



### BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

#### CUBS and KITS

Cubs and kits and babies all, are alike when very small. —Old Mother Nature.

Mother Bear knows whereof she speaks. Babies may not look alike, indeed, they may and do look very unlike. But in certain ways they are alike. Most of them are born helpless. All of them are born knowing nothing at all about anything around them. All of them have to learn how to live. It is just

so with the babies of the biggest of the Green Forest folks, and with the babies of the smallest Green Forest folks. It is so with the babies of the boldest and most fearless and with the babies of the most timid.

On the bank of a big pool in a brook in a distant part of the Green Forest were four very small folk in fur who looked not at all alike, yet in certain ways were much alike. Two wore little black coats, and were together on one bank. They were Mother Bear's imps of



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mischief. Two were on the other bank. They were dressed in brown. They were the kits of Mrs. Joe Otter, who was swimming about below them, and coaxing them to come for a swim with her.

Now their mother, like their father, Little Joe Otter, is a wonderful swimmer. All Otters are wonderful swimmers. They are as much at home in the water as other folks are at home on land. Mother Otter was showing her kits what fun it was to swim and dive, and how perfectly at home she was in the water. But, for all her coaxing, the two little Otters remained right where they were at the top of the bank.

Presently, Mother Bear came back. She joined the cubs and stood watching Mrs. Otter in the water. Mrs. Otter stopped playing about. She dived. The kits on the opposite bank leaned forward and watched the water. Presently they began to look worried. Where had mother gone? What had become of her? She was gone so long that even Mother Bear began to wonder if something could have happened to her, or if she had deserted her little ones. Then, without warning, Mother Otter's brown head popped out of the water at the very place where she had disappeared. In her mouth was a fine fat fish. The very sight of it made the mouths of the two small Bears water. Mother Bear looked over at it rather longingly. Mother Otter put the fish down at the edge of the water at the foot of the bank. She took a bite from it, and licked her lips as she ate it. "Come along and get some," she coaxed. The young Otters looking over

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### Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

#### THE FRIENDLY ENEMY

South's game contract below was shaky, to put it mildly, but he had a friend in the enemy's camp. South's jump rebid in a new suit was not justified; his hand called for a simple two-heart rebid. If North had to pass to that call it was scarcely likely that there would be a sound play for game.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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| ♠ 854  | ♥ K102   |
| ♠ A63  | ♥ 5      |
| ♠ K862 | ♥ J109   |
| ♠ Q95  | ♥ 743    |
| ♠ J974 | ♣ A      |
| ♠ Q5   | ♣ KQ1082 |
| ♠ AK6  | ♣ J10    |
| ♠ 43   |          |

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Pass  
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass  
Pass Pass

North's jump-preference for spades, was also rather exuberant, but if he had bid only three spades, South undoubtedly would have carried on to game.

West opened the club king. East played the deuce, and declarer tossed on his jack. In West's defense, it is only fair to report that he thought about leading the club ace too, but his partner's deuce had been impressive, so West shifted to the diamond queen.

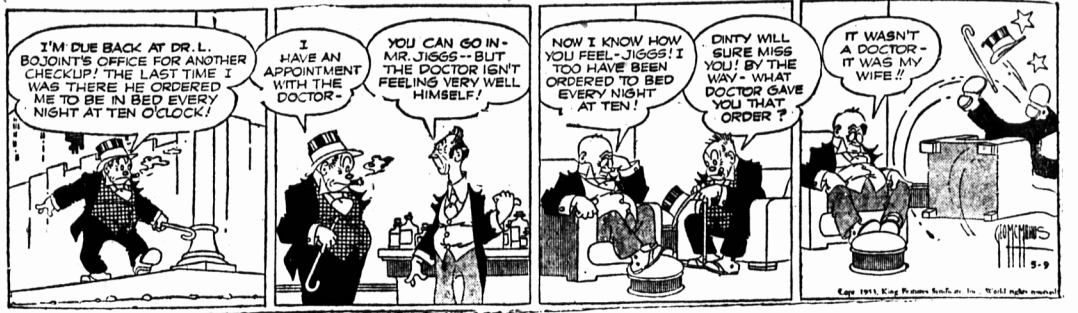
This was very nice for declarer. He won with his blank ace, cashed the spade ace, then crossed to the board with a heart and discarded his club ten on the diamond king. He was quite willing to give up two tricks in trumps since he could well hope to run the heart suit without loss. He didn't know, of course, that hearts were going to break badly, and if he had known, there was very little he could have done about it.

South was also unaware that East, instead of being an opponent was an ally in this hand! That fact soon emerged, however, because when a trump was led, from dummy, East hopped right up with his king! West's queen fell, and now, having saved a trump loser, South wasn't bothered by the break of hearts. He ruffed East's ten of trumps, drew East's ten of trumps, and could afford to chuckle when East showed out on the following heart lead. South simply gave West the heart jack and claimed the balance.

