

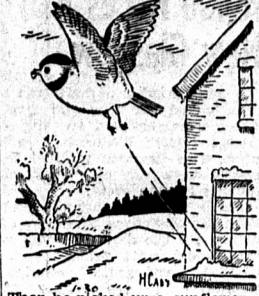
BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PAYING GUESTS
Always pride will find a way
For it's daily needs to pay.
—Old Mother Nature.

"Dee! Dee! Dee! Dee! See me! See me!" called Tommy Tit the Chickadee from just outside the kitchen window. Then he picked up a sunflower seed and flew away with it. It was a cold blustery morning. Mother Brown and Tommy had been looking out the window watching the birds on the feeding shelf. "Waan't that Dee! Dee! Dee! Dee! worth a few seeds?" asked Tommy. Mother Brown admitted that it was. "I always feel better for hearing that merry little scamp," said she. "And I always feel better for just seeing him around. He makes me waste time watching him, but in the end I always make up for it. I always feel as if I had started the day right."

has paid you in the good feeling with which he has bipped you start the day," said Tommy. "That ought to be worth a few seeds," he added. Mother Brown laughed. "You win, Tommy," said she. "The days when I do not have a chance to watch the birds coming and going to the feeding shelf always give me a feeling of something lacking."
"I always feel better for seeing them, especially in winter because they always give me a feeling of admiration," replied Tommy.
There was a twinkle in Mother Brown's eyes as she said. "That is sort of high sounding, Tommy. Just what is it that you admire?"
"Their courage," replied Tommy promptly. "It must take an awful lot of courage just to live these cold winter days. They not only live, but they're cheerful about it. How a fellow can see little Tommy Tit on a bitter cold day, and hear his cheerful greeting, and not feel better for it, and not admire him for his courage, is beyond me. Just seeing and hearing the birds at this time of year more than pays me for the food I put out for them, and the work of putting it out. But they pay twice over, and more, in dollars and cents."
Mother Brown gave Tommy a funny look. "Did you say dollars and cents?" she asked.
Tommy nodded, and grinned. "Yes," he agreed, "I said dollars and cents."
"I didn't know birds carried pocketbooks with them," said Mother Brown.
Tommy chuckled, and his freckled face bore a broad grin. "They may not carry pocketbooks," said he, "but they really do pay in dollars and cents, if you know what I



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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Clubertson
RETROGRESSION

North's bidding started off badly in the following hand, and became worse each round

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A 5 3
♥ A Q 7
♦ A 10 5
♣ Q 10 6 3

♠ J 7 6 2
♥ 10
♦ K J 8 3
♣ K 8 5 4

♠ K 10 9 4
♥ K 8 3
♦ 6 4 2
♣ J 7 2

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1♣ Pass
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
2♥ Pass Pass

West opened the spade deuce, which was allowed to ride around to the closed hand. East won with the king and returned a spade. The queen won, and now declarer tried the heart finesse, which lost. East shifted to a club, but declarer put up the ace, cashed the trump jack, entered dummy with a trump, and discarded the club nine on the spade ace. He then ruffed a club and led the diamond nine, through West, intending to take two finesses—the proper play. West had one diamond trick but declared lost (in all) only a spade, a heart and a diamond. Going back to the bidding—North's opening bid should have been one notrump, not one club. His honor strength and distribution were ideal for one notrump. That, however, might not have mattered if he had made the proper second-round rebid. The one notrump over South's heart was now far too weak for North's holding, and since two notrumps would have been too strong, North should have selected the comparison bid of two hearts. South then would bid at least three hearts, which north should carry to game.

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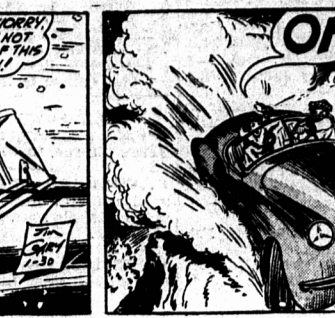
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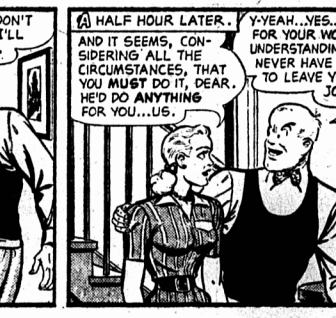
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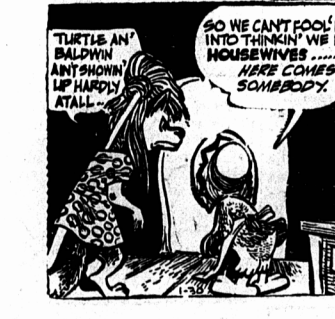
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