



### BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

**LIGHTFOOT IS GROUCHY**  
His temper never is of use  
And for it there's no real excuse  
—Old Mother Nature

Lightfoot the Deer was grouchy. He was feeling mean, and he was mean. He was just completely out of sorts, which of course means that he was ill tempered. He had come to the pond of Paddy the Beaver deep in the Green Forest of his evening drink. He had been coming at the same hour every day since shortly after his new antlers had begun to grow. He had been living alone in a quiet retreat that he had thought of as wholly his own. He wanted to be alone. He wanted to keep by himself with no one to disturb or annoy him. It was because the new antlers on his head were growing so fast that they took much of his strength. They made him feel most uncomfortable. Because he was uncomfortable, he was grouchy. This evening he had come to his usual drinking place at the usual time. Paddy the Beaver and Mrs.

Paddy always watched for him at this time of day. They were old friends of his. They knew how he felt, and they respected his feelings. They never ventured near enough to annoy him. Evening after evening for a long time he had come and had his evening drink undisturbed. But this evening there were other visitors at the pond. They, too, had come for a drink, and were standing at the edge of the water just a little way from his drinking place. Lightfoot didn't mind. He wanted to see them there. He was feeling somber at the same hour every day since shortly after his new antlers had begun to grow. He had been living alone in a quiet retreat that he had thought of as wholly his own. He wanted to be alone. He wanted to keep by himself with no one to disturb or annoy him. It was because the new antlers on his head were growing so fast that they took much of his strength. They made him feel most uncomfortable. Because he was uncomfortable, he was grouchy. This evening he had come to his usual drinking place at the usual time. Paddy the Beaver and Mrs.



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stood why he wanted to be by himself when he didn't feel good. She had wanted to be alone, and in a secret place, when the twins were born, and she had been. So now she took no notice of Lightfoot. She acted just as if he were not there. But it was different with the lively little fawns. Lightfoot was the first grown-up Deer excepting their mother they had ever seen, and they stared most impudently. They didn't know what to make of the antlers growing on Lightfoot's head. To them it was nothing but a funny sort of crown. They had even ventured to go over nearer to him that they might see better. Lightfoot didn't like it. He didn't like it a bit. It annoyed him. He showed that he didn't like it. He suddenly lifted his head, and blew through his nose as only a Deer can. It was a rather strong sound. It frightened the fawns. They bounded back to mother, and hid behind her. Lightfoot pawed with one foot in the mud at the edge of the pond. He blew again. The twins crowded close to mother. With a bad tempered snort Lightfoot turned and

### Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

#### CONCERNING THE POINT-COUNT

Beyond question, the point-count is helpful in evaluating one's hand, but it also has its drawbacks. Here is a striking example of the "bad side":

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♠	1♣	Pass	3NT
Pass	4♣	Pass	5♣
Pass	6♣	Pass	Pass

North did quite a lot of bidding on his good—but not—tremendous hand. After jumping to three no-trump, he had a very questionable slam try. However, he knew that South played the cards beautifully so he "showed his confidence." West opened the deuce of diamonds, East covered dummy's jack, and declarer ruffed. South then jumped to a low trump to the ace, and leaving the trump king at large, cashed the king, then the ace, then the queen of clubs. The fact that East played the club nine on dummy's final lead of the ten was duly noted by declarer, because it had a distinct bearing. Certainly, East would not have covered the club ten if he had held J-9-6-3, so he obviously did not have the jack. Consequently, he was marked with the A-K of diamonds, the king of spades, and the queen and jack of hearts, because East was a dead-in-the-wool point-counter who always required 13 points for an opening bid. Without the heart jack he would have only 12 points. That matter decided, South called a clear course. He threw East in with the spade king, and when East exited with the queen of hearts, South did not have to guess whether to win in his own hand and finesse for the jack against West, or to play East for that vital heart jack. The point-counter told South to win the heart queen with the ace and finesse against East.