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### Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



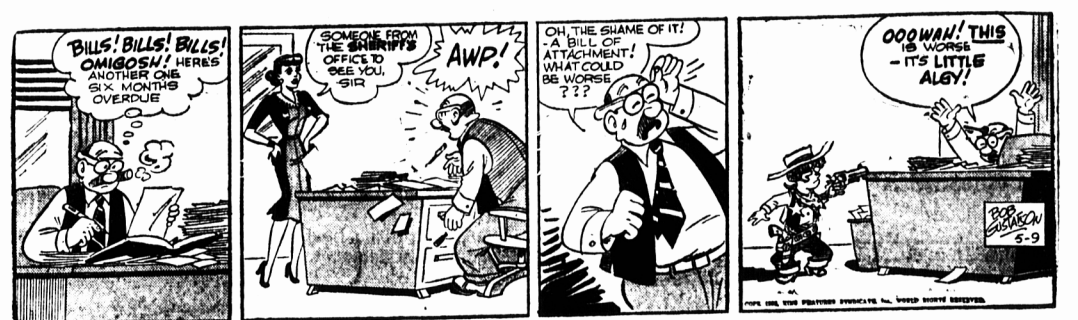
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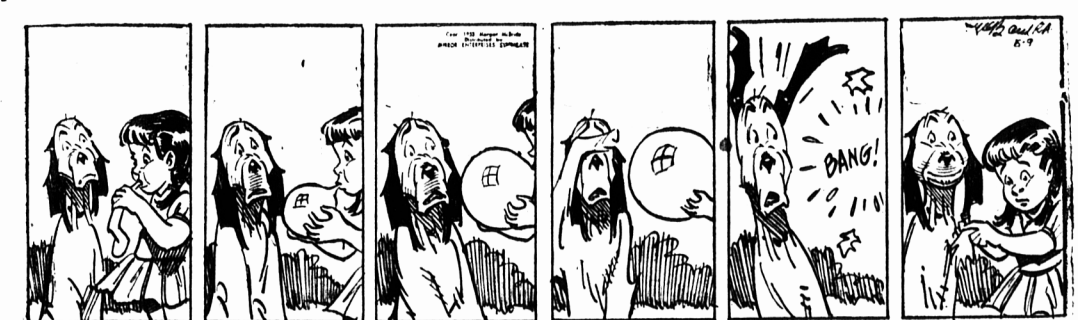
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By Edwin



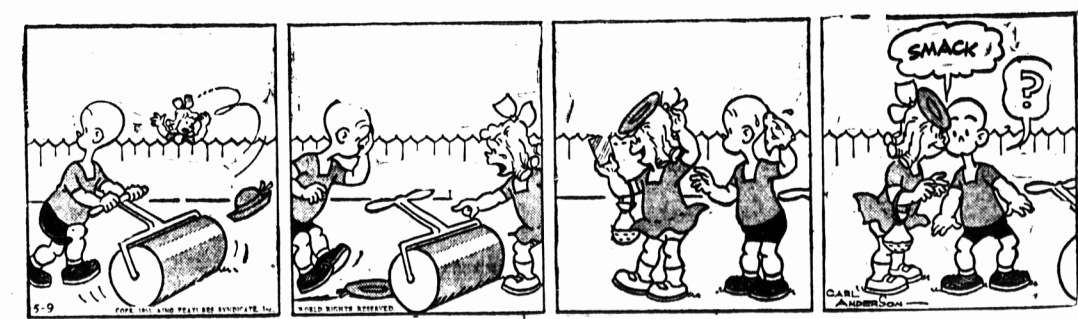
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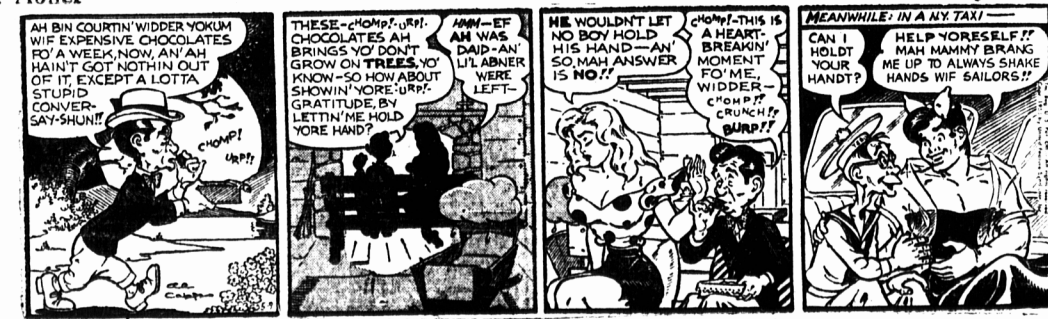
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