

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

**SOMETHING**  
A hee" as step, a careless touch-disaster lies in wait for such.  
—Old Mother Nature.

Little Joe Otter does a lot of wandering up and down Laughing Brook and other brooks and often along the Big River. It is partly because he is a fisherman, living very largely on the fish he must catch to do his fishing in many places. It is also partly because he likes to roam about. He isn't what is called a "home body."

Anyone who travels must watch his step. One moment of forgetfulness or carelessness may mean trouble of the very worst kind. No one knows this better than does Little Joe Otter. In one way he is better off than some of his neighbors. He can do a lot of his traveling in the water by swimming. That is the safest way. He doesn't have to worry much then. It is when he is walking or running on the land, or perhaps in the edge of the water, that he has to watch his step. Of all things that anyone can do, stepping into trouble is the easiest. And often it is one of the hardest things to step out of.

Little Joe had left Laughing Brook and traveled across country through the woods to another brook, a bigger brook. He knew that brook as well as he did Laughing Brook. He knew every twist and turn, every rock, every



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hole, every old log that lay beside it or in it. There are times when the most familiar things, the things we know best, may be the most dangerous things. That is because we know them so well we forget to be watchful. That is something that none of the Green Forest and Green Meadow folk can afford to do.

So now as Little Joe Otter went hunting and fishing along this big brook, he watched his step. This means that he never took a step without first looking to see where he was putting his feet. He was doubly careful because almost as soon as he reached the big brook he made what was to him an unpleasant discovery. One of those two-legged folk whom nearly all of the furred and feathered folk distrust had been along the brook. What would a Man be doing along that brook at this time of year? Little Joe thought for a moment. He must be looking for fur coats. Yes, sir, he must be looking for fur coats, coats that didn't belong to him, but did belong to the ones who were wearing them. It must be a trapper.

"He isn't going to get my fur coat," thought Little Joe. You know Little Joe wears one of the finest of all fur coats.

So Little Joe watched his step with the greatest care. He was suspicious, very, very suspicious. He didn't take him long to find that he had reason to be. He found a wicked-jawed steel trap. It had been set with great cunning. Anyone with less suspicion, or less smart, coming along that way would have been almost sure to step in it. That trapper knew the ways, all the habits of the ones he was trying to trap. That trap was cleverly hidden, where an Otter traveling up or down the brook would be almost certain to step in it. Little Joe got hold of the chain by which it was fastened and pulled it out of its hiding-place. He got a paw under it and turned it over. The jaws snapped together with an ugly sound.

"There must be more of these things," thought Little Joe. "I must warn Mrs. Joe. So Little Joe turned about and went back to Laughing Brook.

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6:30 p.m.	—CKCW-TV News
6:40 p.m.	—Weather
6:45 p.m.	—Sports
6:50 p.m.	—CBC News
7:00 p.m.	—People Are Funny
7:30 p.m.	—Adventures of Robin Hood
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8:30 p.m.	—Dragons
9:30 p.m.	—Pick The Stars
10:00 p.m.	—Citizens Forum
10:30 p.m.	—Jimmy Durante
11:00 p.m.	—CKCW-TV News
11:10 p.m.	—Weather
11:15 p.m.	—Feature Film
12:15 a.m.	—Sign Off

## IN MEMORIAM

MRS. BENEDICT MACKINNON

There passed away in the Charlottetown Hospital on Jan. 10, 1956, Mrs. Benedict Mackinnon after a long illness. The late Mrs. Mackinnon was the daughter of James Robinson and Bridget O'Neil and was born at Grand Tracadie sixty-two years ago, the youngest of a large family. She was married and there are left to mourn the loss of a devoted mother, besides her husband four sons and two daughters. Norah, Mrs. Raymond Rowe, Charlottetown; Mrs. (Dr.) E. B. Johnston, St. Stephen, N.B.; Clifford, Charlottetown; Daniel, Dunfermline, Ontario; and Raymond, Alcan. and one sister, Mrs. Agnes MacAuley, Charlottetown; and three brothers, Michael Robinson, Charlottetown; Joseph, Stanhope, and Alfred residing in Dayton, Ohio. She was a faithful member of the R. C. Church and the large number of mass cards and messages of sympathy testify to the esteem in which the late Mrs. Mackinnon was held.

