



By Thornton W. Burgess

THE OLD HOME

Old things that have been dear to you May still be better than the new. —Old Mother Nature.

Johnny Chuck was an outcast. Anyway he felt like one. You see, he was outside of his own home and didn't dare go back in it. He had been driven out of a by Buzz-tail the Rattlesnake. Now he did not know whether Buzztail was still in there or had gone back where he had come from. He didn't know and he didn't dare go in there to find out. He was hiding in the bushes in the Old Pasture trying to make up his mind what to do. He didn't want to stay in the Old Pasture. Reddy Fox and Mrs. Reddy lived there. There was nothing Reddy and Mrs. Reddy would like better than a dinner of Johnny Chuck. It wouldn't do at all to have them for close neighbors. So Johnny was more or less in despair. Where should he spend the night? He just didn't know.

He was just in time to see Peter Rabbit's white tail bobbing up and down as he ran lipperty, lip straight for the dear Old Briar-patch. Watching Peter, Johnny was reminded of something. Yes, sir he was reminded of something. His eyes brightened. "Why didn't I think of it before?" muttered Johnny to himself. What was it that he was reminded of? It was an old house down in the ground in the middle of the dear Old Briar-patch. His own grandfather had dug that house when the dear Old Briar-patch was so small that the house was on the edge of it. Now it was in the middle of it. It was a long, long time since any one but Peter Rabbit or Mrs. Peter had been inside that house, and they used it only once in a great while in very bad weather when they needed it. Probably it was more or less filled with dead leaves and fallen sand from the walls and roof. Old houses, not used, get that way. Johnny looked around. The Black Shadows already were beginning to steal out from the Purple Hills. Abruptly he made up his mind. He kicked up his black heels and away he went across the Green Meadows straight to the dear Old Briar-patch. Once he was in that he would feel safe. He ran his fastest. He was quite out of breath when he started to look for a place to get into the Old Briar-patch without being scratched. Hardly was he in side when he came face to face with Peter Rabbit. Peter looked surprised. "Hello, Peter said, 'have you come to pay me a visit?'" "No," said Johnny Chuck. "I've come to look for a place to spend the night. Where is that old house my grandfather dug long, long ago?" Peter Rabbit led the way. When they reached the doorway of the old house, they found it choked with dead leaves. "We haven't used it for a long time," said Peter. "It looks it," replied Johnny Chuck drily. "It is the same way half way down," said Peter. "Why haven't you dug it out?" growled Johnny. "Too much work. Besides we don't have much use for it," replied Peter. Johnny began pulling away the leaves with his black hands. Peter sat looking on. He didn't offer to help. Of course he couldn't have helped, as there was room for only one to work at a time, but he could have offered to. Instead he sat looking on and asking questions. "Do you think you'll stay long?" he asked. "I don't think anything about it. I just want a place to spend the night. What I may do tomorrow I'll decide when tomorrow comes," retorted Johnny. The leaves fairly flew out of that doorway. Sand followed the leaves. Johnny Chuck is a worker. He proved it now. In less time than it takes to tell it, Johnny Chuck had disappeared in the old house.

PSYCHIATRIC NURSING

The Nurses' Training School of the Nova Scotia Hospital invites applications from men and women who are interested in becoming registered nurses and hold a Grade XI Provincial Certificate. Through affiliation all students receive general training, and in the case of female students, training in Obstetrics and Pediatrics. Male students receive affiliate training in Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Students are paid an adequate allowance during their entire period of training, in addition to maintenance and uniforms. No tuition fees are required. Graduates are qualified to write their Registered Nurses' examinations. There are excellent opportunities for advancement in the field of male nursing throughout Canada and the United States. Classes start early in September. Please apply to the Superintendent of Nurses, Nova Scotia Hospital, Dartmouth, N. S.

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Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

Mrs. Culbertson continues the presentation of the new Culbertson point-count method.

Reviewing yesterday's column briefly, it will be remembered that an opening notrump should be based on balanced distribution (no void or singleton in the hand); that any doubleton suit should be headed by at least the queen; that at least three suits should be stopped; and that the hand should contain in high-card points between 16 (minimum) and 18 (maximum).

Now we must consider the matter of raising partner's one-notrump opening. Normally, 26 points in the combined hands of a partnership will produce a better-than-even play for game at notrump; sometimes, 25 points will give the partnership a good play. Therefore: With 8 or 9 points, raise partner's opening one notrump to two notrump. With 10 to 14 points, raise partner's opening one notrump to three notrump. For these raises, you may count an extra point if you have a five-card suit headed by the king or the queen-ten, or better.

Any higher raise than three notrumps is of course a try. With 33 points in the combined hands, you should have a good play for a small slam at notrump. With 37 points, you should have a good play for a grand slam. Therefore: With 15 or 16 points, raise partner's opening one notrump to four notrump. With 17 or 18 points, raise partner's opening one notrump to six notrump. With 19 or 20 points, first bid three of your best suit, then jump to six notrump. With 21 points, raise partner directly to seven notrump.

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Hand 1: ♠ A 6 3, ♥ 10 7 4 2, ♦ A 8 5 4, ♣ 6 5. Hand 2: ♠ K 3 2, ♥ 8 5 3, ♦ 8 7 4, ♣ A K 5 3.

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KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



By Al Capp

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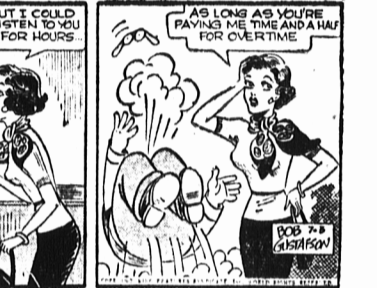
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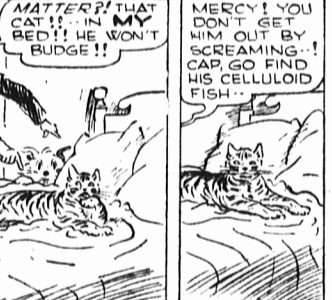
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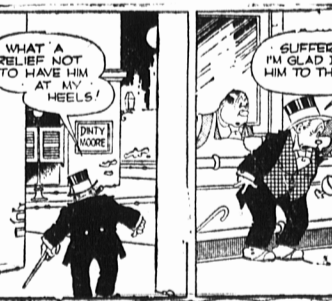
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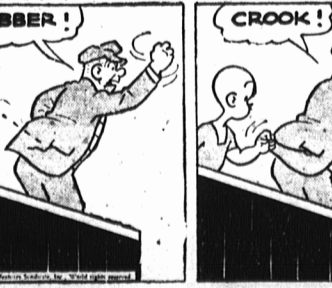
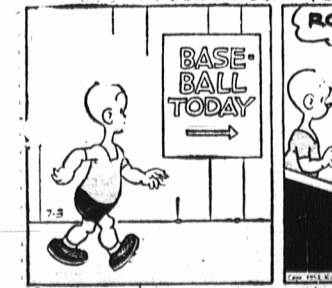
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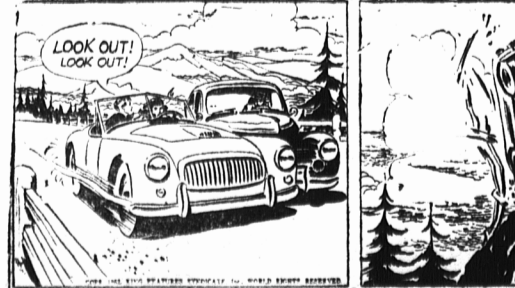
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