

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W Burgess)

**ANOTHER SEEMING TRIFLE**  
Beware of seeming trifles lest they prove more potent than you guessed.

—Old Mother Nature  
Licking one's lips at the thought of something good to eat seems a trifling matter. Everybody does it. All his life Reddy Fox has licked his lips at the thought of something good to eat, especially if that something has been almost within reach. So when he licked his lips this time he did it without thinking, and it proved to be a great mistake. It caused a small doubt in the mind of a small Chipmunk to become a big doubt and decide that this handsome pleasant stranger was not to be trusted.

Reddy saw this doubt in the eyes of Little Stripes and knew instantly that he would be unable to get the little Chipmunk to trust him and come down from that stump on which he was sitting. Instantly Reddy changed. With a snarl he tried to leap up on that stump. He almost succeeded. Had that stump been just a wee bit lower he would have landed on it. As it was he succeeded in just getting his front feet over the edge of the top. Even

then he might have succeeded in pulling himself up in time to catch the small Chipmunk had it not been for a seeming trifle. You see Little Stripes was too frightened to move. Yes, sir he was too frightened to move. He simply crouched right where he was. Reddy would have had time to catch him but for that trifle that interfered. What do you think that trifle was? You never will guess. It was one of the very small spears that Prickly Porky, the porcupine carries on his tail. Prickly Porky had been up on that stump some time before. That little spear, called a quill, had become loose and dropped from his tail. He hadn't missed it. He often drops his little spears without knowing it. This lone little spear was so small that it had not been noticed by the little Chipmunk although he had been sitting almost beside it for some time. So it was that when Reddy Fox jumped, one of his black paws landed on the point of that little spear. Of course it pricked that black paw. It pricked it and stuck right in it. Prickly Porky's quills have a way of doing that. It is what Old Mother Nature intended they



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should do when she gave them to great great ever-so-great grandfather Porky and Mrs. Porky, the first of all the Porcupines. Instead of scrambling up on top of that stump as he had intended to, Reddy yelped and dropped back. He whined. The little Chipmunk recovered from his fright enough to move. He peeped over the edge of the stump. The handsome red-coated stranger was lying on the ground biting at one of his front feet. Anyway that it was he looked. He whined as he did it. He wasn't really biting his paw; he was trying to get hold of that little quill and pull it out.

In a few minutes Reddy got up. He didn't even look up on that stump as he limped away, holding that sore foot off the ground. Little Stripes didn't know what to make of it. He hadn't seen that quill. In fact he had never seen one of Prickly Porky's spears. Had he seen it he wouldn't have known what it was. It would have seemed to him just a trifle. It would have seemed just a trifle to anyone seeing it there on top of the old stump. But that seeming trifle had saved the life of the little Chipmunk. Seeming trifles are doing such things all the time. It doesn't pay to overlook or to misjudge seeming trifles. Because of this one seeming trifle Reddy Fox went dinnerless. And the little Chipmunk was still alive to learn about other seeming trifles.

## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### MATCH-POINT PLAY VS TOTAL POINTS

The contrast between correct technique at rubber bridge and at match-point play cannot, perhaps, be more graphically illustrated than in the following sort of hand

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

♠	A 9 8 4	♠	10 7 6 5
♥	K 9 5 3	♥	Q 10 8 6
♦	4 2	♦	J 9 8 5
♣	Q 10 7	♣	A

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass  
4NT Pass 5♣ Pass  
6♥ Pass 6♣ Pass

This bidding would be equally valid at rubber bridge and at match-points — in fact, no great criticism could be attached to a grand-slam venture! — but the problem of play varies at the two games. West's lead doesn't matter — on a spade, a diamond or a club opening, declarer's only consideration is how to draw Trump. (It can be presumed that West will not open trumps for his adversaries' comfort!) At match-point play, where overtricks have great importance, South might well lead a low trump to dummy's king with the intention of finessing for the queen (although even at duplicate the better percentage play would be to play down the ace, for the twin purpose of dropping the queen if possible, and protecting oneself against a bad break.)

At rubber bridge, however, or at the very similar game of total-point duplicate, the lead of the heart ace is an essential safety play. If the cards lie as above, with West holding all four of the missing trumps, this ace-play uncovers the fact, and now South can lead low toward dummy's K-9-5. Whatever West does, he can only win one trick. Observe that if the trumps lie exactly opposite, like this —

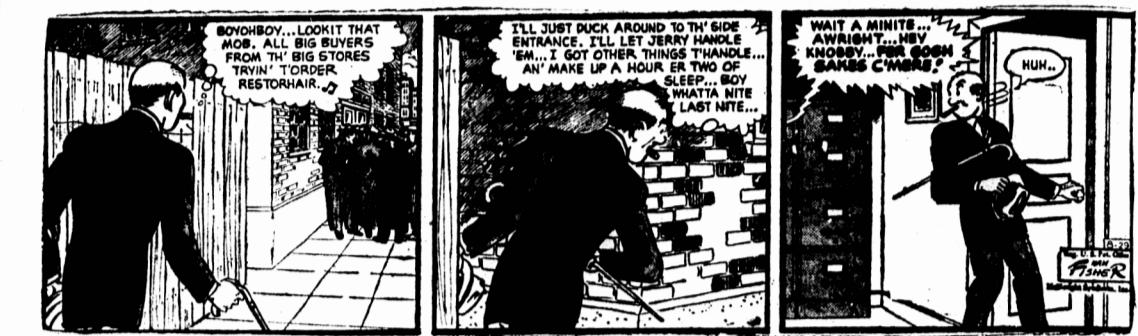
♠	K 9 5 3	♠	Q 10 8 4
♥	A	♥	A J 7 6 2
♦	A	♦	A
♣	A	♣	A

declarer has lost nothing by leading the ace. He next leads low to the king and returns a trump toward his own J-7-6 — again limiting his loss to one trick.

