

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

JUMPER'S SNOWSHOE FEET

Each has some blessing all his own. That's given him, and him alone. —Old Mother Nature.

Too-Smart had discovered Jumper the Hare. The first time he saw Jumper he couldn't believe his own eyes. Ever since he was old enough to take his first lessons in hunting, he had been ac-

quainted with Peter Rabbit and Peter's children. He had hunted them many times. They had all worn brown, or brownish-gray coats. This big rabbit, for that is what the young fox thought Jumper was, was dressed all in white, and he was bigger than Too-Smart ever dreamed a rabbit could be.

It happened that the snow was covered with a light icy crust. It was very smooth and slippery. The young fox had seen Jumper moving about getting his supper. He had managed to steal quite near without being seen. Then Jumper discovered him and took to his long heels. Away he went in long jumps, not hurrying too much, but getting over the snow fast for all that. Away went Too-Smart after him, but he was having trouble in running on that slippery



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crust. He kept sliding. If there was need to turn quickly he just couldn't do it. But that big white rabbit ahead of him was having no trouble at all. He didn't slip or slide once.

Too-Smart soon saw that it was useless to try to catch that rabbit and gave up the chase. Later he told his pretty mate, Soft-Eyes, about it. "That fellow ran just as well as if the ground was bare," said he. "When he made a quick turn to dodge around a tree or change his direction he didn't slip at all. I couldn't turn. I had to stop before I could turn. How that fellow can do it, I don't know."

If he could have seen Jumper's feet and looked them over, he might perhaps have understood why the big hare, for Jumper is a hare, not a rabbit, could run on ice and slippery surfaces so easily. Jumper has big feet. That is they are big for his own size. The long toes spread instead of being close together. Hair grows out from the sides of his toes and covers the bottoms of his feet. It is those hairs that keep him from slipping and sliding. Also, with those big spreading toes, they make it possible for him to travel over snow so soft that folks even smaller than himself have to wade through it. It is as if he had snowshoes. That is why hunters call him the Snowshoe Rabbit.

It was a week later that Too-Smart saw Jumper again. This time there was no icy crust.

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

CHANCE FOR A "TOP"

It is rare indeed that a partnership can earn enough points defensively to compensate for the slam it could have bid and made, but that was the opportunity present in the following deal.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. Match-point duplicate.

♠	QJ105	♠	863
♥	1087642	♥	QJ9
♦	7	♦	AQ10
♣	64	♣	854
AK7		AK53	
K932		J6	
A987		KQJ10	
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At every table but one, the East-West pair bid six diamonds and easily took all 13 tricks. No South was indiscreet enough to double the slam, however, and so these East-West pairs uniformly scored 1300 points each.

At the one remaining table North-South bought the contract — as follows:

South	West	North	East
1♥	Double	4♥	5♠
Pass	Pass	5♥	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

There is considerable reason to criticize West's pass to his partner's five-diamond bid and also to criticize East's double of five hearts, but it can't be denied that these conservative actions should have returned high dividends.

West got off to a good start by leading a low diamond. (The lead of the spade king would have wrecked the defense.) East won with the diamond ace and returned the club deuce. West won, and instead of leading a club right back, laid down the spade king — probably to "reassure East." Then West led a club. East ruffed, but now he could put West back on lead only once, with a spade, and so only one more club ruff could be secured. South was down 1100 points, but this was a "cold zero" for East-West.

It was absurd for West to take an entry out of his own hand, as he did when he led the spade king. East could have ruffed three clubs, for a 1400-point penalty and a "top."

James Gates Percival, American poet who died in 1854 was a professor of chemistry at West Point.

