

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

TO FIGHT OR NOT TO FIGHT

There's a time to run and a time to fight. Fortunate those who may choose aright.

—Old Mother Nature.

Old Mother Nature speaks truly. Sometimes it takes more courage to run away than it does to fight, even with the knowledge that fighting is useless.

Sammy Jay, watching from a tall tree, was so excited he could hardly hold his tongue. He was watching two young foxes, Too-Smart and his pretty mate, Soft-Eyes, standing on the doorway of their home facing Prickly Porky the Porcupine. Prickly Porky wanted that home in the ground for himself. If he once got inside that house the rightful owners would never get him out. Now they were threatening him and trying to drive him back. He was persistently refusing to go back.

Too-Smart and Soft-Eyes were growing angrier and angrier, and it looked as if at any moment one or the other might jump on Prickly Porky. Sammy Jay saw this, and Sammy was worried. Already he had warned Too-Smart not to touch Prickly Porky. For the time being the young fox had heeded the warning. But now it looked as if he wouldn't heed it much longer.

"The poor young things don't know what they're doing," thought Sammy as he watched. "They never have seen Prickly Porky before. They don't know anything about those sharp little spears he carries in his coat. It will be just too bad if they try to fight him. Yes, sir, it will be just too bad for them."

Meanwhile, the young foxes were having a hard time trying to make up their minds what to do. This was especially true of Too-Smart. Should he fight or not fight? Prickly Porky was bigger and heavier than himself, but the young fox had seen at once that he was slow and rather stupid. He was sure that he would keep away from the teeth of this stupid-looking fellow. He wasn't afraid, yet at the same time he was afraid, yet he didn't know why. He had a queer feeling that there was something about this fellow that he didn't know, and that might make him sorry if he should attack. He just couldn't get rid of that feeling. Soft-Eyes had it, too. Her eyes were not soft now; they were anything but soft. She was angry clear through, and that anger showed in her eyes. How dared this stranger try to take their home away from them?

Meanwhile, Prickly Porky in his slow way was trying to make up his mind what to do. Should he persist and go ahead? Would those silly young foxes really dare to attack him? Or should he turn around and go back? It really didn't matter if he didn't get possession of that house. He didn't really need it; he already had a home. It was just a notion that he would like this one better. To fight or not to fight. That was the most important question that those two young foxes had yet



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to decide since they started out in the Great World to make a home for themselves. Once more from high in the top of that tree Sammy Jay leaned out and screamed, "Don't touch him! Don't touch him!"

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WHEATLEY RIVER W.I.

The regular meeting of the Wheatley River W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Gordon Andrews on Jan. 7.

There were 14 members and two visitors present. The roll call was answered by giving a "New Year's Resolution." There was some discussion on getting a First Aid Kit for the school. The teacher reported the sewing class was starting Jan. 12. It was decided to begin having Crokinole parties in the hall.

The new committees were: school, Mrs. Alfred Axworthy and Mrs. Leonard Ling; sick, Mrs. Mrs. Harold Buntain and Mrs. Harold Chandler; lunch, Mrs. James Ware, Mrs. Harold Buntain and Mrs. Milton Rackham. It was decided to review the first chapter of the First Aid Manual for the next meeting and to answer roll call by asking a First Aid question. Eileen MacRae conducted a very interesting contest.

Mrs. Harry Ling invited the members for the next meeting.

KINGSTON W. I.

The January meeting of Kingston W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Whitfield Yeo.

Roll call was answered by nine members with a New Year's resolution. Among the correspondence was a letter from the orphanage, the Dental Clinic and the Junior Red Cross, thanking the ladies and gentlemen of the district for cleaning the school. Committees were appointed: program, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Walsh; school, Mrs. Graham.

Funds from candy sale were given as \$15.45. Mrs. Green was ordered to get more capsules. It was decided to have a crokinole party and bazaar, each member

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

NOT QUITE GOOD ENOUGH

On the surface, North's bidding may seem to have been correct in the following deal, but it was just far enough off to cost his side an easy slam.

