

BEDTIME STORIES

The Good Neighbour

By Thornton W. Burgess

Good neighbors who are tried and true are priceless and, alas, too few. —Old Mother Nature.

Peter Rabbit, over in the Green Forest where he had no business to be, was having more excitement than he at all liked. With that excitement was fight. To escape Reddy Fox, Peter had slipped through the open door of Farmer Brown's sugar house. A Merry Little Breeze had shut the door, making Peter a prisoner. He had found an old friend in there, Whitefoot the Woodmouse. Whitefoot wasn't a prisoner. He could come and go through a small hole in the eaves.

Farmer Brown and Farmer Brown's boy had gone home to dinner, but they would be back. Peter might have a chance to get out when they opened the door. But what if Reddy Fox should be waiting outside? Peter would be afraid to stay and afraid to go out. There had been visitors to the little sugar house. Prickly Porky the Porcupine had tried to get in and couldn't. Young Buster Bear had smelled the sugar and syrup. He dearly loves sweets and he was sorely tempted to try to break into that sugar house. Then he had also smelled the man smell and wisely had given up trying to get in. Grumbling and complaining he had gone farther back in the Green Forest.

"If I were sure that the very minute the door is opened, but I don't know about Reddy Fox." Little Whitefoot said nothing. He climbed back up under the eaves where he was living. He went to the little hole that opened outside. He poked his head out. For a few minutes he sat there looking and listening with only his head outside. Whitefoot long ago learned that it doesn't pay to take chances. So, before he ventured wholly out, he did his best to make sure all was safe.

Of course he wasn't afraid of Reddy Fox so long as he stayed up on the roof of the house. It was only when he was down on the ground that he had any reason to be afraid of Reddy. But he was afraid of Hooty, biggest of the Owl family, might be somewhere in the neighborhood. Or, perhaps Hooty's small cousin, Spooky the Screech Owl, might be out Mouse hunting.

Miss Moon had risen, and in the openings among the trees the light was almost as bright as by day. A little way off someone came out from where the Red Shadows had gathered and stood in the moonlight. It was Reddy Fox. For a long moment he stood looking at the sugar house, then he turned and trotted off. Whitefoot knew by the way Reddy trotted that he had given up wait-

Graham Makes Grave Charges

WASHINGTON (AP)—Evangelist Billy Graham may be invited to tell the Senate foreign relations committee what he knows about any misconduct by United States diplomats abroad.

Graham told the U.S. Chamber of Commerce meeting here Monday that a few weeks ago an American diplomatic official in a "throw party and got drunk; his wife also got drunk." As a result, the evangelist said, "U. S. relations couldn't be lower and we as taxpayers paid the bill."

Graham said the incident took place in a Far Eastern country, and added that he could recount case after case in which U. S. relations with other countries were worsened by the behavior of officials and others abroad.

The state department has declined comment. "I would suggest that the Rev. Graham, in addition to making these charges before the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, should present them in writing, and in detail, to the state department, and to the senate foreign relations committee," a committee member told a reporter.

"Certainly it would be our duty to investigate charges of this nature," he said. "I saw him go."

British Labor Party Official Shouted Down

LIVERPOOL, Eng. (Reuters)—Dr. Edith Summerskill, a British Labor party leader, who shouted Friday during a speech in which she praised Russia and Communist China for saving millions of people from death, disease and hunger.

After half an hour, during which she was interrupted continually by shouts, stamping of feet and honks on an old car horn, she broke off her speech angrily.

"I feel rather serious about these things. I know the world a little more than you do. I have not come here just for a rag (joke) . . . goodbye."

Dr. Summerskill had referred in her speech to last week's stormy Labor party dinner which sent Marshall Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev back to Moscow complaining of "socialist reactionaries who had tried to spoil their British visits."

The dinner has been "exploited" by those anxious to decelerate the Soviet visitors and the Labor party, Dr. Summerskill contended.

She was scheduled to speak for about an hour but abandoned her speech after 30 minutes because of the interruptions.

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By B. JAY BECKER (Top record holder in Masters' Individual Championship Play)

East dealer. East-West vulnerable. ♠ K Q J 10 7 3 ♣ A 10 5 4 2 ♠ A 7 ♠ 6 3 ♠ Q J 9 4 ♠ N ♠ 8 5 4 2 ♠ W ♠ J 7 6 3 ♠ S ♠ J 9 8 ♠ 10 6 4 3 ♠ A 10 7 ♠ K 8 5 ♠ K Q 5 2

The bidding: East South West North Pass 1 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass 3 NT Pass 4 NT Pass 6 NT

Part of the fascination of the game is that by its inherent nature bridge cannot be reduced to the simplicity of tick-tack-toe. Many uncertainties harass the serious player. The imponderables are a constant challenge to him. Situations repeatedly arise, both in the bidding and the play, where probability rather than certainty of success dictates the correct course of action.

Look at the problem of play presented to the declarer in today's hand. East wins the opening heart lead and returns the ace of clubs, won by dummy's ace. South plays a low diamond to the king, on which West drops the nine. Now South knows the slam is sure, provided he plays

the diamonds in such a way that he wins them all. Two methods of handling the diamond suit are available. One is sure to succeed, the other to fail. South can play the queen of diamonds and hope they break 3-2, or get to dummy with the jack of spades and lead a low diamond to finesse against the jack. Which to do?

About the only real clue available is the fact that West appeared to have started with a six card heart suit. This is a reasonable presumption to be read from East's failure to return a heart after winning the opening lead. West, therefore, has seven unknown cards which may contain the jack of diamonds, while East has twelve. It seems more likely then that East has the jack of diamonds. No guarantee of success can be attached to the indicated line of play—to try the diamond finesse. It is just that it is better to play with the percentages than against them.

It may be argued that the 3-2 break is more common than the 4-1. This is undoubtedly true. In fact, about two thirds of the time, over a long period, five cards will divide 3-2. But the mathematical tables must be abandoned as unexpected developments occur, and the new information must be given weight. The existence of a six card suit radically changes the percentages, and makes the finesse more attractive than the 3-2 break.

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Soviet Union Repeals Two Laws Used To Obtain Confessions

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union has repealed two laws of Joseph Stalin that helped secret police get treason and sabotage confessions for the purge trials of the 1930s.

The laws were promulgated April 19, of the Soviet's praesidium (interim committee) that nullified the two laws and forbade the police to use "special procedures" in investigating persons accused under the articles of the criminal code on treason, terrorism and damage to state property by sabotage.

Both laws were promulgated by Stalin, one Dec. 1, 1934 and the other Sept. 14, 1937. They permitted the police to by-pass what now is declared to be normal socialist legal procedure to obtain confessions.

It was the latest step in a campaign to do away with extra-legal features of Soviet justice such as prevailed in the last years of Stalin's rule.

Communist party chief Nikita Khrushchev demanded such a policy in a speech at the party's 20th congress here in February.



"He's gone," said Whitefoot. "I saw him go." For a while all was still. Peter began to worry more about getting out. Would he dare show himself at all when those two-legged folks came back? Whitefoot jumped down on the bunk, then down on the floor and peered under the bunk at Peter. "I think those folks will be back pretty soon," he squeaked. "What are you going to do then?" "I wish I knew whether Reddy Fox is still waiting outside," said

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