



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

AFRAID TO GO HOME

In fear a blessing in disguise Keeps ears alert and watchful eyes. —Old Mother Nature

It is true. Fear is very, very often a blessing in disguise to the furred and feathered folk, especially to the smaller ones. Few of these, when outside their homes, are ever free from fear. It is this that keeps Johnny Chuck and Peter Rabbit and Happy Jack Squirrel sitting up every moment or two to take a look around. It is fear that at other times keeps birds and some of the furry folk so still that their presence is not suspected. Outside the shelter of their homes, few, very few, of these little folk are without fear for more than a few minutes at a time. So, you see, they are not to be pitied because they are always so filled with fear. It is their safeguard; it keeps their ears open, their eyes watchful and their noses always on guard. Were it not so, none would live long.

Peter Rabbit is safest when he is in the dear Old Briar-patch. He knows it. Mrs. Peter knows it. He knows it because she is always reminding him if it. But Peter likes adventure. He likes excitement. He has the wandering itch in those long legs of his. He just cannot stay at home long at a time. So, despite the fact that fear always goes with him, he is forever slipping away from the Old Briar-patch when Mrs. Peter isn't looking. Right now Peter was wishing he was back there. He was wishing it very much. Flip the Terrier was chasing him, and Peter was having to run for his life. To make it worse he was having to run away from the dear Old Briar-patch instead of toward it. At just about the time when he was getting out of breath and his long hind legs were beginning to get tired, he came to a pile of brush under which he could crawl and where Flip could not follow him. He was safe. Flip barked all sorts of threats of what he would do, but couldn't. Dogs and some other folks are like that. They threaten dreadful things



"What shall I do?" whimpered Johnny.

which they know perfectly well they can't do, and won't even try to do. After a while he left. Peter watched him go. He hoped Flip would go back home. Flip didn't. He went poking around, looking for somebody else to chase, and all the time he was between Peter and the dear Old Briar-patch. Peter wanted to go home, but he was afraid to. Now all the time there was some one else who was afraid to go home. It was Johnny Chuck. Johnny was up in a tree. That dog had chased him up there. It was lucky for Johnny that he could climb. A lot of folks think that because Woodchucks spend most of their time on or in the ground, they cannot climb trees. They can. They are good climbers like Bobby Coon, or Happy Jack Squirrel, out they can climb and often do to escape an enemy. Sometimes they climb for fun. Anyway that is how it seems. Peter had been visiting Johnny Chuck in his house when both of them were driven out by another visitor. It was Buzztail the Rattlesnake. He had entered through Johnny's front door, and Johnny and Peter had left through a back door. They had left in a hurry, and had almost run into Flip the Terrier.

From his perch in a tree, not very high above the ground but high enough, Johnny had watched Flip chase Peter. He had seen Peter crawl under the pile of brush, and guessed that Peter was safe there. Then he began to think about going back home. The more he thought about it the more he wanted to be back there, and the more afraid he was to go back. You see, Buzztail is one of the poison people. Every one is afraid of the poison people. The trouble now was that Johnny didn't know if Buzztail was still down inside that house, or had left it. He didn't know, and he never would know unless he saw Buzztail outside, or he went down inside the house to find out. Of course, this he didn't dare do. So he was afraid to go home. At the same time he was afraid not to go home. It was a dreadful feeling, a very dreadful feeling. It was a feeling of helplessness. There is no worse feeling than that of being afraid to go home. From where he was perched in that tree, Johnny could not see his doorstep, and, of course, he couldn't see any of his

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

THE NEW CULBERTSON POINT COUNT

Since its inception the Culbertson System has been based on honor-trick and playing-trick valuation. However, in the first Culbertson book, the Blue Book of 1930, this reference appeared: "A comparison would show that the 4-2-1 count as advocated by Mr. Work (then one of the outstanding authorities) is for all practical purposes identical with the notrump valuation based on the Culbertson honor-trick count. The type of mind that thinks in figures will perhaps be happier with a point count." Well, it seems that there are many players who do find point-count valuation to their liking, and so a new, carefully calculated and integrated point-count method has been added to the Culbertson System. It does not supplant the honor-trick method; it is simply an alternative means of valuing hands for notrump or for suit contracts. As in other leading American point-count methods, the popular and relatively simple 4-3-2-1 count for aces, kings, queens and jacks, respectively, is the basis of the Culbertson count. For the purpose of opening the bidding with a notrump, these are the only points to be counted. But in the suit-bidding, there are other values which cannot be ignored if any measure of accuracy is to be attained, and consequently, in addition to the high-card points for aces, kings and so on, points should be reckoned for these distributional assets:

