



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE CORN STEALERS. That wholly wrong to some may open the husk that encased the delicious kernels. Now for the first time, Jerry saw the stranger's tail. It was a big tail, and it was ringed. Jerry never had seen anyone with a ringed tail. The rings were black and brownish gray. Jerry didn't know who the stranger was, but of course, you do. It was Bobby Coon.

It was just at break of day. The Black Shadows were already hurrying back to the Purple Hills where they would spend the day. It was neither dark, nor really light. Jerry Muskrat squatted just inside the edge of a cornfield. In front, and on all sides of him, the cornstalks grew straight and tall. Just a little way from him were two strangers in fur. They were quarreling over an ear of corn. They had broken down a stalk to get that ear. Now they were quarreling. At the same time, the other stranger began pulling down another cornstalk right where Jerry could see him.

After awhile, the strangers separated. One went a little farther than among the tall stalks of corn. In a moment he was out of sight. Almost at once Jerry knew what he was doing. He knew by the sound he heard. A cornstalk was being pulled down. At the same time, the other stranger began pulling down another cornstalk right where Jerry could see him. "It was lighter now. The stranger turned. He was standing up on his hind feet, and reaching up to pull that stalk down where he could get at the ear of corn. He was wearing a black mask right across his face. Yes, sir, he was already wearing a black mask. It gave Jerry a funny feeling. The stalk broke, and



Of course those Coons had no business to be in that cornfield.

to get the other ear. He ate only half of this before he did the same thing again. It was the same way with the other Coon. They were doing a lot of damage, and wasting a lot of good food when there was no need of it. Some folks are like that.

NEW ANNAN W. I.

Mrs. Elmer Moase was hostess to the October meeting which opened by the Ode and Creed. Roll call was responded to by 15 members paying a cent for each size of their shoe. Three members volunteered to collect for the Protestant Orphanage. A pantry sale is to be held, later in October whenever space is available, in one of the Summerside stores.

The handicraft van is to begin sewing and craft classes here on November 2. The craft chosen to be taken is weaving. Institute News was distributed. The sick committee reported several calls made and the school committee reported a broom was needed. It was decided that a broom be bought and that blinds be re-ordered for all the school windows.

Next meeting is to be held a week earlier, Oct. 29, as the handicraft van will be giving lessons the following week. Roll call will be the 35c fee. The meeting will be at the home of Mrs. William Waite with Mrs. John McInnis and Mrs. Charles Waugh as lunch committee.

The first International Postal Congress was held in Bern, Switzerland, in 1874, says the National Geographic Society. Representatives of the United States, Egypt, and 20 European countries attended.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

TOO TIMID

It is better, perhaps, for certain types of players to refrain from opening the bidding lightly, for this reason: once they do open lightly, they seem to feel that the rest of the auction is out of their hands; they must take no step which might imply that they had something to spare in the first call. In short, such players act as East did in the following case.

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable. Both sides 60 on score. A K 7 2, 8 7 6 4, Q J 10 9 5, K J 7 4, Q 10 8 6, 9 8, K 8, N W E S, A 9 6 5, 8 4 3, A J, A 7 2, Q 10 8 3, K 10 5 3 2, 6 4 3.

The bidding: East South West North, 1 Pass 2 Pass, 2 Pass 3 Pass, 3 Pass 4 Pass.

After East had opened the bidding he apparently washed his hands of the whole matter; not even the state of the score could spur him to further effort. Certainly, in view of his partner's two raises, East might have found the courage to double four diamonds, or, if his three aces in connection with partner's bids could not embolden him to that extent, he might have taken a defensive position and bid four spades. The latter contract, even though it would have been defeated a trick, still would have been considerably preferable to what happened.

West opened his fourth-highest spade. This was ruffed in dummy and a trump was led toward the closed hand. East put up the ace, and at this point could have beaten the contract by returning either a spade or a low club — the latter play would have resulted in a club ruff by West — but actually East returned a heart. Dummy won and a club was now led. Once more East erred — he put up the ace and led another heart. That was the end of the proceedings. South drew another round of trumps, dropping East's jack and West's queen together, then cleared the club suit. Poor West, on taking the club king, could not make a move to save himself.

After East's inexcusable passivity, it was adding insult to injury when he sorrowfully asked his partner, "Why didn't you open the king and another club?"

Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwida



Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



Dotty Dripple

By Ruford



Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



NOTICE

RESIDENTS OF SOUTHPORT AND SURROUNDING AREAS

A meeting will be held in Southport School on Wednesday, October 14th, at 8 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the possibility of incorporating the area under the Village Services Act. All residents are urged to attend.

Hon. Eugene Cullen and the Director of Town Planning will be in attendance.

KING COLE TEA. A blend of the CHOICEST!

Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



King Of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



Lil Abner

By Al Capp



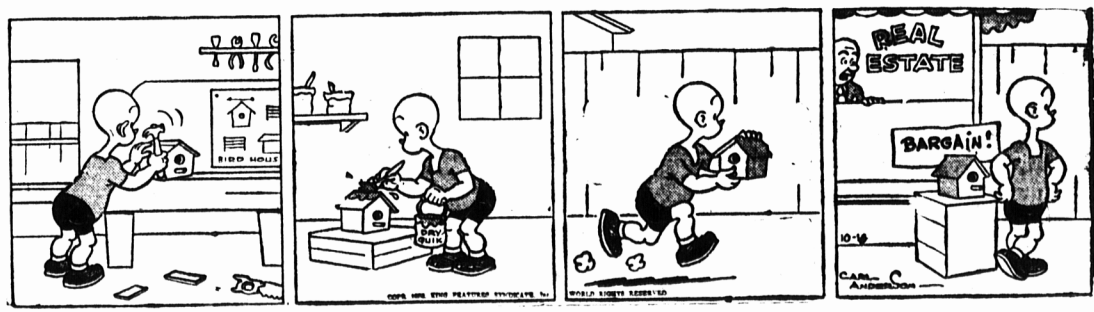
Rip Kirby

By Alex Raymond



Henry

By Carl Anderson



Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



Togo

By Walt Kelly



PENNY

By Harry Hoegen

