

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

MRS. QUACK ISN'T FOOLED.
If curious, be cautious too. Just watch your step in all you do. —Mrs. Quack

The morning that the young Fox, Lizzie Too-Smart, had watched Reddy Fox acting as if he was crazy as he rolled and tumbled and whirled at the edge of the Big River, Mrs. Quack was not with her flock out on the water. They were her children, and they were making their first long journey out in the Great World on their way to the Sunny South. Already they had learned much, but still had much to learn. Never had they seen anything at all like that red thing rolling and tumbling at the edge of the water. At once they were curious, and their curiosity grew, as curiosity almost invariably does. They began swimming nearer and nearer to the shore. They just had to know what that funny thing was rolling and tumbling. They swam in almost without knowing. Finally one was so close that with one quick leap Reddy Fox had him. He had successfully worked an old trick long known in the Fox family. He had made those Ducks so curious that they forgot everything else.

led, he kicked, he tumbled and whirled. The flock of Ducks out on the Big River began to swim in, but they swam in only a short distance. Then they stopped. No matter what the young Fox did they came no nearer. He couldn't understand it. Finally the flock flew away, and Little Too-Smart went home, still wondering what was wrong.



"You failed to see that Mrs. Quack was with the flock," said Reddy.

Quack was not with them. This morning she was with them. It was she who stopped them at the edge of the bed of wild rice. She knew all about that trick. She had seen Reddy Fox work it before in other years. She had seen other Foxes work it. It didn't arouse her curiosity one bit. Instead, it was a warning to her that that wasn't the safest place in the world for her children to be feeding. She gathered the flock around her. She told them just what that curious thing on the shore was, and warned them that whenever they saw anything of that sort they should be extra watchful and not too curious. Then she had led them off up the Big River to another feeding place.

"Why didn't those Ducks come in? What did I do wrong?" Little Too-Smart asked Reddy.

"You didn't do anything wrong."

but you made a mistake before you began pretending to be crazy," said Reddy.

The young Fox looked as puzzled as he felt, and that was very puzzling indeed. He tried to think what mistake he could have made. He had been very, very careful in approaching the bank before he peeped over. He was sure those Ducks hadn't seen him there. "I suppose I must have, but I don't know what the mistake was," said he.

"You failed to see that Mrs. Quack was with the flock," said Reddy. "Mr. and Mrs. Quack know all about that trick. It is a good trick to play on those who don't know it. But it is useless to try it on those who do know it. No Fox ever will catch Mr. or Mrs. Quack with that trick. But with young Quacks it is almost always successful if no older Duck is with them."

Now the morning Reddy Fox had caught one of those Ducks, Mrs.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

THE FLEXIBLE CUE BID

For many years, the immediate cue bid of the opponents' suit was a force to game. Experience proved, however, that while such a cue bid should be reserved for very strong hands, it was best to retain some flexibility, and thus in recent years most of the experts preferred to make this bid almost forcing to game rather than absolutely so.

Let's look at a hand that caused trouble when treated on the old basis.

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

♠ A Q 8 4	♥ A Q 6 5
♦ A	♣ K Q 4 3

♠ K J 5	♥ K J 9
♦ 8 6 4	♣ 10 8 7 2

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

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♠ 2 ♣ Pass 2 ♣
Pass 3 ♣ Pass 4 ♣
Pass Pass Dbl. Pass
Pass Pass

If South had simply tried to limit his loss he would have gone down 500 points, but he made a desperate effort for the contract and actually went down three tricks, 800 points.

This result was due directly to the fact that, at the time the hand was played, North's two-diamond cue bid was an absolute force to game. Today, the bidding would start off in the same fashion, no doubt, but South would logically take advantage of his privilege to take the hand out at three spades — and it would require considerable nerve on East's part to double that contract. Thus, under the present-day treatment, North would achieve his twin objects of announcing a huge holding and managing to stop at a fairly safe place if, by bad luck, his partner turned out to have a worthless holding.

It is worth noting that the cue bid itself was justified, because game would have been well within reach of South had he had as little as two jacks in suits not including diamonds.

