

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER PAYS A PRICE

There is, you know, a price to pay for each mistake along the way. —Old Mother Nature.

There always is. There always has been. There always will be. Sometimes the price is small, but sometimes it is very high. All too often mistakes are very costly. The price is far, far too high. It is happening every day all about us, usually because of carelessness, or heedlessness, but sometimes of ig-

norance. Idle curiosity is a mistake that very often has to be paid for at far too high a price.



The big Owl was right at his heels.

Curiosity had taken Peter Rabbit over to the Green Forest. It had taken him to a part of the Green Forest where he had no business to be, and from which he had been warned to stay away. It is funny about curiosity. The more people are warned against it, the more they want to satisfy it.

Peter wanted to know whether or not it was true that Mrs. Hooty

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

HOW WOULD YOU BID IT?

A correspondent has sent in the hand below and asked for comments on the bidding.

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A K 10 9 8 4
♥ 9
♦ A K 5 3
♣ A 7

♠ Q 7 3 2
♥ J
♦ Q 10 8 7
♣ J 10 6 4

N
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♠ A K 10 7 6 5 3 2
♥ 8 3 2
♦ 8 3 2

This was the actual bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♥	Pass

To quote from the letter accompanying this hand: "North made his contract, all right, but then a hot argument started as to who had been responsible for missing the slam that could have been made so easily at hearts, despite the bad

break in the heart suit itself. South claimed that it was all North's fault for not having opened with two spades. North insisted that South did not bid his beautiful eight-card suit strongly enough. Who was right, if either?"

North was right in his contention that South did not fully reveal his holding. An eight-card suit headed by the A-K figures to be solid although it was not in this instance — and thus, South should have felt that his long suit was worth at least seven tricks if the hands were played at hearts. By the same token, however, South's hand might not produce even one trick at a spade contract — if North was void of hearts.

North's one-spade opening was all right, but South should have jumped to at least five hearts over North's three spades. Many fine players would go even farther with South's hand — they would bid six hearts over three spades (if they did not prefer to bid in a Blackwood four notrump) on the theory that a slam at hearts might well be there without North's being able to bid it over five hearts.

ables up there long before Sweet Mistress Spring gets here. I never heard of such foolishness," said Peter to himself.

Then something happened to Peter that happens to a lot of people at just the wrong time: he became absent-minded. That is, he was thinking so much of what he had found out that he forgot where he was. Without really knowing that he was doing it he hopped out from where a Black Shadow had covered him. He hopped out without first looking all around to make sure that the way was clear. He hopped out into a little patch of moonlight. That was a mistake. It was a grave mistake.

Almost instantly the top of a tall dead tree came to life. Anyway it seemed that way. It came to life and spread great wings. Peter had looked at that tree several times, and had not seen Hooty the Owl for sitting perfectly still on the top of that tree. Hooty had seemed to be a part of it.

The very instant Hooty moved Peter saw him, and Peter moved. My goodness, I should say so. Such a jump as he made. It probably was the longest jump he had ever

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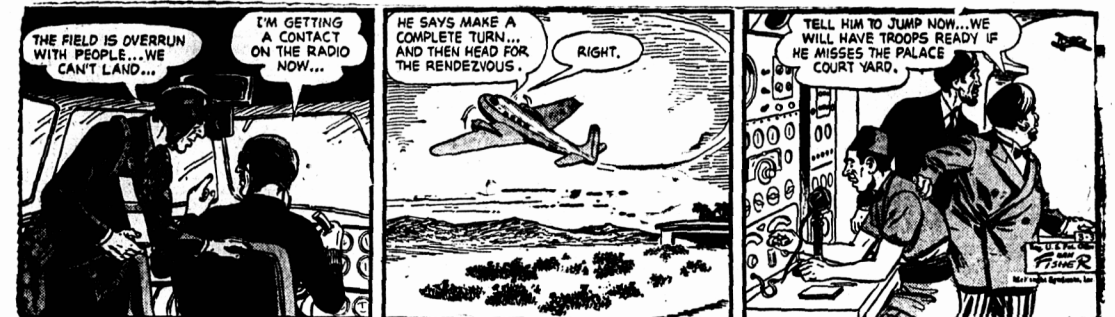
KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