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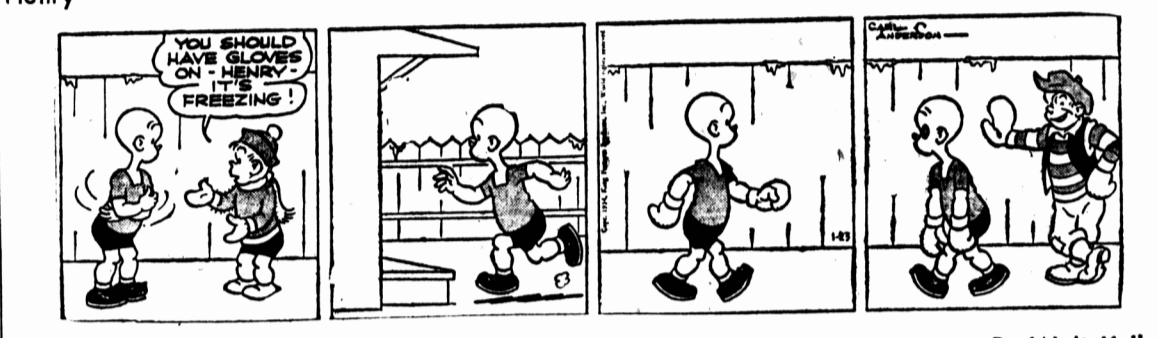
Tilly The Toiler



Napoleon and Uncle Elby



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Pogo



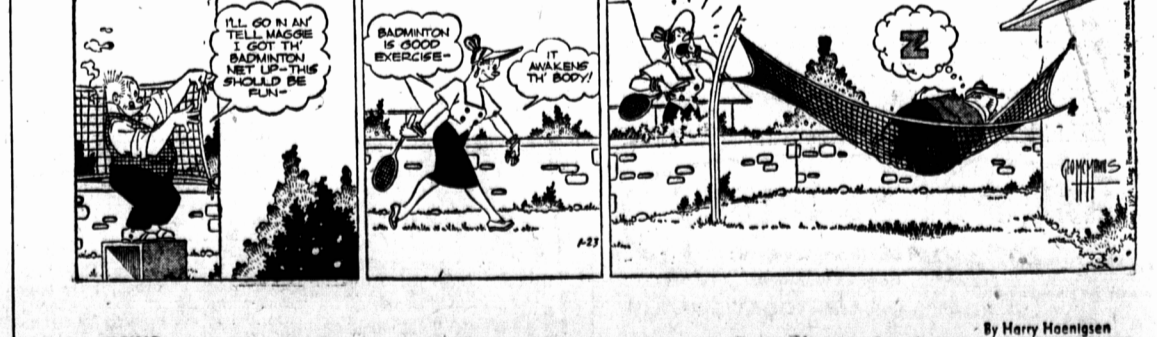
Dotty Dripple



Tippy and "Cap" Stubs



Bringing Up Father



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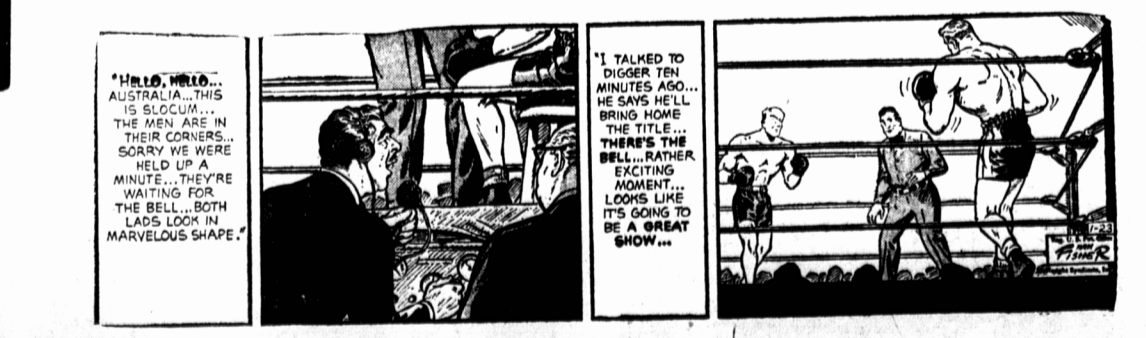
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