



By Thornton W. Burgess

REDDY TO THE RESCUE  
Hope is like a shining light  
In the blackness of the night.  
—Old Mother Nature.

Young Too-Smart had been in despair because he was so tired, so out of breath, and because he still couldn't get rid of the Dog chasing him. Then had come a sharp bang from a short distance away, and something had stung him on the hind-leg, something that hurt dreadfully. He hadn't the slightest idea what it was. But he forgot that he was tired and out of breath. For a little while he ran faster, even though the leg that had been stung ached badly. He didn't even see the hunter that had shot at him. He wasn't even until then what dreadful guns could do. It was the first time he had ever been shot at. Whimpering with pain and fear, he continued on as fast as he could, but that wasn't very fast now. Suddenly he found somebody running beside him. It was his father, Reddy Fox. From a dis-



He jumped off into a field and he jumped just as far as he could.

Reddy wasn't at all afraid. He knew that he could fool that Dog when the right time came. He knew where that hunter was stationed, so he wasn't afraid of being shot. He stayed right where he was until that Dog burst out of the bushes and saw him. How he did bark then. He was so excited that his tongue almost tripped over itself. Away went Reddy, and away went the Dog after him. Now Reddy was fresh, and of course the Dog had been running for some time. It didn't take Reddy but a moment or two to get out of sight among the bushes. Of course he left such a fresh scent that the Dog kept right on after him. He didn't notice that it wasn't the

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Contract Bridge

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"OSTRICH TACTICS"

One of the more subtle reasons for not making weak overcalls is that the bidder, conscious of his own guilt, is apt to hold back too much on a subsequent turn. Here's a typical illustration:

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
East-West 40 on score.

♠ K 8 4				♠ 5 3
♥ J 9 3				♥ K 6
♦ Q 9 8 2				♦ K 7 5
♣ Q 6 4				♣ K J 10 9 8 7
♠ A J 7 2	N	W	E	
♥ A Q				
♦ J 6 4				
♣ A 5 3 2	S			

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 2 ♥ (!) 2 ♣ 3 ♣  
3 ♠ Pass (!) Pass 4 ♣  
Dblc. Pass Pass Pass

East was a very unhappy declarer at four clubs doubled. South had the aspiration to open a low diamond, and with North correctly

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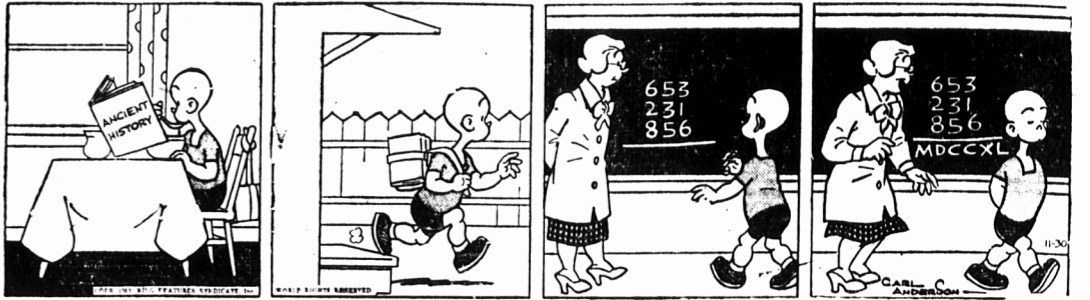
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Henry

By Carl Anderson



Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



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Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



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By Ham Fisher



Rip Kirby

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King of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



Gil Abner

By Al Capp



Dotty Dripple

By Buford



Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwin



Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



Pogo

By Walt Kelly



PENNY

By Harry Hoegen

