



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE FUNNY CROWN

The wise, in judgments, always slow,
Will seek all hidden facts to know.
—Old Mother Nature.

It was shadow time deep in the Green Forest. The Black Shadows had come down from the Purple Hills, and across the Green Meadows into the Green Forest, and now were gathered along the shore of Paddy the Beaver's pond. Paddy and Mrs. Paddy had slept most of the day in their big comfortable house out in the water. They prefer to sleep during the daytime and work during the night.

when it is not too dark. Now they floated side by side out on the middle of the pond. Filter the Bat swooped low over the water until it looked as if he were going to plunge right into it. He did nothing of the sort. He just touched the water, and then was up in the air again. He had been getting a drink.

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Mother and her fawns moved down to the water's edge. There they drank. Mistress Moon had crept above the treetops and was smiling down on the little pond of the Beaver Folk. Paddy and Mrs. Paddy had only their heads above water and the black shadows reaching out from shore hid them. Mother Lightfoot and the fawns were in the water. It was so light that the two Beavers could see the white spots on the pretty coats of the dainty little fawns.

"What darlings they are," whispered Mrs. Paddy.

"What do you say about all babies?" grumbled Paddy. "I guess it is what all mothers say."

Just then, another visitor to the pond stepped out from among the Black Shadows into the moonlight. A little way from Mrs. Lightfoot and the fawns, he passed them no attention, but walked to the water's edge and began to drink. It was Lightfoot himself. It was the father of those two small Deer staring at him now. They didn't know him. Of course not. This was the first time that they had ever seen him. They had no idea what he was. They knew at once that he was a member of the Deer family. But there was something very, very queer about him.

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

SHORTSIGHTED

The declarer in the following hand overlooked two excellent lines of play.

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable

♠ J 8
♥ 7 4 3
♦ A Q J 9 5
♣ K 8

♠ 2
♥ Q 10 9
♦ Q J 10 9
♣ 7 6 5 4 3

N
W
E
S

♠ 10 9 7
♥ 5 4
♦ K 5 2
♣ 10 8 6 3 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ 4 ♣ 4 ♠
4 NT Pass 5 ♠ Pass
6 NT Pass 6 ♠ Pass

South said later, in explaining his choice of slam contracts, that it had seemed a good idea to play the hand at notrump because the bid of trumps could come from either the spades or the diamond suit, with no necessity of choosing either as the trump suit.

West's club queen opening was taken by the king, and East, wisely declining to give up a spade or a diamond, discarded the deuce of hearts. At the second trick South cashed dummy's spade Jack, then led the spade eight. East covered, and South won. West's showing out was something of a blow to South, and he now tried the diamond suit. When East turned up with a stopper, South's second declarer moaned, cashed the rest of his high cards—and surrendered. Down one.

It was understandable that South should have been disgusted by the very break of both spades and diamonds, but he gave up much too easily. Success was well within his grasp. He should have cashed the club ace, forcing another heart discard from East. (The latter could still not afford a spade or a diamond discard.) Next, South should cash the heart ace. Now, South could take his high spades, and throw East in with the last spade, forcing a diamond lead.

Or, after seeing the suit breaks, South could lead a low heart, adjusting the timing for a spade-diamond squeeze against East which would be implied by the high cards of the club and heart aces were cashed.

