

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

LEARNING THE HARD WAY

Easy learned you'll find that you may forget as easy too. —Old Mother Nature.

There are easy ways of learning things, and there are hard ways of learning things. Most folks prefer to learn the easy way, but some folks have to learn the hard way. More often than not, the hard way is the best way. You see, it is easier to remember what you have learned the hard way, and anything worth learning is worth remembering.

The Green Meadow and the Green Forest folk have to learn many things in a very short time. What is more, they have to remember what they learn or they do not live long. Boys and girls have many years in which to learn what they need to know in order to go out in the Great World and make homes for themselves. Young furred and feathered folk have very little time in which to learn what they should know before going out in the Great World. They grow fast and they have to learn fast. Some things they learn easily and quickly, but other things they often have to learn the hard way, and those are the things they remember longest and best.

Over in the Green Forest the twins of Lightfoot the Deer and Mrs. Lightfoot were growing so fast that already they were almost as big as their mother and they were not a year old. This means that this was their first winter and they were learning how to live when everything was frozen hard, and snow lay deep everywhere. Of course mother had taught them all she could, but this wasn't enough. There was still much to learn, and this they were learning by experience, and more often than not that is the hard way to learn.

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snow fell, so that it grew deeper and deeper on the ground, they learned it less and less. Now they almost hated it. At first getting about in it had been easy. They could go where they pleased when they pleased. Then as the snow grew deeper it became a little harder to get about. They didn't wander so far. By and by it became truly tiresome to wade through the snow. It was a lot easier to walk where they had walked before. So they did this more and more. Most of the time father and mother were with them, and usually mother led the way.

"I don't like it," complained one of the young Deer. "I don't like it, either," said the other.

"I wonder if it is like this everywhere," said the first one. "Let's go off by ourselves and see if we can find a better place," said the other.

So the two waited until father and mother were behind some trees. Then they started off in the deep snow. At first it was not too bad. They were young and full of energy. But they soon found that the only way they could get along was by jumping. They couldn't walk. The snow was too deep for that. So they took turns in plunging ahead. First one, then the other, would jump and flounder through the snow. It was hard work. It was tiresome. Their slender legs began to ache. They rested longer and longer between plunges. It seemed to them that the snow grew deeper. It didn't really; it just seemed that way. At last they came to a sheltered place where the snow was not so deep. Both were out of breath. Both were, oh, so tired. At last one of them suggested that they go on.

"You can if you want to, but I'm going back," declared the other. The first made no reply, but

suddenly plunged out into the snow, not ahead, but back the way they had come. It was easier going back following their own trail. Still it was tiresome. They still had to go plunge by plunge. They rested often.

"I guess mother knew what she was talking about when she told us to play in the paths she and father had trodden in this white stuff. I thought it was nice at first, but I don't like it any more; I hate it," said one. "Me, too," said the other. "I wonder if we'll ever get back. I wish we never had thought of going off by ourselves," replied the other.

The two young Deer had learned a lesson. They had learned it the hard way, and they never would forget it.

HAMPTON W.M.S.

The regular meeting of the Hampton W.M.S. was held at the manse on Thursday, Jan. 3 at 8 p.m. In the absence of the president the meeting was conducted by Mrs. C. Harrison, vice-president.

The theme was: "The Adventure of Responsibility" and worship service opened by singing hymn: "Rise Up Oh Men of God" with scripture reading by Mrs. John Rice.

Prayer was used from the Missionary monthly with the Lord's Prayer in unison. The study book was carefully carried out by Mrs. C. Ince, and dealt chiefly with "The Responsibility of our Citizenship". Those taking the various parts were Mrs. E. Rozerson, Mrs. W. MacFarlane and Mrs. Albert Best.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. W. Bell and approved and signed. Roll call was answered by 15 members.

A letter was read from Miss Emma Inman, missionary in Trinidad, saying that second-hand school books for first three grades could be used there, also "World's Friends".

The Community Friendship secretary reported one hospital call, 14 home calls and 15 cards sent, and the treasurer reported that allocation had been generously attained. Mrs. Mark Cameron was appointed as delegate to attend Presbyterial in Charlottetown on Jan. 22 and 23.

The annual report of the Mission Band was given by Mrs. Lorne Ferguson. Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. J. Rogerson and the roll call is to be answered with a verse of scripture containing the word "Peace". Lunch committee to be Mrs. J. Dixon, Mrs. M. Dixon and Mrs. W. MacFarlane. Meeting closed with Mizpah Benediction.

