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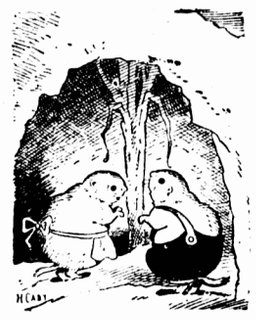
(By Thornton W. Burgess)

Important things are sometimes small,
While big things have no worth at all.
—Old Mother Nature.

Danny Meadow Mouse likes the snow when there is enough of it. How much is enough? Danny would tell you that when it is deep enough on the Green Meadows for him to dig little tunnels in it without danger of breaking through the surface anywhere there is enough. More than this is really more than enough, but not too much. Indeed, the deeper the snow lies on the ground the safer Danny and Nanny Meadow Mouse feel, for they live under it and no hungry eyes, however sharp, can see them there.

Danny is really a very **small** person. Of course, all Mice **are** small people compared with most of their neighbors. But small as they are, they are important. Yes, sir, they are important, very important. Of course they are important to themselves. Everyone is important to himself or herself, but not always to other folks. Mice, especially Meadow Mice, are important to other folks, to many other folks. Anyone who is much sought for is important. The more he is sought for the more important he becomes. No one is more looked for than is Danny Meadow Mouse. Anyway that is the way he feels and I guess he is right.



"I have a feeling that there may be seeds in the top," squeaked Danny

In winter he is important to Reddy Fox, to Roughleg the Hawk, to Hooty the Great Horned Owl, to little Spooky the Screech Owl, to Butcher the Shrike, even to Blacky the Crow, and to Shadow the Weasel. In summer he is important to many others. They want him to eat. That is what makes him and all others of the Mouse folk important to them. Especially important are Danny and Nanny and their friends when other food is scarce and hard to find.

Most people like to feel they are important, but not Danny and Nanny. No sir, not Danny and Nanny! They don't like being important to anybody but themselves. So it is that by day and night they try to keep out of sight of the sharp eyes watching for them. This is why they simply love the snow, the beautiful, friendly snow. Beneath it they can go and come as they please, securely hidden from watching, hungry eyes.

"It is a wonderful feeling. There isn't any other feeling equal to it," squeaked Danny.

"What feeling?" Nanny squeaked.

"This feeling of being safe and at the same time free; nothing and no one to be afraid of. It is wonderful. I guess it is the most wonderful feeling in all the Great World," squeaked Danny. He was at the foot of a big week stalk that extended up through the snow.

"Don't!" exclaimed Nanny sharply.

Ranny pretended not to understand. "Don't what?" he asked.

"Don't climb up that," replied Nanny, her voice still a sharp squeak. All the family have squeaky voices.

"I have a feeling that there may be seeds in the top," squeaked Danny.

"What of it? There is plenty to eat down here under the snow and no danger. So why take a chance?" squeaked Nanny. "You don't even know that any seeds are up there," she added.

But I'm sure there must be, and I want some. Besides, you don't know that there is any danger up there," declared Danny.

"There is always danger where one of us can be seen, and up there you certainly can be seen. Yes, sir, you certainly can be seen, and probably will be," squeaked Nanny.

"Pooh! I'm not afraid. I'll be careful. I'll look first to make sure that no one is about," said Danny. He began digging away the snow as he climbed the old stalk.

Just then he was important to no one but himself or perhaps Nanny, but a few minutes later when he poked his head out above the snow he instantly became important in the eyes of two very hungry watchers. One was Reddy Fox and one was Roughleg the Hawk.

The next story: The Rivals.

By AL CAPP

## *Contract Bridge*

By Josephine Culbertson

### SIMPLE, BUT EFFECTIVE

Some of the most effective "hoax" plays are almost absurdly simple in concept and execution. Here is a case from the recent National Tournament in Florida.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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| | ♠ Q 7 5 4<br>♥ A J 10 6 3<br>♦ A 3<br>♣ 8 6 | |
| ♠ J 10 6 3<br>♥ 2<br>♦ K Q 10<br>♣ J 10 4 | N<br>W E<br>S | ♠ 8<br>♥ Q 8 7 4<br>♦ J 9 8 5 4<br>♣ 7 2 |
| | ♠ A K 9<br>♥ K 9 5<br>♦ 7<br>♣ A K Q 9 5 | |

Since this deal came up in the pair event conducted on a match-point basis, it was natural that many North-South pairs selected six notrump instead of six hearts or six clubs for the final contract. This was the bidding at more than one table:

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 ♣ | Pass | 1 ♥ | Pass |
| 3 ♣ | Pass | 3 ♦ | Pass |
| 3 ♠ | Pass | 5 ♦ | Pass |
| 5 N T | Pass | 6 N T | Pass |
| Pass | Pass | | |

Against the opening lead by West of the diamond king, almost every South fulfilled his contract, and several made all 13 tricks by finessing the right way for the heart queen.

