



# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

**JOHNNY GETS SETTLED**

Treat your neighbor as you would have him treat you if you could. —Old Mother Nature.

Johnny Chuck had made up his mind. He would fix up the old house his grandfather had dug in the dear Old Briar-patch, and spend the summer there. If he suspected that Peter Rabbit and Mrs. Peter did not welcome him as a neighbor, he simply didn't care. There was nothing they could do about it. He is a very independent person, is Johnny Chuck. He is quite sufficient unto himself. This means that he doesn't depend on others at all. It is the most complete form of independence.

Johnny set to work to fix the old house over. Old houses that haven't been lived in for a long time always need to be fixed over. Grandfather Chuck's house in the dear Old Briar-patch was no exception. First, it had to be thoroughly cleaned out. This didn't take Johnny very long. Then he began to look around to see what improvements he could make.

First of all, he looked for a back door. He found it from the inside.

A short passage led to it, but the passage was blocked. It was filled with leaves and earth and bits of sticks. The easiest way of clearing this out would be to push it out right through the back entrance. Johnny didn't do that. He pulled it all back into the main hall, then pushed it out through the front door. That was a lot of work. When the job was finished, and the passage cleared and the back door open, there wasn't so much as an old leaf outside to show that anybody had been cleaning house. The broad leaves of a big fern hung over the doorway. It was as hidden as if had never been opened at all. Neither Peter Rabbit nor Mrs. Peter had known that there was a back door there, and now that it was open, they still didn't know it.

"If you are going to stay here, I suppose you will make some changes," said Peter to Johnny.

"Well," said Peter, "I know you always like to have a back door, I guess your grandfather didn't have one, so I suppose you'll dig one."

Johnny Chuck turned his head. Perhaps it was to hide a grin.

"Do you think I really need one?" he asked.

"No," replied Peter quite frankly. "The dear Old Briar-patch is the safest place in all the Great World. I don't believe you would ever have use for a back door."

Johnny Chuck looked at him slyly. "When you took shelter in my home over on the edge of the Old Pasture, you found my back door very handy," said he.

"The dear Old Briar-patch is different," declared Peter. "Nobody is going to try to get you away from here. You don't need any back door. In fact, I don't see why you need a house at all. Fuzzy and I don't have one, and we get along all right." Fuzzy was Mrs. Peter, who had been Miss Fuzzytail when Peter found her over in the Old Pasture and fell in love with her. He has called her Fuzzy ever since.

"I want a roof over my head when I go to sleep," replied Johnny Chuck, and disappeared down inside the old house. He had it in very good order now, but he wasn't altogether satisfied with that back door. It opened too near the front door. He decided he would have another back door, and that it would open where it could not be seen from the front door.

Once more, Johnny went to work. He dug and he dug, and he pushed the sand out on to his front doorstep. It was real work to push all that sand along the long hall and up and out on to the doorstep. Yes, sir, it was real work. But Johnny is a worker. When at last the job was done, Grandfather Chuck's old house in the middle of the dear Old Briar-patch had been made comfortable and was quite up to date, having a front door and two back doors, both of the latter so well hidden that neither Peter nor Mrs. Peter found them, nor even suspected where they were. Johnny didn't tell them. It was his secret, and no secret can be kept by more than one.

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### KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

Panel 1: "WHAT IS HE DOING, ELLY?" "TIS MAGIC MEDICINE! IT CURES THE PLAGUE. YE SAW WHAT IT DID FOR CATRY!"

Panel 2: "HOW THIS WILL IM-PROVE YOU, YOU'LL NEVER GET THE PLAGUE, ONCE YOU'VE HAD THIS!" "Oooo!"

Panel 3: "BE BRAVE, PERFECT. IT DOESN'T HURT—MUCH. ELLY AND I 'AVE 'AD IT!"

Panel 4: "WHEN THE PEOPLE OF OUR VALLEY LEARN OF WHAT YE HAVE DONE THEY WILL MAKE YE THEIR LORD AND GOVERNOR!" "YEA!"

Panel 5: "WHAT? A STRANGER TO RULE US?!" "HMM!"

Panel 6: "SHIFFER! NOT SO CLOSE, PLEASE! I FEEL FAINT!"

By Al Capp

### L/L ABNER

Panel 1: "NOW THEY'VE MAKIN' BIG MONEY—A DOLLAR A DAY!—WE GOTTA SAVE!—THAT MIGHT BE ANOTHER YOKUM T'FEED—SOMETIME—"

Panel 2: "WHY?—IS A RELATIVE O' MINE COMIN' T' VISIT US?" "MAYBE, L/L ABNER—A VERY CLOSE RELATIVE—"

Panel 3: "MEANWHILE, AT THE BLURRO TV COMPANY, CARY GRUNT IS TH' NAME AN' SELLIN' IS MAH GAME. AH KIN UNLOAD ONE O' VORE DOGPATCH?!" "BUT—ALL DOGPATCHERS ARE PAUPERS?!"

