



### BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

**REDDY WAS RIGHT**  
The wise will look ahead and plan though he be bird or beast or Man. —Reddy Fox.

Of all the people on the Green Meadows, in the Green Forest, and in the Old Pasture, none is smarter than Reddy Fox. Were it not so Reddy would not be able to live as he does close to the homes of mankind. But one likes to be smart, yet lack wisdom. There is much of wisdom in that shrewd head of Reddy's. Long ago he learned that he who looks ahead and plans best, lives best. Reddy looks ahead, and he plans. Of course his plans do not always succeed. Nobody's plans always succeed.

For a long, long time Reddy had tried and tried to catch Johnny Chuck. Like all foxes, Reddy is fond of a Woodchuck dinner when he can get it. That is why he had tried so hard to catch Johnny Chuck. Mrs. Reddy had tried equally hard. In fact, they had worked together to outwit and catch Johnny. They are great believers

in co-operation, especially family co-operation. That is one reason that they have managed to live comfortably so close to the homes of Men despite the fact that all their lives long they had been hunted by Men with Dogs and guns, not to mention dreadful traps. They have been too smart to be caught or shot, but not smart enough to catch Johnny Chuck.

No one likes to be outsmarted. Outwitting Johnny and catching him had become a matter of pride with Reddy. Johnny might not be as smart as a Fox in most ways, but he certainly had been too smart to be caught. Johnny had even dared to dig a new home at the edge of the Old Pasture. As you know that is where Reddy and Mrs. Reddy have lived for some time. They have lived there long enough to think of the Old Pasture as belonging to them, which of course it doesn't. So they resented Johnny Chuck's moving over there and making a new home. They would catch him this time; they had fully made up their minds to



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that. So they talked it all over and laid their plans. At night, they visited. Johnny's new home and carefully looked over all the surroundings. They found a back door. Of course they knew where the front door was, because of the big mound of yellow sand which was the doorstep. No one passing that way could help finding the front door to Johnny's house. That big yellow doorstep gave it away.

When Reddy found the back door, he grinned. There was no yellow sand there. There was nothing to catch the eyes of any one passing. In fact, that back door was partly hidden by overhanging grass. Reddy wouldn't have found it had he not been looking for it and known what to look for.

"Smart," said Reddy to Mrs. Reddy. "Now that we know where both the front door and the back door are we should be able to plan successfully a way to catch him. I'm glad we have found this back door. All we have to do is to wait and not let him know that he is being watched. Sooner or later he will go far enough away in search of sweet clover so that one of us can get to the front door and one to the back door before he can get either, then we'll have him."

"Maybe," said Mrs. Reddy. "he'll never go far enough away for us to get to one of them." "He will. Don't you worry about that. If we keep away from him, he'll get careless. He'll go nearer and farther out on the Green Meadows looking for sweet clover," declared Reddy.

Reddy was right. Having finished his house for the time being, Johnny began to think more about eating than about work. Some folks are like that. He had plenty of sweet clover so near at hand that there was little danger in getting it, but after a while he began to wonder if there was not clover that was sweeter and better. Each day he went a little farther out on the Green Meadows. Reddy and Mrs. Reddy, watching him from a hiding place, looked at each other and grinned. "We'll get him," said Reddy.

### Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

**INCONSISTENCY**  
West, avoided one trap in today's deal, but only to fall into another of the same type.

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

Q 9 6 5  
A 8 7 4  
K 6 4 3  
J 5  
N  
W  
E  
S  
A K  
K 10 8 2  
Q 9 5  
A K 8 7

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♣ Pass 1♥ Pass  
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass  
4♠ Pass 5♠ Pass

North, according to his own post-mortem statement, bid four clubs because he thought his heart suit was too weak for a rebid, but this was "upside-down" reasoning. With South showing excellent heart support, it was obvious that the combined hands would play as well at hearts as at any other suit; if there were losers in hearts, they would still have to be lost at some other contract. When North bid four clubs over three hearts, he was actually giving a slam try, and he was lucky that South did not accept it!

West chose the safe lead of the spade ten. Declarer won, cashed his top clubs and his other spade honor, then exited with a club. East discarded the deuce of diamonds on this trick, warning against a switch to that suit, so West wisely led another spade, giving declarer a ruff and discard (which did him no good).

South ruffed the spade return in dummy, discarding a diamond, then cashed the ace and king of hearts and his own last club. It was on this club lead that West made his fatal error. Seeing no reason to keep the spade, he discarded it—and he was then thrown in with the heart queen and forced to return a diamond. Declarer ducked the diamond return on the board and was able to win with his own queen, fulfilling the contract.

It goes without saying that West should have held tightly to his fourth spade as an exit card—he could well afford to give up the low diamond!