One hapless South, however, went down four tricks! Moreover, his play, though certainly questionable, was not entirely without logic. At his table, also, the diamond king was opened and taken by Dummy's ace. A club was then led to the closed hand, and West dropped the jack on the trick! Surely, this false-carding manœuver was in no way sensational—but it worked! South was not a novice, by any means, but observe what developed.

To find out something about the defenders' distributions, South cashed the ace and king of spades. It thereupon became known that West had started with five spades. South reasoned that West had some length in diamonds, to have opened that suit, so he felt that the play of the club jack had been honest. On that (perhaps superficial) basis, South went to dummy with a heart and finessed for the club ten!

Needless to say, he was then deluged with diamonds!

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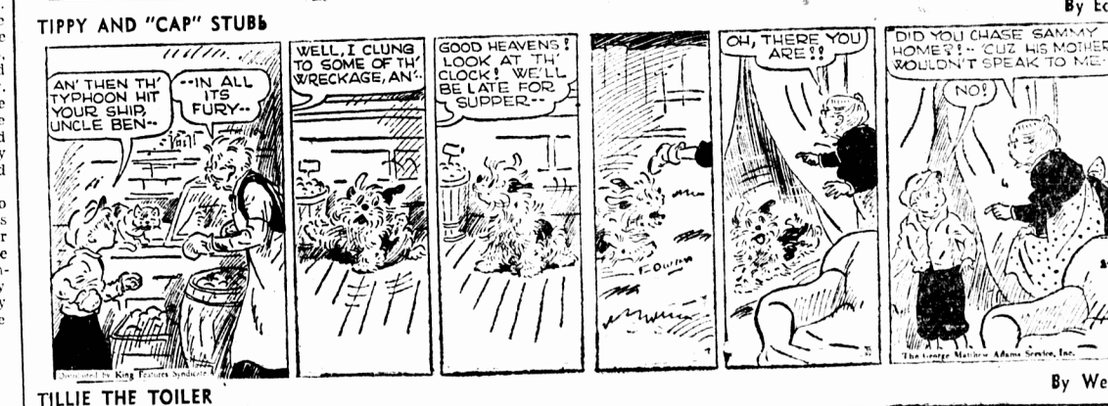


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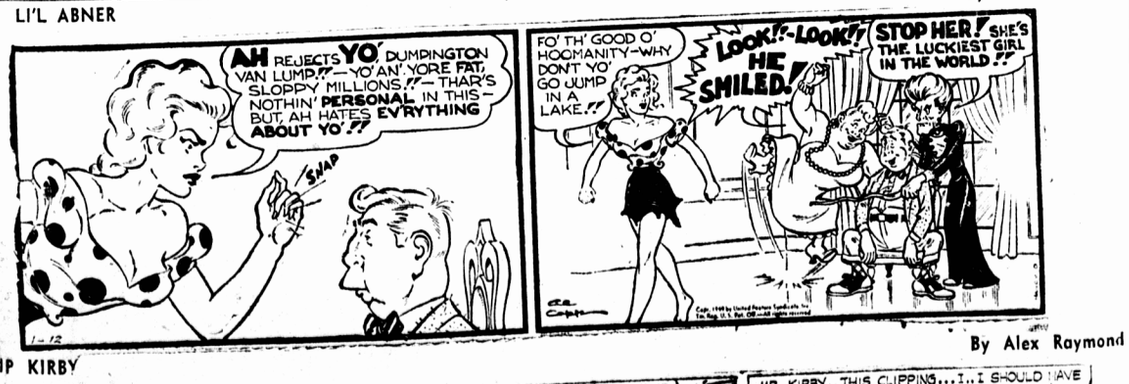


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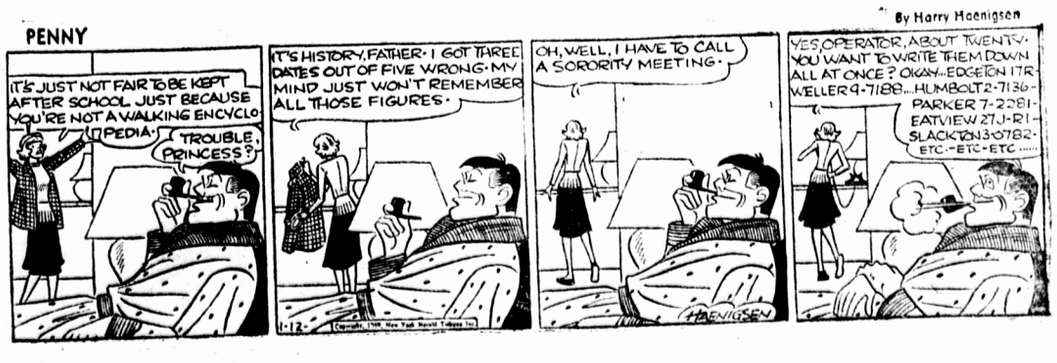
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