Panel 4: "—CEPT ONE!! AN' HIS NAME HE WILL BE AGIN—SOON AS AH GITS HIS NAME ON A TIME-PAYMENT CONTRACT?!" "SHIFFER! NOT SO CLOSE, PLEASE! I FEEL FAINT!"

By Ham Fisher

### JOE PALOOKA

ON THIS DAY, MAY WE REMIND OUR READERS IN ALL LANDS THAT JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 1776, GAVE TO THE WORLD A NEW CONCEPT OF GOVERNMENT, BASED ON FREEDOM OF RELIGION, SPEECH, PRESS, AND ENTERPRISE, WITH THE STATE THE SERVANT OF THE PEOPLE.

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HAM FISHER

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### POGO

Panel 1: "BOY! OFF TO CHICAGO AT LAST! WITH THE JAWELL OUR CANDIDATE, MISTER POGO FOSSUM... HA!" "HEAR! HEAR!!"

Panel 2: "WOW! I GO POGO!" "OH, I GOT A FEELIN' WE IS LEFT SOME THIN BE HIND."

Panel 3: "CAN'T THINK OF NOTHIN'... LESSEN IT A SACK OF I GO POGO PINS." "AN' WE WOULDN'T GO WITHOUT ALL OUR BUTTONS!"

Panel 4: "NO GO?"

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### TILLY THE TOILER

Panel 1: "IT'S A GOOD THING I GOT MY TICKET FOR TONIGHT'S BALL GAME A MONTH IN ADVANCE. I HEAR THE PARK IS SOLD OUT."

Panel 2: "YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS GAME FOR WEEKS."

Panel 3: "OH, NO!"

Panel 4: "THE GAME'S CALLED OFF BECAUSE OF RAIN!" "OH, MAC, THAT'S A SHAME."

Panel 5: "HOW'S THE MAC?" "IT'S UN-FAIR!"

By Bob Gustafson

### TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS

Panel 1: "BANG BANG BANG"

Panel 2: "BUT IT'S TH' FOURTH OF JULY, MILLIE! JASPUR'S SCARED OF THE FIRE CRACKERS!"

Panel 3: "BANG"

Panel 4: "AND TIPPY, TOO!!"

Panel 5: "HURRAH FOR TH' FOURTH!!"

Panel 6: "BANG"

By George McManus

### Napoleon and Uncle Elby

Panel 1: "MAYBE I WAS PEDALLING A BIT TOO FAST, EH, NAPOLEON? FEEL BETTER NOW?"

Panel 2: "AH, THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE ON A SUMMER DAY..."

Panel 3: "BANG"

Panel 4: "POP! POP!"

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### BRINGING UP FATHER

Panel 1: "WILL YOU GET OUT OF MY SIGHT? I WISH YOU'D GO OUT AND GET LOST!"

Panel 2: "DINNER IS ON THE TABLE!"

Panel 3: "WELL—THAT'S WHERE IT SHOULD BE— YOU DON'T THINK I WANT IT ON TH' FLOOR?"

Panel 4: "WHAT'S THIS?"

Panel 5: "IT'S FOO-GOO'S BIRTHDAY! DO YOU WANT TO SIT NEXT TO HIM?"

Panel 6: "WOOF!"

Panel 7: "—OR WOULD YOU PREFER SITTING NEXT TO HERCULES?"

Panel 8: "WOAK!"

By Carl Anderson

### RIP KIRBY

Panel 1: "ANY... ANY! WHERE ARE YOU?"

Panel 2: "ANY, DARLING! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?"

Panel 3: "I... I THINK SO..."

Panel 4: "TWO GIRLS ARE CLIMBING OUT OF THAT WRECKAGE! GO DOWN AND HELP THEM, HENRY!"

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By Rutord

### PENNY

Panel 1: "OH, YES, DOCTOR KLAUS, I TAKE ALGEBRA IN HIGH SCHOOL." "EXCELLENT, PENNY."

Panel 2: "SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY TRY TO DODGE SERIOUS SUBJECTS. WHY DO YOU TAKE ALGEBRA?"

Panel 3: "BECAUSE IT TRAINS ME TO THINK LOGICALLY, BECAUSE IT BROADENS MY INTELLECTUAL HORIZONS. BECAUSE IT WILL BE AN ASSET LATER IN BUSINESS AND SOCIAL LIFE..."

Panel 4: "AND THEN, TOO, THEY MADE IT COMPULSORY."

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### DOTTY DRIPPLE

Panel 1: "HORACE, I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU LIE THERE AND DOZE WHILE TRYING TO LISTEN TO THE BASEBALL GAME..."

Panel 2: "WHY DON'T YOU GET OUT AND GO TO SEE THE GAME?"

Panel 3: "GOOD IDEA, DOTTY!"

By Rutord