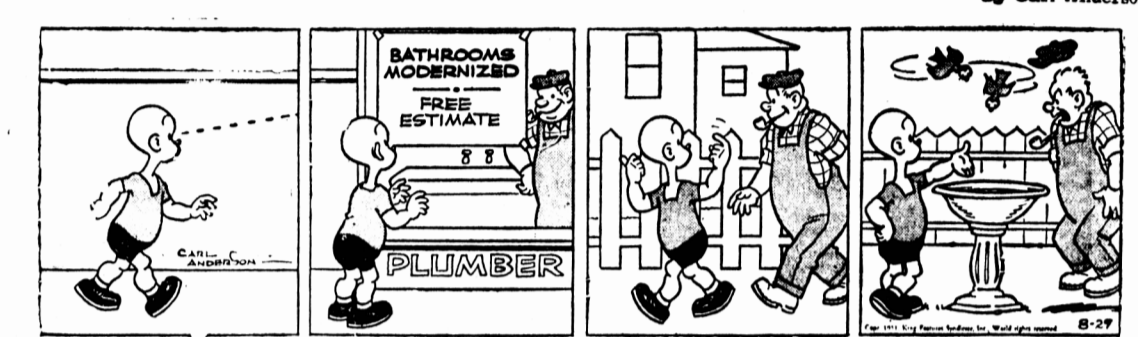
## KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



## JOE PALOORA



## HENRY



## DOTTY DIDDLE



## TIPPY AND "CAP" STURS



## ANNUAL MEETING

### Progressive Conservative Association

FOURTH DISTRICT OF QUEEN'S

will be held in  
ELDON HALL

On Thursday, August 30th at 8:30 P. M.

All Poll Chairmen are requested to have Five Delegates, duly accredited, in attendance.

GEORGE GRANT,  
President.

## ANNUAL MEETING

First District of Queens Liberal Association will be held in Bradabane Hall, Thursday, Aug. 30th at 8:30 P. M.

All interested please attend.

ROBERT N. DAWSON, President.  
ALLISON MAYNE, Secretary.

## CLASSES BEGIN

SEPTEMBER FOURTH

at

### UNION COMMERCIAL COLLEGE

Stenographic, Commercial, and Secretarial Courses  
Night Classes begin October 10.

UNION COMMERCIAL COLLEGE  
Royal Bank Building, Charlottetown

## St. Augustine's Convent

South Rustico

Country Boarding School for Girls.

Grades I to XI.

Classes will open on September 5th.

Boarders' entrance on September 4th

## PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Semi-finals in the Provincial Public Speaking Competition will be held at the following centres on the specified dates:

Sherbrooke Hall, Thursday, Aug. 30 at 8:30 P.M.

Searletown Hall, Friday, Aug. 31 at 8:30 P.M.

Emerald Hall, Tuesday, September 4th at 8:30 P.M.

Kingsboro Hall, Monday, September 10th at 8:30 P.M.

First and second prizes donated by the Women's Institute, Federation of Agriculture, and Department of Agriculture, will be awarded at each centre.

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND

## POGO

By WALT KELLY



## LIL ABNER

By Al Capp



## RED KIRBY

By Alex Raymond



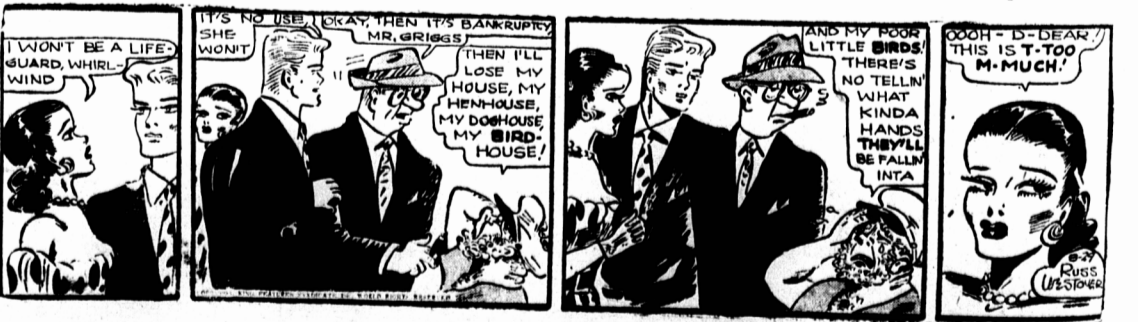
## BRINGING UP FATHER

By George McManus



## TILLY THE TOILER

By Westover



## PENNY

By Harry Haeniger

