

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## YOUNG JERRY IS RESPECTED

Courage all the word respects; Cowardice in scorn rejects. —Old Mother Nature.

It is true that courage never fails to win respect. It is given to the small and weak just as it is to the big and strong. Young Jerry Muskrat was finding it so in the Smiling Pool. Young Jerry was well grown. He was not yet quite as big as his father, but he was a fine looking young Muskrat. He had lived all his life in the Smiling Pool, and everybody there knew him. But until recently no one had had any special respect for him. He was just a nice good-looking young Muskrat, a little headstrong, as young folks just

starting out in the Great World are apt to be. He had been inclined to think he knew all about the Great World because he had several times gone down Laughing Brook and had explored up and down the Big River a short distance. His father, Jerry Muskrat, had warned him to watch for traps. Young Jerry, not knowing what traps were like, failed to heed the warning, and was caught in one. When he had returned to the Smiling Pool it was with only three legs and the stump of another. Back at the place where he had been caught the wicked steel jaws of a trap held part of the front leg, and the foot. Out on the Green Meadows, over in the Smiling Pool, in the Green



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Forest and in the Old Pasture, competition is the rule of life. The smartest and the strongest usually get the most and the best. So it is that each one needs to be at his best in order to live well. Often he must fight for what he gets. Young Jerry had now only his two hind feet, and one paw, or hand. At first his neighbors had no respect for him. Perhaps they were sorry for him in a way, but they had no respect.

"Serves the young fellow right," said Grandfather Frog in his gruffest voice. "When young folks don't heed the advice of those who know they deserve to get in trouble." Some of the other Muskrats were at first inclined to treat young Jerry with scorn. If he found a choice bit of food they would crowd him away from it, or one of them would snatch it. They thought he was helpless. But Young Jerry had in him the courage to live, and it soon came about that the others discovered that Young Jerry's teeth were just as sharp as theirs; that his hind feet were just as fast as theirs and in

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## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### "SPLITTING" HONORS

If the contract in the following hand had been one trick higher, West's defense in the heart suit would have been understandable, if not correct. Under the actual circumstances, however, it was inexcusable.

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

|       |      |       |      |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| North | East | South | West |
| 1♠    | Pass | 2♥    | Pass |
| 3♥    | Pass | 4♥    | Pass |

West made his safest-appearing lead, the Jack of clubs. When the low club was played from the table East put up the ace and shifted to his lowest diamond. South won and led a low trump — and that was where West went very wrong; he "split his honors," putting in the ten to force dummy's king. When East smothered the king, South of course had to lose another trump trick to West's queen, but that was something he could well afford. The contract itself was now safe.

Many players make the same mistake that West made in this deal. What important advantage could be gained by playing the trump ten on the lead toward dummy? It was obvious that the defenders could not hope for another club trick; the spade suit was certainly hopeless, and East would not have led a low diamond if he had held the king-queen, so declarer was marked with both top honors in that suit. The only chance to take three more tricks, then, was in the trump suit itself, and how could West even hope for that if he squandered his honors? Presumably, declarer was not looking into West's or East's hand; he could not know the true position of the trumps he lacked, and he might put up dummy's king, no matter how low a trump West played. (South could not well afford to duck in dummy and risk losing three trump tricks to the possible A-Q-10 in the East hand.) Thus, West should have played the heart three — and concentrated on hoping that declarer would play dummy's king!

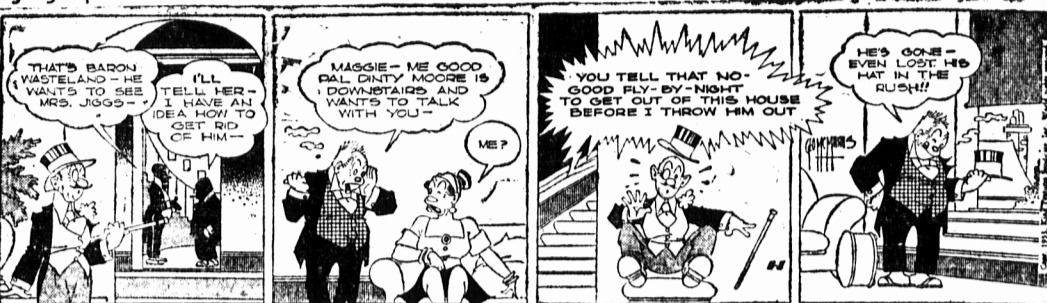
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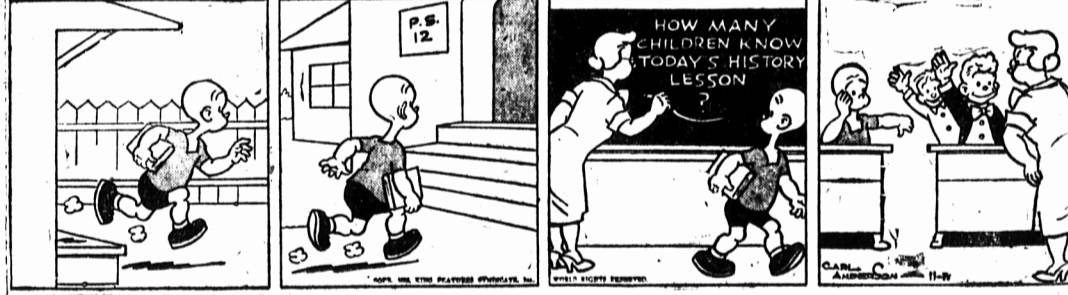
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