

AYRSHIRE MEETING

THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
of the
P. E. I. AYRSHIRE CLUB
will be held
FRIDAY, JANUARY 6th AT 1 O'CLOCK
Program for 1950 to be discussed.
Full Attendance Is Requested.

Don't Just Buy Chicks Buy Production

Other things being equal, price usually represents value. It is not the price of the chick that will make or lose money for the poultryman, but the production of the flock. Why walk in the tail of the procession when you can ride in the Band wagon?

Ells Crossbred Chicks are the product of years of effort and money spent to improve this laying strain. Ask your neighbour who has them his opinion of Ells Crossbred Chicks. Discuss your requirements with our Island representative who is A. H. Bryenton, Charlottetown, 222 Queen St.

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Port Williams, Nova Scotia

ATTENTION ALL SHORTHORN BREEDERS OF P. E. ISLAND

A Consignment Auction Sale of Purebred Short-horn Males and Females, open to all Breeders, will be held at Charlottetown on Easter Saturday, April 8th. Number of entries to be forwarded to undersigned by January 14th next. Animals to be from six months to five years. Purchasers of male animals will be entitled to a substantial bonus.

For further particulars, apply:-

A. H. MUTCH, Secretary,
Earncliffe, P. E. I.

Farmer's Read This

Opportunity to purchase wood and lumber lots 3 years to cut them off. Buy to advantage now what you will need for spring. All kinds of Farm Machinery - Washing Machines - Stoves - Barn equipment, etc., etc. Tractor's 3 years to pay.

Start raising REGISTERED stock now by buying proven Belgian Mare, a prize winner at Topeka, Kansas, Ottawa, Charlottetown and Alberton. Her foal sired by Champion Stallion at Calgary, Charlottetown and Alberton also obtainable.

You will find REGISTERED Hereford cattle a good investment. I invite your inspection.
F. C. RAMSAY'S MONTROSE RANCH

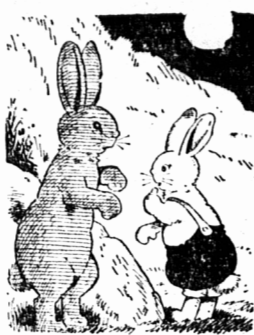
BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



(By Thornton W. Burgess)

A SCARRED RABBIT

When things unknown you have to face
To be afraid is no disgrace.
-Peter Rabbit.



"Don't tell me you didn't know that that was Reddy Fox!" he exclaimed.

He was too pleasant for anything like that. Had it not been that those teeth made me uneasy I think I would have gone with him," said the black Rabbit.

"And you would still be with him-inside," declared Peter shows "Never trust a grin that shows sharp teeth. You will never come closer to being a dinner unless you are one."

His cousin's eyes opened very wide. "Do you mean he would have eaten me?" he cried. He looked this way, all around, as if he thought Reddy might step out from among the Black Shadows. Suddenly he was afraid. He didn't know what he was afraid of but he was afraid. Never before had he been where trees grew all about and he was frightened. He had a feeling that danger might be lurking behind each of those trees, and the fact that Peter didn't seem afraid didn't help much. He wished he were back in the pen in Farmer Brown's dooryard, but he didn't even know the way back. He was a scared Rabbit. Yes, sir, he was a scared Rabbit, the more scared because he didn't know what he was scared of.

"Whoa, hoo-hoo, whoa, hoo!" If he had been scared before it was nothing to his fright now. He was too frightened to move, which perhaps was just as well. It was the first time he ever had heard the hunting call of Hooty the Great Horned Owl, and there was in the sound something to fill small listeners with instant and dreadful fright.

"What was that?" whispered Blacky when he could find his tongue.

"That was Hooty the Owl. He isn't very near now, but we better still until we hear him again. Then we will know if he is coming this way. I hope he isn't. We better get out sight until we know," replied Peter. He crawled under a little pile of brush. His black cousin crawled under beside him. He was shaking with fright and wishing and wishing and wishing he had thought of starting out to see the Great World. This never was a more scared Rabbit.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A 310-POINT "SWING"

When opponents of even reasonable skill double a slam contract which, on the surface, appears almost a laydown, it is time to stop, look, and listen! South, in today's deal could have profited from his advice at his grand-slam contract.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
7♣	Dble.	4♠	Pass
Redbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