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

♠ K J 8 4
♥ K 5
♦ K Q 10 8
♣ 7 6 2

♠ Q 9 6
♥ 5 3
♦ J 9 7
♣ K 8 4 3

♠ 10 2
♥ J 10 9 7
♦ 3 2
♣ A J 10 9 5

♠ A 7
♥ A Q 8 6
♦ A 6 5 4 3 2
♣ Q

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ 2 ♠
2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ 3 ♠
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ 4 ♠
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ 5 ♠

East, not vulnerable, might have been wise to stay in his doubled heart contract rather than risk an opposing slam. There was nothing to the play at five diamonds; as a matter of fact South made two overtricks when West elected to open his singleton heart.

Naturally, a grand-slam contract would have been inexcusable, subject as it was to the loss of a club trick, but a small slam certainly should have been reached. The fact that it was not reached was due largely to North's failure to "show enough enthusiasm" in raising South's diamonds. Consider: South had doubled two hearts, but when East ran from this double to three clubs, South did not even pass the bid around to North for a decision. The inference, then, was that South was not interested in defending against clubs, and this in turn strongly implied a singleton club or even a void in the South hand. It also implied, even more strongly, that South believed there was a game in sight for his side, else he would have given North a "chance" at the club bid.

In view of all this, it surely could not have been over-ambitious on North's part to show his really excellent diamond support by jumping to five-odd, and that undoubtedly would have encouraged South enough to bid the slam.

to take an article for the bazaar and grab bag. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Bert Willis. Lunch committee are Mrs. Yeo, Mrs. Stewart Colwill.

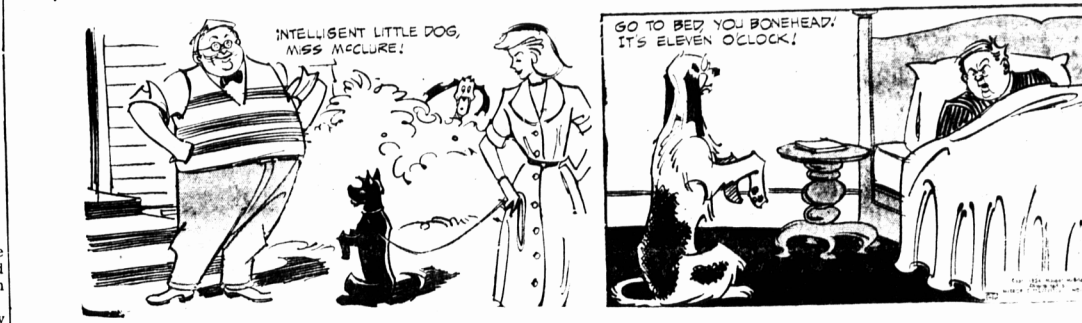
Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gus



Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford M



BABY'S COLDS

Help Nature To Fight Them Off

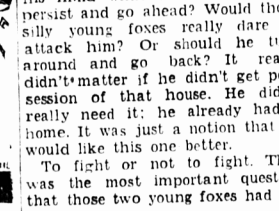
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Rip Kirby



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By Alex Raymond



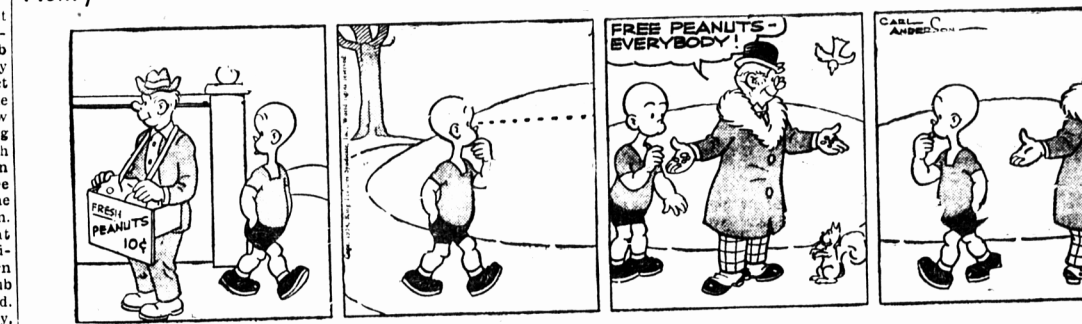
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Dotty Dripple

