



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

WEE BUNNY HAS A NEW START

Through failure knowledge may be gained. And using this success attained. —Old Mother Nature.

Wee Bunny had been both fortunate and unfortunate. He knew how unfortunate he had been, but he didn't understand how fortunate he had been. The small Rabbit had been jumped on and badly bitten by Chatterer the Red Squirrel. He had been torn and hurt and terribly frightened. It

was this which was his misfortune. It had been his good fortune that Kitty the Catbird, and Mrs. Kitty had come to his rescue and driven Chatterer home. Then Farmer Brown's Boy had found Wee Bunny, and that was more good fortune for Farmer Brown's Boy has a tender heart.

He took Wee Bunny home and after carefully washing the small Rabbit's hurs, and putting on some healing ointment. Wee Bunny was put in a small pen in which was a comfortable bed and plenty of good green food. Of course it was all very strange, and he was still a very frightened little Rabbit. But he wasn't so frightened that he couldn't eat; he hadn't lost his appetite. Once that was satisfied he felt better.

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Illustrating the first qualification, four-notrump call in the following these experts do not regard the sort of sequence as a conventional bid:

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| South | North |
| 1 ♠ | 2 NT |
| 3 ♥ | 3 NT |
| 4 NT | |

According to the usage in reference, South's four notrump is not Blackwood — it is simply a raise in notrump which suggests interest in a slam. North is at perfect liberty to pass.

As for the other side of the picture, let's look at a deal in which two experts were involved:

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

| | | | |
|---------|------|-------|------|
| South | West | North | East |
| 1 ♠ | Pass | 4 NT | Pass |
| 5 ♠ | Pass | 5 NT | Pass |
| 6 ♠ | Pass | 6 ♣ | Pass |
| 7 ♣ (1) | Pass | Pass | Pass |



Wee Bunny was quite himself again.

Little by little he became less afraid. In a few days he had lost all fear, his wounds were healing, and he was almost happy. He couldn't be wholly happy, for after all he was a prisoner, and no one who is a prisoner, even the prisoner of kindness, can be wholly happy. Freedom is a most important part of complete happiness.

The little Rabbit had made a bad start out in the Great World for himself. Now he was to make another start, although he didn't know it. He didn't know it until one day Farmer Brown's Boy reached into the pen, took him out and holding him carefully in his arms, took him over to the edge of the Green Forest.

"I suppose," said Farmer Brown's Boy, "that I should take you over to the Old Briar-patch, or some bramble-tangle. But in the Old Briar-patch and most of the bramble-tangles, Rabbits are all ready living and they might not be good to you. They might think you are one too many. So I'll just take you back where I found you." So it was that Wee Bunny found himself once more in the hollow log at the edge of the Green Forest. Just outside Farmer Brown's Boy had left some tender green leaves of lettuce and other things, including a handful of sweet clover. Wee Bunny was quite himself again. His torn coat was mended. It was ragged, but it was healed. So he was himself again except that he was a little bigger, for young Rabbits grow fast, and he was a lot wiser. Both these things

South made his grand-slam bid on the following reasoning: North had shown definite interest in a grand slam by bidding five no-trump, and had probably been discouraged by the fact that South announced only one king. Well, South had the equivalent of another king in his singleton spade, and he also had a five-card trump suit instead of the four-card suit he might have held. On these "overages" South bid the grand slam, and made it without difficulty.



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OH, MOTHER PALOOKA, YOU'VE BEEN SUCH A HELP... DO YOU HAVE TO... WE DECIDED TO GO BACK TO WILKES-BARRE, HONEY.

WE'RE ONLY IN THE WAY... AN' WE WELL, WE GOT OUR KIDS' LOOK AFTER.

DON'T ARGUE WITH HER, DEAR. WE'LL MISS YOU.

SEE HOW PEOPLE ARE LOOKIN' AT US. BET THEY KNOW WE'RE NEWLY WEDS.

YOU SILLY OLE DEAR, I THINK YOU'RE TAKIN' IT VERY WELL.

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L. L. ABNER

SO... ALL THEM RESPECTABLE-LOOKIN' CITIZENS IS CROOKS IF AN' WHEN THEY COMMITS CRIMES, TH' INNOCENT FOLKS THEY LOOKS LIKE GITS BLAMED.

RIGHT!!—NONE OF MY BOY'S HAS HIS REAL FACE—EXCEPT GUTSY HERE!!

I JUST BROKE OUTS STRIP. WHY, TH' DOCS GONNA CHANGE ME NEW? WE WANTED—DEAD OR ALIVE!!

WHY?—WHY NOT CHANGE HIS FACE TO GUTSY'S? TH' WE DROPP HIS BODY IN AN ALLEY—

AND WHEN THE POLICE FIND HIM, THEY'LL HA!! HA!!—TH' WE'LL HA!! HA!!—HE'S GUTSY!!

HA!! HA!!—SOB!!—WHAT IS AN' LAFFIN AT?

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RIP KIRBY

IT OCCURS TO ME, MRS. VAN EDGE, THAT I MIGHT MORE READILY WATCH FOR CHEATERS AT YOUR NEXT BRIDGE SESSION AS A BUTLER. I WILL THEREFORE PORTRAY SUCH A CHARACTER.

