

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

HAVING FUN
In every life a little fun is necessary as the sun. —Old Mother Nature.

Little Joe Otter, Mrs. Joe, and two well grown children were making a winter trip across country. They are great travelers at times. Usually they do their traveling by water. They like to explore brooks and rivers and ponds and the shores of lakes. But in winter they often go across country from one body of water to another, especially when there is snow. They do not have snow shoes, but unless the snow is too deep they often can travel, by bounding and sliding; and they have no end of fun doing it. Otters are fun-loving folk. Long ago they learned that a certain amount of play and fun makes for happy living. You can't have fun and be unhappy, and the Otter folk are happy folk.

It was moonlight, and the snow was just right. It was packed enough so that it wasn't tiresome to travel over it. Whenever there was a chance those merry fun-lov-

ers would bound along as fast as they could, then throw themselves fat on their stomachs and slide. They always did this where there was a chance to slide downhill. Now not far from where Too-Smart and Soft-Eyes, the two young foxes, had recently made a new home was a small hill. It was hardly big enough to be called a hill. It was more of a big mound. When Little Joe Otter, who was leading the way, came to the top of this big mound, he knew at first glance that here was just the place to have a lot of fun sliding. The snow was just right, the slope of the mound was just long enough, and there was a short way around to get back to the top without too much work.

Away went Little Joe, flat on his stomach, down to the bottom. Away went Little Mrs. Joe after him. Away went each of the two young otters. When they reached the bottom they scrambled to their feet and Little Joe led the way back to the top. Then they did it all over again. Over and over again they went down the slippery-slide, trying to see who could go down the farthest and the fastest. Had there been water at the foot of the slippery-slide they would have kept on sliding just the same. In fact, they would have enjoyed having water there; even the icy water of mid-winter.

It happened that the two young foxes who were out hunting discovered what was going on. To them, Little Joe and his family were complete strangers. Neither of them had ever before seen any what to make of the short-legged, long-bodied folk. From the shelter of some brush they watched that sliding party, and thought it was one of the craziest sights they



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ever had seen. At first they couldn't make out why those otters were climbing up that mound and sliding down again, and doing it all over again. But after watching them awhile they realized that it was being done for fun. Those sliders were having just the best time ever. There was no doubt about that. It seemed to be a sort of game in which father and mother and both children were having an equally good time.

"Whee!" cried Little Joe Otter. "Whee!" cried Little Mrs. Joe Otter. "Whee!" cried each of the young otters, and slid down the slippery-slide together.

STERLING W. I.

The February meeting of Sterling W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Frank Bell with Mrs. Ray Douglas, presiding.

The roll call was answered by 18 members. The sick committee reported five calls, three shut-ins being presented with Christmas boxes. It was decided to have the Amateur Cavalcade in the spring.

The following new committees were appointed: program, Mrs. D. B. Reid and Mrs. C. Woolner; lunch, Mrs. A. S. MacEwen, Mrs. J. Fleming, Mrs. F. S. Bell, Mrs. E. Henry and Mrs. E. Fife. The collection amounted to \$195.

Mrs. C. A. Woolner offered her home for the next meeting when the roll call will be answered by "an exchange of original valentines."

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A MOOT QUESTION

It is a close point as to who played worse in the following hand — West or the declarer.

East dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

N
W
E
S

♠ A K J 7 6 5
♥ A
♦ 9 8 5
♣ 10 7 2

Q J 10 9
8 5 4 3
K
K 8 4

The bidding:
East 4♥ South 5♥ North 6♣
Pass Pass Dble. Pass

In view of the fact that the spade slam could have been beaten immediately by a diamond lead and continuation, perhaps North should be included on the roster of those who made mistakes (especially since the opposing heart contract could have been trumped) but there was much to be said for North's bid. North could scarcely know about the duplicated heart values in his own hand and partner's.

The first unquestionable error was West's double of six spades, and the second was the same player's opening lead.

As for the double, West could not be remotely sure about defeating the opponents. But since he did double, he should have selected either the diamond ace or a club as his opening; his actual lead of a heart had nothing to recommend it.

However, South quickly returned West's favor! South discarded a diamond from the board while he won with the heart ace, and after that the slam was unmakeable.

It goes without saying that the proper discard from dummy was a club, not a diamond. Then, by finding both of the missing diamond honors on side, South could have established dummy's suit and easily taken 12 tricks.

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TONIGHT — 9:30 to 10:30

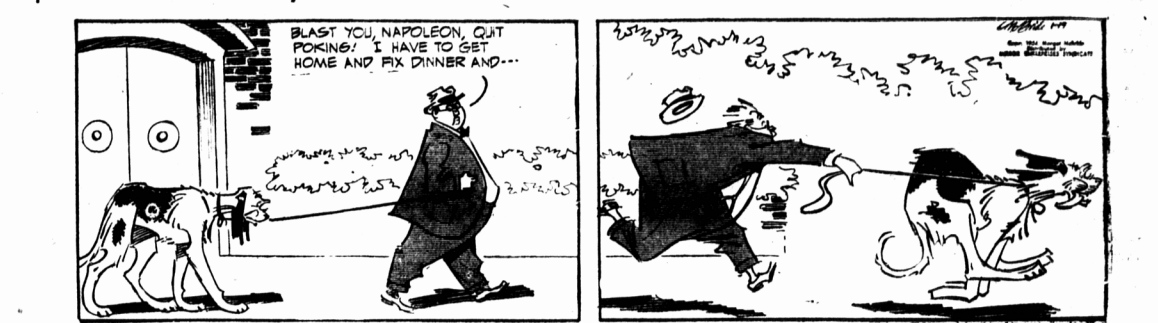
Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



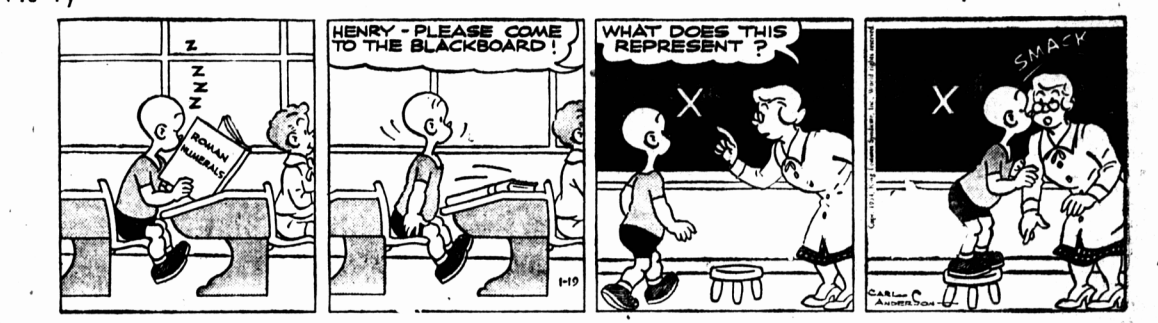
Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



Henry

By Carl Anderson



Pogo

By Walt Kelly



Rip Kirby

By Alex Raymond



King of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



Li'l Abner

By Al Capp



Dotty Dripple

By Buford



Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwing



Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



PENNY

By Harry Meenigen

