

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## PADDY EVENS UP

None for himself may live alone  
His life is never all his own  
—Old Mother Nature.

What Old Mother Nature says is true. No matter how hard he may try, no one can live for himself alone. He may think he is doing it, but he isn't. Whatever he says or does is almost certain in some way to affect others.

That pond had become the most popular place in all the Green Forest. Feathered folks and folks in fur gathered there from far and wide. They came to drink, to bathe, and some, I am sorry to say, came to hunt others. So it was that something done for selfish purposes had benefited others. That little pond had become a sort of community centre.



Paddy the Beaver and Mrs. Paddy had made a pond deep in the Green Forest.

near. It sent them bounding away into the Green Forest. That slap on the water was really his danger signal. All the visitors to Paddy's pond had learned to know that danger signal. This time, there had been no danger. He had slapped the water out of pure mischief, just to scare Mrs. Lightfoot and the twins. Of course it wasn't a nice thing to do. It never is nice to frighten other folks needlessly. It isn't a joke, although some folks seem to think it is.

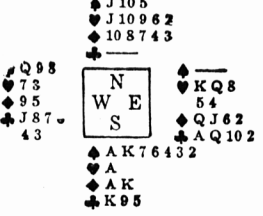
## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### AN AMUSING LEGEND

The authenticity of bridge legends is even more doubtful than that of other legends, and the hand shown below is no exception. It is to be suspected that some waggish expert devised the hand with a certain eye for a story to dramatize it. But it's a good story, and this is how it goes:

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.



According to the legend, a "dear little old lady" was in the West position when this bidding took place:

East South West North  
1 ♠ 2 ♠ Pass 2 NT  
Pass 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠  
Pass 6 ♠ (final bid)

At this point in the tale the expert turns blandly to his audience and asks: "Do you see any way of beating six spades—any opening lead that will beat it?"

The gallery makes a mental try of every card in West's hand and gives up. Then the expert has his inning. "How do you like that?" he chortles. "None of you sharks can find the lead, but the little old lady who actually sat West made the killing lead without a second's thought! You see, she forgot the contract, and she thought that her partner had bid spades, so she opened the spade queen—incorrectly, of course, even if her other notions had been right—and the spade queen was the only lead that could beat six spades!"

It's a fact, dear readers. West has a sure trump trick in the queen, but only by sacrificing it at Trick 1 can he (or she) derail the slam contract. The play without and with this lead is interesting—so interesting that it would be a shame to deprive readers of the chance to prove to themselves that the "dear little old lady" was unconsciously, to be sure—a genius!

LONDON (CP)—Marmaduke, the oldest and biggest tortoise at the London zoo, is sleeping out these nights. Keepers said the tortoise, believed well into his second century, is so slow getting back to his pen they just throw a tarpaulin over him.

## Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



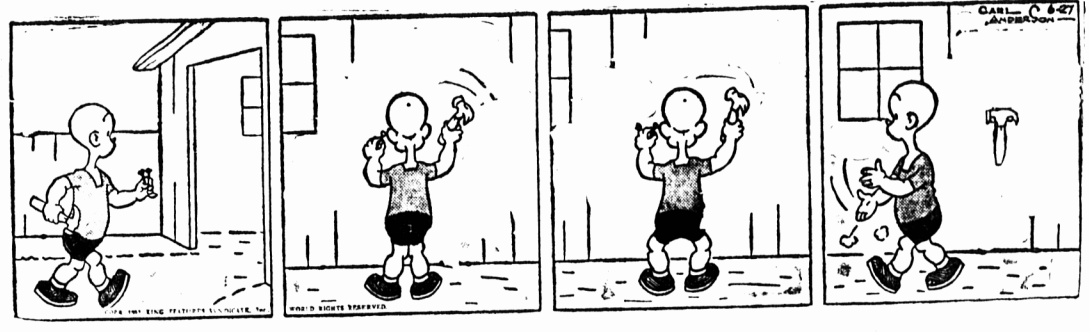
## Dotty Dripple

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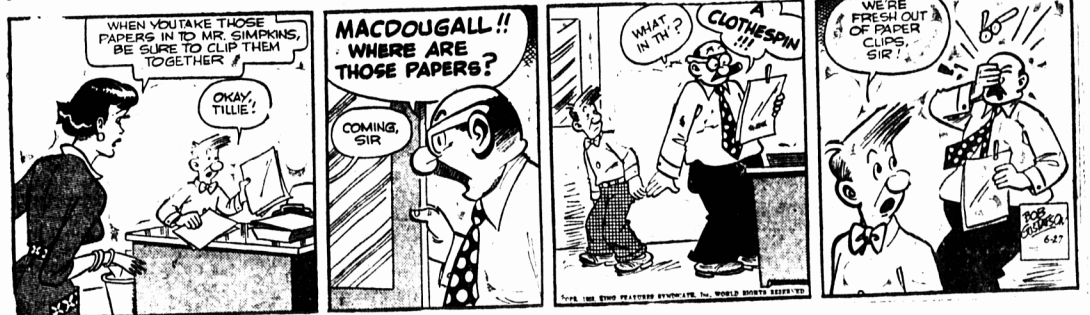
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By Carl Anderson



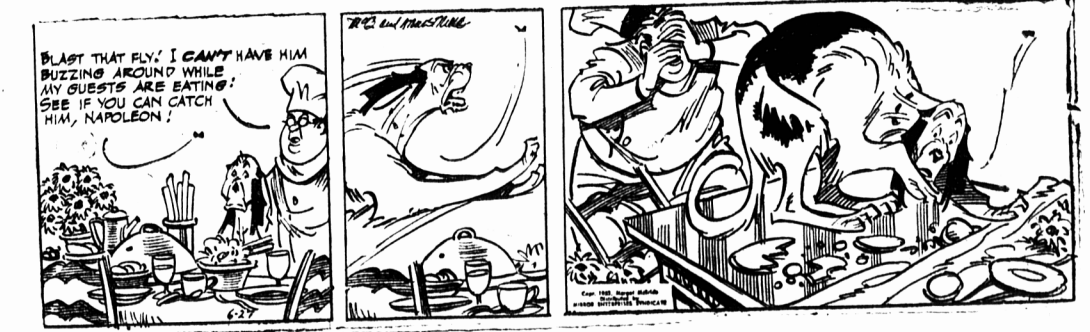
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By Bob Gustafson



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By Clifford McPride



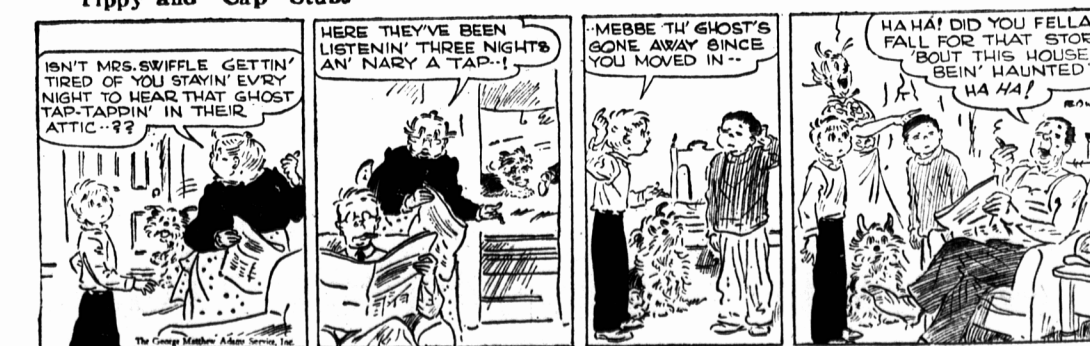
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