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(By Thornton W. Burgess)

### FAT JOHNNY DELAYS

Make the most of every day  
Life is richly lived this way.

—Old Mother Nature.

Fat Johnny Chuck sat in his doorway and yawned. He yawned once. He yawned twice. He yawned three times. He was sleepy. There was no question about that. But Fat Johnny didn't want to go to sleep. He rubbed his eyes. Perhaps he was trying to rub them open. You see he knew that if he went down to his snug little bedroom deep in the ground and curled up for a nap, it might not prove to be just a nap at all. No, sir, it might not be a short enough sleep to call a nap. It might be the long winter sleep called hibernation. That is the way Johnny Chuck spends every winter—just sleeping.

"I don't want to go to sleep yet," muttered Fat Johnny, and yawned again. "I don't want to go to sleep."

"Why don't you want to go to sleep?" asked Peter Rabbit. Peter had happened along just in time to overhear Johnny Chuck.

"Because I want to stay awake and eat," declared Fat Johnny.

"Is eating all you think about?" asked Peter Rabbit.

"It is when without any trouble at all I can get such good things to eat as I've been getting lately," replied Johnny.

"Do you know what I think?" asked Peter.

"No," said Johnny, "what do you think?"

"I think if you eat much more you'll split your coat wide open," declared Peter.

"Huh! I guess there's no danger," retorted Johnny Chuck. "That's because you can't see yourself," said Peter. "I've never seen you so fat since I've known you, and that's most of your life."

"I always get fat this time of year. I have to," retorted Johnny.

"Why do you have to? I don't."

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### Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

#### NO LACK OF OPPORTUNITY!

The declarer had quite a few opportunities in the following deal, but he still lost his contract.

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 885	♠ K 987
♥ Q 54	♥ 62
♦ 874	♦ K 102
♣ 953	♣ A 74
	♠ J 10
	♥ A 963
	♦ 8
	♣ 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♠	1♥
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
1♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

The usually correct lead from a hand such as West's is the low card of partner's bid suit, but West elected to lay down the heart queen. The ace was played from the board, and, apparently determined to set up the club suit and having no convenient entry to his own hand, declarer led a low club from dummy. East ducked; West won with the nine, and seeing no reason for a heart continuation, shifted to a trump. This was ducked in dummy; East won with the blank king, cashed the heart king and then hard pressed for a safe exit led the deuce of diamonds. South's play of the three was covered by West, forcing the jack, and declarer now tried to set up a club trick by ruffing. This being impossible, he ended up by conceding a diamond to East. Down one!

South made a series of errors. His club lead from dummy was absurd — he should have returned the heart, and East, after winning, would have been greatly embarrassed for an exit. Having failed to make that obvious play, South had a second chance when West led the spade. Declarer should have put up the ace — not because the king might fall, but because East probably had the king, and if it was only singly guarded he could be thrown in on the next lead of trumps and again embarrassed for a return lead. Of course, the fall of the king would have clinched the contract.

However, South had still a third chance when East returned the diamond. South's correct play at this point was the nine, and when it held he could easily avoid a diamond loser by finessing the king.

### OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



### POGO

By WALT KELLY



### LIL ABNER

By Al Capp



### RIP KIRBY

By Alex Raymond



### KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



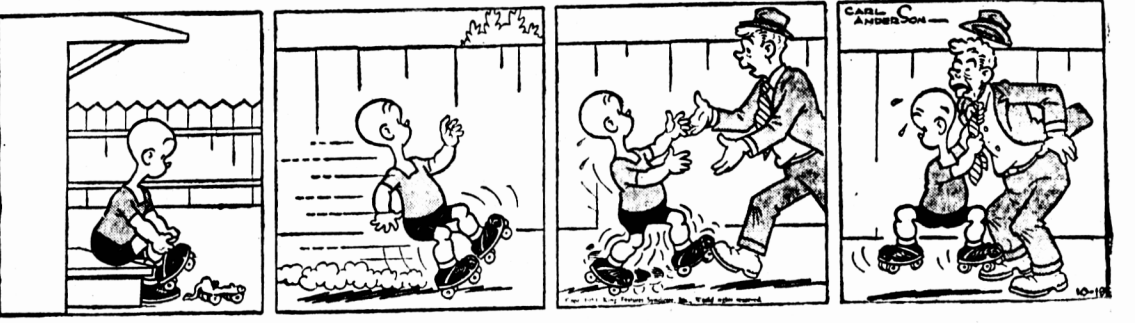
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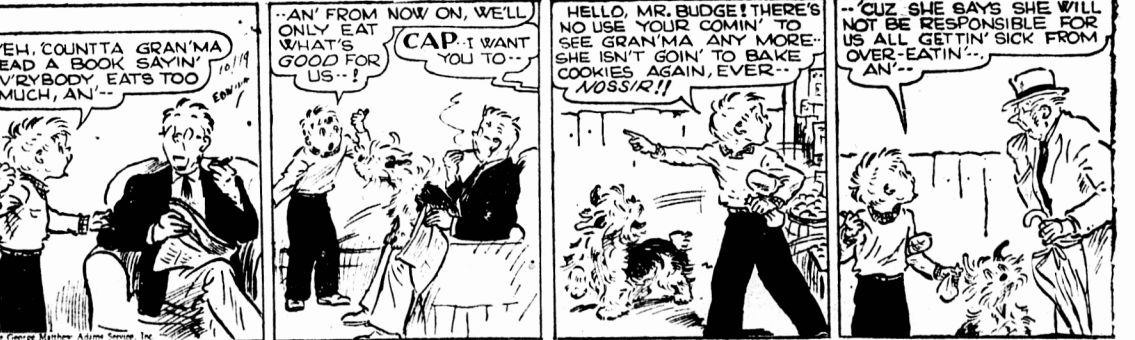
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By Carl Anderson



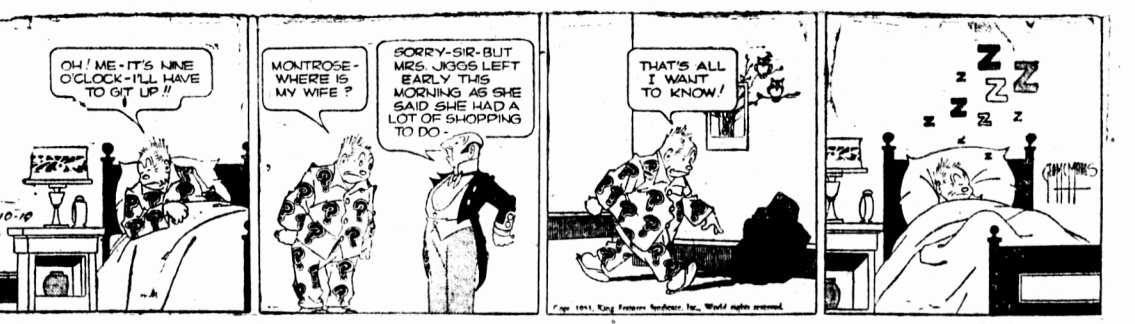
By Edwina

### TIPPY AND 'CAP' STURS



By George McManus

### BRINGING UP FATHER



By Westover

### TILLY THE TOILER



By Harry Hostigsen

### PENNY



By Harry Hostigsen