



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE STRONG ONE
Never say to anyone, That a thing can not be done. —Paddy the Beaver.

It is always foolish to say that a thing cannot be done. You may not be able to do it; it may be that no one whom you know can do it. But you may make up your mind that someone, some day, will do it. When you are tempted to say that a thing cannot be done, just remember radio and television and radar. Those so familiar things no longer seem as wonderful as they should. That is because they have become so commonplace. Yet, once, they would have been called "impossible." Paddy the Beaver and Mrs. Paddy

So, when Paddy and Mrs. Paddy were awakened from pleasant dreams by a sound of someone on the roof, Paddy was not at all disturbed. On the other hand, Mrs. Paddy was disturbed. She couldn't help but feel a bit anxious. The very idea that anyone should even try to tear a hole in that roof upset her. She wanted to know who it was, and she meant to find out. She slid into the water that filled the tunnel leading outside. She was going out to see for herself who was on that roof. A moment or two later, Paddy followed her. It was curiosity that led Paddy to go out.

At the upper end of the little pond there was open water. There was a spring there. Also, the water from the brook entered there. Jack Frost hadn't succeeded in freezing this place over. It wasn't much more than a big hole in the ice that covered the pond, but it was open water. It was to this that Paddy and Mrs. Paddy swam. There they could put their heads out of water and see all around.

Of course, Mrs. Paddy got there first. When Paddy joined her she was staring over at the roof of their house a short distance away. It looked like merely a white mound. This was because of the snow and ice that covered it. On the top of it was a stranger. He was a stranger to the extent that he didn't belong in that part of the Green Forest. At that distance he looked something like a small bear in a brown coat, and with a bushy tail. That tail was bushy in the same way as Jimmy Skunk's, not like the tail Reddy Fox, or of any of the Squirrel family. Paddy recognized the unwelcome visitor at once.

"Glutton the Wolverine!" exclaimed Paddy.

"Do you mean the fellow who tried to kill you, and whom you held under water so long that he nearly drowned?" whispered Mrs. Paddy.

Paddy nodded. "The very same," said he. "I wonder what he thinks he can do on that roof."

"It looks to me as if he thinks he can break in there," replied Mrs. Paddy.

"Well, if he thinks that, he'll have to think again," said Paddy. "If Buster Bear was out there, he might break in, though I doubt it. This fellow isn't half the size of Buster Bear, so what chance has he got?"

"Aren't you at all worried?" asked Mrs. Paddy.

"Not a bit," replied Paddy. He really meant it.

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cluvertson

PERFECT DEFENSE REQUIRED

East-West had the chance for a top-score in the following deal, played at match-point duplicate, but their defense was not as keen as it might have been.

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable. Match-point duplicate.

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

At most of the tables, after West opened with a club and East responded in hearts, the spade overcall by South was ignored — the various Wests bid notrump and ended up at notrump games. The usual East-West score was 660.

At one table however when South came in with one spade, West doubled, and East (rather remarkably) accepted the doubled contract. Actually, this could have been a splendid decision, but the defense had to be perfect.

West opened the club king, and when East played the nine, continued with the ace and a low club. East ruffed, laid down the diamond king and led a low diamond. South ruffed, then, shrewdly declining to lead trumps, simply exited with a heart, ducking in dummy.

West won with the heart jack and forced declarer again with a diamond. South led another heart and now East collected his ace and queen. When East returned a high diamond, however, and South ruffed with the spade ten, West was endplayed — after over-ruffing with the spade jack he had to lead a trump from the Q-7-5 up to declarer's A-K-10. Thus, South made five of his six spades and went down only two tricks, for a 500-point penalty.

As it happened, East could have made a slam at hearts, but that contract was hard to reach and not particularly sound. If East-West had conducted the defense against one spade more carefully, they could have collected 800 points and won top on the board. Perhaps readers will enjoy figuring out this better defense for themselves. Here's a hint: try heart leads by West, and club returns by East.

ARCTIC WHALE

The Beluga or white whale found in many parts of the Arctic seas measures between 12 and 16 feet long.

FIRST BANK

The first bank in western Canada was established by Alexander Davidson MacDonald at Victoria, B. C., in 1859.

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King Of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey

WELL, ISN'T THIS JOLLY! HATCHER HAS TURNED UP THE ROAD TO MY PRIVATE LODGE!

HE INTENDS TO GET WATER THERE FOR HIS BOILING MUTTON!

HE CAN'T ESCAPE ME NOW! THIS IS THE ONLY ROAD TO MY CABIN! MY NIGHTS WORK IS NEARLY DONE!

MEANWHILE, BACK TO KING!

I'LL MAKE A SLED OF MY SKIS AND GET THIS INJURED MOUNTAIN TO THE SHELTER OF LONGSOME CRAIG LODGE!

Rip Kirby

By Alex Raymond

AIR, KIRBY MUST HAVE FOLLOWED ME!

HERE TOO MR. FIELD! HE'S COMING UP THE WALK! WHAT SHALL WE DO?

IF YOU SAY SO... BUT YOU REALLY LOOK TERRIBLY ILL! YOU MUST TAKE ONE OF YOUR PILLS... HERE!

LEAVE THEM WITH ME, AN' DEAR, AND THANK YOU! NOW GO AND ADMIT MR. KIRBY!

Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher

HE SAW ME... HE'S COMIN' OVER... OH, JIM... WHAT'LL I SAY... I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE WITH HIM... IT'S HIS BIRTHDAY.

HE COUGHT N'T TO HAVE BIRTHDAYS. HA HA!

I... UH... I GUESS YA CAME TO JOIN ME... WE GOT A DATE... DOT.

WHY, HULLO, KNOBBY... WONT YOU JOIN US FOR A DRINK?

NO, THANK YA... ARE YA COMIN' ALONG, DOT?

W-W-WHY... I... I...

NOW LOOK, KNOBBY... DON'T BE A SQUARE... THE LITTLE GIRL "NO WANTS" YOU SEE THAT?

Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride

DANGER! THIN ICE!

PHARMACY EXAMINATIONS

The Board of Examiners of the Prince Edward Island Pharmaceutical Association will meet in Summerside on January 26th and 27th and in Charlottetown on January 28th, 1953.

For further details see the undersigned.

R. H. JENKINS,
Secretary-Registrar.

Li'l Abner

By Al Capp

GASP!— YOU ARE "WILD BILL" HICKUP— THE LEGENDARY FIGURE OF THE OLD WEST!— YOU HAVE BEEN HERE— 100 YEARS!!

AH!— IT'LL BE GREAT T' SEE THAT OLE GANG O' MINE— KIT CARSON, BILLY THE KID, GEORGE S. KAUFMAN, AN' TH' JAMES BOYS— FOLK!— WONDER WHAT THEY BIN UP TO, LATELY—

ACCORDING TO LAW— WE MUST RETURN "OUR HORSE AND GUNS."

??-YO' DIDN'T FEED 'OLD OVERHOLT' PROPER LIKE!!

BUT MAH GUNS IS STILL GOOD!!— AN' NOW T' KEEP TH' BLOODY OATH, AH SWORE 100 YARS AGO!!

Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson

MY FRIEND IS A CEREAL MANUFACTURER— LOOK WHAT HE'S SENDING THE KIDS FOR BOX-TOPS!

WHAT IS IT?

WHY AN INTER-PLANET TELEVISION HELMET OF COURSE!

HOW DO I LOOK?

YOU'RE COMING IN FUZZY!

Dotty Dripple

By Ruford

DOTTY, WHERE'S OUR MARRIAGE LICENSE?

I DON'T KNOW HORACE— WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH IT?

I'D LIKE TO FRAME IT, AND PUT IT UP WHERE EVERYBODY CAN SEE IT!

OH, YOU WON'T NEED TO DO THAT, PEAR—

I'LL NEVER LET ANYBODY FORGET YOU'RE MARRIED!

Henry

By Carl Anderson

FATHER, HAVE YOU EVER PLAYED THE PONIES?

YEARS AGO IN A SMALL WAY.

HOW COME YOU STOPPED?

I GUESS I FOUND ANOTHER PASTIME WHICH BROUGHT THE SAME RESULTS.

TWICE AS EXCITING KEEPS ME JUST AS BROKE AND IS A BIGGER GAMBLE.

WEEPERS, WHAT IS IT?

YOU AND YOUR MOTHER.

Pogo

By Walt Kelly

JUST WHAT I NEED! THREE INTELLIGENT MEN!

WHERE?

YOU, MY FRIENDS, ARE ABOUT TO BE MILLIONAIRES. EVER HEAR OF SOAP OPERA AN' THE SOAP KINGS?

HUH?

CORRECT! VERY PERCEPTIVE! BUT WHAT IS SOAP WITHOUT WATER? BAD TASTIN' CHEESE!

WON'T IT GET SOGGY?

IT HAPPENS, FRIENDS, THAT I HAVE JUST OBTAINED THE NIAGARA FALLS. ALL I HAVE TO DO IS RAISE A LITTLE CASH TO GET IT DOWN HERE AN' HERE MADE! (ISN'T THAT JES' FINE?)

Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwint

WELL, DON'T YOU WORRY!! MEBBE YOU'LL OWN A WHOLE FLOCK OF RACING CARS SOMEDAY— JUST LIKE BIG ORWELL'S...

OH, I'LL HAVE AIRPLANES, INSTEAD!! AN' I'LL FLY SO HIGH—

THAT'S TH' TICKET! FLY AS HIGH AS YOU CAN— AN' MEBBE BY THAT TIME, THEY'LL HAVE ROADSIDE STANDS ON TH' STARS!

...OR... WELL, MEBBE IT'D BE BETTER TO HAVE YOUR GRAMMA FIX SANDWICHES TO TAKE LONG WITH YOU—!!

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus

THEN I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW— MRS. JIGGS— THE LESSONS WILL BE FROM TWO TO FOUR—

VERY WELL— PROFESSOR— I'LL BE EXPECTING YOU—

A TWO-HOUR GIVING LESSON EVERY DAY. I DON'T KNOW HOW I'LL LIVE THROUGH THIS!

IT'S EXPENSIVE— JIGGS— BUT THIS TEACHER GUARANTEES RESULTS! AND I WANT TO SURPRISE YOU WITH THE IMPROVEMENT IN MY VOICE— SO I'LL HAVE TO INSET THAT YOU LEAVE THE HOUSE FROM TWO TO FOUR EVERY DAY FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

GOSH— I HOPE MESSIE'S GIVING WON'T IMPROVE TOO FAST!

PENNY

By Harry Hoeningen

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