

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

(By Thornton W. Burgess)

## THE CLOSED DOOR

A door that's closed, a thing unseen, may vital be, or nothing mean. —Old Mother Nature.

Striped Chipmunk shivered and shook. Mrs. Striped Chipmunk shivered and shake? Fear. They knew what the children didn't know. They knew that the most dangerous of all their enemies was in their underground house looking for them.

It was Shadow, the Weasel. Shadow is so small, so slender, that he could follow wherever they might go. Why hadn't he followed Striped Chipmunk right down into their bedroom? For a very good reason. Striped Chipmunk had closed a door behind him. Yes, sir, he had closed a door and he had closed it tight. What was worrying him now, making him shiver and shake, was the fear that Shadow might find that door and open it. If he should, it would mean that probably all of the family would be killed. Striped Chipmunk, Mrs. Striped Chipmunk, and the four children



What made Striped Chipmunk and Mrs. Striped Chipmunk shiver and shake?

Shadow is like that. He seems to find pleasure in killing. So when he has a chance he kills and kills. This is why he is so feared and hated by other little people of the Green Forest and Green Meadows. Most other hunters kill for food only. They do it because they have to in order to get enough to eat. You see, Mother Nature has made them meat eaters.

When Striped Chipmunk had dug that hole he had been smart enough, clever enough, to make it possible to close that door in a hurry. Perhaps you didn't know that a Chipmunk's house could have a door. You see it is nothing more nor less than sand. When Striped Chipmunk had closed that door he had simply packed the entrance full of sand. He had done it hurriedly but so thoroughly that Shadow had gone right past without knowing it. Striped Chipmunk believes in being thorough.

He knows that few things are worth doing unless they are well done. So he had packed a lot of sand into that passage behind him. You see he knew that Shadow might discover where the doorway had been and might try to dig it open. So he hoped that in this case the door of sand would be so thick that Shadow would be discouraged and give up. Shadow had not found that door. He may have guessed what had happened but he was in a hurry and had run right past without suspecting where that door was. He had gone back and forth several times, for he is not one to give up easily. He was in a bad temper. You see he had been very sure of catching Striped Chipmunk. Now he felt cheated. Of course he wasn't cheated, but that is the way he felt. That is why he had lost his temper.

It was a good thing for Striped Chipmunk that Shadow had lost his temper. Had he not done so, he might have been in less of a hurry and been more careful in looking for that closed door.

So now, after running back and forth along that hallway and looking into two or three store rooms which opened off it, Shadow snarled angrily and left. "I'll come back here again later," thought he as he climbed up on the old stone wall and tried to decide where to go next. He would hunt someone who didn't know how to close a door.

## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### GRAB-BAG

A freak hand such as today's is bound to bring grief to one side or the other!

North Dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

10	AKQ883
7	J10752
4	AQ98
3	10654
2	5
1	93

South

7	AKQJ8832
864	
4	KJ76
542	
1064	
AKQ	

This deal came up in a high-stake rubber game, and the bidding was fast and furious:

North	East	South	West
1♥	1♠	2♣	4♣
Pass	Pass	5♣	5♣
Pass	Pass	6♣	Pass
Pass	Pass	7♣	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

South said later that he had felt very doubtful about sacrificing all the way up to the seven level (he had little hope of making the contract), but he was spurred to this action by North's absolute withdrawal from the bidding after his original heart call. South further observed that he had had the strongest suspicion, that East was deliberately courting a "push" to six spades, and South was not inclined to oblige him. It was an extremely questionable decision on West's part to double seven diamonds—a forcing pass was indicated. Then East would have doubled on his own account, and it is possible that West would have taken the proper inference from this double in respect to his opening lead. Actually, however, blind to all implications, West laid down the spades ace—and South "sailed home". He ruffed, drew trumps, and laid down the heart jack. With the heart situation revealed, South simply had to finesse against West's heart ten.

