



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

LITTLE TOAD IS TERRIFIED
Fear of things when you're alone
Doubles when they are unknown.

Little Toad was a very small Toad
to be out in the Great World alone.
He had been born in the Smiling Pool.

far corner of Farmer Brown's garden.

He had become tired and sleepy
at the far end of the garden,
had gone to sleep there instead of going home.

In a jiffy they were all around that
tub of water looking at Little Toad
and cackling at the sight of him.

two, feeling that he had had only
one or twice before. It was fear.
The longer he stared at the speckled Hen
and the speckled Hen stared back at him
the more uncomfortable he felt.

They never used their wings. Now
and then one would scratch in the earth
and pick up something. Little Toad
just stared and stared. He quite forgot
where he was.

He began to feel uncomfortable.
He had a funny feeling in the pit
of his stomach. It wasn't the feeling
of hunger. This time, it wasn't that
he had eaten too much that he felt
uncomfortable.

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Now in that hen yard there was
a tub of water set in the ground.
Farmer Brown's Boy had put it there
and kept it filled for the use of
some Ducklings he was raising.

Another hop, and another, and
he landed with a splash right in the
water. It was a question who was
the more surprised, Little Toad
or the speckled Hen.

He liked to watch them paddling
about and ducking their heads
under water as ducklings do. It just
happened that that tub was only
a couple of hops from where Little
Toad had been sitting.

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

WOULD YOU MAKE THE HAND?

Give the South hand below to
any less-than-expert player and
tell him to try for nine tricks at
notrump, and it is safe to prophesy
that he will fall into the same error
that trapped the actual declarer.

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

Hand: ♠ 6 4, ♥ K 5 3, ♦ A Q J 8 5, ♣ Q 7 2

♠ 8 5 2, ♥ Q 10 7 6, ♦ K 4 3, ♣ 10 9

The bidding: South West North East

1♠ 1♥ 2♠ 2♥

3NT Pass 3NT Pass

West made his natural opening
lead, the spade queen, and after
the merest glance at dummy, declarer
went right out to establish the
diamond suit, letting the ten-spot
ride for a finesse.

It was obvious that because the
combined diamond suit was so
very much better than the combined
club suit, South gave no thought
to the possible virtue of leading
clubs immediately, but good no-trump
technique does not always

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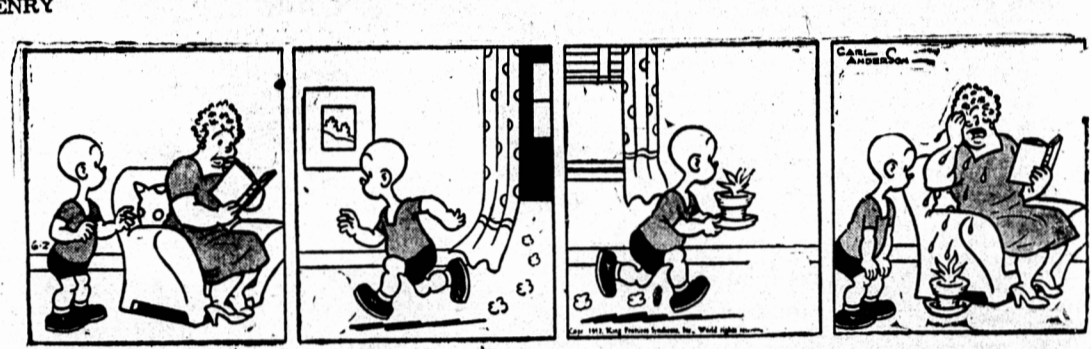
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