



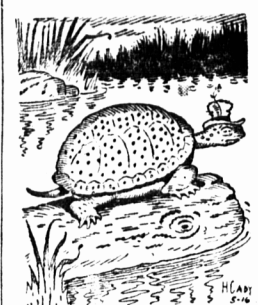
By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER STAMPS

Whoever does a kindly deed. Of lasting friendship seeds. —Old Mother Nature.

There was joy in and around the Smiling Pool. It was finding expression in many ways. The Hylas, called Peepers, which really are little Tree Toads were piping away as if they were trying to burst their little bubble-like music bags. Old Mr. Toad, who was also in the water, was doing the same thing. Redwing the Blackbird was singing in the alders. Over on the Green Meadows, Carol the Meadow Lark was pouring out his happiness.

well hidden, and he felt sure that if he didn't move he wouldn't be seen. That Hawk was much nearer now, and there was no doubt about it he was heading straight for the Smiling Pool.



On an old log Spotty the Turtle was taking a sun bath.

"It is Sharpshin," thought Peter. "Yes sir, it is Sharpshin. I wonder who he'll try to catch. I wonder if Redwing sees him." In a moment Redwing dropped down out of sight among the bushes and Peter knew that he had seen Sharpshin. Carol the Meadow Lark had stopped singing. Peter looked out to the log to see if Teeter Tip-up had seen the approaching danger. He hadn't. He was still all puffed up and bobbing and bowing for Mrs. Teeter. Peter couldn't see where she was.

Peter looked up at Sharpshin again. The small Hawk was coming with the speed for which he is famous. He was going to try to catch Teeter, and still Teeter appeared not to see him. Peter suddenly stamped, and stamped hard on the bank. He was stamping a warning. Would Teeter hear?

Happening to look off in the distance Peter saw a speck in the sky. Peter is always suspicious of specks in the sky. He long ago learned to watch out for them. So now he kept his eyes on that speck. As he watched the speck grew larger. It became more than just a speck. "It's a Hawk!" muttered Peter under his breath. "It isn't Redtail, or Red Shoulder. It isn't big enough for either of those. I can't be sure who it is, but whoever it is I hope he stays away from the Smiling Pool."

For a few minutes it looked as if that Hawk was heading for the Old Pasture. Suddenly, he swung around and seemed to be headed for the Smiling Pool.

Peter felt quite safe himself. He was too big for this Hawk to try to catch. Anyway, he felt sure he was. Also, he was quite

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

THE "GOLD-BRICK" PLAY

The bridge novice's basic and unchangeable philosophy, which is to win tricks at all times, as cheaply as possible, would not have worked out well in the following deal.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
4 NT Pass 5 ♣ Pass  
Pass Pass

South jumped to four notrump over North's spade response because he felt that there would be a play for the slam if North announced an ace, and if North had to deny the ace by bidding five clubs. South would of course stop at that contract. This idea of South's, however, was not nearly as sound as it might have been. Instead of landing in a nice, easy three-trump game contract, South had to hope for the best at his eleven-trick minor-suit contract.

It was a virtual toss-up what East should lead, a diamond or a heart, and fortunately for his own side, he happened to choose the deuce of hearts.

It was this lead that gave East the opportunity for an excellent duck. After the merest glance at and hobbling and bowing for Mrs. Teeter, Peter couldn't see where she was.

South reacted precisely as any other declarer would in this situation. Why risk the spade finesse, with the possibility that East could ruff a spade return, when there was such a "safe parking spot" for South's low spade on dummy's third heart? So South put up the spade ace, drew trumps and confidently took the "proved" heart finesse to dummy's jack.

Perhaps East's most creditable performance in this deal was his repression of a snicker as he captured dummy's heart jack with the queen and laid down the spade king to set the contract.

RAF POLAR FLIGHTS

OTTAWA, (CP)—Two RAF Hastings transport aircraft, on a special training jaunt, have completed three of four scheduled flights over the North Pole, the RCAF reported Wednesday. The planes, working out of Resolute in the southern part of Cornwallis island, about 1,000 miles north of Churchill, had been held up on their training flights by blizzards and zero temperatures.

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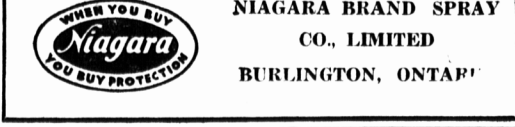
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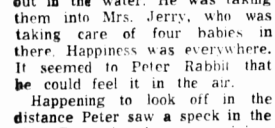
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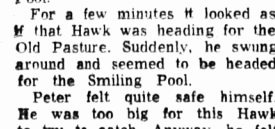
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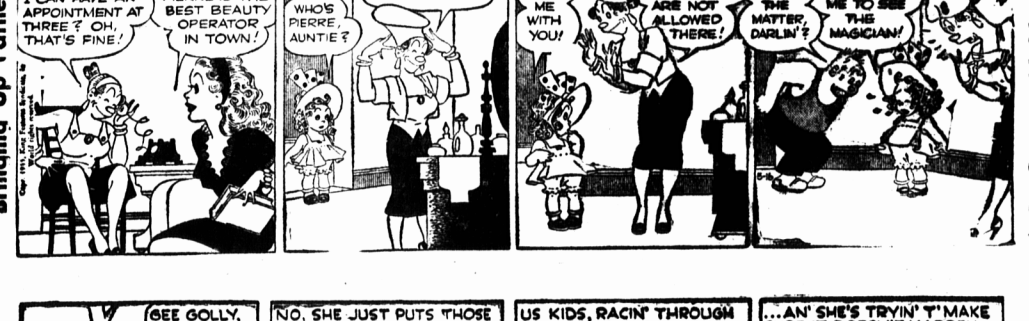
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