farm. They must be kept away or killed. But that isn't any excuse for kill-

ing every Fox and Hawk and Owl wherever they may be. That is doing more harm than good. It is only when we know for certain that they are doing more harm than good that they should be killed. Otherwise in killing them we may be the ones who are doing more harm than good."

"Perhaps you are right. It is something to think about. I never have really thought of these wild things as helpers. May be they are," said Neighbor Jones.

"Sure they are," cried Farmer Brown's boy eagerly. "And don't forget Jimmy Skunk. He's one of the best. He catches a lot of Beetles and digs out the grubs that kill grass roots, and catches some Mice. He stuffs himself with grasshoppers. Old Mr. Toad is another helper. Any garden will be a better garden for having a lot of Toads in it, just as an orchard will be better for having a lot of birds in it."

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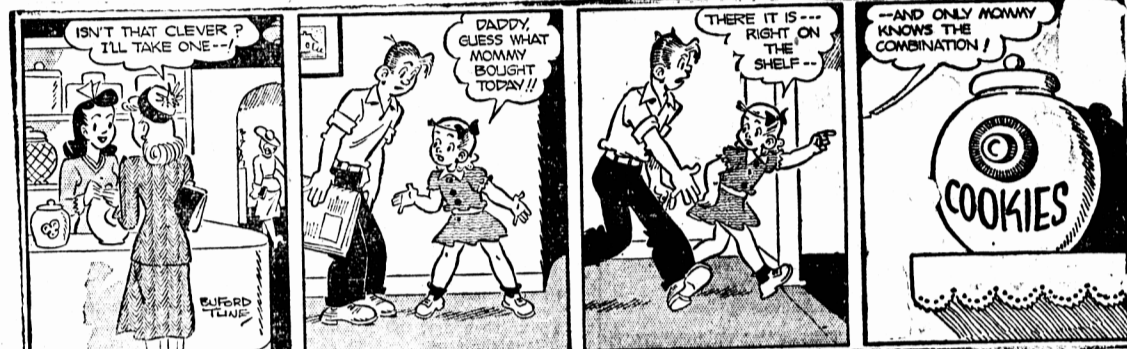
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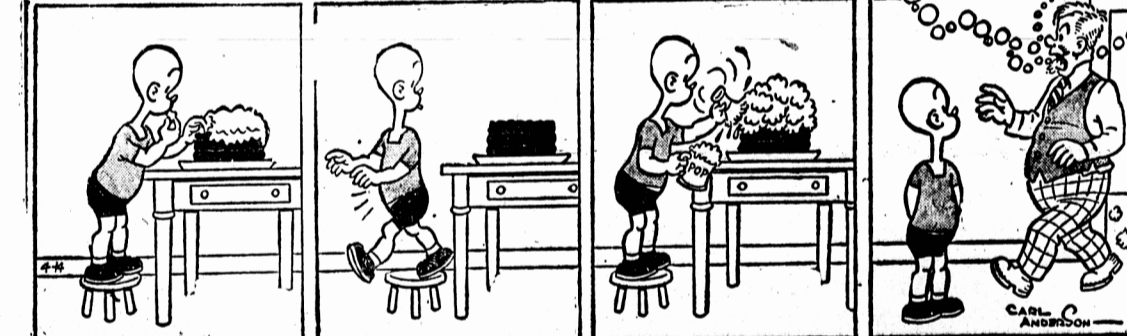
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# PHILLIPS' MILK OF MAGNESIA TABLETS

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### Contract Bridge

By Josephine Colburn

THE WRONG TIME

There are occasions when it is perfectly logical to lead a singleton—but today's deal was not one of them.

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West deals Both sides vulnerable.

♠ J 10 9 4  
♥ 10 6 5 3  
♦ 10 7 4 2  
♣ A Q 8 7

♠ A Q 10 6  
♥ 2  
♦ A K J 8  
♣ K 5

♠ K J 9 8 7 5  
♥ A Q 9 8  
♦ A K Q 9  
♣ Q 8 5

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♣	Pass	1♥	2♥
Dble.	Pass	3♣	3♥
Dble.	Pass	Pass	Pass

West, with the obvious intention of insuring four heart tricks for himself, opened his singleton diamond. This not only picked up East's diamond stopper en route, but far worse, surrendered the timing of the hand to the declarer. At the second trick, South laid down the Jack of hearts. West won, and still searching for his diamond ruff, shifted to spades. This shift established declarer's king—something he could not have done for himself. East's diamond return gave West the precious ruff, but now the only tricks remaining for West were the ace and ten of hearts, and the contract was therefore down only one trick.

West's last wish should have been to shorten his own trump suit! Obviously, he should have opened the king of the suit that he had such strength in and which had been supported by his partner, namely clubs. It would do South no good to refuse to ruff, and after he did so, and led a heart, which West would win a second club lead would further reduce the South hand in trumps. By thus getting the jump on South, West could force him four times, which would leave West one more trump than the closed hand, despite the latter's original seven-card length.

Thus, it is almost certain that the three-heart contract would have gone down 800 points instead of 200, merely because of the more logical opening lead.

By Alex Raymond

By Harry Hoeligen