OH, MR. DESMOND! HOW CLEVER! WHO WOULD EVER THINK OF YOU, A BUTLER?

UNCLE HARRY, PLEASE PUT DOWN THAT PICCOLO AND LISTEN TO ME! WE SHARPLY CAN'T SCORE ANOTHER BIG TOUCH ON THE VAN EDGES AND THEIR FRIENDS... THEY'LL GET WISE TO US! WE SHOULD CHANGE...

LET ME BE THE JUDGE OF OUR STRATEGY, JESSICA, DEAR. YOU JUST PRACTICE YOUR RIFLE STAFF... I NOTICE IT'S DEFINITELY TACKY.

GOODNESS, I'M SO EXCITED! HOW YOU SURE, MR. DESMOND! IT IS HAPPENING TO BE A THAT YOU CAN CARRY OFF THIS BUTLER'S DISGUISE SO THAT NONE OF THE GUESTS WILL DETECT YOU?

QUITE SURE, MADAM. IT IS HAPPENING TO BE A ROLE AT WHICH I AM EXCEPTIONALLY ADEPT. AND NOW I BELIEVE I HEAR GUESTS APPROACHING...

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KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

WE HIT US AGAIN, KING! WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE!

DIVE FOR THOSE HEAVY CLOUDS AND PULL A LANDING FLARE!

I DON'T GET IT, BUT HERE GOES!

WELL, WELL! LOOK AT THAT GLOW IN THE CLOUDS! I HIT TAIL WINDS! FEEL THAT!

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HENRY

By Carl Anderson

CHILDREN'S BATHROBES NOW ON SALE

MAC WAS OVER LAST NIGHT AND SHOWED ME THE PICTURES HE TOOK ON HIS VACATION

YEAH, HE'S COMING OVER WITH 'EM TO MY HOUSE TONIGHT

OMIGOSH!! I GUESSE I'LL BE NEXT!

I GUESS IT'S SAFE TO GO TO LUNCH NOW. I DON'T WANT MAC TO COLLAR ME!

SAY! MR. SIMPSON! GET MINUTE?

TRAPPED!

AND THIS IS ME LOCKED IN THE STOCKADE AT PILGRIM VILLAGE

TOO BAD THEY DIDN'T THROU THE KEY AWAY!

TILLY THE TOILER

By Bob Gupton

MRS. JIGGS LEFT EARLY THIS MORNING—SHE HARDLY SPOKE—SHE'S VERY ANGRY.

YEH—I KNOW—SHE'S NOT TALKIN' TO ME—

BOY! NOT TALKIN'—NOW SHE WON'T TRY TO GET ANY MONEY OUT OF ME—

AH! THE DOORBELL! MUST BE THOSE CIGARS I ORDERED!

SOME HATS MRS. JIGGS ORDERED SENT OUT COLLECT—FOUR HUNDRED DOLLAR!

AWK!

BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus

I CAN HARDLY WAIT TO HEAR YOUR POEMS.

OH, THEY'RE REALLY NOTHING.

—OF COURSE, THIS WON'T DO FOR YOUR LITERARY CLUB—I JUST TOSSED IT OFF—

A YOUNG LADY WITH FIRE IN HER EYE STALKED A BUZZING AND ARROGANT FLY... ON THE CEILING OR FLOOR, SHE WOULD SWAT FOUR TIMES FOUR—

—BUT THE FLY FLEW AROUND AND BUZZED MORE! HA HA!—OF COURSE, THE LAST LINE ISN'T RIGHT, BUT—

TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS

By Edwins

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DOTTY DRIPPLE

By Ruford

DOTTY, REMEMBER THE SPECIAL HAND-PAINTED NECKTIE I ORDERED?

WHAT SORT OF PATTERN IS ON IT, DEAR?

POLKA DOTS, MY FAVORITE DESIGN!

POGO

By Walt Kelly

YEP... LAST TIME I HAD A JOB WAS IN 19... OUGHT 19! WHAT'S YOUR LINE?

US IS IN THE RUNAWAY ORPHAN BUSINESS.

I READS THE FUNNIES PERTY GOOD AN' I IS A EXPERT ON ORPHANS AN' DOGS.

YOU IS DOIN' ALL THE TALKIN' LIKE UNTO A RUNAWAY ORPHAN GAY... SO OUGHT TO WEAR THE WIG.

AN' YOU SHOULD SAY "ARR" LETS HEAR YOU TRY IT!

NEVRS COULDS THAT LINE.

ARR.

Napoleon and Uncle Lou

By McBridge

COMPOUND THOSE CHICKENS? JONES OUGHT TO KEEP 'EM HOME! THEY'RE RUINING MY GARDEN!

I'LL HIDE THESE EGGS AND BE SURE JONES SEES ME GATHER 'EM TOMORROW!

LOOK HERE, NAPOLEON! EGGS UNDER MY BUSH!

WELL, GOODBYE FOR NOW, RANDY. ISN'T RANDY CALLING YOU A LOT?

EVERY DAY, MOTHER.

COLLEGE BOYS HAVEN'T MUCH MONEY, YOU SHOULDN'T LET RANDY SPEND TOO MUCH ON THE PHONE.

OH, HE DOESN'T.

HE REVERSES THE CHARGES.

PENNY

By Harry Haenigsen

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