

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## JUMPER MAKES NO COMPLAINT

Do your best and don't complain, lest you lose instead of gain. Old Mother Nature.

For most of the people who live in the Green Forest, winter is a hard time. It is hard, not only because Jack Frost and Rough Brother North Wind are at their worst most of the time, but because for many of them food is difficult to get. The only ones who do not go hungry much of the time are the thrifty ones like the Squirrel folk, who store up food while there was plenty of it, and the bark eaters like Prickly Porky the Porcupine and Jumper the Hare and Paddy the Beaver.

Of course there are many kinds of bark. There are some kinds that even the bark eaters do not like. If you should ask Jumper the Hare what his favorite food is, he would quite likely mention bark of

the aspen trees. Paddy the Beaver would agree with him. That is what he lives on all winter if he can cut enough aspen trees to furnish bark all winter.

So it is that there is much complaining during the cold winter months. But Jumper the Hare never hears him whining.

"Complaining and whining never get anything, so what's the use?" says Jumper. He likes the winter. He likes ice and snow, especially snow. He likes it for two reasons. One is that it is white, and his coat being white makes it easy for him to be right in plain sight and still not be seen. The second reason is that he has just the right kind of feet for getting around on snow that others have to wade through. Thus it is easy for Jumper to escape his enemies.

At no time does Jumper go hungry. Always he can get a meal of bark and tender twigs such as he could reach. A full stomach usually means a warm body. It also



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means strength to get about. So it is that while many of his neighbors were suffering both from cold and weakness because of the small amount of food they could get, Jumper was roaming about through the Green Forest, going and coming, as he pleased and with nothing to complain of.

One of Jumper's long-time friends is Lightfoot the Deer. Lightfoot and his family had trodden out in the snow what is called a "deer yard." They had trodden it out at a place where food was plentiful at the time. When Jumper visited them early in the winter he found them contented and reasonably happy. There were no complaints. But as the snow became deeper and deeper so that they could not get out of their yard, their supply of food grew less and less. They are not exactly bark-eaters but the Deer folk in winter live almost wholly on tender twigs which have on them the buds of next summer's leaves. It is called browse. The second time Jumper was in that neighborhood he found Lightfoot and Mrs. Lightfoot and the two young Lightfoots had already eaten much of the browse within easy reach. They were having to stretch their necks and reach higher.

Now late in the winter they were having to stand up on their hind feet to reach as high as they could. Even then they were not getting as much food as they needed.

"We haven't enough to eat," complained Lightfoot. "There is too much snow."

### MALENKOV VERY BUSY

MOSCOW, (AP)—Prime Minister Malenkov sent word Monday to seven visiting American college editors that because he was "very busy" he regretted he was unable to receive them for an interview. The editors applied for a chance to talk with Malenkov as the highlight of their visit to the Soviet Union.

## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

"STANDARD" LEADS NOT ALWAYS BEST

When the average player chooses an opening lead, he is apt to think very well of a suit headed by A-K, because the king lead cannot immediately cost him a trick. This, however, may be a very short-sighted way of looking at things. Consider:

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

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

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

West didn't even hesitate—he opened the king of diamonds, shifted before the bidding was concluded. On sight of dummy he shifted to a trump, but this excellent shift was just one trick to late! Dummy won, and South ruffed a diamond. He then cashed the top clubs and trumped a club on the table. Another diamond lead was ruffed by South with the king, another club was ruffed in dummy, and the last diamond was trumped with the ace. This gave South eight tricks, and the high trumps still on the table insured the contract.

