

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

**PETER RABBIT GETS A HINT**  
He naught deserves who will not work. There is no place for those who shirk.

Johnny Chuck is not afraid of work. He is a good worker. Peter Rabbit does not like work. I'm afraid that Peter is a shirker rather than a worker. This is one great difference between Peter Rabbit and Johnny Chuck.

If Johnny Chuck is a good wor-

ker, Peter is a first class looker-on. A lot of people are like that. They are very expert at looking on while others work. Perhaps they think it helps those who are working. Perhaps this is true. Always there is someone among them who knows a better way of doing what is being done, and is quite willing to tell how to do it.

Johnny Chuck was digging a new home just between the Old Pasture and the Green Meadows. Bushes were growing on both sides of that fence. Peter Rabbit was glad of this because he could sit in safety among these bushes and watch what Johnny was doing. Johnny had already quite a doorstep in front of the entrance to his new home. It was a mound of shining yellow sand which he had pushed out as he dug. He was still pushing sand out. Now and then he would stick his head out for a

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## MUSICAL FESTIVAL MEETING

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bit of fresh air and to rest. Peter, sitting close by, always had some questions ready.

"How deep are you digging," asked Peter.

"Deep enough," replied Johnny Chuck.

"Will the hall to your bedroom be a long one?" asked Peter.

"It will be long enough," replied Johnny. Then he went back down to resume digging.

The next time he put his head out, Peter was right there with a question. "Will you have more than one room?" asked Peter.

"Of course," said Johnny Chuck.

"Of course you'll have a back door?" asked Peter. It really was a question rather than a statement.

"You seem to know all about it," said Johnny Chuck.

"Will you have more than one back door?" asked Peter.

"Do you think I should?" Johnny wanted to know. Before Peter could reply, Johnny had disappeared down below.

The sand continued to be pushed up. Every time Johnny pushed some out, it would roll down the sides of that growing mound at the doorway. This time Johnny didn't put his head out for quite a while. When at last he did, he came wholly out and sat on his doorstep.

"Are you all through?" asked Peter.

"No," replied Johnny Chuck.

"Aren't you dreadfully tired?" asked Peter.

"Not nearly as tired as I think you should be," replied Johnny Chuck.

"Me?" exclaimed Peter. "Why should I be tired?"

"I should think you would be tired of asking questions," replied Johnny Chuck.

"If I didn't ask questions, how would I find out things?" asked Peter.

"Why should you try to find out things that are no business of yours?" asked Johnny Chuck.

"What I know won't hurt me, but what I don't know might," retorted Peter.

Johnny Chuck looked very hard at Peter. "Just what do you mean by that?" he asked.

"It certainly isn't going to hurt me or anyone else if I know about your house," said Peter. "But if I didn't know about your house, there might come a time when I would need a place to dodge into, and wouldn't know if there was one handy. That would be just too bad. I'm glad you're building a home over here. We'll be nearer neighbors now."

"I like to be alone," said Johnny Chuck. "There is nothing like being by one's self." Johnny turned and went back down in his house.

"Does he mean that he doesn't want me around? Perhaps I'd better go," thought Peter. Away he went, lipperty, lipperty lip, straight to the dear Old Briar-patch.

KEG RIVER, Alta. (CP)—A student of this Northern Alberta town, Larone Ferguson, drew the prize-winning poster in the Canadian Forestry Association's 1952 poster contest for school pupils in Western Canada. There were 947 entrants.

West dealer... Both sides vulnerable:  
A J 9 5  
10 8 4  
Q J 10 3 2  
8  
6 7 4 3  
A J 5  
K 6 4  
K Q J 10  
6 3  
N  
W  
E  
S  
K Q 10 8 7  
Q 9 6  
A 7 5  
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The bidding:  
West North East South  
1 ♠ 1 ♣ Pass 2 ♠  
3 ♠ 3 ♣ Pass 4 ♠  
Pass Pass Pass

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## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

GIVING THE ENEMY A CHANCE TO SLIP

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## KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

By Josephine Culbertson

JUST AS THE PERFECT'S MEN ARE ABOUT TO ATTACK THEY SUDDENLY TURN BACK AND RACE TOWARD THE VILLAGES!



BY JIMMIE! THE PERFECT HAD ENOUGH MEN TO SMOTHER US!

IT MUST BE A TRAP!

MAYHAP THEY HEARD! THEN WHY DO THEY FOLLOW US HERE?

