

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

OLD MR. TOADS SECRET

A secret is forever done
When it is known by more than
one.

—Old Mr. Toad.

"I wish I knew," said Peter Rabbit. "I wish I knew. I wish I knew." He was mumbling to himself as he sat looking out of the dear Old Briar-patch across the Green Meadows to Farmer Brown's garden. "What did you say?" asked Little Mrs. Peter.

HOLSTEIN MEETING

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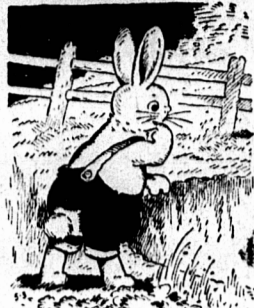
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"He isn't here," muttered Peter.

dear Old Briar-patch. Away he went, lipperty, lipperty, lip, his white tail bobbing up and down, up and down. Little Mrs. Peter came to the edge of the dear Old Briar-patch and watched that bobbing little white spot growing smaller and smaller until it finally disappeared. It was all she could see of Peter in the dark. She sighed softly. "I knew it," she said. "I knew he'd go just as soon as my back was turned. I suppose he just had to, but I don't see why. I guess he's just made that way."

Peter made straight for the corner of Farmer Brown's garden where Farmer Brown's boy had started digging a compost pit. It was into this that Old Mr. Toad had fallen, and Peter knew Reddy Fox hadn't seen Old Mr. Toad in there. "He couldn't have looked very closely," thought Peter. "Perhaps he didn't expect to find anybody in there, and so he didn't see Old Mr. Toad squatting as flat as he could. I've noticed that often folks don't see things they don't expect to see."

A few minutes later Peter was at the edge of the big hole in Farmer Brown's garden. He peered over the edge, taking care not to tumble in. He has very good eyes for seeing in the dusk, and it was quite dusky down in that pit. He looked and looked.

"He isn't here," muttered Peter. "No, sir, he isn't here. That means that somebody must have caught him and taken him out. I wonder who did it." He looked and looked again, but there was no sign of Old Mr. Toad. The pit was empty. Yes, sir, it was empty. Anyway, that is what Peter thought, and most people looking in there would have thought the same thing. But Old Mr. Toad was there. Where was he? Why couldn't Peter see him? That was Old Mr. Toad's secret, and he was keeping it to himself. Of course, a secret never is a secret if it isn't kept. Old Mr. Toad had buried himself in the sand at the bottom of that pit. You know, that is an old trick of his. He had buried himself before Reddy Fox looked in, and he was still buried when Peter peeped over the edge.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

"STRONG BIDDING"

The term "strong bidding" means little or nothing in a practical sense. A player may jump to two notrump over partner's suit-bid of one, and that is a strong bid; or he may jump from one diamond to two hearts or two spades and that is much stronger. The whole question resolves itself down to this: is a certain bid descriptive, not only of the bidder's own holding, but of the combined resources, based on what the bidder may have heard previously from his partner?

Let's look at a hand which raised a typical argument:

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♦ Pass 3NT Pass

It was no great victory for North to make 11 tricks at notrump, considering that the hand would have produced 12 easy tricks at diamonds.

North, implying that the blame for missing the slam was South's, pointed to his own "big bid" of three notrump over South's two diamonds.

South, however, countered neatly by asking what he could have bid, justifiably, over North's three notrump. North had no suggestions on that matter.

The fact is, of course, that North's leap to three notrump, though strong, was not nearly strong enough. North's holding was better than a minimum one-notrump opening bid, and with South actually opening the bidding and showing a second suit in which North had such strong support, the slam possibilities should have been super-evident. Thus, it was entirely in order for North to bid four notrump over two diamonds (Blackwood), or, dispensing with that formality, to jump straight to six diamonds.

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By Ze Croy



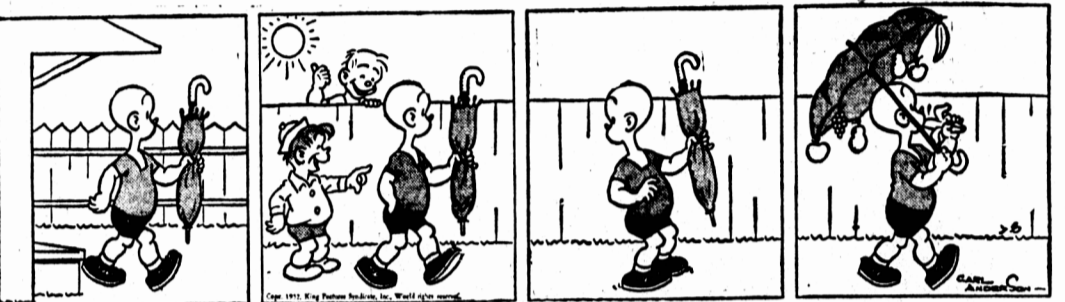
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By Carl Anderson



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By Ruford



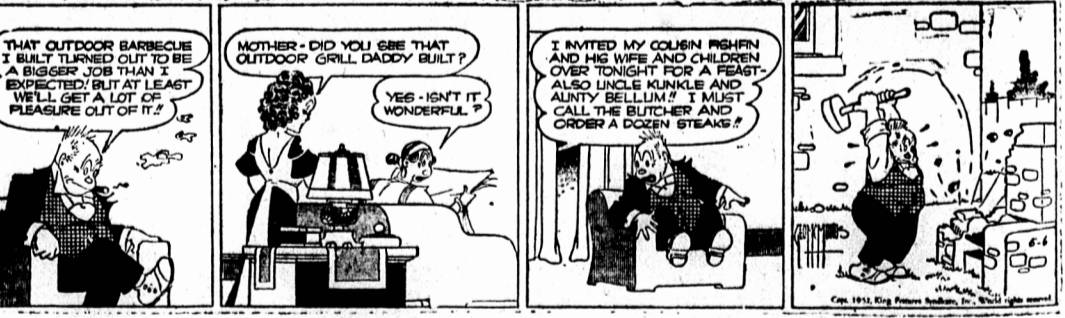
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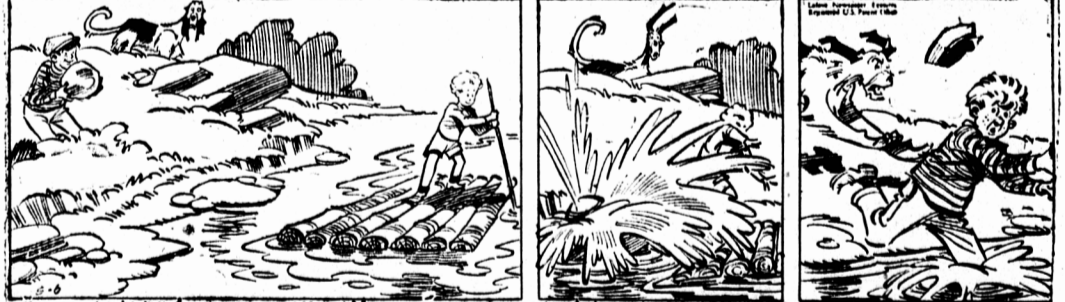
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