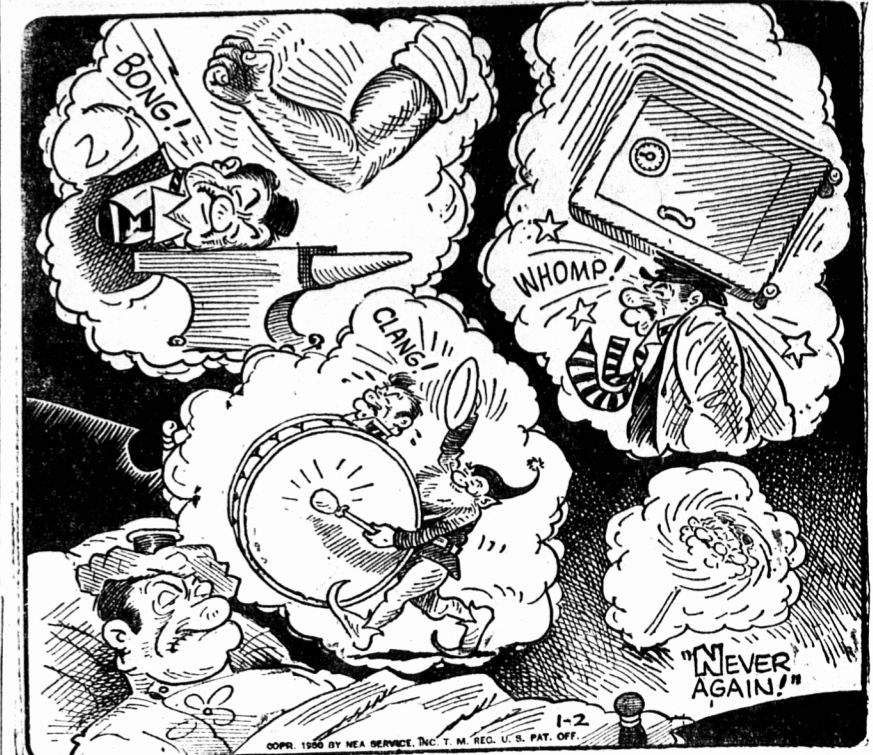
West said later that it had appeared impossible that the enemy could make thirteen tricks when he had three suits so well stopped—hence his double of the grand slam. Well, as it happened, West's optimism "paid off," but only because South did not protect himself!

West opened the heart queen. South won, drew trumps in three rounds, then cashed the diamond ace. Apparently, he gave little attention to the fall of the nine from East, since his next move was to lead to dummy's diamond queen. He was in for a severe jolt when East showed out! South discarded the heart deuce on the spade ace, but there was no way to avoid a diamond loser, and so East-west collected a penalty of 400 points!

Now observe the vast difference if South had exercised one slight precaution! There was no assurance that the diamond one was going to break, and indeed, with West doubling, there was every reason to play safe! South should have run off every trump, discarding one diamond and two spades from dummy, then should have cashed his remaining heart honor. Now, when he led to the diamond queen and discarded his heart on West's spade ace, West would be caught in a squeeze! If he gave up his last heart, dummy's nine would be good; or if West gave up a diamond, all of South's diamonds would be just as good!

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

MAJOR HOOPLE



OUT OUR WAY

BY J. R. WILLIAMS



Improvements Noted In Atlantic Region

A considerable programme of improvements was carried out on the Alberta Region, C. P. R., during the year, including the laying of 413,000 cubic yards of high grade ballast and 73 miles of new 100 lb. steel rail, reports Mr. W. E. Roberson, vice president and general manager, Moncton.

The acquisition of new rolling stock continued apace during the year, twelve of the latest type conditioned all-steel sleeping cars were turned out of the Moncton shops of the railway, in addition to forty new cabooses.

The annual payroll of the Canadian National Railways in the Maritime is approximately \$40,000,000, while materials and supplies were purchased last year to the value of approximately \$15,000,000 of which \$8,500,000 was for the fuel, the railway being the largest consumer of coal from the mines of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Annual wages in New Brunswick approximate \$8,000,000.

"The uncertainty prevailing in world affairs makes it difficult to make any definite forecast as to the outlook for the coming year. Mr. Roberson states there is little to be said, however, that strenuous efforts are being made on the part of governmental authorities to bring about a more stabilized condition in monetary and world markets, so that any improvement in world conditions should be reflected in industrial production and a consequent increase in car loading and gross earnings of the railway. The policy of improving the physical property and services of the railway will be continued during the coming year and the high standard of maintenance maintained."

LEADER IN WOOL
Australia is the world's chief producer of wool and its most important single industry is sheep farming.

BINGO
Holy Redeemer Hall
TONIGHT
8.30
The prizes are the same as those prevailing at other Bingos in the city.

LIL ABNER



RIP KIRBY