DROP THOSE GUNS! ALL OF YE!



THE PERFECT'S RETREAT WAS A TRAP!

IF YE HAY WISH TO DIE, DROP THOSE GUNS!

AND WE BLUNDERED RIGHT INTO IT... OH-OH! LOOK AT HIM!

IT IS HAY A TRICK! MISS ELLY, ALL OF YE... WE'VE GOT T'HELP ME!



KNOBBY DEAR, WILL YOU PLEASE GET JOE INTO TOWN ON SOME PRETEXT... HE WON'T LET ME DO ANYTHING!

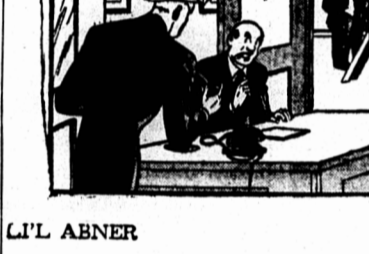
WOTS A MATTER, ANN... IS THAT BIG GOOF BOTH'RIN' YA... I'LL TELL 'IM A THING ER TWO...

NO, NO, BUT HE DOESN'T BELONG IN HOUSEWORK... HE MAKES THINGS WORSE... OH, HERE HE COMES NOW!

OH... JOE... KNOBBY'S CALLING YOU.

I HAVEN'T TIME TO TALK... I HAVE TO DO SOME THINGS THAT...

LISSEN, YA BIG GOOF... GIT OUT OF ER WAY AN' MEET ME AT TH' GYM... IT'S IMPORTANT!



I HAVEN'T MUCH TIME... THERE'S A LOT TO DO AT HOME... WHAT WAS ON YOUR MIND?

FIRST... I WANTED T'GET YA OUTA ANN'S WAY... AN' SECOND, I GOT NEWS FER YA.

WE NEED DOUGH... YOU NEED IT WORSE THAN I DO... TH' HAIR RAISIN' BUSINESS BROKE US... AN' WE OWE TAXES... AN' SO...

YES, I KNOW, BUT I DON'T WANT ANN WORRYING ABOUT ME FIGHTING AT THIS TIME... NO FIGHT UNTIL AFTER THE BABY ARRIVES!

LOOK... YA GOTTA LISSEN T' REASON... Y'ALL NEED A LOTTA DOUGH... YA HAFTA WAIT A SECOND...

I WON'T CONSIDER IT, I TOLD YOU... SO LONG!



Y-YO! WRIT FOR A BABY?

NATCHERLY!!

ORDERED IT FUM TH' ORPHANAGE!! THIS IS PROBABLY HIM NOW.

MY!! -YO' IS A CUTE LI'L RASCAL!!

LAY OFF, MAC!! THIS IS TH' BABY!! SIGN HERE!!

LI'L ORPHAN HANNY IS MAH NAME.



-SO? -BUT HAIN'T HE A LI'L OLD TEBK A BABY?

TH' RULE AT TH' ORPHANAGE IS, YOU'RE LEGALLY A BABY UNTIL YOU'RE ADOPTED -OR YOU CAN EARN YOUR OWN LIVING!!

FRANKLY—THEY WERE A LI'L WORRIED ABOUT LI'L ORPHAN HANNY!! FOR 40 YEARS, NOBODY'D ADOPT HIM—AND HE JUST HAIN'T GOT BRAINS ENOUGH T' EARN HIS LIVING—

AN' THEN YOUR LETTER CAME—REQUESTING "ANY BABY BOY" THAT GAVE 'EM THE RIGHT TO UNLOAD HIM ON YOU! THANKS FOR SIGNING TH' PAPERS, HE'S YOURS NOW—ALL YOURS!!



I'M SORRY, MISS LEE... THAT PHONE CALL SEEMED TO UPSET YOU... BUT HE SAID HE WAS AN OLD FRIEND...

FRIEND? I DESPISE HIM! IF HE CALLS AGAIN, TELL HIM I'M OUT... I'M BUSY... ANYTHING!

WHAT DID MISS LEE SAY, HANSLER? IS SHE GOING TO DITCH HER BOOKING AT THE CASIE AND SIGN UP WITH US?

SHE SAYS NO... BUT SHE WILL, DAVIES... SHE WILL!

I WANT SOMEBODY TO GO TO HOLLYWOOD AND HAVE A TALK WITH THE LADY... A MAN WHO CAN MAKE HER SEE THINGS OUR WAY... YOU KNOW WHAT I ME