PROUD CIVIC RECORD

OSLO —(CP)— Not a single murder was committed in Oslo in 1951, but reported crimes were nine per cent higher than in 1950. Arrests for drunkenness declined by more than 2,000 and there were more thefts, but sex crimes, assaults and embezzlements were fewer.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A MATTER OF TIMING

Bad timing of the play cost North-South a well-bid grand slam in the following deal.

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 N T	2 ♣	3 ♦	Pass
3 N T	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
7 ♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

West, feeling sure that South's six-club cue bid had been honest, tried the desperation lead of his top spade. He was sure that North, in jumping to seven diamonds, was expecting and thus was well prepared for a lead of the unbid heart suit.

Dummy's spade won the first trick, and declarer ruffed a club. He led to the diamond nine and ruffed another club; then used the diamond jack as entry for a third club ruff. Now, reduced to onetrump, South led a heart to the ace and ruffed the last club, but West hastily discarded his remaining spade, and South could not return to dummy to draw West's trump. When he tried to do so by leading a spade, West ruffed a returned heart, and South was down two tricks!

South's general line of play was good but he overlooked a crucial point. East had overcalled the opening notrump bid, and certainly might hold a six-card suit. Thus, West might be able to get rid of a card on the fourth round of clubs — and that card might well be a spade! Before going over to dummy's heart ace, it was vital that South should make use of dummy's second spade entry!

Then, after ruffing away the last club, it would be safe to lead to the heart ace, draw West's remaining trump (South discarding a heart), and claim the last tricks with spades.

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By Zeena Grey



By Ham Fisher

JOE PALOOKA



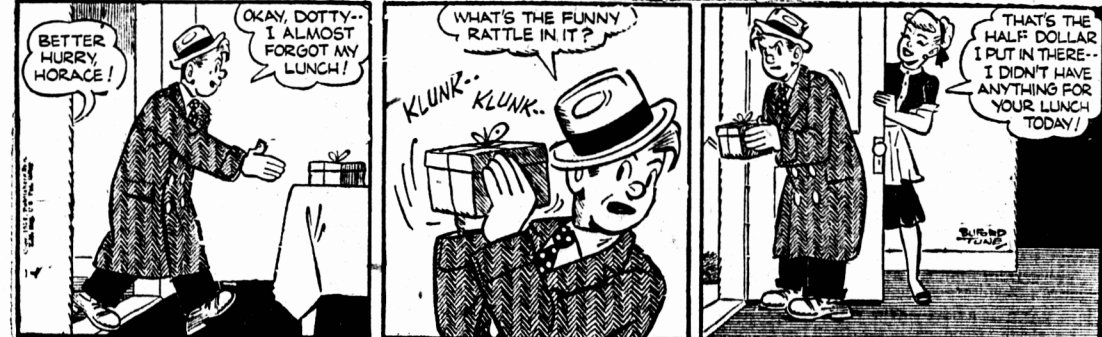
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HENRY



By Ruford

DOTTY DIPPLE



By Edwina

TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS



By George McManus

BRINGING UP FATHER



By Bob Gustafson

TILLY THE TOILER



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PENNY

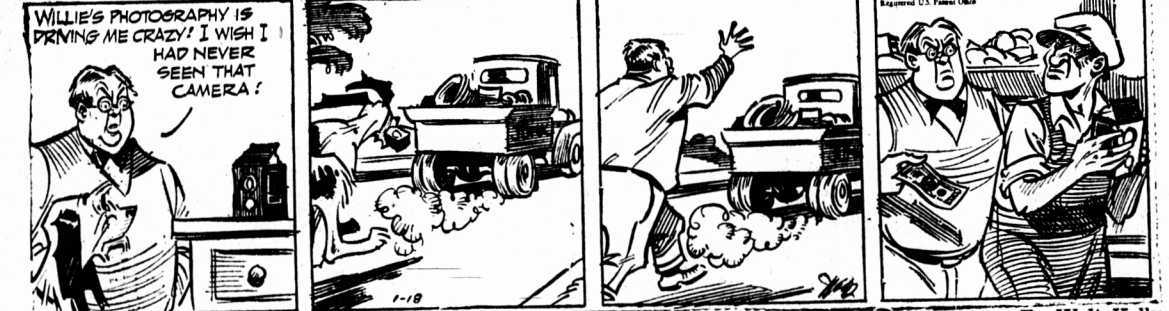


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