



By Thornton W. Burgess

CLAWS AND TEETH

You'll find it is not always might that proves the winner of a fight. —Old Mother Nature.

Peter Rabbit had just had another of his narrow escapes. Narrow escapes are a part of every-day life with Peter. He is so used to them that usually as soon as he is safe he forgets the cause of them. This time he didn't forget. This was because he was full of curiosity. When he had started to run for his

life he had left behind him a fight. Now he was wondering who had won that fight. Was it Yowler the Bobcat, or that big Owl down from the Far North?

That fight was long remembered in the Green Forest. It was remembered because it was a fight no one had ever expected to take place. No one had ever dreamed that Yowler the Bobcat would try to catch Whitey the Snowy Owl. for the latter is one of the biggest of the Owl family, and one of the fiercest. But Yowler had tried to catch Whitey. He had discovered Whitey on a low snow-covered stump, and had tried to steal up behind him and take him by surprise. He had almost succeeded.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company will be held in the Town Hall in the Town of Summerside, on Tuesday the 27th day of January, 1953, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon.

COME ONE COME ALL

To The PARKDALE HALL THURSDAY NIGHT DANCING 9 to 12:30 Keith LeLacheur 5-piece Orchestra. Canteen Service Admission 35 cents

DANCE TO-NIGHT COMMUNITY CENTRE - STEWART ST.

Dancing 9:30 - 1 A.M. DON MESSER AND HIS ISLANDERS Admission 50c Canteen



"I'll hunt where I please!" hissed the big Owl.

Sammy Jay saw it; he watched from the shelter of the thickly growing branches of a fir tree. Chatterer the Red Squirrel saw it from the doorway of his home in a tree not far distant. Croaker didn't care which one won. Blacky hoped Yowler would win. He hasn't much to fear from Yowler the Bobcat, but he has every reason to be afraid of the big Owl. Sammy Jay felt much as did Blacky. Chatterer hoped that both would lose. "I hope they'll scratch each other's eyes out," said Chatterer, and he sounded as if he really meant it.

They didn't scratch each other's eyes out, but they did make feathers and fur fly. For a few minutes it was hard to tell the two apart. Such a growling and yelping and snarling and screaming! And how the snow flew! Presently, Yowler pulled himself free from those clutching, tearing claws, and the big Owl came to his feet. For a moment or two they stood glaring at each other. Yowler's coat was torn; his face was scratched. He limped a little when he took a step. Whitey's white coat was badly rumpled and two big feathers were missing from his wings. A lot of small feathers were scattered about on the snow. So were several little tufts of fur. Yowler flew up on a tall stump out of reach of Yowler, then told Yowler what he thought of him. And he thought plenty. He snapped and clicked his bill in the most unpleasant manner. It is a way that Owls have of expressing their feelings.

"Go back where you belong! This is my hunting ground!" snapped and snarled Yowler.

"I'll hunt where I please!" hissed the big Owl. "Who's going to stop me?" Yowler didn't try to answer that one. He was licking his wounds, and pretending not to hear. Whitey didn't have any wounds to lick, but he did have a lot of feathers to put back in place. And when at last he flew away, one wing hurt. Neither had won, but each had new respect for the other.

REALLY HOT

The Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas has springs producing water between 95 and 147 degrees of heat.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cluvertson

A POINT TO REMEMBER

A frequently recurring point of bidding was present in the following hand.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

- 7 4 8 6 3 Q J 10 6 5 K 10 2

- Q 10 5 K Q 10 N E W S

- 9 7 8 6 5 3 A K 6 9 5 2 A K 8 4 2 A 7

Needless to say, there is no mystery about South's proper opening call — anything but one diamond is unthinkable. True, the hand measures up to the high-card count of a maximum notrump, but the pattern and the lack of a heart honor combine to make the diamond approach far more logical.

West passes over the diamond call, and North has the easy, marked response of two diamonds. East has nothing to suggest competition, and now South is in control. His choice among several conceivable contracts will make or break his own side on this hand.

What are these choices. South can bid two notrump, or possibly even jump to three notrump. He can make the strong reverse bid of two spades on his three-card suit. He can bluff with two hearts, or semi-bluff with three clubs; and finally, of course, he can continue in diamonds.

It would seem, therefore, that South now has a multiplicity of choices, but in the final analysis, if South wants to make a strong effort to reach game at some denomination, he must in effect choose here and now between three notrump and five diamonds.

Obviously, neither of these contracts seems ideal from South's point of view. At three notrump, there is apt to be no heart stopper; while five diamonds may be impossible because of three losers. There is no perfect solution to this problem, but anyone in South's position should remember this: Three notrump may be makable because of a good break in the enemy's best suit, or because of faulty defense, but at five diamonds, if the opponents have three tricks, it is almost a certainty that they will win those tricks! In other words when the element of risk is clearly present, three notrump is a better gamble than a minor-suit game contract.

