



By Thornton W. Burgess

LITTLE JOE DROPS A HINT
Others, you will find it true,
Lose or gain by what you do.

Old Mother Nature has never
said a truer thing than this. Every-
thing that you or I do affects
others in some way, and we can't
help ourselves. There is no such
thing as living to self alone.

Little Joe Otter had come down
from way up in the Green Forest
to the Smiling Pool that now was
smiling very weakly. This was be-
cause of the many, many days of
hot, dry weather. No water was
running into the Smiling Pool from
Laughing Brook, and day by day
the Smiling Pool was growing
smaller and smaller.

Little Joe found a couple of very
worried folks in the Smiling Pool.
They were Jerry Muskrat and Mrs.
Jerry. If the Smiling Pool grew

Little Joe, quite as if that ex-
plained everything.
"What has that to do with it?"
Jerry wanted to know. Then he
added, "I suppose you mean Paddy
and Mrs. Paddy have children."

"That's a good guess, Jerry.
They have three," replied Little
Joe. "Cute little rascals they are,"
he added. "They take after their
father and mother."

"In what way do they take after
their father and mother?" squeak-
ed Mrs. Jerry.
"Every way," replied Little
Joe. "They look like them, and
they act like them. Why, the little
rascals are already making little
dams."

"Where are they making them?"
asked Jerry.
"Where, come to think of it, they
are building one a little way be-
low the pond," replied Little
Joe.

Pioneer Days In P.E.I.

By F. H. MacArthur

Have you ever heard of the full-
ing frolic? No! Well, when the
wool had been taken from the
sheep, washed, carded, spun and
woven into web formation, the
women folk asked the neighbors
to a "fulling" bee.

Long boards were laid upon saw-
horses around the four sides of
the kitchen. As soon as the guests
arrived wraps were put away and
all took their seats on bags stuffed
with straw. The frolicers sat on
both sides of the table, about two
feet apart, leaving ample room
for arm action.

Now the web, well soaked in
warm water and soaped, its ends
sewed together, was brought in
dripping and laid on the tables.

Then each person laid hold of the
web immediately in front of him
and started pulling and pushing it
in various directions. This mull-
ing process was continued for some
time. As they worked, each mem-
ber of the circle would grab the
cloth a little farther to the right
and letting go towards the left,
in this manner the entire web was
kept moving along the tables and
around the room.

Once the "fulling" was well
under way, somebody would start
singing and in a moment, the
whole group were making the
raffers ring with some catchy
ballad of the day. These rollicking
lyrics seemed to help them at
their work. When some half dozen
ballads had gone the rounds, the
singing gave way to larking or
jibbing, as we call it today. They
elbowed each other, cracked jokes,
—etc., all the while their fingers
were as busy as their tongues.

Suddenly the singing would fill
the room again and the rhythm
of the song marked the move-
ment of the web, across the table
and round and round the circle
of fullers, like an endless chain. For
more than one hour at a stretch
the lively company kept at their
curious task. It was not easy work,
to be sure, but they were strong,
young and merry, and no doubt
enjoyed it all. By supper-time the
task would be ended or "bulled"
as they called it and, when dried,
would wear much longer than

any garment we could buy now-
days.
Sometimes the web had to be
laid on the table and "smoothed".
This process was carried out by
pressing of palms. It was then
set aside to be dried the following
day. The boys now went to the
stable to care for their horses,
while the girls helped to prepare
the evening meal. But of course
the cooking and the baking had
been done days before. What great
mounds of food they prepared for
such occasions! The tables groaned
under their weight of cold meats,
hot potatoes, pickles, preserves,
pies, cakes and so on.
Having worked hard most of the
afternoon, every one was hungry,
and you may be sure the good
things were devoured pronto. After
the girls had finished washing the
dishes — they did not have those
no rub no scrub soap-flakes that
makes dishes clean without an
effort—the boys carried out the
tables. These various tasks were
hardly completed when someone
announced that Long John Silver
was coming up the lane, stumping
along on his wooden leg and a
fiddle under his arm.
"This way, Silver!" cried the
boys and when he had come up
to them they grabbed him and
hoisted him to a commanding
position atop the kitchen stove.
Once comfortably seated, "peg-
leg" cocked his wooden limb over
the sound one and began to tune
his violin. The young fry formed
up; Peter McCoy — that was his
real name — played the opening
bars of a reel and "soft eyes" looked
love to eyes which spake again,
and all went merry as a wedding
bell.



Tilly The Trailer



Etta Kent



Muggs and Skeeter



Henry



Bringing Up Father



Grandma



Mickey Mouse



Ham Fisher



The Lone Ranger

CONTRACT BRIDGE

By Josephine Culbertson

A COSTLY DISCARD
THE GRAND-SLAM contract in the following deal depended squarely on the opposing discards — and East blundered.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards for East and West. East: ♠ 974, ♥ 72, ♦ AK832, ♣ 107. West: ♠ KQJ10, ♥ 864, ♦ 55, ♣ KQ95.

The bidding: East South West North. 3♥ 4♥ Pass 6♠ Pass Pass Pass.

Since South announced the equivalent of an opening two-bid by one-bidding the heart suit at such a high level, he should have been quite content to bid only five spades over his partner's forced response of five diamonds.

POTATO DEALERS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Prince Edward Island Potato Dealers Association will be held at the Clover Club, Charlottetown on Friday, September 9th at 7:00 p.m. Standard Time.

R. L. BURGE, President.

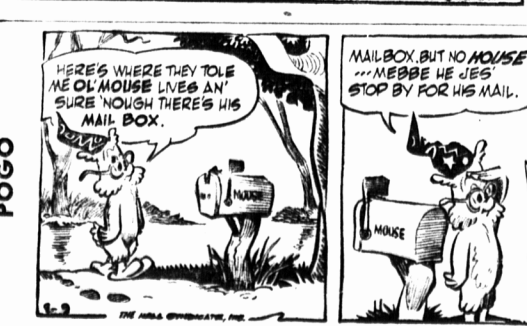
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