

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## THE UNWELCOME TENANT

As, that we so seldom see  
A neighborhood where all agree.  
—Old Mother Nature.

In all apartment houses there is always more or less moving in and moving out. Tenants come and tenants go. It was just so in the apartment tree in the Green Forest where Timmy the Flying Squirrel and his friends were living. There were several apartments in that tree, for it was a big tree, a tall dead tree. It was bare of bark and most of the limbs were gone. It had stood there for a number of years, and through those years the Woodpecker folk had cut out many apartments. Now, this winter nearly all of them had been taken by Flying Squirrels.

up. The other was only a few feet above the ground. The doorways were bigger than the Squirrels liked, so they hadn't taken possession.



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It was late in the fall that a tenant moved into the upper of these two apartments. It was Killy the Sparrow Hawk, smallest of the Hawk family. Killy had decided not to go south this winter. In the summer, he often used that apartment tree as a sort of watch tower, perching on the top to watch for small feathered folk, or Mice. It is on those, with insects of certain kinds, that Killy lives. At that time he had seen and inspected those two largest apartments.

"This upper one is just the place in which to spend my nights, and to stay and be comfortable in stormy weather if I decide to stay over instead of going to the Sunny South for the winter," he had said to himself.

So when he had made up his mind to stay, he moved into that upper apartment in the big apartment tree. Like other members of his family, the Hawk family, he doesn't like to be out after dark. He hunts by day and sleeps by night. So it was that when he moved in, none of the other tenants saw him. You see, Timmy the Flying Squirrel and the others of his kind, seldom ever come out in the daytime, for they are lovers of the night. Killy had been living there some time before any one knew about it. He went to bed before the others came out.

Then it happened that one night Timmy happened to be near the doorway to Killy's apartment. For no particular reason Timmy poked his head in that doorway. Killy was in there, still awake but very sleepy. Timmy backed away in such a hurry it

## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cluberton  
TOO BRAVE

A player needs nerve in bridge, just as in poker, but there is a great difference between this quality and downright rashness. South in the following deal was much too "brave."

The fact that North had, as it happened, made a light fourth-hand opening did not mitigate South's error of staying in the doubled contract. It was all right for South to experiment with one notrump in view of the enemy's stopping at one spade, but it was not all right for South to stand the double. Surely, more was to be lost than gained by this bit of "bravery." If South made the contract, he would score 130 points, whereas if he did not make it, the penalty might turn out to be serious. As will be seen, it was even a little worse than that!

East, incidentally, did some wise

was a wonder he didn't lose his balance and fall. In a way, it was a frightful discovery. You see, he knew that Killy would like nothing more than a small Squirrel for dinner, and here he was living in the midst of a lot of Squirrel folk; a close neighbor, actually in the same apartment tree.

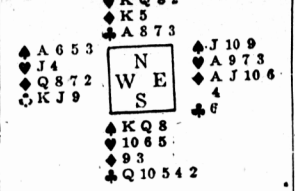
Timmy hastened to spread the news among his neighbors. Some of them refused to believe it until they had softly climbed up and peeped in at Killy's doorway. Never in any apartment building was there a more unwelcome tenant. The question was, what should they do? Should they all look for homes somewhere else and leave that old tree to the little Hawk? None of them wanted to do this.

"He only comes out in the daytime, so all we have to do is to make sure that none of us stay out too late in the morning, and none of us go out to early at night. In that way we will be perfectly safe," said Timmy.

The others nodded their heads as if they had thought of this themselves. They agreed that this was the thing to do, and they would do it. They did do it. Every night when it was time to go out, each one sat in his doorway for a few minutes, cautiously looking this way and that to make sure that their unwelcome neighbor was not about. Every morning when Killy went to look for his breakfast, he never caught so much as a glimpse of one of his small furry neighbors. So it was that there was peace in the big apartment tree, even though one tenant was most unwelcome to all the other tenants. At first all the Squirrel folk were more or less worried, but after a while they ceased to give Killy so much as a thought. That is the way it is all through life.

speculating. After passing a hand that he might have opened, he "used his ears" to excellent effect, and convinced that the opponents were not really strong, he doubled the notrump because success figured to be more profitable than failure would be costly.

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.



The bidding:  
East Pass South Pass West Pass North Pass  
Dbl. Pass 1 Pass Pass  
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West decided to open the diamond deuce. East smothered dummy's king and shifted to the spade jack. South covered; West won and led another low diamond, taken by East with the ten. East knocked out South's remaining spade honor.

South might have salvaged something by leading a heart, but he decided to try for the club suit. When he led to the ace and back, West of course was in control, and the defense had no trouble taking the rest of the tricks! Thus, the contract was defeated 1400 points!