By Zeno Grey



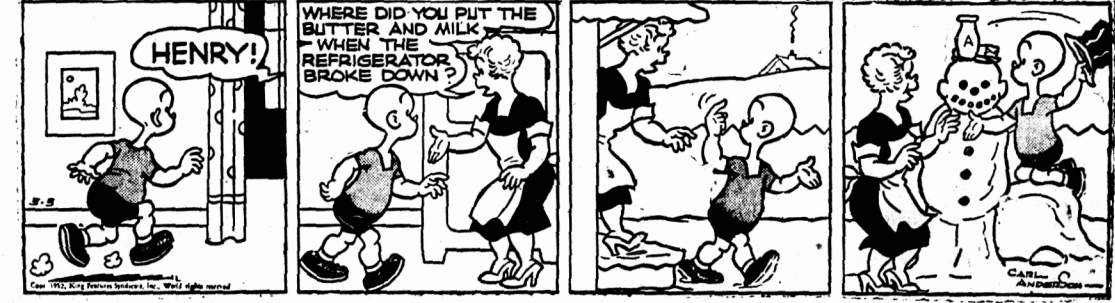
JOE PALOOKA

By Ham Fisher



HENRY

By Carl Anderson



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C. E. Gamble, Secretary

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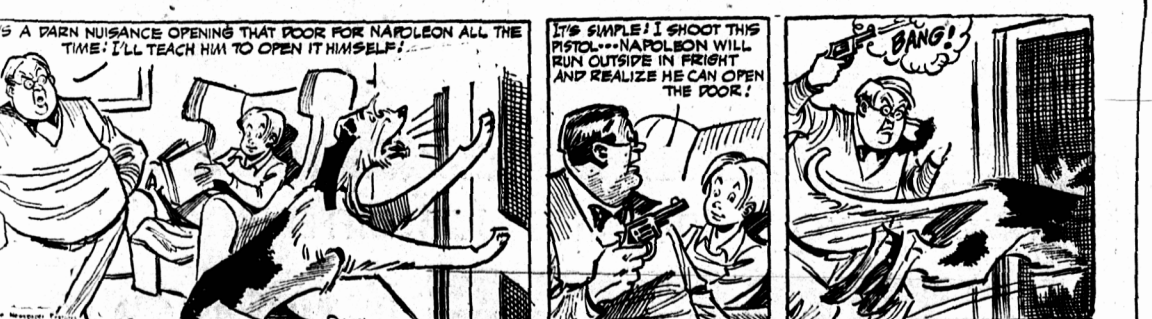
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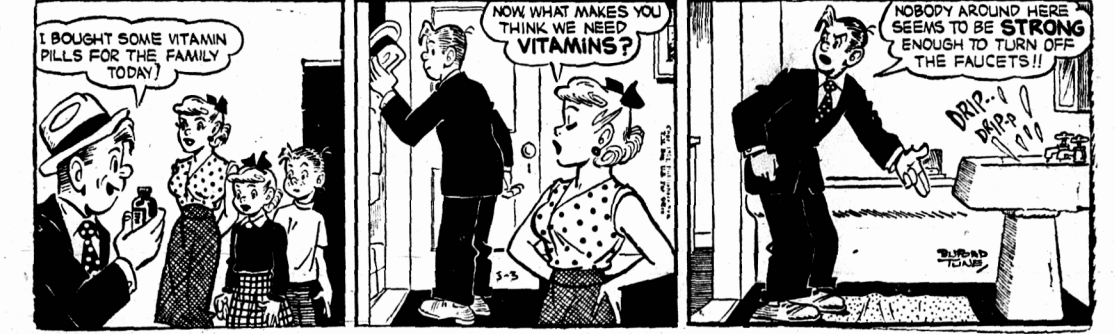
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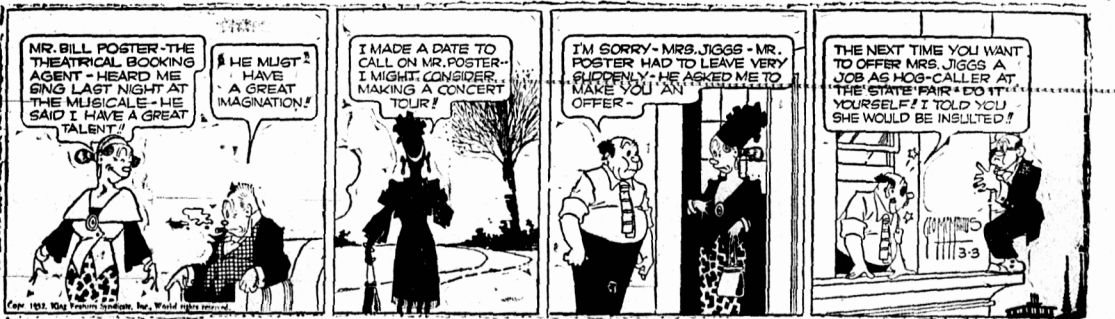
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