

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE BULLY'S MISTAKE

The bully beats the weak and small. But never one his size at all. —Old Mother Nature.

There was a stranger in the Smiling Pool. Where he had come from no one knew. Just when he had arrived no one knew. He could have come down Laughing Brook, or he could have come up Laughing Brook from the Big River, but no one saw him on the way. The Smiling Pool awoke one morning to find him there, making himself at home as if he had always lived there. He was a big Muskrat.

Now Jerry Muskrat and Mrs. Jerry were living in a fine new house they had built in the midst of the rushes growing at the head of the Smiling Pool. They also had a house in the highest bank of the Smiling Pool. That was their house of safety. It was for use chiefly when for some reason or other they couldn't use their other house. The stranger took possession of this house, and made him-

self quite at home there. He did it without asking permission.

When Jerry Muskrat discovered that the stranger had made himself at home in the house in the bank, he was much upset. He ground his teeth in anger. He would put that stranger out of that house, and perhaps drive him out of the Smiling Pool. Anyway, that is what he told Mrs. Jerry. But inside that house in the bank was no place to fight. He would have to wait until he could find that stranger outside. This didn't happen until two or three nights after the stranger arrived. Then Jerry found him sitting on one of the little mud platforms Jerry himself had built to sit on while eating, or taking a sun bath, or just resting in the cool of the evening.

Jerry started straight for him. The stranger saw him coming, but pretended that he didn't see him. He slid down into the water, and started to swim away.

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SOUTH GRANVILLE W. I.

The annual meeting of South Granville W. I. was held Nov. 4 at the home of Mrs. Sheldon Abbott. Eight members answered roll call by paying yearly fees.

The president gave a very inspiring address. After thanking members for their co-operation during the year, she welcomed new members and urged all to an even greater effort for home, community and country.

Mrs. McInnis and Miss Wall were appointed scrutineers for the election of officers for the coming year: President, Miss Alexandra Keir (re-elected); vice president, Miss Helen Wall; secretary, Mrs. Stirling Corbett (re-elected); treasurer, Mrs. Sheldon Abbott; auditors, Mrs. Wellington McInnis and Miss Annie Keir; directors, Mrs. J. Folland and Mrs. Fred Chappelle.

The Keirs invited members to their home for December meeting when roll call will be an exchange of Christmas gifts. Articles for bazaar will also be brought to meeting.

Mrs. Chappelle, Mrs. McInnis, Miss Wall and Mrs. Stirling Corbett volunteered to get school desks and pump fixed, a new school globe, paper towels, etc.

New committees are as follows: School, Mrs. McInnis, Mrs. S. Corbett; sick, Mrs. Folland, Mrs. Abbott; programme, Mrs. Abbott, Miss Annie Keir; lunch, Miss Helen Wall, Mrs. McInnis.

Proceeds from birthday box amounted to \$3.32. Mrs. Chappelle entertained members with a contest, prize won by Miss Wall.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

HELP FROM RIGHT AND LEFT

Neither West's nor East's defensive error in the following hand can be called inexcusable, but together they gave declarer the chance he needed.

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding: South West North East

1♥	2♠	Pass	Pass
3♥	3♠	4♥	Pass

West at least got off to a good start when he ignored the spade suit and opened his singleton trump. South captured East's jack and cashed another high heart, while West discarded a spade. Then South laid down the diamond king.

West won and returned the diamond queen, which South ruffed. A low trump was now led to the nine and dummy's last diamond was ruffed away; then South led the spade jack from his own hand. Naturally, West covered with the queen, and declarer let him hold the trick.

At this point West's logical defense was to lay down the spade king, but he actually exited with a low spade. Dummy ducked and South won with the ten. The spade five was now led to the ace and a club was returned.

Once more the fate of the contract hung in the balance, this time depending on East's play. If East had been wide awake to developments he would have made the unusual but vital play of the club ten on the lead from dummy.

This would have forced South to play the queen or ace, and inevitably would have resulted in South's loss of two club tricks. When, however, East followed suit with a low club, South played the eight, and West was fixed. Although he could win with the nine, he then had to return a club up to declarer's major tenace, or a spade that could be ruffed in one hand while a club was discarded from the other hand.

ANCIENT PORT

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By Edwina



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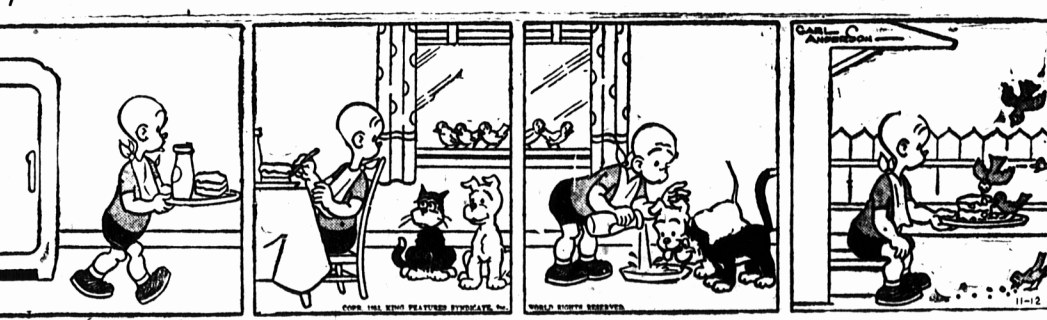
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