

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

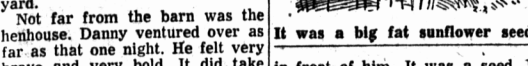


By Thorston W. Burgess

DANNY TAKES A HINT

A hint is like a planted seed; it grows to meet another's need. —Old Mother Nature.

Danny Meadow Mouse and Nanny had been living all winter under a big haystack in Farmer Brown's barnyard. Gradually the hay was used up. It was then that the time came when Danny began to worry. What should he and Nanny do before the time to go to something they would have to do something then. B. T. the time to do it was now. Nanny didn't worry, but Danny did. Each night when he felt it was safe he explored around the doorway.



Not far from the barn was the henhouse. Danny ventured over as far as that one night. He felt very brave and very bold. It did take courage. You know, Danny is such a little fellow that he has no chance at all with anyone bigger than himself. What is more, there is always someone looking for him. If it isn't Reddy Fox, it is Hooty the Owl. If it isn't Hooty the Owl, it is one of the Hawk family. Black Pussy is another who dearly loves to hunt for Danny. When he isn't asleep, Jimmy Skunk is another. Shadow the Weasel is always on the lookout for him. Even Blacky the Crow has to be watched out for, especially in winter when food is scarce. So it really takes courage for Danny Meadow Mouse to venture out from under cover.

Fortunately there was a lot of matted grass between the barn and the henhouse. Danny could keep under this, and did. He reached the henhouse safely. That seemed a good place, so he went back to get Nanny. Nanny didn't want to come, but she finally agreed to go over to the henhouse with him.

When she got there she liked it. So they decided that that was where they would stay, under the henhouse. There was no one else living there then, and they felt very safe. They made a nice nest of dry grass. It was warm there and very comfortable. They could slip out into the henyard. They found there was some waste grain that the Hens hadn't picked up.

Now very near the henhouse was the Old Orchard. And along the edge of the Old Orchard was the Old Stone Wall. Danny liked it there. He could creep about under the stones of the old wall without danger of being seen. He was doing this when something fell down between the stones and landed right

in front of him. It was a seed. It was a sunflower seed. It was a big, fat sunflower seed.

"Dee! Dee! Dee!" cried a voice up above. It was the voice of Tommy Tit the Chickadee. It sounded a bit as if Tommy was a little nervous. He was. He had dropped that seed and he couldn't get it down there under the stones. He had brought it over from Farmer Brown's house from the feeding station there. Then as he was trying to open it, it had slipped away from him and had fallen. Now he would have to go back for another seed.

Danny Meadow Mouse ate that seed. My, how good it tasted! He hadn't had anything as good as that for a long time. He began to look around underneath the Old Stone Wall. He found two or three more seeds. Tommy Tit must be getting these seeds somewhere. Perhaps if he could find the place, he could get them too. At least he could try.

HAMILTON (CP) — A nine-month-old boy severely burned by boiling water Feb. 19, is recovering in hospital here despite his parents' refusal to permit a blood transfusion. The boy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christie Cole, are members of the Jehovah's witness religious sect. They refused a doctor's plea to permit a transfusion and threatened to "fight to the bitter end" to prevent it.

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World Pipe Band Contest

GLASGOW (Reuters) — Nearly 8,000 happy-go-lucky are expected to take part in Belfast this year in the biggest ever world pipe band contest.

Two Canadian pipe bands may lead among competitors in the open-air event, which is being arranged by the Scottish Pipe Bands Association here.

The Canadian bands—the 48th Canadian Highlanders from Toronto, and the 401 Fighter Squadron of the RCAF from Montreal—will play alongside bands from the Glasgow and Edinburgh police and three girl pipe bands from Scotland.

The winners of the competition, to be held in the Balmoral show grounds at Belfast, will get a silver cup and £50.

TEN MILE HOUSE SCHOOL JANUARY REPORT

Grade IX: 1. Audrey Walsh. Grade VIII: 1. Gordon McInnis; 2. Joseph McQuaid; 3. Anthony Smith. Grade VII: 1. Annie Smith; 2. Theresa Smith. Grade VI: 1. Marjorie Walsh. Grade IV: 1. Danny O'Connell; 2. John McQuaid; 3. Rita O'Connell. Grade III Sr.: 1. John L. McInnis; 2. Vivian Walsh; 3. Blanch Walsh. Grade III Jr.: 1. Gary Court; 2. John F. McInnis. Grade II: 1. Cecelia Dougan; 2. Donna McInnis; 3. Elmer Walsh and Maurice McQuaid (equal). Grade I: No Tests. Teacher: Eleanor Walker.

