

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

LITTLE TOAD IS VENTURESOME

Who ventures nothing, nothing gains. And little in his life attains. —Old Mr. Toad.

Little Toad was living happily with Old Mr. Toad in a corner of Farmer Brown's garden. All through the sunny part of bright days they lozed in comfort under a wide board in the coolest part of that corner. In the cool of the evening they started out together to spend the night hunting for worms and insects and flies under and on plants. Farmer Brown's boy always called Old Mr. Toad his assistant gardener. He didn't know as yet that Little Toad was there to help too. You see, Little Toad had but recently

come up from the Smiling Pool where he was born, and where as a baby he had been a tadpole or pollywog, more like a fish than a Toad.

Usually after starting out, Old Mr. Toad went one way, while Little Toad went another. Of course Old Mr. Toad having lived in the garden so long knew all the best hunting places. He knew which plants certain worms liked best. He knew just where he was most likely to find an Earthworm that Welcome Robin had overlooked. Little Toad had these things yet to learn. Of course Old Mr. Toad gave a lot of advice to Little Toad. Older people always do that to young folks. "Don't be too venturesome,"

warned Old Mr. Toad. "Always look before you hop. Otherwise you may hop straight into danger." "Yes, sir, I will," said Little Toad, and he really meant it, though he might forget it before he had gone a half dozen hops. "If you please, what is there to be afraid of?" he asked.

"Many things," replied Old Mr. Toad. "Many things, especially for one so small as you. Little Toads must keep their eyes open every minute while they are out."

"Don't big Toads have to?" asked Little Toad.

"Not as much as little Toads. You see, a big Toad isn't easily swallowed by some of the folks that love to swallow little Toads," replied Old Mr. Toad.

Little Toad sighed. "I wish I were a big Toad," he sighed.

"That's a foolish wish," said Old Mr. Toad. "You'll be big soon enough without wishing it. That is, you will if you are not venturesome. Keep under cover. Always remember to keep under cover. If you are wise, which of course you can't be, as young as you are, you'll stay right in this garden. Everything you need is right here, and outside are dangers which you'll never find here."

With this Old Mr. Toad went off, hop, hop, hop, hipply hop between two rows of cabbage plants. Little Toad sighed again as he watched Old Mr. Toad out of sight. Then he started off in another direction.

It was a busy night for Little Toad. He hopped here and he hopped there. By the time he reached the farther end of the garden, he had eaten so much that he felt that he couldn't swallow another fly. Also, he felt as if he couldn't hop another hop. He was tired and he was sleepy. So he found a cool comfortable place in which he was well hidden, and there he fell asleep. When he awoke it was broad daylight. Of course he should have been at home under that big board. What would Old Mr. Toad say when he got back?

"I won't go back now," thought Little Toad. The truth is, he was hungry once more. His first thought was of his stomach. In this respect he was much like many other folks. He started out to get something to eat. He didn't pay any attention to where he was going and presently he found himself at the edge of the garden. There was a fence here, but of course a fence didn't mean anything to such a little fellow as Little Toad. He crawled under the fence. He was outside the garden. Old Mr. Toad wouldn't have ap-

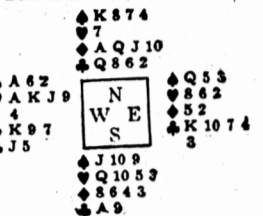
Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

TRUMP-DRAWING

The habit of drawing trumps is so deeply ingrained in most players that they start this act automatically, not stopping to think about the possible consequences. When the trump situation is as touchy as it was in the following deal, even one lead of trumps may be decidedly too many!

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.



The bidding: West 1♥, North 2♣, East Pass, South 1♠.

South might have responded to North's takeout double with one notrump, since he had the rough equivalent of 1½ honor-tricks, but his spade response, even on the three-card suit, was not bad. Presumably, North was inviting a response in the "the other major." It was really North who bid badly — his raise of spades was not justified.

West opened the king of hearts, but when East signalled for a shift by playing the deuce, West switched to the jack of clubs. Dummy's queen, East's king and South's ace went on this trick, and South then made the mistake of leading the spade jack. West ducked, as did dummy, and East won with the queen.

East could easily have fallen into the error of giving his partner a club ruff at this point, but he

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proved. No, sir, he wouldn't have approved at all. You see, when Little Toad crept under that fence, he had crept right into Farmer Brown's chicken yard, and that was no place for such a small Toad to be. He was altogether too venturesome.

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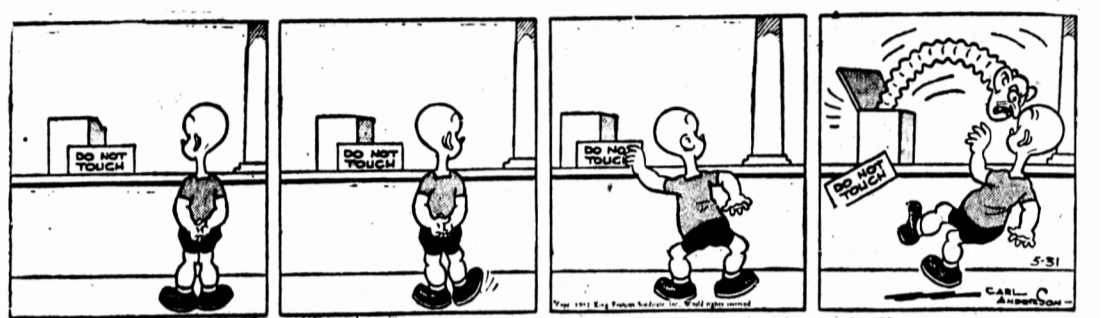
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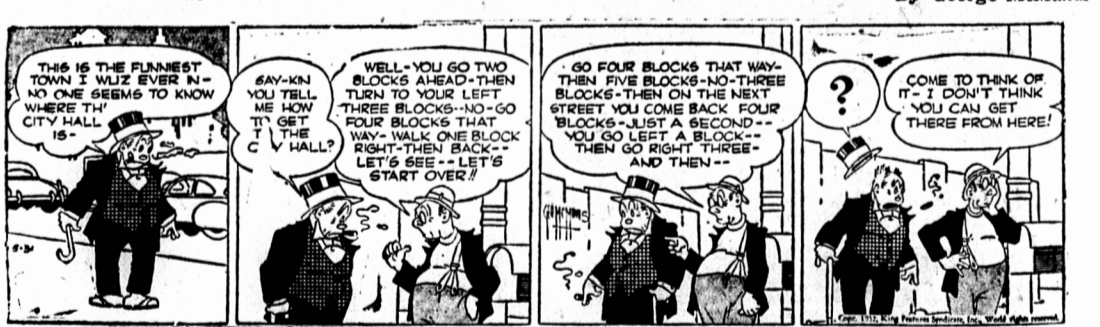
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