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# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## TRY, TRY, TRY AGAIN

Who tries and tries and tries again  
That which he seeks will surely gain.

—Hooty the Owl.

The greatest successes often are made up of many failures. Those unwilling to try and try seldom succeed. All the Green Meadow and Green Forest folk know this. Those who are too stupid, or too lazy, or too timid to keep trying, or who think themselves so smart they do not need to keep trying, seldom live long. Successful living is the result of constant trying.

Young Hooty had watched his father, Hooty the Great Horned Owl, catch a Mouse and had thought that nothing could be easier. Then he had tried to catch one himself, doing just as he had

seen his father do. At least he thought he was. The Mouse had escaped. He tried again and missed. He tried a third time and his claws and his crop were still empty. He was finding out that seeing and doing are very different matters, and that what appears to be easy may be the very hardest thing to do.

He was getting discouraged. Failure usually is discouraging. At the same time he grew more and more determined that he would catch a dinner for himself without any help from anybody. You see Young Hooty had the proper spirit. He knew it could be done for he had seen his father do it. In fact, he had been given the Mouse Hooty had caught so easily. If his father could do it he could, do it and he would.

"I'll show him," he kept saying over and over again as he tried and failed and tried again.

Unknown to him his father was keeping watch of him. Once Mrs. Hooty had started to take some food to him, but Hooty had interfered and she had given it to Young Hooty's sister, who had not as yet had a lesson in hunting.

"He isn't hungry enough yet," said Hooty. "When he thinks or fears he won't get anything to eat he will try harder than ever and sooner or later he will find out what the trouble is, what he is doing wrong. There is nothing like an empty stomach to quicken wits."

"But the poor dear will get so hungry," said mother.

Hooty was hard of heart, or pretended to be. "Do him good," said he. "Do him good. Doing for others who can do for themselves does no good for anyone. Help them try to help themselves, but don't do it unless they try and keep trying."

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## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### THE TRAPPER

South was guilty of the blackest of bridge crimes in the following deal—he trapped his own partner in the bidding.

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
Match-point duplicate.

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

At one table the auction went:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1♥	Pass
Pass	2♣	3♣	Pass
Pass	3♣	Pass	4♠ (1)
Dble.	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened his singleton heart and East-West set the contract two tricks, 500 points, giving North-South a zero on the board.

South immediately took his partner to task for having twice raised spades without even adequate trump support, and said that he had had every reason to expect a better dummy. North freely admitted that he had "passed," but he had a few things to say about South's bidding, which can be summarized as follows:

When South overcalled East's one heart with one spade and West passed, North felt that a raise to two spades could scarcely lead to trouble and that it might have some value, even if only to make it more difficult for the opponents to get back into the auction. Surely, North said, he had enough so that he didn't have to fear a two-spade contract. Then, when South passed over East's three diamonds, North felt sure that he could "get away with" a three-spade bid as far as the enemy was concerned, and how could he dream that he would be trapped by his own partner? South, by passing to three diamonds, had tacitly announced that he was through, and so his game bid was utterly inconsistent.

North was right. It was inexcusable for South to pass over three diamonds and then bid over three spades. If North had really held the values for two raises, he would have jumped to three spades immediately; so his second raise was clearly a mere competitive maneuver.

## KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

By Zeno Gray



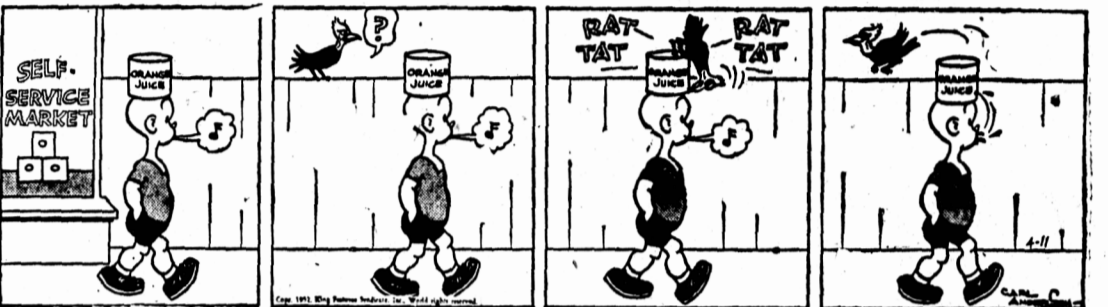
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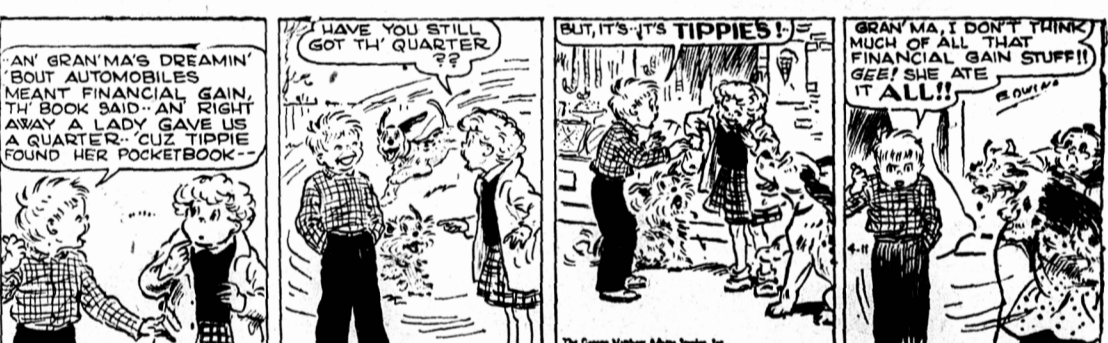
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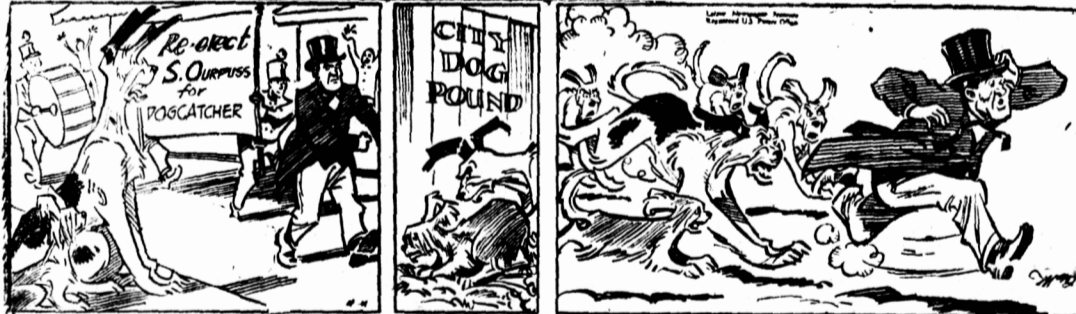
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