Her funeral which was largely attended was held from the Charlottetown Funeral Home to the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer on Thursday Jan. 12, where Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. Gregory Murphy. Present in the Sanctuary were Rev. P. F. Macdonald and Rev. Parnell Wood. Burial was in Corran Bah Cemetery. The pall bearers were, Robert Gallant, Raymond Dunn, Mark Arsenault, George Beote, Frank Lacey, Eugene Macdonald.

## CARD OF THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. Benedict Mackinnon wish to thank all their friends for kindness and sympathy extended during their recent sad bereavement.

## IN MEMORIAM

ALFRED A. FOY

Many friends and relatives heard with regret and sorrow of the passing at his home in North Tryon, on February 28th, of Alfred A. Foy in his 72nd year. Mr. Foy lived practically all his life in the Tryon community where he was known as a quiet, kindly and industrious man.

In an early manhood he married Gertrude Harvey who died after four years of marriage leaving two daughters, Hilda now Mrs. Harry Ross of Albany and Alba, Mrs. Fred Dalziel of Charlottetown. Some years later he married Mrs. Bessie McLure who preceded him leaving a son Harold Foy now living in Summerside. His widow, the former Mrs. Esther Tremere and a brother, John Foy of Turtle Creek, N. B. survive him, twelve grandchildren

## BACK TO THE PEN

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# CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

## USING SELF PROTECTION

In a great many instances the declarer cannot protect himself against an adverse ruff, even if he is keenly aware that it is imminent. That being so, it is all the more important that self-protection should be used when there is an easy means. The hand below illustrates this point.

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 8743	♠ AK5
♥ A	♥ 10
♦ K87532	♦ QJ865
♣ 107	♣ 32

Hand diagram showing North and South cards.

The bidding: West North East South  
1♣ Pass Pass 1♠  
2♣ Pass Pass 2♠  
3♣ Pass Pass 3♠

West's holding was too good in one sense for a first-hand preemptive bid, since this sort of opening rarely contains an ace outside of the solid suit (i.e., solid, missing only the top card). However,

the fact that West was void in the higher-ranking suit, spades, made it desirable to use the shutout technique. The effort doubtless would have succeeded if South had had only a five-card spade suit.

Defeating against the doubled four-spade contract, West opened the heart king. Dummy won and a trump was led. East went up with the king and, deciding that his best defense was to try for a diamond ruff, returned his singleton. From that time on, declarer was battling for a lost cause. He won with the diamond ace and led another spade, but East won and shifted to the queen of clubs. West smothered the king and returned a diamond, and East ruffed, for the setting trick.

South should have seen that the one chance of losing the contract lay in the possibility of a diamond ruff. It could cost him nothing to guard against that catastrophe by knocking out what might well be a vital entry in one of the defenders' hands. Thus, his first play after winning with the heart ace should have been a club to his singleton king. Had he done this, East never could have reached his partner's hand a get ruffing rid of his singleton diamond.

## CARD OF THANKS

The widow and family of the late Alfred Foy extend thanks to all who sent flowers and messages of sympathy and to those who in any way assisted them during their recent sudden and sad bereavement.

## REPLACED LAMAS

A Communist "autonomous government" in Tibet replaced the historic administration by Lamas in 1953.

## LUTHERAN COUNTRY

About 95 per cent of the population of Finland belong to the Evangelical Lutheran religion.

## CARD OF THANKS

and two great-grandchildren mourn the loss of a devoted grandfather.

Funeral services were conducted on Feb. 10th at the Chisholm Funeral Home by his pastor Dr. E.J. Barass of the Tryon Baptist Church assisted by Rev. Lloyd Archer of the United Church. Hymns for the service were "There's a land that is fairer than day," "Lifes Railway to Heaven" a favorite hymn of the deceased, and "Shall we gather at the river". Pall bearers were Sheldon Dixon, Charles Roberts, Claude Vessey, Harry Quigley, Percy Howatt and Otto Johnson.

Interment was in the family plot at Tryon People's Cemetery. The many beautiful floral tributes gave

## Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams

## Our Boarding House

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