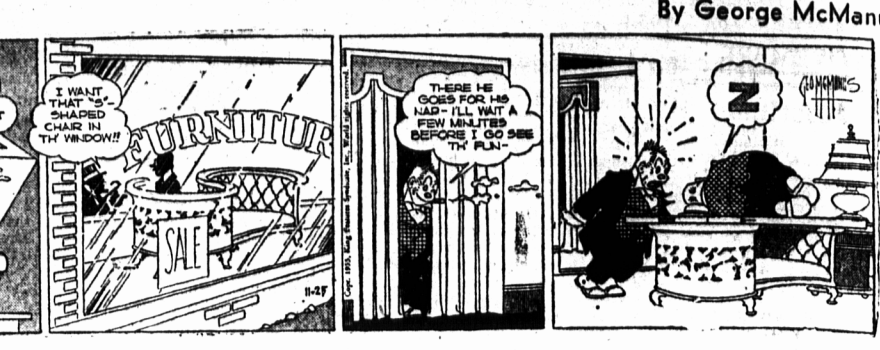
KINGSTON W. I.
The 17th annual and regular monthly meeting of the Kingston Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Leith and Zylpha Newson on Nov. 5. Roll call was answered by 12 members paying their dues. One visitor was present and one new member was welcomed. The sick committee reported fruit sent to Margaret Campbell. It was decided that a wreath be got for the monument. Collection was taken amounting to \$1.70; friendship fund, 22¢; a mutual friendship fund amounted to \$3.31. The following officers were elected: Treasurer read the annual report: Balance from last year \$41.82 Receipts \$263.37 Expenditures \$234.53 Balance \$48.66

Vice-president Mrs. Tyrus Holmes; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Edgar Mason; treasurer, Mrs. Merrill Green; friendship fund, Mrs. Heber Campbell; Red Cross convener, Mrs. Tyrus Holmes; auditors and directors were re-elected. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Edgar Newson. Lunch committee are Mrs. Zylpha Newson and Mrs. Edgar Newson. Roll call to be answered with a gift for the Orphanage. Program committee are Mrs. Heber Campbell and Mrs. Stewart Colwill.

KELLY'S CROSS W. I.
The annual meeting of Kelly's Cross Women's Institute was held on Nov. 13 at the home of the president Mrs. John Molyneux. Roll call was answered by 12 members paying their fees.

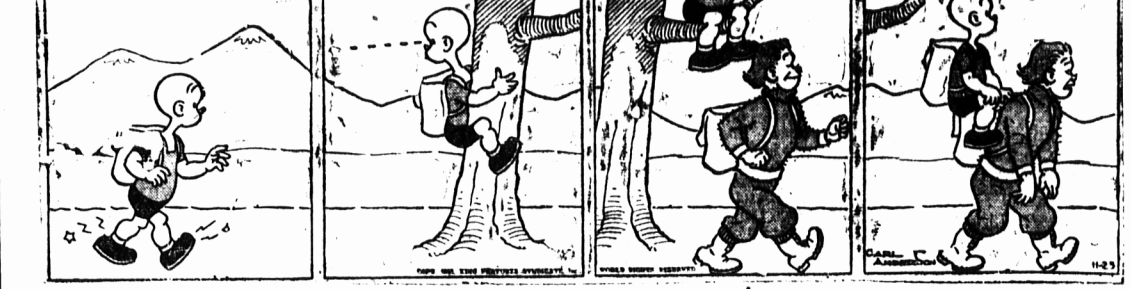
The president reviewed the year's work and thanked the members for their co-operation. The retiring secretary-treasurer, Miss Vivian Trainor, gave an itemized financial report. The officers for the coming year are: President, Mrs. Clarence Curley; vice-president, Mrs. Stephen Smith; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Joseph Kelly; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John Molyneux; directors, Mrs. Sterling Waddell, Mrs. Ambrose Monaghan, Miss Elaine McQuaid, auditors, Mrs. Charles Flood, Miss Agnes Trainor. The newly-elected president conducted the business of the meeting. Plans were discussed for the holding of a dance in the school, in order to increase the funds of the Institute. The December meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Kelly. Mrs. Russell Nantes and Mrs. Stephen Smith comprise the lunch committee for this meeting.