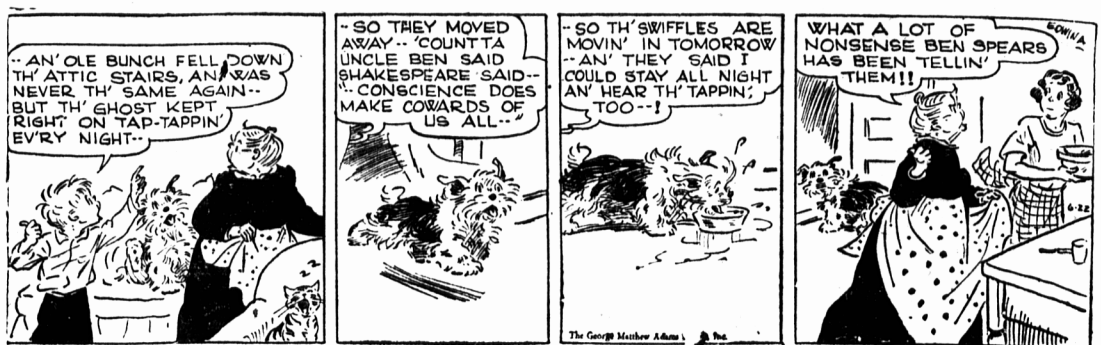
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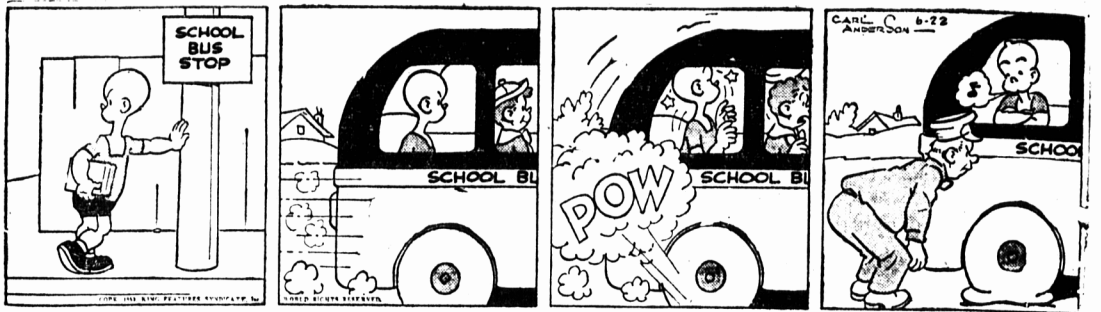
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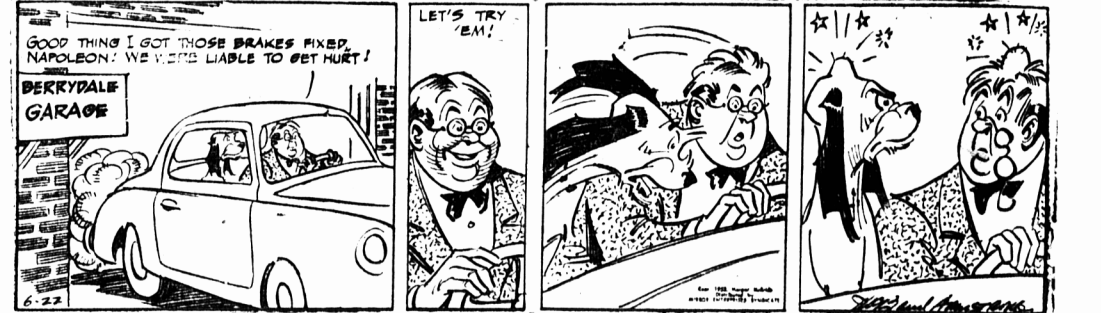
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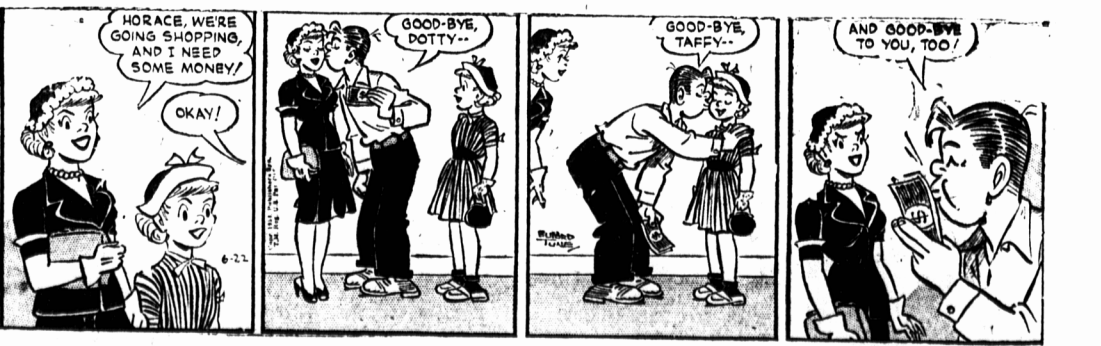
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By Harry Hoenington



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By Zane Grey



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By Ham Fisher



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By Alex Raymond

