

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE GREEDY ONES

All the helpless and the needy. The ones who prove too greedy.

Little Too-Smart, small son of Reddy Fox, had been feasting on blueberries. They were the first blueberries he had ever tasted, and oh, how good they were. It seemed as if he could never get enough of them. Yes, sir, that is the way it seemed. He had stuffed himself so greedily that he quite forgot everything else, and no one can afford to do that.

behind him. Together, they had cried, "Woof, woof!" and then hugged themselves with glee as they watched the little Fox take to his black heels without so much as even a single look behind. "I guess that will teach him not to steal our berries," said one little cub, and then the two little Bears had settled down to eating berries as greedily as the small Fox had been doing.

Little Too-Smart had not run far. He stopped and looked back. He couldn't see the berry patch from where he was. He waited and waited, but no one appeared. He moved back a few steps and waited. He repeated this several times until at last he was where he could peek out and see that berry patch. He more than half expected to see Buster Bear out there, for those voices that had frightened him so had sounded like Buster Bear's voice, only smaller.

Buster Bear was not out there stuffing himself with blueberries, but two small folks who looked like him in all but size, were eating berries as fast as they could stuff them into their mouths. Little Too-Smart saw that the cubs were not much bigger than himself. He was sure that they were not big enough to do him any harm. Anyway, he could run away if he had to. He wanted more of those berries. Quietly, he stole out from under the bushes to the nearest patch of berries, and began to greedily gobble these. At the same time, he kept an eye on the two cubs. At first they didn't notice him. Then one of them sat up for a look around, and spied the little Fox.

"Huhi!" exclaimed the cub, "that fellow is back after our berries." "Well, I'll give him another scare," said the other.

So the two little Bears softly stole toward the little Fox. They thought he didn't see them but all the time Little Too-Smart was watching them out of the corners of his eyes. When they thought they were near enough, they cried, "Woof, woof!" together, just as they had done the first time. They expected to see



Little Too-Smart saw that the cubs were not much bigger than himself. "Go away! Don't bother me," he barked.

"These are our berries," growled one of the little Bears. "They are just as much mine as they are yours," snarled Little Too-Smart, and made all the hair along his back stand up. This made him look very much bigger than he really was.

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

WHAT WOULD YOU LEAD? The opening lead was the most important feature in the following hand.

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable. East-West 60 on score.

AKJ10 9643 10872 J 84 8 47 7653 Q109886

The bidding: East South West North 1 2 3 (!) Double Pass Pass

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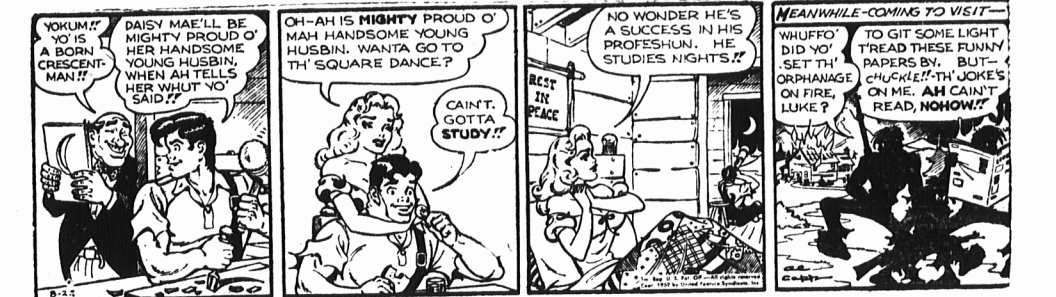
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KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



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L'L ABNER



By Rufus

DOTTY DRIPPLE



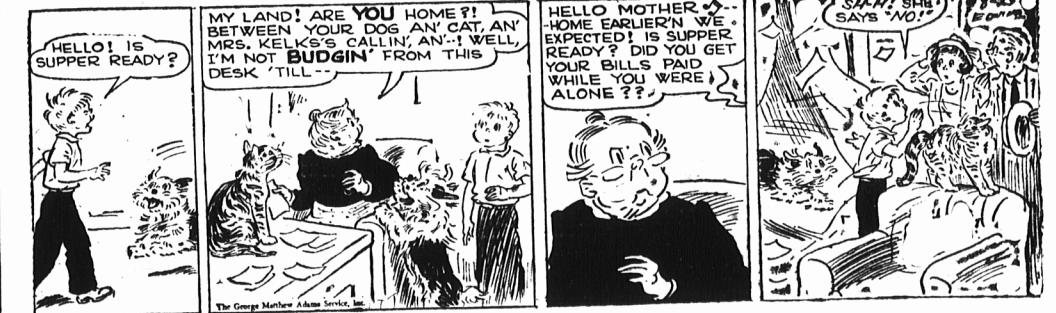
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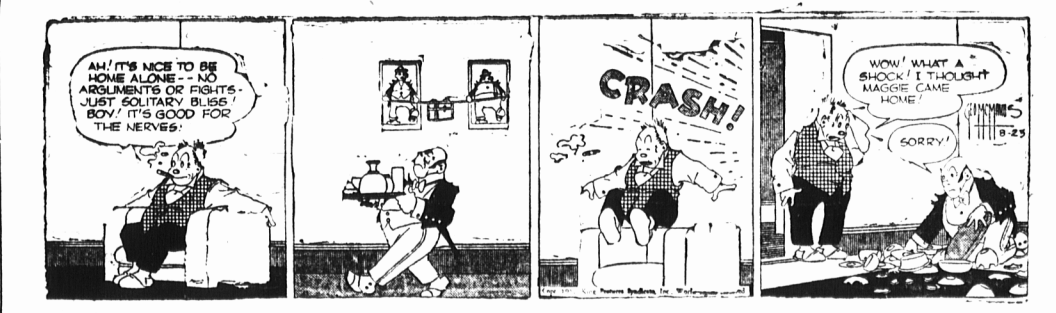
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TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS



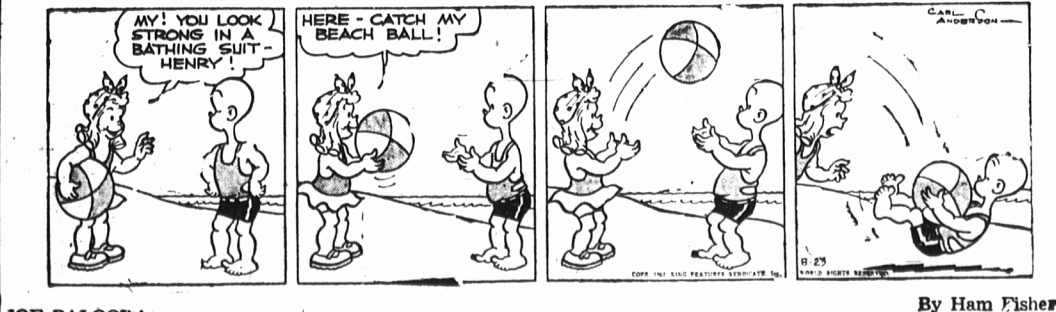
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