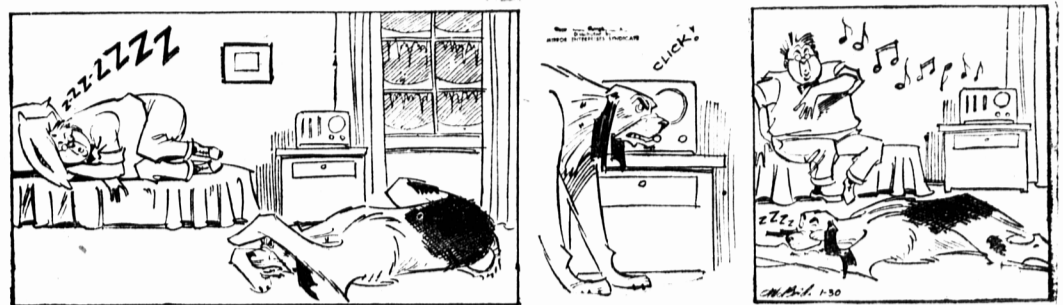
## Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



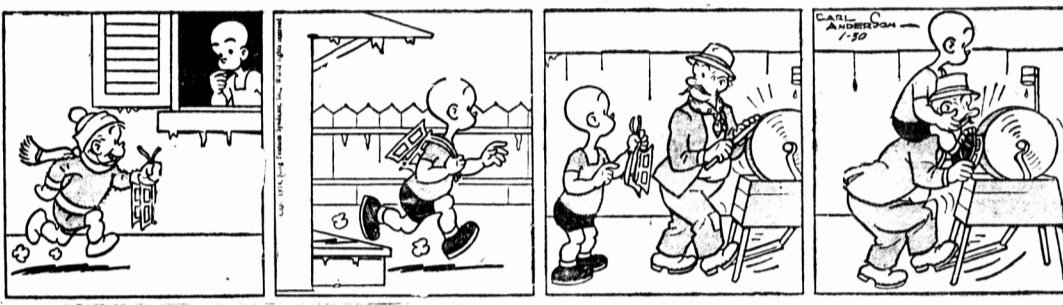
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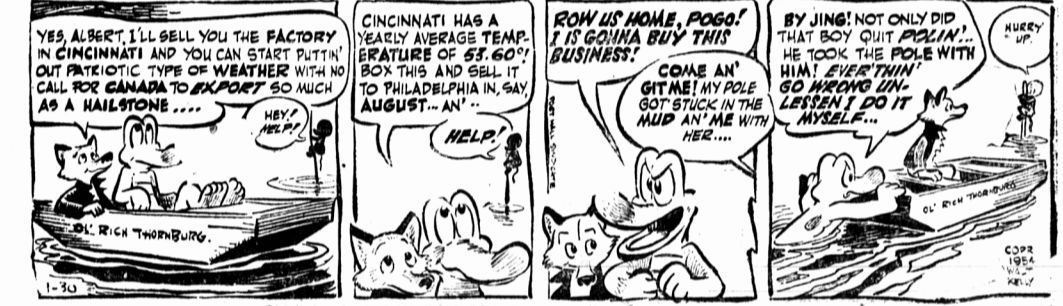
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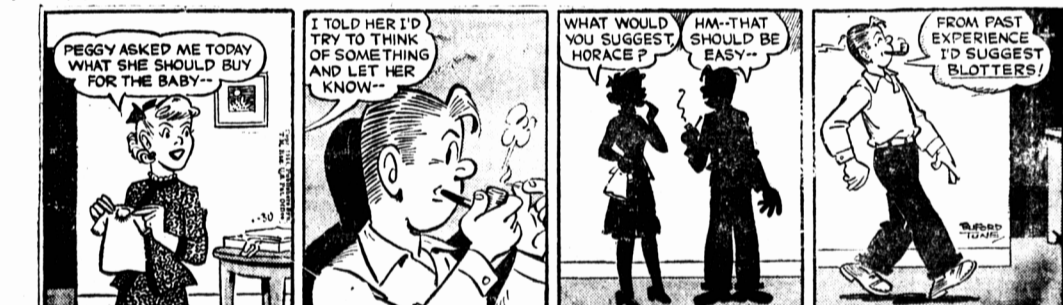
## Pogo

By Walt Kelly



## Dotty Dripple

By Buford



## Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwin



## Bringing Up Father

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## PENNY

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