SCENIC SPOT  
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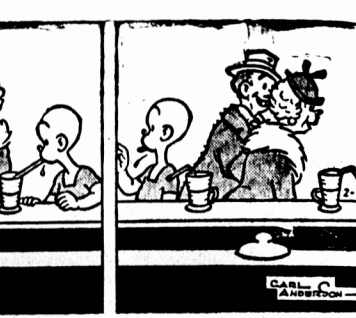
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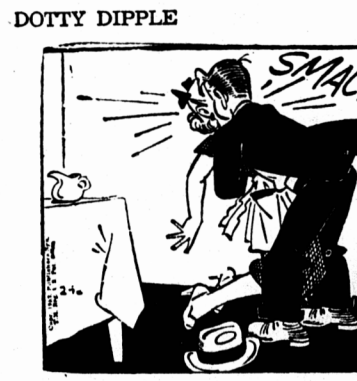
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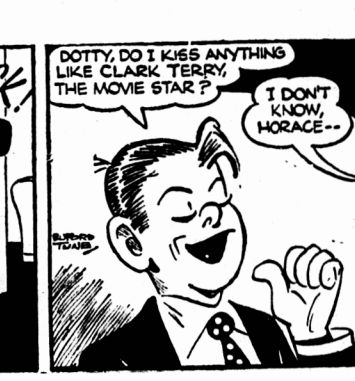
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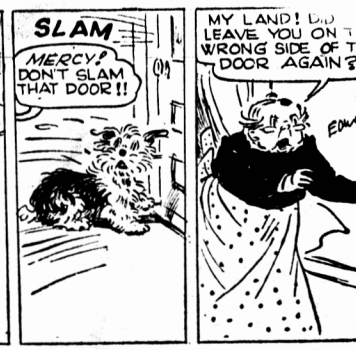
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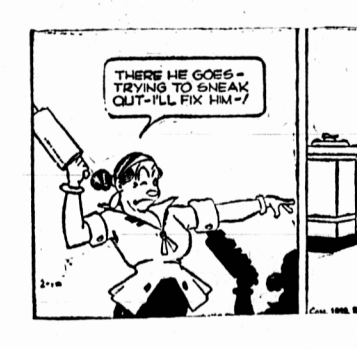
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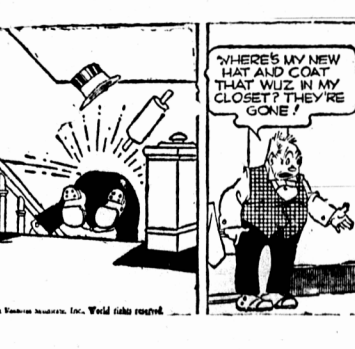
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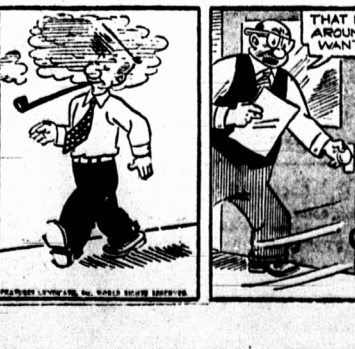
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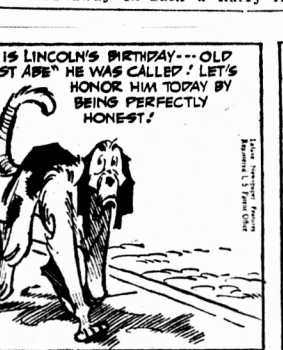
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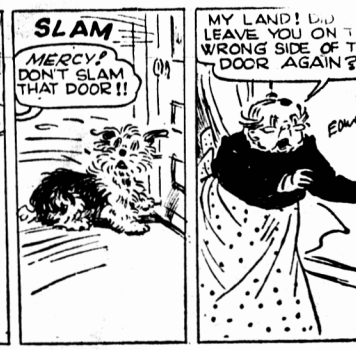
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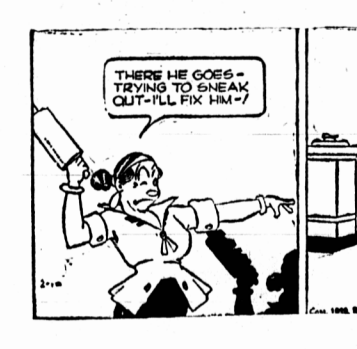
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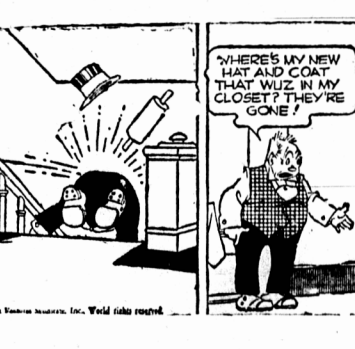
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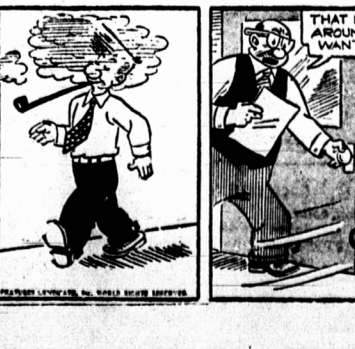
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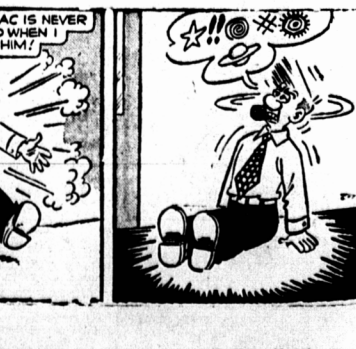
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