



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE INNOCENT ONE.
Experience alone can teach some things that must be learned by each.
—Old Mother Nature.

Some children leave home and go out in the Great World very early. Others have father and mother, or at least one of them, to look out for them and teach them long after they are well grown. They are little more than babies. They leave home when they still have everything to learn about the Great World and how to live in it and take care of themselves. Experience is their teacher. It is a wonderer that any of them live to grow up, but somehow many of them do. Wee Bunny was one of Peter's babies who left home early. Perhaps he didn't really mean to leave home. Perhaps he just wandered off and lost his way. Perhaps mother had so many babies to look out for that she didn't miss him in time to find him. Anyway, he was out in the Great World, and as yet the dangers of it meant nothing to him. He was so innocent of the dangers all about him that at first he was wholly unafraid. But all the children of the Green Forest and Green Meadow folk



Wee Bunny crept to the entrance of the old log and peeped out.

learn fast. If they didn't they wouldn't live long. Wee Bunny learned fast. One of the first things he learned was to keep out of sight of others. It didn't take him long to find out that one of the best ways of doing this was by sitting still under cover. Being so small he could always find a place close at hand where he could hide. If there was no other place, he could almost always creep under some overhanging grass, and crouching close to the ground with his small ears laid back, he looked very like a little lump of earth and nothing more.

He liked the friendly grass. To begin with it was good to eat. In fact, eating it was all he did at first until he discovered that sweet clover was even better. Then the friendly grass was always ready to hide him. Peeping out from beneath it, he saw many things happening all about him. From what he saw, he learned fast. He learned that for the most part the smaller feathered folk were friendly folk. At least, he had nothing to be afraid of from them. At the same time, he learned that it would be wise to keep, at all times, out of sight of some of the bigger feathered folk. He learned that some of his neighbors in fur were always looking for smaller folk for dinners, and he must keep out of their sight. He learned that some others, even though bigger than himself, were friendly and not to be feared. So Wee Bunny got along nicely from day to day even though he was very very timid. He was afraid all the time, and that was a very good thing. It was this that kept him always on the watch for danger. He became so used to being afraid that it really didn't bother him much. It is just so with very

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cluerton

NO PROBLEM

The declarer in the following hand should have been thankful that he wasn't playing match-points, because then he would have had a baffling problem. In the actual rubber bridge game, his course was clearly marked.

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A Q 8
♥ 9 5 2
♦ J 8 3
♣ 9 5 4 2

♠ J 9 4
♥ K J 8
♦ Q 7 2
♣ J 10 8 6

♠ 10 7 6 5
♥ 3 2
♦ Q 6 4 3
♣ K 7

♠ K
♥ A 10 7
♦ A K 10 9 6 4
♣ A Q 3

The bidding:
South West North East
2♦ Pass 3♦ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
4♠ Pass 5♠ Pass

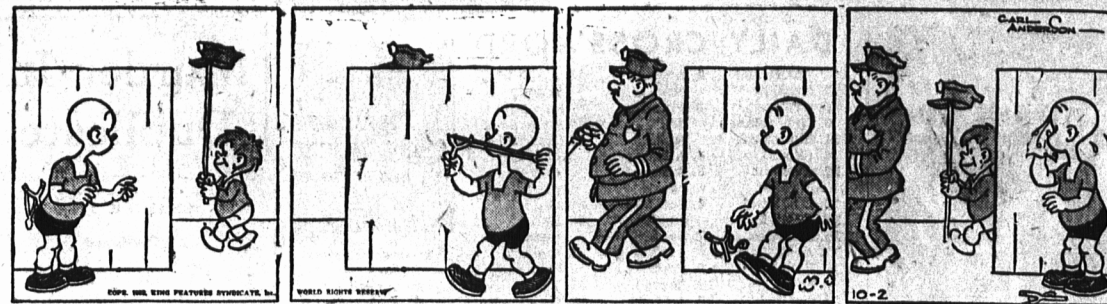
Since North had failed to bid spades directly over the two-diamond opening, his four-spade call was clearly a cue bid designed to show control, but South realized that his own original two-bid had been questionable, and so he correctly signed off. It was too bad that South's prudence in respect to the final contract did not carry over into his play. Right off the reel he had the advantage of a club lead, and so did not have to worry about the position of the club king. Disregarding this point, however, after winning with the club queen (East had not sacrificed his king on West's Jack), declarer laid down the ace and king of trumps, looking hopefully for the drop of the queen.

