

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

MRS. PETER IS SHOWN
Who really learns to use his eyes, will find each day some new surprise.

Peter Rabbit believes most of the things he hears, and Mrs. Peter believes very little she hears. She is one of those people who must be shown. It is a good thing that there are such people in the Great World. Peter had been told that other Snakes swallow their young

to save them from danger. Also, Peter had himself seen a Snake swallow little Snakes. Then he had raced home to tell little Mrs. Peter that it was all true. "I hope now," said Peter, "you will believe it is true that Snakes do swallow their babies to save them."

Mrs. Peter made it very clear that she didn't believe it. Peter had seen the little Snakes swallowed, but he hadn't seen them come out of mother's mouth again. Nor had he seen any danger to cause Mother Snake to swallow her babies. He didn't even know that they were her babies.

"They might," said Mrs. Peter, "have been the babies of someone else. I'm sure they would have been just as good eating as her own."

"You don't believe anything I tell you, do you?" said Peter mournfully.

"Yes, I do, my dear," replied Mrs. Peter. "I believe, you really saw some small Snakes swallowed by a big Snake. Anyway, I believe you saw them taken into her mouth. But you don't know that she swallowed them for safety, and you don't even know that she was their mother. Perhaps they were the babies of some other Snake. They could have been, and they could have been swallowed because the old Snake was hungry."

Peter saw that there was no use to



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try to make Mrs. Peter believe that anyone swallowed their own babies to keep them safe. "Next time," thought Peter, "I'll sit and wait for them to come out again when she thinks it is safe for them to do so." You see, there was no doubt that Peter believed that he had really seen little Snakes swallowed for safety instead of for dinner.

Little Mrs. Peter didn't believe. She meant just what she said when she declared that she had to be shown. The trouble was that Peter couldn't show her. It was only by chance that he had seen those little Snakes swallowed. Now chance is a queer thing. It always happens when least expected.

While Peter was running this way and that way, looking for a member of the Snake family swallowing baby Snakes, Mrs. Peter stayed right at home in the dear Old Briar-patch. One morning as she sat at the edge of the dear Old Briar-patch, a strange thing happened. A flat rock was in the grass just a little way from where she was sitting. Happening to look over on that flat rock she saw what at first she took to be little worms wiggling about. Then she saw that they were baby Snakes, the smallest Snakes she had ever seen. As she watched them, the head of an Old Snake, a fully grown Snake, was lifted over the flat rock. The baby Snakes became excited.

"It must be their mother," thought Mrs. Peter. "I wonder what she will do?" She didn't have to wait long to find out. Mother Snake, if she was their mother, started with unwinking eyes for a moment or two. Then she slid up on that flat rock.

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LOGY, LISTLESS, OUT OF LOVE WITH LIFE?

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cluvertson

REGARDING NOTRUMP CONTRACTS

Average players are apt to put too much importance on sure stoppers in the unbid suits when contemplating notrump contracts. Beyond question, sure stoppers are good things to have, but other considerations may be even more important in the bidding sequence. Observe this rather typical case:

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K 9 2
♥ A K J 8 7 4
♦ 10 6
♣ 8 4

♠ 10 8 7 5
♥ 6 3
♦ A K 7 5
♣ 7 6 2

N
W E
S

♠ Q J
♥ Q 10
♦ Q J 4 2
♣ A J 10 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass
1NT Pass 3♥ Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

West felt, with reason, that he couldn't expect much from his spade suit, so he elected to open his top diamond. East captured dummy's ten and shifted to clubs. South put in the jack; West won and led another diamond. This made it easy for South to establish nine tricks - not that he had ever been in danger.

Many players might consider South's hand a shade (or more) too weak for an opening bid, but they would be wrong. With so many honors in the hand, a pass would be inexcusable. But after making the light opening bid, South conducted his rebidding correctly. Most players, holding the Q-10 of a suit rebid strongly by partner, and only the Q-J blank in another suit, would be panicked into giving support to partner, but South realized that his first duty, after the light opening, was to stay within the nine-trick notrump level, and to make North take the responsibility, if he chose to do so, of reaching a ten-trick contract.