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By Edwina



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By Carl Anderson



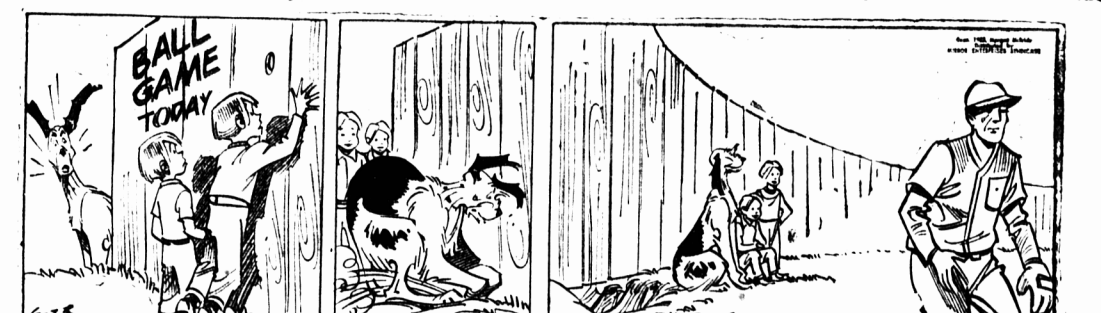
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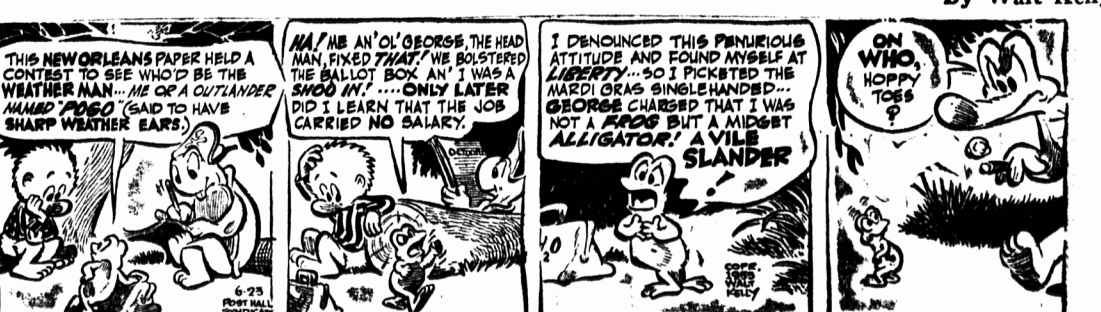
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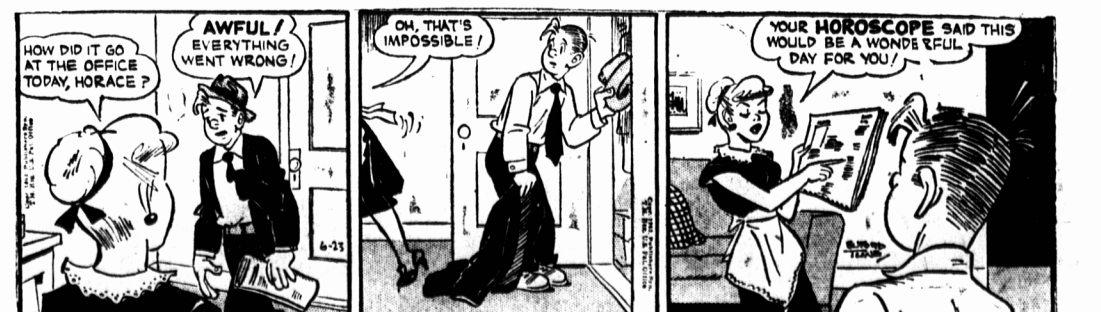
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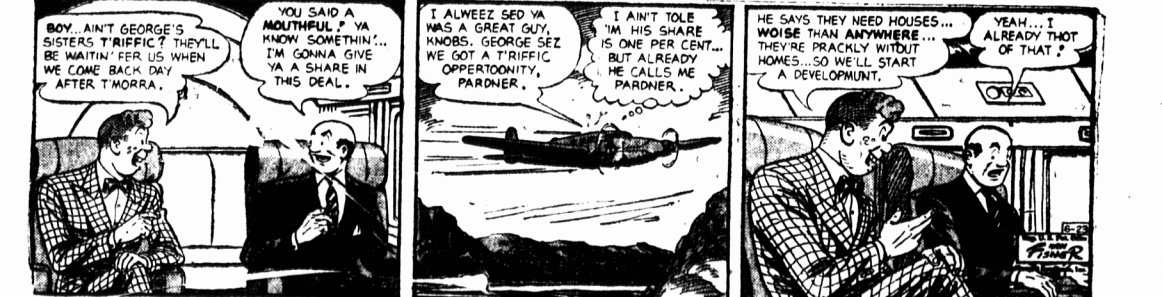
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