



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

JUST A PILE OF RUSHES

A house as it appears when done is seen before it is begun.

Peter Rabbit was watching Jerry Muskrat and Mrs. Jerry build a house. As yet it didn't look at all

like a house. It was nothing but a pile of mud, a little island out in the water in the midst of the rushes growing at the head of the Smiling Pool. Anyway, it looked to be mostly mud. It wasn't really mixed in with it were the rushes that had been cut to make a place for it, and there were some roots

that had been dug up. Jerry and Mrs. Jerry had done a lot of digging for quite a distance around that little island, and the water was quite deep as a result. Peter had turned up his nose at that house. This was because all he saw was just that little island that Jerry and Mrs. Jerry had built. All he saw was what was, not what was to be. The two busy builders saw what was to be. Now that their little island of mud and trash was above the level of the water, they were bringing more rushes than mud. Every time Peter visited the neighborhood that pile of rushes had grown. It began to look like a little haystack, only it was made of rushes instead of hay.

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

RISK VS. GAIN

It goes without saying that slam investigation should be carried out, whenever possible, at a safe level, so that a retreat from the slam idea will not leave the game in jeopardy.

Like so many other theories, however, this one must not be taken too literally. The sober fact is that players who never jeopardize game cannot possibly reach a fair proportion of their makable slams.

Risk and gain are inseparable, in bridge as in war — or even in life, for that matter. Hence, the only "catch" is to adopt a sound risk vs. gain policy.

West opened his top heart — not that this mattered — and South ended up with 13 tricks. He discarded his heart seven on the ace of clubs, and finessed against the diamond queen.

North dealer. North-South vulnerable. Rubber bridge. Hand: ♠ K3, ♥ 82, ♦ J9, ♣ AQ10764. South: ♠ KQJ10, ♥ 854, ♦ Q752, ♣ K8.

The bidding: North 3♣, East 3♥, South 4♠, West Pass.

Jerry and Mrs. Jerry chuckled squeakily, then left Peter and once more went to work cutting and piling rushes on that little island of mud and trash. It was true that as yet there wasn't a room in that new house. Inside and outside were the same. It was just a big mass of rushes and mud, the upper part mostly rushes.

PARIS (Reuters)—Princess Alexandra, 16, daughter of the Duchess of Kent, will stay in France for several months to study French and music, the British embassy said Monday.

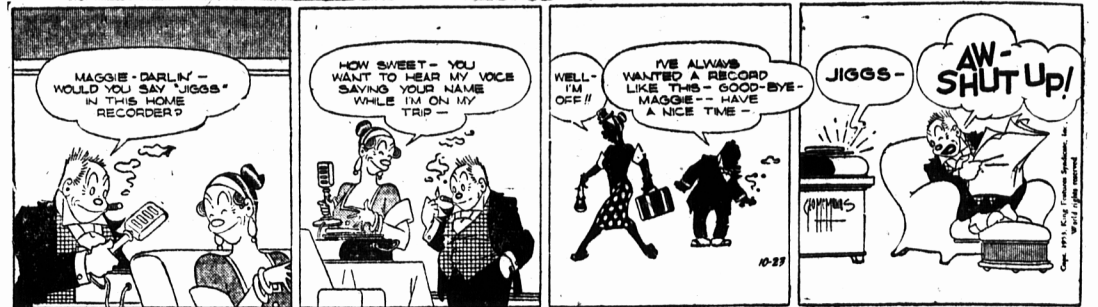
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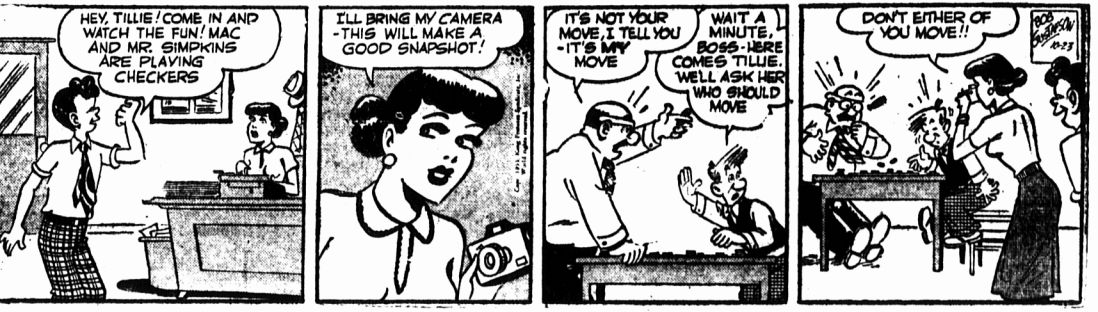
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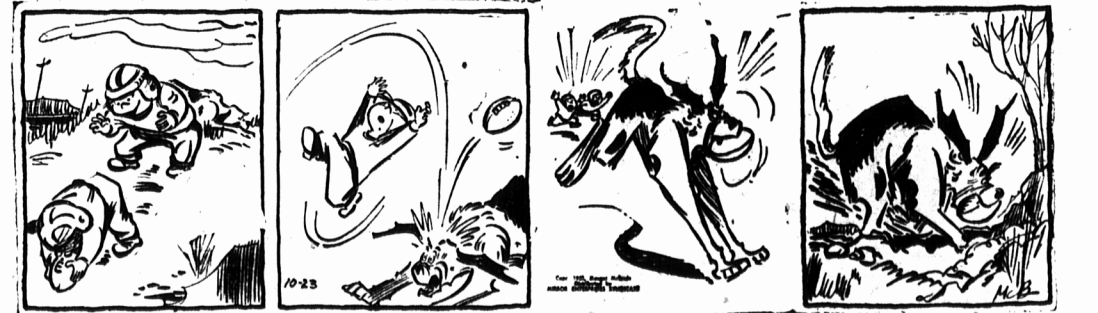
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