

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

MOTHER IS JUST IN TIME. Grudging even time to sleep. Love doth ever watchful keep. —Old Mother Nature.

Mrs. Happy Jack, the Gray Squirrel was a worried mother. At the same time she was a happy mother. Worry and happiness often go together. If you doubt it ask any mother. She'll tell you that it is true. Sometimes the greater the happiness, the greater the worry.

their eyes would open. So of course they needed mother's care every minute of the day and night. There was no one to help her. Father didn't even know he was a father. He wouldn't have been any help if he had known. Indeed, it was probably better that he didn't know. Squirrel fathers are poor fathers. Mrs. Happy Jack begrudged every minute she was away from the babies. She did have to go out every day. She had to look for the food. But all the time she was away from that home she did her best to keep a watchful eye on it. She three weeks old. They had been born without any little fur coats. They were still blind, and quite helpless, but growing every day. They would be at least five weeks old before



The big snake was just reaching up to look into that doorway.

was a visitor to that tree in a hollow of which was that Squirrel home. Mrs. Happy Jack didn't see that visitor when she first started up that tree. He was half way up when she caught her first glimpse of him. It was an enemy of whom she hadn't thought, and seeing him gave her one of the worst frights she had had in a long time. She wasn't afraid of that visitor on her own account, but she was terribly afraid on account of those babies. It was Prowler Blacksnake who was climbing that tree. And she knew that there was no dinner he would like better than a Squirrel dinner, a dinner of baby Squirrels not yet too big to be swallowed whole.

Did Mr. Blacksnake know there were babies in the hole half-way up that tree? Mother thought that he must know, else why was he climbing that tree? She was sure that somehow he had found out her precious secret. The truth is he didn't know. The truth is that there was a hole up in that tree. He is always interested in holes in trees. A very good climber is Mr. Blacksnake, and he long ago found out that it pays to look into holes in trees. He has had more than one good dinner of eggs, and of babies of feathered folk who nest in holes in trees. He has found baby mice and baby squirrels in just such hollow trees. So when he is hungry he makes it his business to visit such hollows as he may be near. This is what he was doing this time. He just happened to be over near that tree, and remembered the hole in it. He was taking his time in climbing up.

But of course Mrs. Happy Jack was sure he knew about those babies and was after them. She raced up that tree. Never in her life had

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

THE BEST TRUMP SUIT

It has been pointed out more than once in this column that even a double raise of the opening suit-bid does not necessarily establish that suit as the best trump. Consider this hand:

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

♠ KQ96	♣ 32
♥ 72	♦ 63
♦ A85	♠ 1085
♣ A96	♥ 74
♠ A J 10 8 5	♣ K
♥ K	♦ 10 8
♦ K J 10 6	♠ K 2
♣ K 2	

This is how the bidding went in a rubber game:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♥	3♠	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♥	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

The six-spade contract would have been quite good enough if West had opened the ace of hearts, but West shrewdly chose a low club—and after that, South could not avoid the loss of two heart tricks.

Now, to review the bidding. It is obvious that when South raised, a slam became a good possibility, since South had distinctly better than a minimum opening. But South's view that the only question was how many aces North held, was not sound. It is always wise to broaden the field of inquiry, so to speak; that is, to suggest to partner that a second suit is available as trump. Accordingly, this would have been a more fruitful sequence:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♥	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣	Pass	6♠	Pass

Here, with South properly showing his second suit, it would be North who started the Blackwood Convention, and, having previously announced strong spade support, North would then show his liking for diamonds, giving South the final choice. Since South could then assume that he would have a 4-4 trump suit to work with in diamonds, and could expect to discard a loser from dummy on his own fifth spade, he would—if sufficiently experienced—accept the final diamond contract.

WORTHING, England (CP)—Engineers are computing the "debris weight" of the town hall in this Sussex community. The basement will be a civil defence headquarters and is to be reinforced with steel to bear the weight if the town hall is wrecked.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



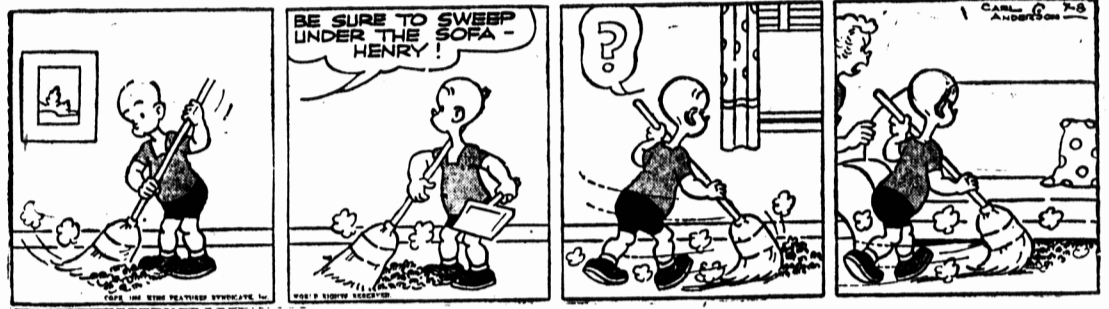
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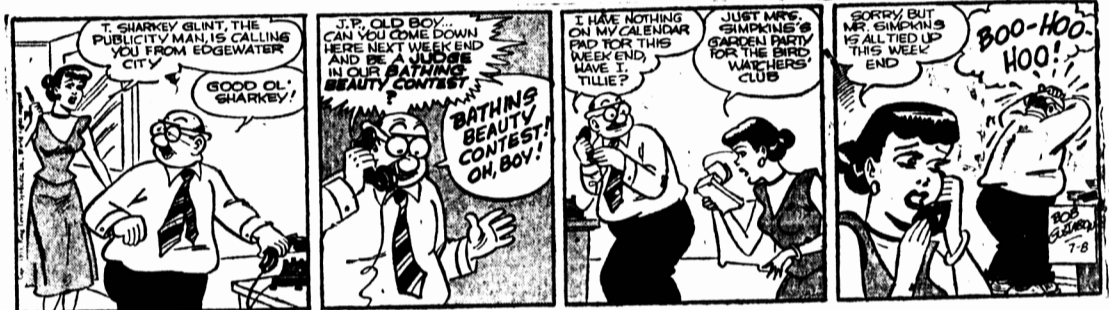
By Carl Anderson

Henry



By Bob Gustafson

Tilly The Toiler



By Clifford McBride

Napoleon and Uncle Elby



By Walt Kelly

Pogo



By Edwin

Tippy and "Cap" Stubs



By Harry Haenigsen

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