

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

**SALLY SLY CHECKS UP**

To check and counter-check you'll find will help a lot for peace of mind. —Old Mother Nature.

Sally Sly the Cowbird is a selfish person. Selfish people think mostly of only themselves. Sally Sly is that kind of a person. She and several of her friends were roosting. They were up in the Old Pasture where they are on friendly terms at all times with the Cows.

Long ago they learned they can get very good living in the easiest way by keeping close to the feet of grazing cattle. Insects of several kinds are disturbed by the feet of the cattle and hop, run, jump or fly. So the Cowbirds catch them without the trouble of hunting for them.

"Did you ever try to build a nest?" asked one.

"No," replied Sally Sly. "I'm not that foolish. Why go to all that work when there are plenty of others to do it for me? I don't believe in doing any more work than I have to."

Two or three of her companions

who overheard her nodded approvingly. "That is where we Cowbirds are smart. We always have good nests for our babies, yet never have to do the work of building one, or of sitting on the eggs after they are laid," said one.

"By the way," said another, turning to Sally Sly, "how many eggs have you laid this year?"

Sally Sly flew down from the back of a Cow where she had been riding. "I really don't know," said she. "I'll have to check up. I laid one in a nest of Little Friend the Song Sparrow. That was the first one. Mr. and Mrs. Little Friend nested early this year. The second egg I left in the nest of the Chipping Sparrows."

"I don't like their nests," spoke up one of the other Cowbirds. "They are too small, and are not deep enough. Then, too, my eggs are so much bigger and look so different from the Sparrow eggs that I am always afraid they will be noticed and kicked out of that nest."

"I feel much the same way," agreed Sally Sly. "The eggs of Mrs. Little Friend the Song Sparrow do not look so very different from my own eggs. Mine are a little bigger, but they are not as likely to be no-



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ted as in some other nests."

"Did you ever leave an egg in the nest of Welcome Robin?" asked another bird.

Sally Sly shook her head. "Not me," said she. "That would be a silly thing to do. No Cowbird with any sense at all will lay her eggs in the nests of folks as big as she

"Why?" asked a young Cowbird. This was her first season and she had much to learn.

"Because," replied Sally Sly, "if you lay an egg in the nest of a bird your own size, your baby won't stand half the chance that it would in a nest of smaller folks. The baby that is bigger and stronger than the other babies in the nest will be able to get more food and will grow faster than the others. So always choose a nest of some one smaller than yourself, some one who will lay smaller eggs than you do and so will have smaller babies."

"I like Warbler nests," declared another of the gossipers.

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## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

**A QUESTION OF DEFENCE**

Why is it (many duplicate bridge players want to know) that on a certain board which looks perfectly "flat", a dozen declarers will easily make the game contract, while one declarer—perhaps the best in the field—may be defeated.

The answer usually lies, not in the lone declarer's own play, but in the defense he encountered. Consider this case:

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

♠ AQ5	♥ 886	♦ AQJ97	♣ 96
♠ K874	♥ 2	♦ K73	♣ K2
♠ 109	♥ Q542	♦ 1086	♣ K532
♠ J63	♥ A310	♦ 543	♣ AQJ4

Every South in the field landed at three notrump, usually on such straightforward bidding as one diamond by North, two notrump by South, three notrump by North. Some Wests opened a heart; others, a club, but the outcome was the same: at least nine tricks for North-South.

Only one West shied away from both of his weak four-card suits and opened the spade ten. With that beginning, and with exceptional cooperation on East's part, the plot unfolded as follows:

South naturally called for dummy's low spade, and East unhesitatingly played the seven. (Not the eight—that would tend to show up West's lead as a short suit.) South won with the Jack and naturally took a diamond finesse. East, not as naturally but very shrewdly, tossed his diamond deuce on the table. Now South tried the club finesse. West did not hold up his king, but won the trick and returned the nine of spades. Dummy's queen was smothered by the king, and the spade ace was then removed.

West's showing out of spades gave South a little pause, but without seeing East's hand, there wasn't much he could do to save himself. He cashed the two good clubs, then took another diamond finesse—and "the ceiling" fell on him! East, winning with the now-blank king, set the contract with spade tricks.