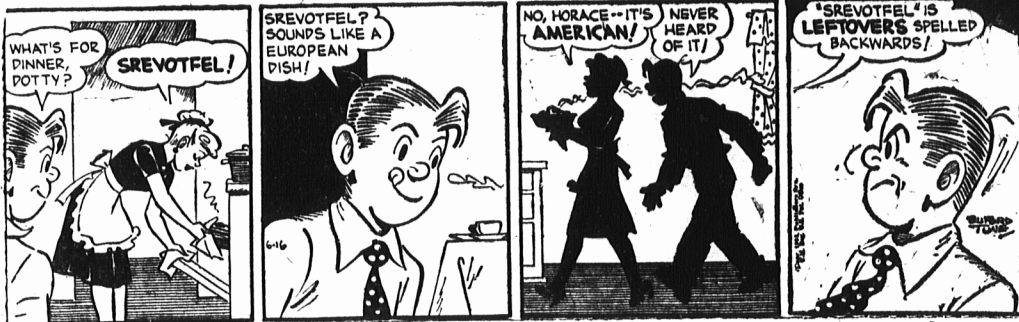
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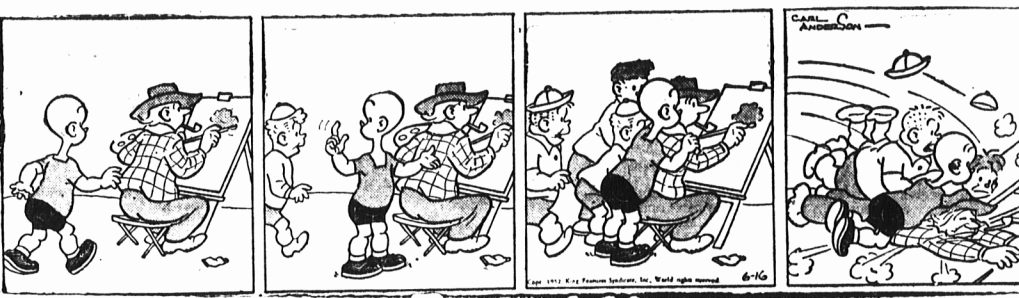
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### TILLY THE TOILER



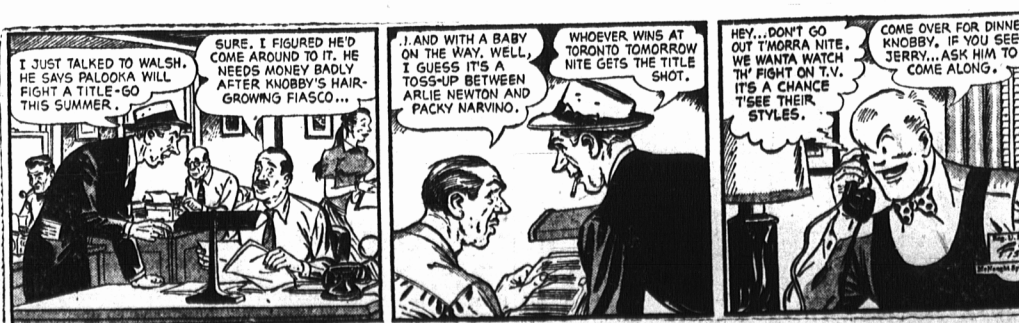
### BRINGING UP FATHER



### TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS



### JOE PALCORA



### PENNY



### The Neighbors

By George Clark



"They won't let us in the game. Let's go in and mess around with Mom's cosmetics."

### CANADA'S FAVORITE HAIR TONIC... NOW IN TUBES!

**Double Header Bargain**

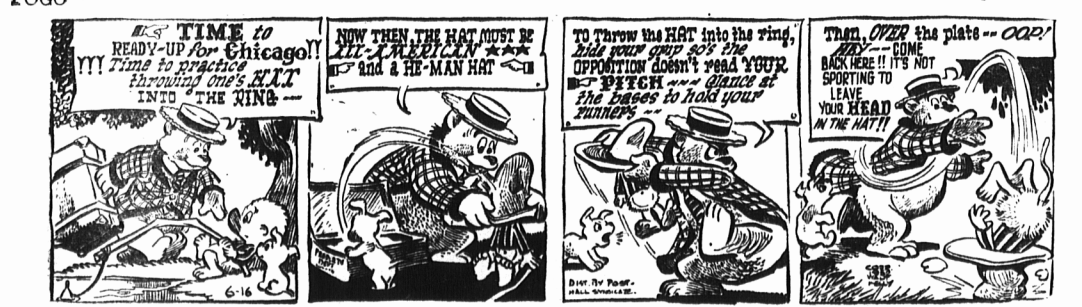
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