King Of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



Rip Kirby

By Alex Raymond



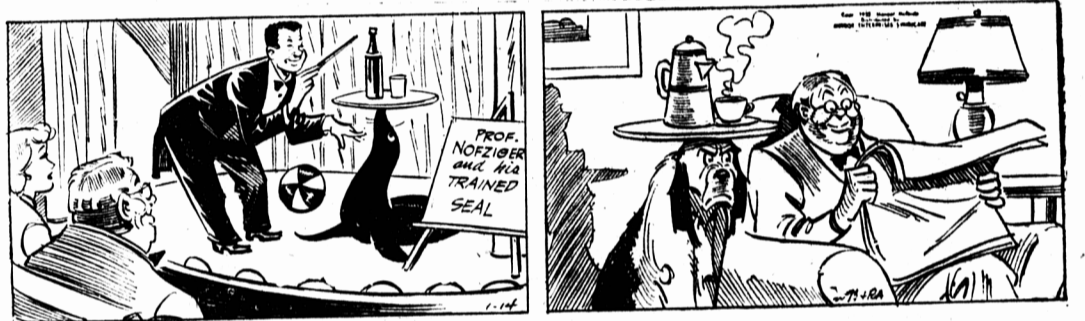
Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



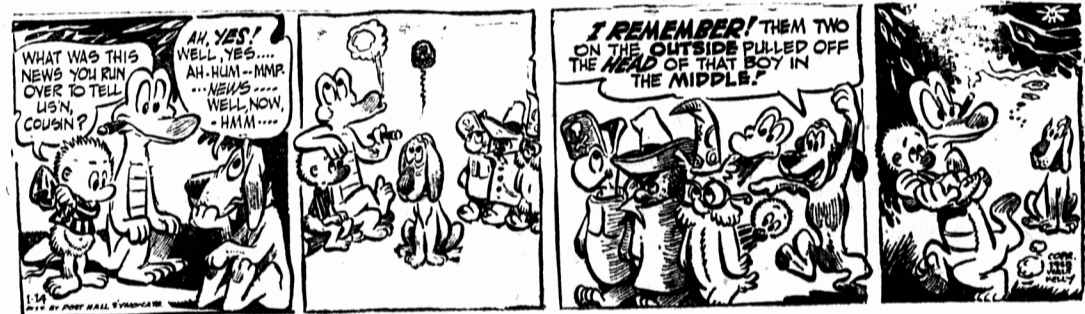
Lil Abner

By Al Capp



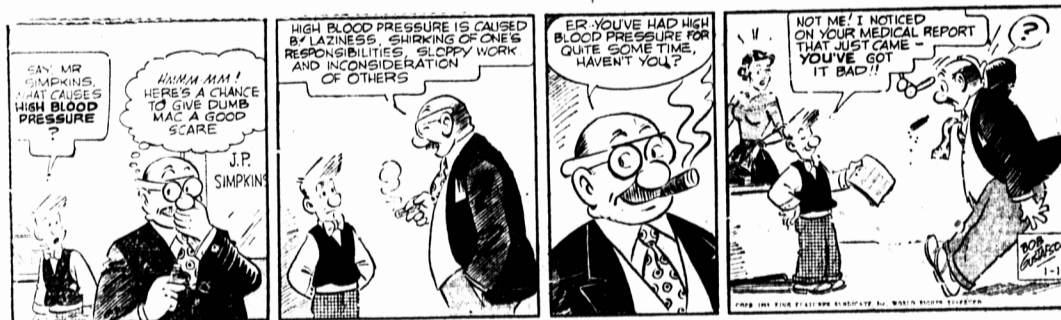
Pogo

By Walt Kelly



Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



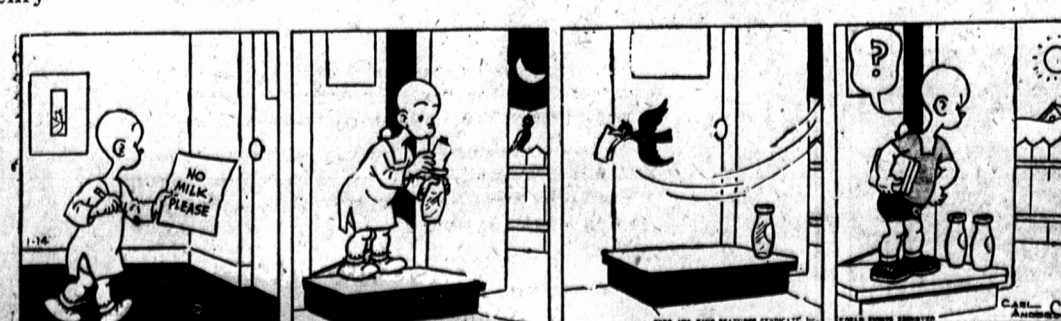
Doty Dripple

By Ruford



Henry

By Carl Anderson



Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwina



Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



PENNY

By Harry Hoemigen

