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BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



(By Thornton W. Burgess)

AN OLD PASTURE WELCOME

No greater blessing life attends
 Than faithfulness of loving friends.
 —Old Mother Nature.

Mrs. Reddy Fox had made up her mind. It hadn't been made up in a hurry. Mrs. Reddy would tell you that there is nothing more foolish than to make up one's mind in a hurry in a matter of real importance. Nothing leads to so many bad mistakes as unnecessary hurry. So Mrs. Reddy had been slow to decide that she and Reddy should move from the Old Pasture and dig a new home some distance away. It was a trap that had decided her. It was the third one that she and Reddy had found recently in the Old Pasture near their home. She had almost stepped in this one. It was just good luck that its cruel steel jaws had not snapped together on one of her legs. She had uncovered that trap and sprung it by slipping a paw under it and flipping it over. She had shivered at the ugly sound of those wicked jaws when they had snapped together on nothing. The Old Pasture would no longer be a



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safe place in which to bring up a family of lively young cubs.

While she waited for Reddy's return she made up her mind. "We are going to move, and the sooner the better," she announced as soon as Reddy was near enough to hear her. She didn't notice the happy grin on Reddy's sharp face.

Reddy paid no attention to her. "My dear, I have some good news," he barked.

"And I have some bad news," retorted Mrs. Reddy. "We have got to move right away."

"He is back!" barked Reddy. There was no mistaking the joy in his voice.

"We can't put it off any longer. Today I found—" She stopped to stare at Reddy. "What did you say?" she demanded.

"I said he is back. At least that is what I have heard," barked Reddy.

"I'll believe it when I see him," declared Mrs. Reddy.

"Then you can believe it right now," declared Reddy. He had turned and was looking off across the Green Meadows. Farmer Brown's boy was crossing them to ward the dear Old Briar-patch. He was small in the distance, but both Reddy and Mrs. Reddy had watched him so often through other years that they knew they were not mistaken.

The worried look left Mrs. Reddy's sharp face. For the moment she forgot her troubles as she saw the boy as he visited the dear Old Briar-patch. They saw him stop at Johnny Chuck's house. Johnny had sat on his doorstep until Farmer Brown's boy was almost to him, then shown him a pair of black heels as he ducked down inside the house.

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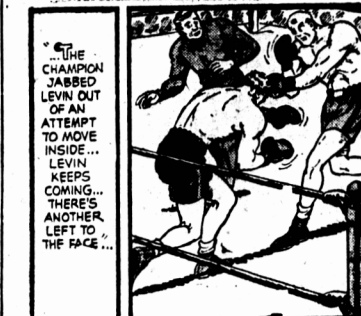
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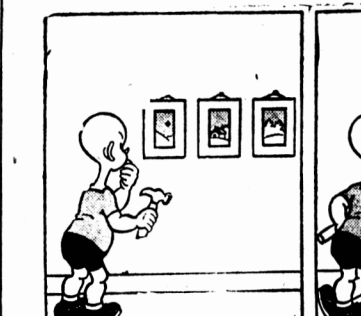
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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

"SAVING" CAN BE COSTLY!

North and South were too "sacrifice-minded" in the following deal.

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

♠ A K 10 9 5
 ♥ 7 3
 ♦ Q 8
 ♣ Q 10 7

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	3♥	3♠
4♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Double	Pass	Pass	Pass

It was South, of course, who was largely responsible for the catastrophic outcome of the four-spade "sacrifice." His three-spade overcall of three hearts defied the excellent "rule" for such situations—the Culbertson Rule of 2 and 3. Under this yardstick, a vulnerable player should not risk a penalty of more than two tricks. (Not vulnerable, the risk should not exceed three tricks.)

South's hand, realistically evaluated, was worth four tricks in spades (with that suit trump) and about one trick in clubs, and this left him distinctly short of what he needed for a nine-trick contract.

North's raise was also rather optimistic, but if South's bid had been justified, the sacrifice might have been profitable.

The defenders took full advantage of their opportunity! West led the heart ace and continued with a low heart. East won and shifted to his lowest club. West captured declarer's ten with the ace and returned the club deuce; East put up the king and continued the suit, West ruffing South's nine.

To map out the remaining defense as clearly as possible, West carefully led the diamond five (instead of the jack) because he did not want East to hold up the ace if he had that card (which was virtually assured from his three-heart bid). East naturally put up the ace and he had no doubt about what to return—his last club. Thus, West made his spade queen by being able to ruff higher than dummy, and the penalty grew to 1100 points.

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