

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

MRS. TOMMY IS LUCKY

Take naught for granted lest it may turn out to be another way. —Tommy Tit.

Tommy Tit and Mrs. Tommy had discovered that a birdhouse they had occupied the previous spring, and which they had thought to nest in again this coming spring, was being used as a storehouse by Timmy and Mrs. Timmy the Flying Squirrels. It was most upsetting. Then they found that Timmy and Mrs. Timmy were living in the very next house, and that was even more upsetting. They had a squabble with Timmy and Mrs. Timmy. It was a most unpleasant squabble. Squabbles always are unpleasant for everybody except the ones squabbling. Some folks really do enjoy squabbling. Anyway, they seem to. Finally Timmy and Mrs. Tommy flew away and Timmy and Mrs. Timmy went back into their house to sleep the rest of the day.

That night they picked up the acorns and nuts that Mrs. Tommy had pulled out of their storehouse. They put them back inside and added a few more. When at break of day it was time for them to go home and to bed, Timmy declared he was going to stay in the storehouse that day.

"What for?" asked Mrs. Timmy. "Those Birds will be back tomorrow and try to clean this house out again," replied Timmy. "If I am here I'll put a stop to that. Perhaps I can catch one of them. I wouldn't mind a little fresh meat for dinner."

So Mrs. Tommy went back home in the next house and to sleep. Timmy curled up in the storehouse and went to sleep. Now Timmy, like most of the Green Forest folk, is a light sleeper. Jolly round bright Mr. Sun had just begun his daily climb up the blue, blue sky when Timmy was awakened by the sound of some one landing on the little perch just outside the door.



"I'm going to clean this house out anyway," retorted Mrs. Tommy.

"You wouldn't what?" asked Mrs. Tommy, just as if she didn't know. "I wouldn't go in there," said Timmy. "With those Squirrels such near neighbors we don't want this house anyhow."

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Instantly, he was wide awake. Green Forest and Green Meadow folk waken that way. One minute they are fast asleep, and the next they are wide awake. It is necessary that they should waken quickly like that. It may be the difference between life and death.

Timmy lay perfectly still listening; he heard voices outside. They were the voices of Tommy Tit and Mrs. Tommy. "I wouldn't," said Tommy Tit. "You wouldn't what?" asked Mrs. Tommy, just as if she didn't know. "I wouldn't go in there," said Timmy. "With those Squirrels such near neighbors we don't want this house anyhow."

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
SOMETIMES, SPEED IS ESSENTIAL

Good defense is usually a matter of figuring out the likely position of key cards and distributions and acting accordingly, but there are some plays which, to be truly effective, must be made without the slightest hesitation. Consider the following case:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

♠ A Q J
♥ K 6 4 3
♦ Q 8 2
♣ A 9 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

Since North had no support for hearts and inadequate support if a four-card spade suit, even if South happened to hold those spades, he jumped straight to three notrump on the reasonable hope that his diamond suit could be trump home.

West made his normal opening, the heart jack, and when the dummy appeared, East gave long thought to the situation — then played his heart queen, East's huddle inspired the same action on South's part, and the result was that South held up his heart king! That was the key play of the hand. Now East could do no better than to lay down the ace and another heart. South won with the king and knocked out the diamond ace, then was in complete control.

East's play of the heart queen on his partner's jack was excellent but this was the sort of play that had to be made without thought or hesitation! It was fatal to "tip South off" to the fact that East was doing something unusual. If East had put in the heart queen automatically, South would have had to fear that a hold up of the king would result in the loss of that card; beyond question, he would win the first trick and hope that the adverse hearts were divided 4-4.