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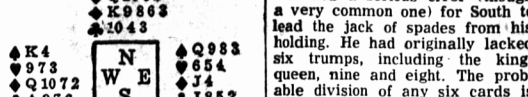
CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

THE PROPER TECHNIQUE

Give the average declarer the trump holding that South had in the following hand, and the outcome will almost certainly be what it was in this case—bad. Yet this same sort of situation occurs time and again, so it behooves all players to understand the proper mechanics.

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.



The bidding: South West North East 1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass 3♠ Pass 4♣ Pass

North's two-diamond response was pretty light—one notrump, even with the singleton spade would have been more conventional. However, the final contract was correct and should have been fulfilled.

West opened the club ace and continued the suit. South won, went over to the spade ace, returned to his hand with a diamond, and then laid down the jack of trumps. Declarer won and led another club. Declarer ruffed and, trying for a break in the trump suit, led another round. East, however, had two sure tricks in his queen-nine, and so the contract was down one.

It was a serious error (though a very common one) for South to lead the jack of spades from his holding. He had originally lacked six trumps, including the king, queen, nine and eight. The probable division of any six cards is not 3-3—a 4-2 break is much more likely—and in taking out the trumps just as in establishing a side suit, these figures must be borne in mind. South's second lead of trumps (after cashing dummy's ace) should have been a low hand. If, by chance, the missing trumps were divided 3-3, this plan would work out as well as the lead of a high trump; and if the more probable break held true, there was a good chance that South would knock out a trump honor by leading a low card, thus reserving his jack-ten for the next "knockout" play in the suit.

BACK TO WEEKLY

PARIS (Reuters) L'Express, a political newspaper backing for

mer French premier Pierre Mendès-France, said Thursday it would stop daily publication after today and return to weekly issues.

Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams



Our Boarding House

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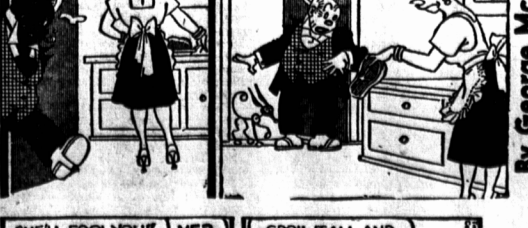
WHAT CONFIDENCE WANTS—CONFIDENCE GETS

By WILDROOT



Bringing Up Father

By George McManus

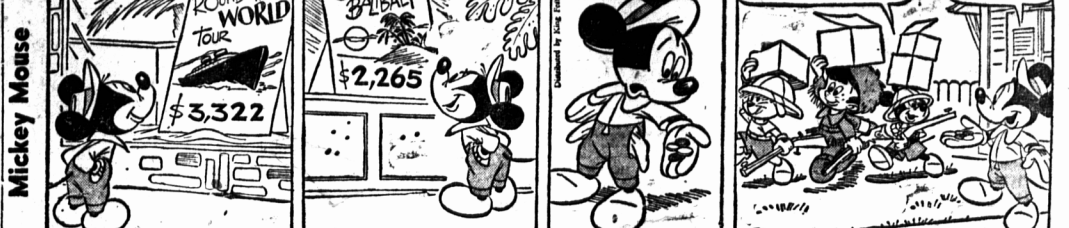


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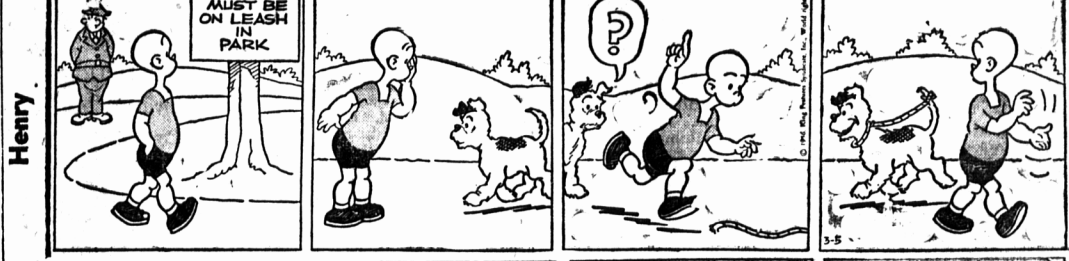
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Mickey Mouse



Henry



Muggs and Skeeter



Tilly The Toiler



Etta Kent



Joe Falooka



The Lone Ranger



Secret Agent X9



POGO



By Charles Kuhn

By Walt Disney

By Carl Anderson

By Wally Bishop

By Bob Gustafson

By Paul Robinson

By Ham Fisher

By Fran Striker

By Mel Graff

By Walt Kelly

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