

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER EXPLAINS
Investigate before you act. The seeming may not be the fact. —Peter Rabbit

Johnny Chuck had company. It was uninvited company. Because it was uninvited company, it was Peter Rabbit.

Now there is nothing more impolite or improper than to walk into the house of another without invitation. Peter hadn't exactly walked into Johnny Chuck's house, he had tried to knock. He hadn't stopped to knock. What is more, he had not stopped to find out if Johnny was home. Johnny was. He doesn't like having guests, especially un-

invited guests. He is sometimes a little snooty on temper. He is a bad person for anyone near his own size to quarrel with, as more than one Dog has found out. So when Peter came plunging into his house, Johnny promptly demanded to know who it was. He was down in his bedroom. He heard Peter, but couldn't see him. He promptly gritted his teeth and made unpleasant sounds as he started up his long hall to find out who had dared come in without being invited.

When Peter heard how ugly Johnny Chuck's voice sounded, he was in despair. He just couldn't fight Johnny Chuck, and he knew it. And he couldn't go out the way he had come in, for Reddy Fox was on the doorstep. It was to escape Reddy that he had plunged in. Johnny



"No," said Johnny Chuck, "I don't use that back door."

Chuck and Peter Rabbit are long time friends. In a way they are old time friends. When Johnny found out that his uninvited visitor was Peter, he recovered his good nature. Meanwhile, Peter had found a branch hall leading to a back door and had started for that. Before he got there, Johnny Chuck's voice reached him advising him not to go out and telling him that he could stay.

Such a load as that was off Peter's mind. "I thought you had deserted this house," said Peter. "I had no idea you were still living here. I thought no one was living here, and of course an empty house is open to anyone."

"Why in the world should you have thought I had left my almost new house?" Johnny wanted to know.

"It was Madam Orb's fault," explained Peter. "She had woven her net right across your doorway. Of course, no one could go in or out of that doorway without breaking that net, so of course I thought you were no longer living here. Spiders like Madam Orb usually spin their nets where they are not going to be torn to pieces."

Johnny Chuck chuckled. He chuckled again. "Madam Orb did me a favor," said he. "She fooled you, and I guess she fooled other folks. Anyway, I haven't had any visitors since she spun that net over my doorway."

"But how did you go in and out without spoiling that net?" asked Peter.

"That's a silly question," replied Johnny Chuck. "What are you looking out of right now?"

"Oh!" exclaimed Peter. "Of course you use this back door." He

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

TOO PASSIVE
There are some players who apparently would rather stand still in the path of doom than make a "risky" move to save themselves. South in the following deal was one of this tribe.

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
3 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

West opened the club nine, and it should have required no great imagination on declarer's part to read this as either a singleton or a doubleton. South, however, did not look very far ahead — he confidently led the spade queen. West ducked, and East, after winning with the ace, returned a club. Now, when South led another trump, West put up the ace and shifted to diamonds, and when East won and returned still another club, West's ruff defeated the contract.

To repeat, it was not too difficult to South to anticipate the above sequence of events, and therefore he might have taken some pains to protect himself. There was nothing he could do to assure himself of success, but there was at least a move he could make which might spike the enemy's guns.

That move — obviously not without risk — was to win the second club lead dummy's king and then to finesse against the queen of hearts. Granted, the finesse might lose and South might thereby go down two tricks, but surely the potential gain made the small risk worthwhile. If, as would have happened, the heart jack held, South could discard dummy's two remaining clubs on the A-K of hearts, and he would then have nothing to worry about.

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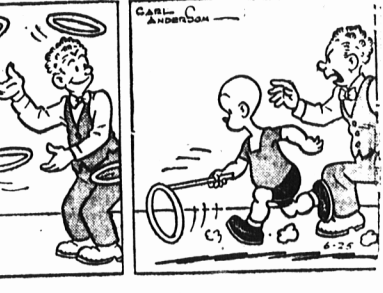
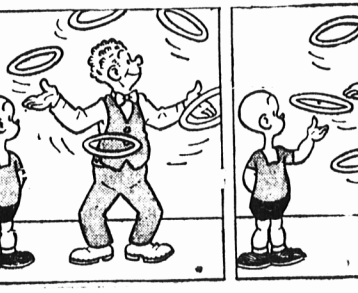
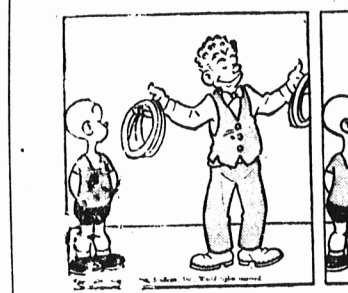
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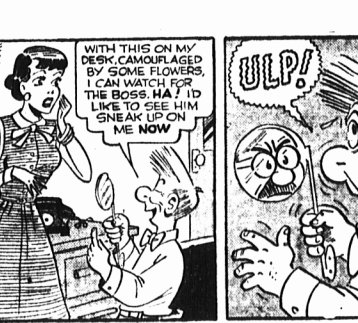
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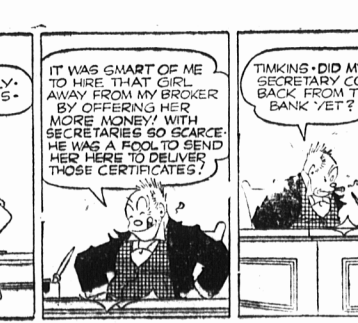
TILLY THE TOILER



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BRINGING UP FATHER



JOE PALCOKA



PENNY



GUERNSEY BREEDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the P. E. I. Guernsey Breeders Association will be held—
THURSDAY, JUNE 26th AT 8 P. M.
Department of Agriculture Building

DANCE

EAST ROYALTY RINK
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th
Rollie MacKenzie's Orchestra
Dancing 9:30 to 12:30
Adm. 50c Canteen Service

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RIP KIRBY



Napoleon and Uncle Elby



Napoleon and Uncle Elby



By Walt Kelly

By Alex Raymond

By George McManus

By Ham Fisher

By Clifford McBride

By Harry Hoegen

By Ruford

By Carl Anderson

By Bob Gustafson

By Al Capp

By George McManus

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