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



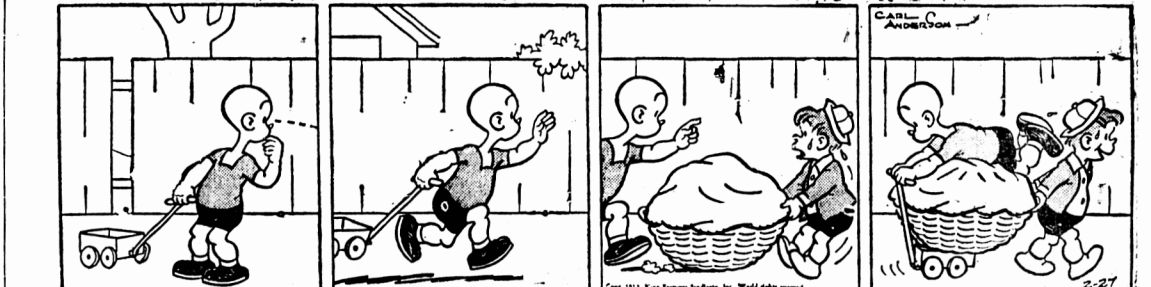
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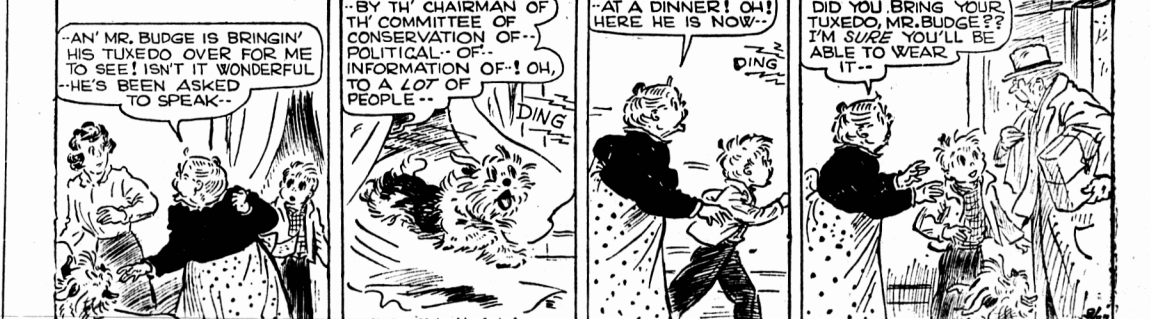
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POGO
OW! IF YOU AN ALBERT IS BUILDIN' A MACHINER CANDIDATE, YOU CAN USE THIS OL' GRAN'DADDY CLOCK OF MINE.
DANDY 'S VAMPAZ BANNY!
CLICKOO! CLICKOO! FOUR-SEVENTY-FIVE AND ALL IS WELL!
WHO? HE DON'T HEAR ME! WHAT TIME IS IT?
IT'S SATURDAY, BRIGHT EYES! WAINA MAKE SOMETHIN' OUT OF IT?
YES, MAKE IT WEDNESDAY AND I'LL SETTLE FOR THAT FOUR-SEVENTY-FIVE.
I DUNNO, POGO, YOU THINK I CAN MAKE A CANDIDATE OUTEN A CLOCK WHAT GOT A RABBIT FOR A CLICKOO?

Napoleon and Uncle Elby
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LIFE ABNER
THESE HIGHWAY SIGNS WILL GO UP IN FRONT OF EVERY NATURAL BEAUTY SPOT IN AMERICA! MOTORISTS CAN'T HELP BUT LOOK AT 'EM, THEY'RE SURE TO WON'T BE ABLE TO GET ANYTHING ELSE!
IT MAKES YOU SMELL LIKE A MILLIONAIRE!
GIRLS WILL LOVE YOU!!
WHY SWEAT BLOOD, TRYING TO BE A SUCCESS? ...it's easier to SMELL like one!!
GET RID OF P.O. (poppers odor) WILL YOU MARRY ME?
SPRINKLE YOURSELF WITH Taboodle AND GET A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF FUN OUT OF LIFE

RIP KIRBY
THAT'S IT... MONICA HILL, APARTMENT 3-B...
THERE MAY BE A NIGHT ELEVATOR OPERATOR... I'LL USE THE STAIRS...