When the quite normal trump break was revealed, South was in trouble. In fact, he was helpless. His only method of reaching dummy was to overtake his singleton spade king, and this provided him with only one discard, on the spade queen. The consequence was that South collected only five diamond tricks, two spades, two clubs and one heart, and so found himself a trick short of the contract. At rubber bridge, it was absurd to gamble on the drop of the trump queen! After leading only one high trump, South should have cashed the spade king and then led a low trump to dummy's eight. He could well afford to concede a trump trick (even though that might be needless) to assure himself of two discards on the spades.

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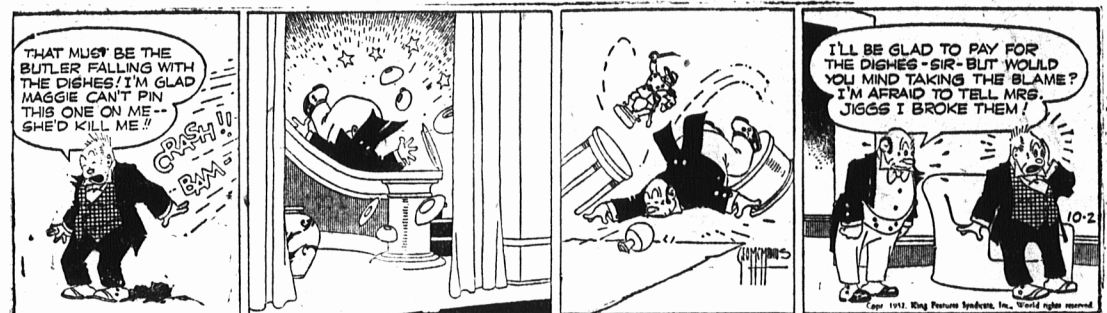
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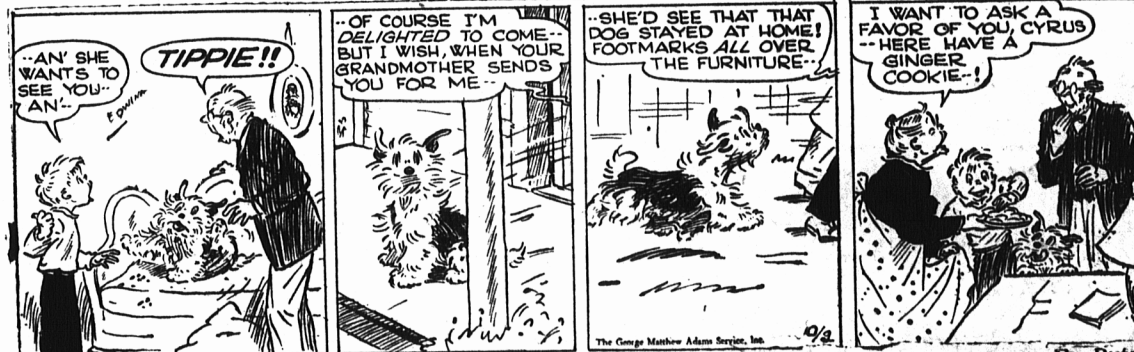
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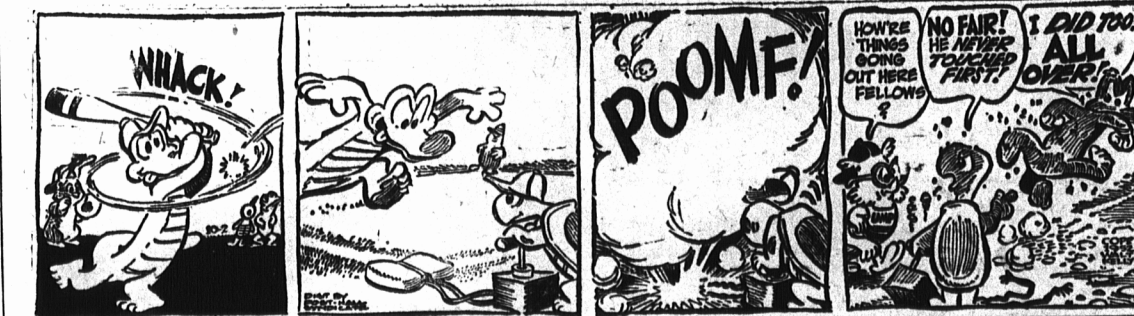
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