By George



King of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



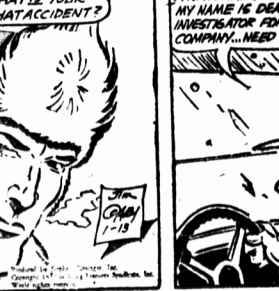
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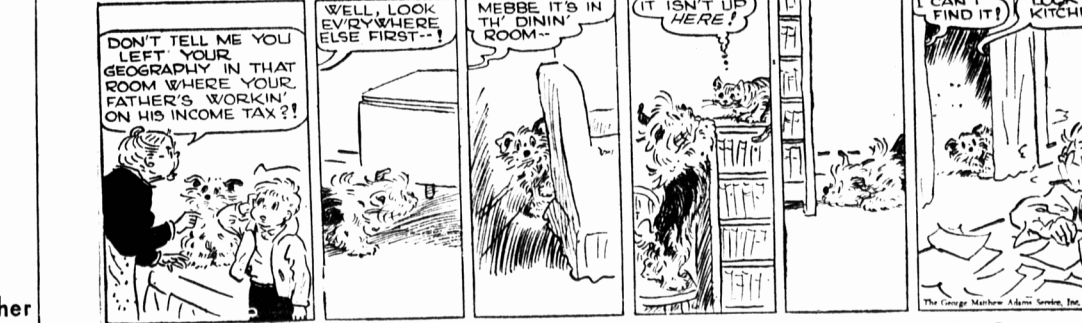
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Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By George



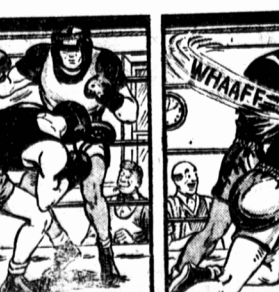
Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



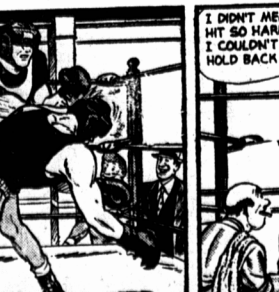
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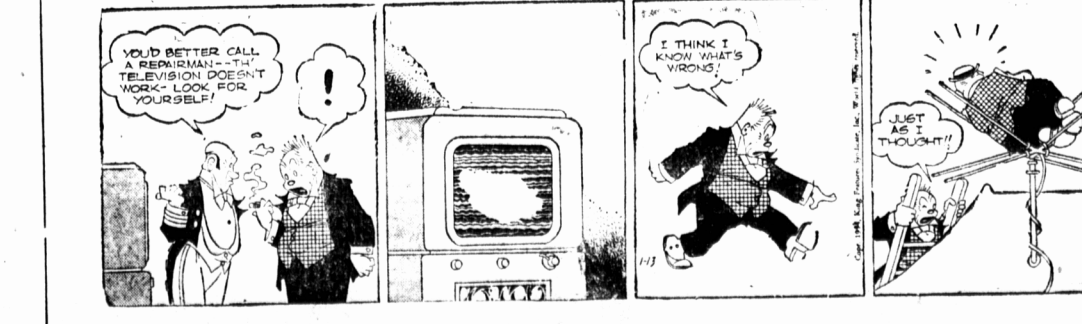
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Bringing Up Father

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