



By Thornton W. Burgess

NOTHING BUT A PILE OF MUD

Strange though it seems, you often find, Some folks can see, and still be blind.

—Old Mother Nature.

The bustiest folks in or around the Smiling Pool were Jerry Muskrat and Mrs. Jerry. They were at work among the rushes growing out in the shallow water at the upper end of the Smiling Pool.

about," Peter asked Grandfather Frog, who was sitting on a favorite big, green lily-pod.

"Chug-a-rum!" said Grandfather Frog. "He's building a new house."

"What in the world is he doing that for?" he cried. "What is the matter with his old house? It looks perfectly good to me!"

There was something like a twinkle in Grandfather Frog's big, goggle eyes on top of his head.

"Mrs. Jerry wants a new house," said he. "Of course, she gets what she wants. Perhaps you know how it is."

Peter nodded. "Yes," he said. "I know how it is. Where are they building their new house?"

"Over among those rushes on the other side," Grandfather Frog said. "You can't see it from where you are; there are too many rushes in the way. I've been over there and had a look at it."

"I wish I could see it," said Peter. "You know, he is full of curiosity."

"It is nothing to see," declared Grandfather Frog scornfully. "It is nothing but a heap of mud."

"Just the same, I wish I could see it," said Peter.

"Then why don't you swim across?" said Grandfather Frog. "It don't like getting all wet," said Peter.

"Chug-a-rum!" cried Grandfather Frog. "Be honest, Peter. Admit you can't swim."

Peter was indignant. "Who says I can't swim?" he cried.

"I'll believe it when I see you do it," said Grandfather Frog.

Now Peter can swim. He isn't fond of the water, but he can swim. He was tempted to now. Then he decided he didn't want to get all wet. It wasn't worth it just to see a pile of mud.

Meanwhile, Jerry Muskrat and Mrs. Jerry were hard at work. It



"What is Jerry in such a hurry about," Peter asked Grandfather Frog.

was true that a pile of mud was all there was at present of their new house. They were making a sort of island of mud out there among the rushes. They had built it by digging the mud up from the bottom, around the place where their house was to be, and piling it up to make a sort of island.

It was now just showing above water. When they had started work the water had been only a few inches deep. Now the water right around that little island of mud was twice as deep as it had been.

The more mud they took out to build up that little island made the water there just so much deeper.

Mrs. Jerry was much pleased with what they were doing. In the first place, she was having her own way. Having their own way, whether it be good or bad, always is pleasing to some folks.

"It is going to be the best house we ever have had," declared Mrs. Jerry.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

"POKER" DOUBLES

It is extremely difficult — indeed, oftentimes impossible — to evaluate a hand precisely for a penalty double. A great many imponderables must be taken into account. How sound a bidder is the player you're thinking of doubling? What is your partner's philosophy on this subject — will he leave in your double, no matter what he has, or does he go in for "co-operation"? How about the opponent's partner — is he the type to take fright and "run" — to a worse bid?

From all this it will be seen that there is quite a lot of "poker" in the decision to double or not double. Let's look at a case.

South dealer. East-West vulnerable. A52, J8743, QJ10, 96, 47, 10, AK72, AQ, 854, AK85, K1094, K5, 96, KJ743

The bidding: South West North East Pass 1♠ Pass 1♥ 1NT Dble. Pass 2♣ Dble. Pass 2♦ Dble. Pass Pass Pass

From the point where West made his very aggressive double of one spade, South and North indulged in a frantic effort to find a better contract — and with the usual result.

By any academic measure, West was on the most dubious ground when he doubled the spade bid, but, as a master player, he realized something that most players do not even consider.

Obviously, South did have reason to fear the double, with his anemic spade suit, and the rest of the auction went in accordance with West's hopes.

So, East-West collected 500 points when they could not have logically bid game or made it.

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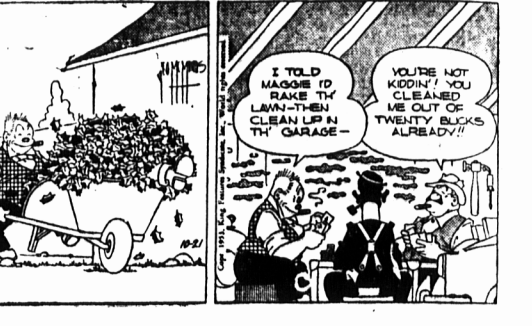
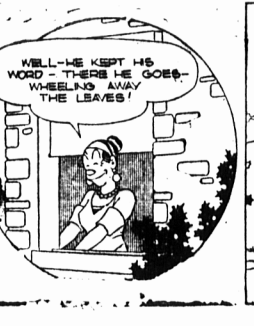
Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwina



Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



Dotty Dripple

By Ruford



Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



ANY TIME — it's time for KING COLE TEA

NOTICE

Please note that my business is strictly cash beginning the first of November.

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Queen's County Liberal Association

The Annual Meeting of the Queen's County Liberal Association will be held at 8 p.m., Thursday, October 22nd, 1953, in the Community Centre, Stewart Street, Charlottetown.

Honourable R. H. Winters, Minister of Public Works, will be the guest speaker and the meeting is open to the public generally.

STEWART ROSS, President. F. A. LARGE, Secretary.

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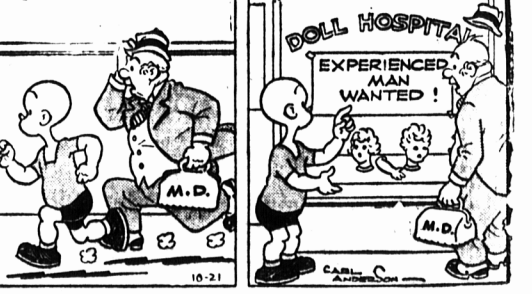
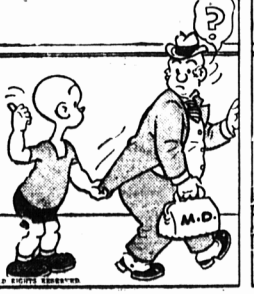
Joe Palooka

By Ham Fisher



Henry

By Carl Anderson



King Of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Grey



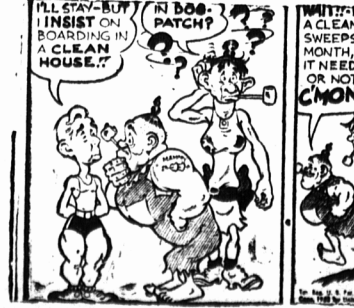
Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



Li'l Abner

By Al Capp



Pogo

By Walt Kelly



Kip Kirby

By Alex Raymond



PENNY

By Harry Hoening