Bringing Up Father



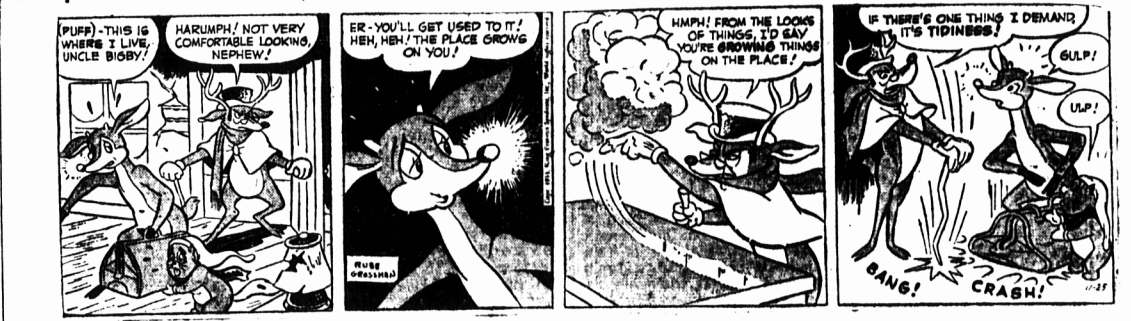
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Henry



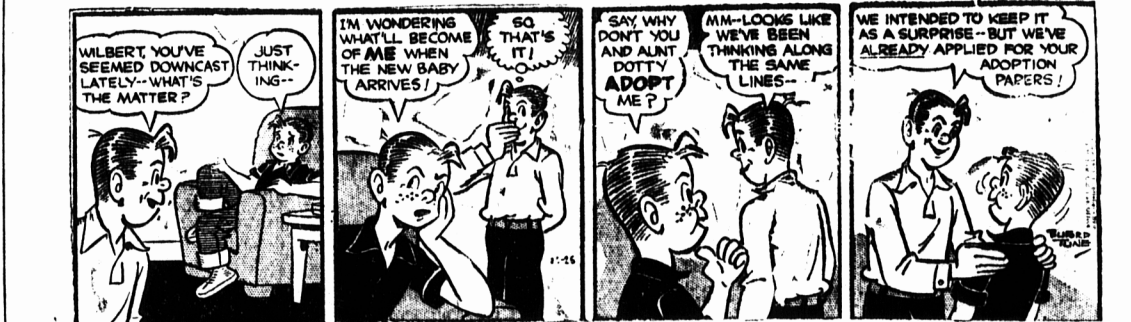
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Rudolph—and the Blue Nosed Reindeer



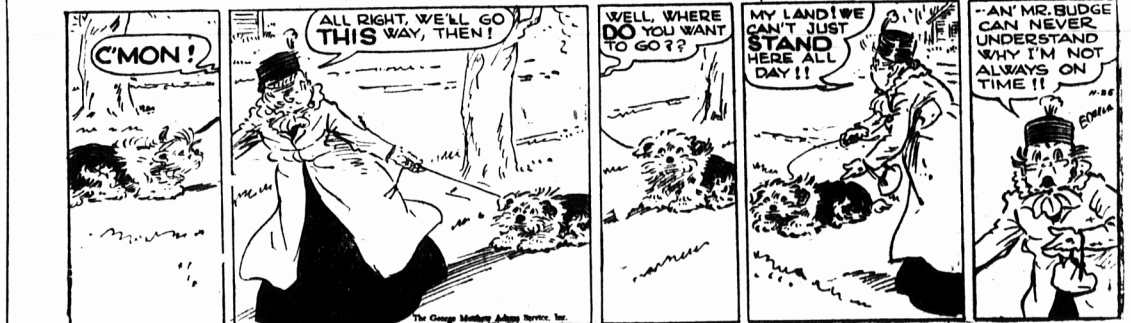
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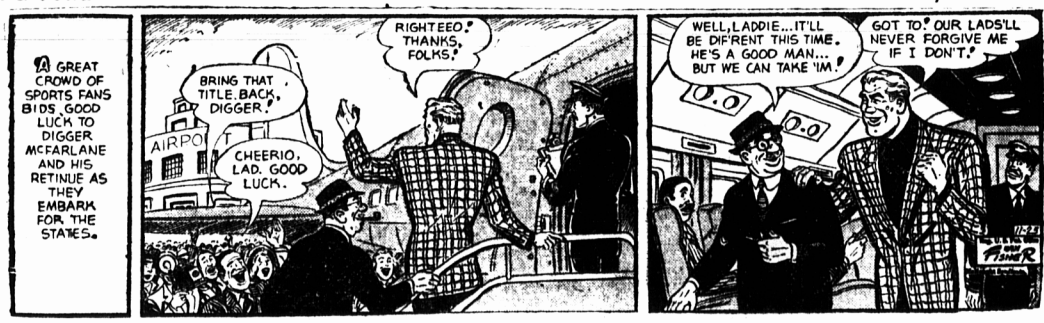
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