- ♦ Add one point for every card over four in your trump suit.
♦ Add one point for every card over three in each side suit.
♦ The total of high-card points and distributional points will give you the exact value of your hand.
♦ In following columns I will set down the requirements for opening bids in notrump and in a suit, but meanwhile it will pay you to practice counting various hands.
♦ For example, suppose you hold:

- ♦ Q 6 3
♦ K J 4
♦ A J 7
♦ A K Q 2

You should observe that this hand contains exactly 20 high-card points for notrump, and if you open with one club, you should value the hand at exactly the same 20 points, since you have no trump over four and no side more than three-long.

(To Be continued On Wednesday.)

back doors because they were so well hidden.

"What shall I do?" whimpered Johnny. "I'm afraid to go home and afraid to stay."

By Walt Kelly

ATTENTION Livestock Shippers and Producers For your convenience livestock pens will be open all day TUESDAY, JULY 1st Loading hogs at country points on Tuesday as usual. CANADA PACKERS LTD. CHARLOTTETOWN, Grafton Street P. E. I.

Public Dental Notice As your family dentist no doubt will be attending the Maritime Convention of Dentists in Fredericton, N. B., July 7th, 8th and 9th, will you kindly arrange your dental appointments in order not to conflict with these dates.



Napoleon and Uncle Elby



By Clifford McBride



Li'l Abner



By Alex Raymond



RIP KIRBY



By Alex Raymond



PENNY



By Harry Heenigen



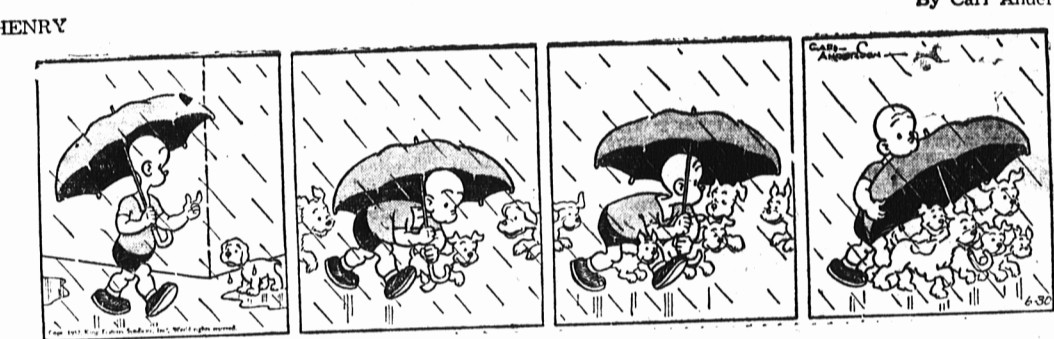
By Ham Fisher



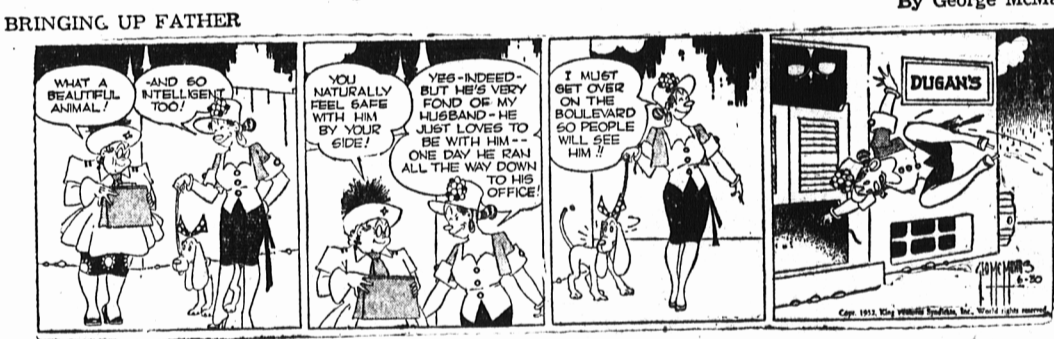
By Bob Gustafson



By Carl Anderson



By George McManus



By Ruford



DOTTY DRIZZLE



TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS



By Harry Heenigen