The combined hands might not have a sure spade stopper, but as between this danger and the danger of "getting overboard" at four hearts, South chose the lesser. Observe that reasonably good defense would have beaten a four-heart contract, with the opponents taking two diamonds, one spade and one club.

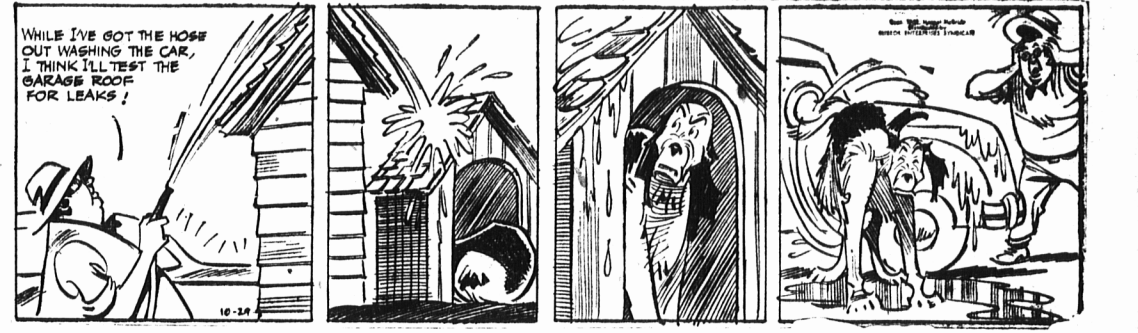
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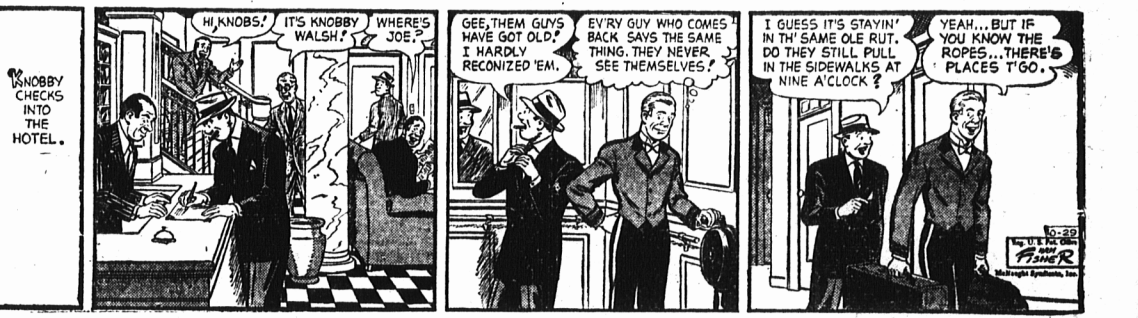
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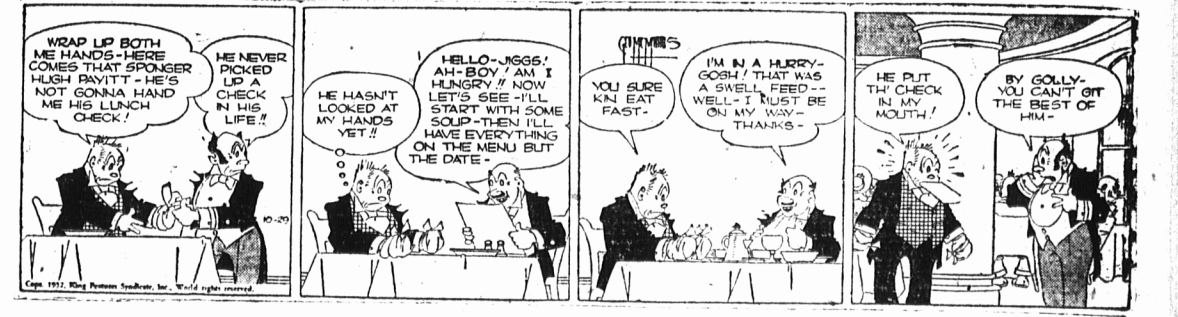
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