

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE QUACKS ARRIVE.

Old friends are tested, proven true. Time has yet to test the new. —Old Mother Nature.

It was autumn. Already the maple trees, the beech trees, the oak trees, all but the evergreen trees, were dropping their leaves day by day. Many trees already were bare. Most of the feathered folk who go to the Sunny South to spend the winter were already down there, or well on their way. "It is the saddest time of the year," said Peter Rabbit. He really looked sad, sitting on the bank of the Smiling Pool.

"Why shouldn't I get that way? Why shouldn't I be sad? Look at the brown grass everywhere. Look at the bare branches of the trees. Look at those brown broken-down bushes," replied Peter. "I see them," replied Jerry Muskrat. "Of course I see them. The trouble with you, Peter, is you don't see enough. You don't look far enough. What if the branches of the trees and bushes are bare of leaves? If you ask me, it is a time to be happy rather than sad." Peter blinked as he looked down at Jerry. He lifted a long hind foot, twisted his head back and scratched a long ear with it. He did the same thing with the other long hind foot and the other long ear. Watching him, Jerry Muskrat grinned. He knew that Peter was trying to think. But all that scratching of his long ears was in vain. "I don't see what there is to be happy about," said he. "To begin with," squeaked Jerry, "we've had a nice summer. Nobody can take away from us what we've had. We have had the past, we have today, and tomorrow is ahead, and we are ready for it."

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INDIAN RIVER W. I.

The regular meeting of Indian River W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Bernard A. MacLellan, at the Shore. 13 members answered roll call with "My Favorite Radio Program". Mrs. K. Mann presided and opened the meeting with the Creed. Treasurer's report showed \$28.54 proceeds of Thanksgiving dance. Correspondence read included a letter from Maritime Electric informing us that the services of Barry Bugden will be available to any group who are planning on presenting a play. A pantry sale and bazaar was planned with Mrs. K. Mann, Mrs. P. MacLellan and Mrs. L. Ramsay as committee. Mrs. Frank Shea, convener of programs, presented "Fun and Nonsense", which was enjoyed by all, the prize going to Miss Grace Easter for her original verse. Lunch was served by the hostesses, assisted by the committee. Annual meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Rogers. Roll call, "What I would like our Institute to accomplish next year."



"We'll never have tomorrow," said Peter glumly.

brown buds," said Peter. "Of course," agreed Jerry, in his squeaky voice. "We don't have to guess that there will be leaves next year; we know there will be because they are right here all the time. That should be enough to make any one happy instead of sad." "Quack, quack, quack!" sounded a new voice, and with a splash Mrs. Quack the Mallard Duck landed in the Smiling Pool. A moment later, handsome green-headed Mr. Quack splashed down beside her.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

DOUBLES OF PART-SCORE CONTRACTS

Many players believe that it is a bridge crime to double the enemy at a part-score contract unless opposing "pushing" is super-evident. Well, of course it is not a good idea to make highly speculative doubles of contracts that will mean game if fulfilled, but neither is it wise to learn over backward in this respect. Observe East's action in this case:

South dealer. Both aides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1 2 3 4
2 N T Pass Pass Dbl. (1)
Pass Pass Pass Pass

East was fully aware that he was taking a chance when he doubled two notrump, but, everything considered, he felt that the potential gain justified the risk. Several factors indicated that the opponents would not make eight tricks. First, North had decided to "hang" one trick short of game, so it could be safely assumed that he was not very strong. Good rubber-bridge players (and North was one) do not stop at two notrump when there is a fair chance for game.

The second factor influencing East was that South had bid two notrump instead of doubling the two-club overall. South's choice meant one of two things; either he did not have two clubs tricks, or if he did have them, his distribution was unattractive for a double. Considering East's void, it was the next thing to certain that South had diamond length, but the presumption was also strong that West would have at least one or perhaps two diamond stoppers. And East himself, of course, had the major suits well controlled. The speculative double turned out even better than East hoped when West was inspired to lead the heart ten instead of a club. The penalty was then 800 points. On any opening, however, the double would have paid.

SCIENCE PIONEER
William Gilbert, British physicist who died in 1803, pioneered the science of terrestrial magnetism.

Tippy and "Cap" Stubbs

By E. Wina



Bringing Up Father

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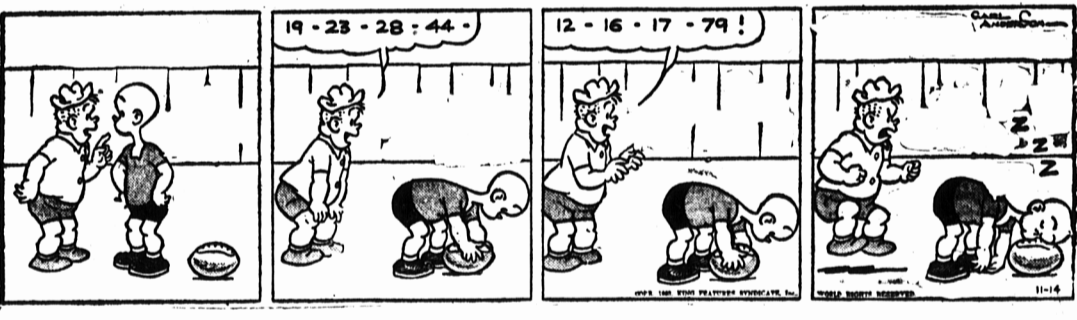
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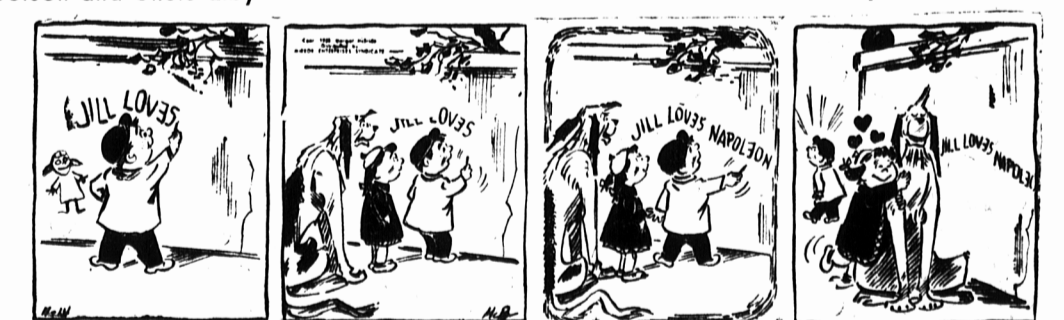
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By Ham Fisher



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