It is easy to criticize South for being trapped by East's hold-up of the doubleton diamond king, particularly at match-point play where every trick has added value, there was nothing wrong with South's technique. It is simply his misfortune to run up against the combination of a shrewd opening lead and tricky defense thereafter.

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Farm of Robert Woodside and Son, Knutsford, August 19, 2:00 p.m. Speakers: Mrs. R. C. Parent; R. C. Cannon; F. M. Cannon; W. R. Shaw.

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Farm of James E. Daly and Son, Tons, August 21, 2:00 p.m. Speakers: Mrs. R. C. Parent; R. C. Cannon; F. M. Cannon; S. C. Wright.

A tour will be made of the station fields; and fertilized pastures, meadows, cereals, root and potato crops will be observed. Managed woodlots will be inspected, and selective cutting measures will be discussed. The experimental work active on the Illustration Stations will be reviewed by the Supervisor.

Take this as an opportunity to meet your neighbors, to converse with departmental representatives and view the work that is in progress.

W. N. Black, Agronomist, Supervisor of Illustration Stations for Prince Edward Island.

## Dotty Dripple

By Ruford



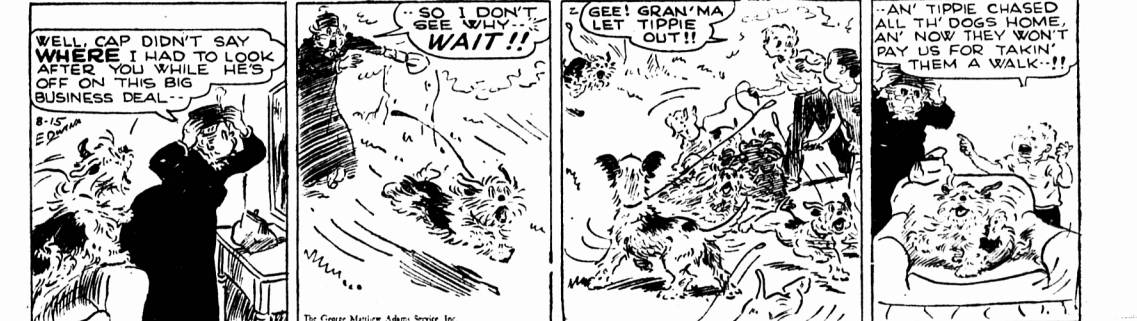
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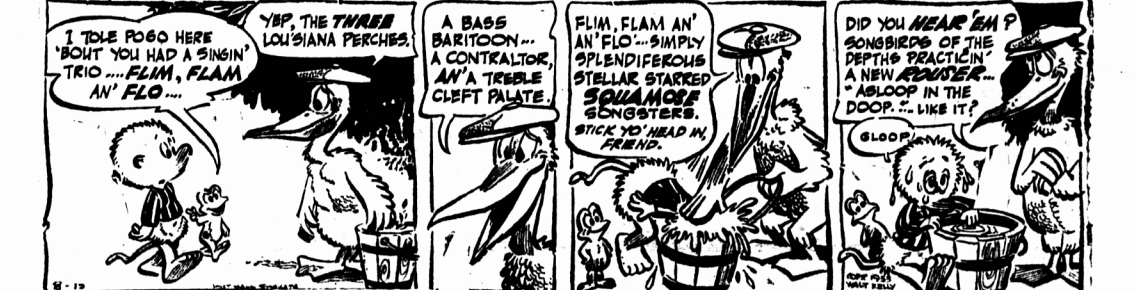
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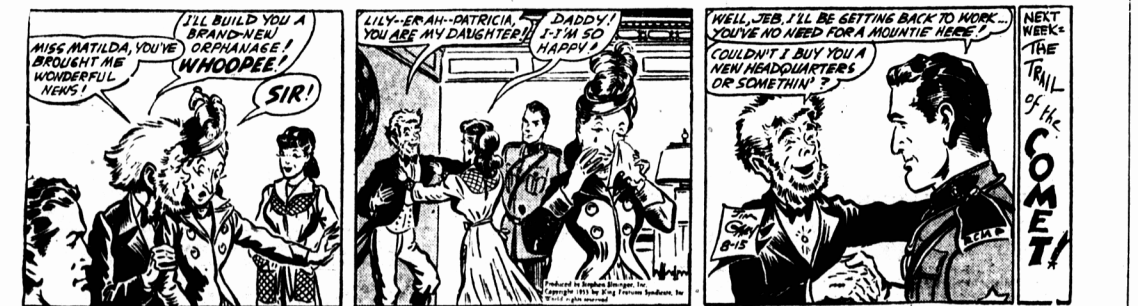
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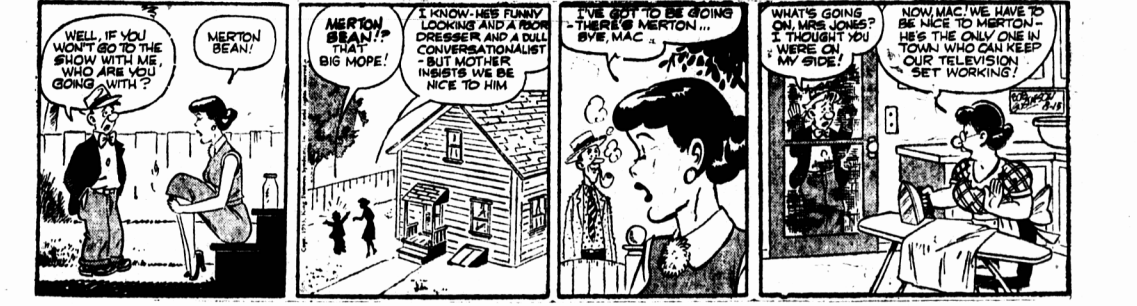
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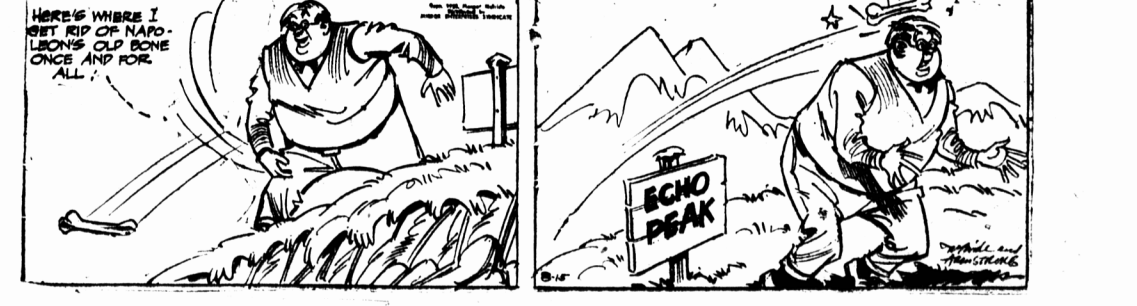
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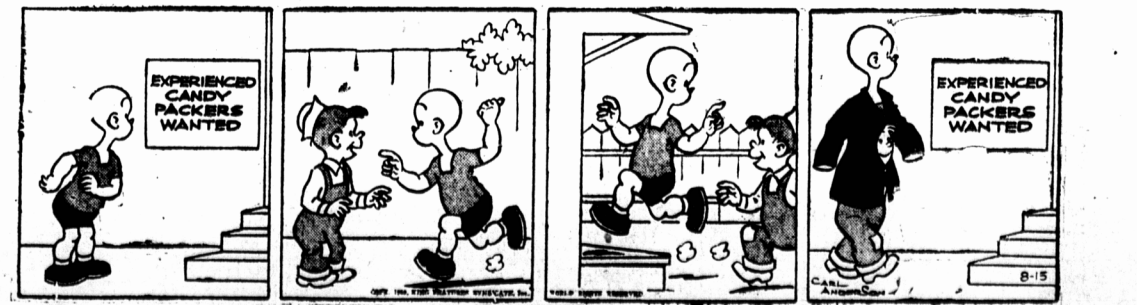
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