If West had been allowed to play six spades, he would of course have made the contract, and actually would have made an over-trick if South led a heart. However, the seven-diamond contract could have been punished rather severely! On a heart lead, the defenders easily could have taken the first five tricks, by West's ruffing East's third high club and giving East a second heart ruff.



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## KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



## JOE PALOOKA



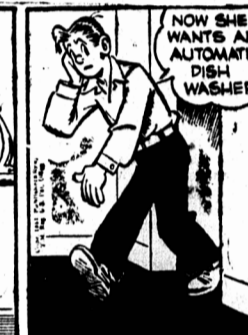
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## HENRY



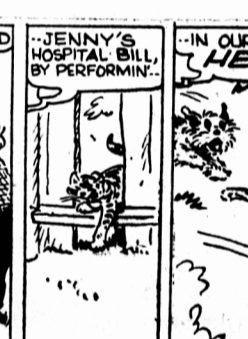
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## DOTTY DIPP-LE



By Ruford

## TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS



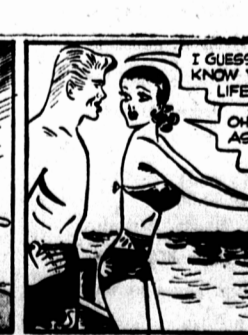
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## BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

## TILLY THE TOILER



By Westover

## PENNY



By Harry Haenigsen

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## POGO

By WALT KELLY

## LIL' ABNER

By Al Capp

## RIP KIRBY

By Alex Raymond

## BY BILLY BOWLETS!

I'M SO HUNGRY I COULD EAT A WHOLE COW—HORN'S AND BELL!

OH, I'M ONLY A TIGER... LOOKING FOR FOOD FOR SOME FRIENDS...

WELL, STEP OVER TO MY LADIES AND MEETIN'... WE'LL SEE WHAT WE CAN DO!

COOMP... BY BILLY BOWLETS! I'M INBULATED!

SLOWLY! SUCH A TARTIPS... WOULD BE COMPLEMENT!

I HOPE THAT THIS MEETS A MOMENT OF SPEECH!

SHOOT ME MAMMY! I GOT THE HOOPHILARIAN DISEASE ANY TRUE SOUTHERNER KIN HAVE—YANKEE CHILL!

SHOOT ME MAMMY! I GOT THE HOOPHILARIAN DISEASE ANY TRUE SOUTHERNER KIN HAVE—YANKEE CHILL!

WALP... AH GOT THE MOST HOOPHILARIAN DISEASE ANY TRUE SOUTHERNER KIN HAVE—YANKEE CHILL!

SHOOT ME MAMMY! I GOT THE HOOPHILARIAN DISEASE ANY TRUE SOUTHERNER KIN HAVE—YANKEE CHILL!

## WITHIN MINUTES—PEACEFUL DOGWATCH IS STRICKEN IT—

OH, I'M ONLY A TIGER... LOOKING FOR FOOD FOR SOME FRIENDS...

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## IF ONE OF YOUR MEN WILL DROP ME OVER THERE IN A BOX AND GIVE IT TO ME... I'LL BE OBLIGED TO YOU.

THAT WAS YOUR MISSING COMBAT, CAPTAIN!

WE CAN'T GET FAR, UNLESS HE STEALS A CAR... WE'LL PUT UP ROADBLOCKS AND SEND FOR THE DOGS!

NOW THAT WE'RE SO CLOSE TO UTOPIA, CAPTAIN, MAY I ASK A FAVOR?

IF ONE OF YOUR MEN WILL DROP ME OVER THERE IN A BOX AND GIVE IT TO ME... I'LL BE OBLIGED TO YOU.

SURE, KIRBY... I'LL BE OBLIGED TO YOU.

TRY TO PICK UP JEFF KING BEFORE HE CAUSES TROUBLE.

YES, IRMA'S A PRETTY BRILLIANT GAL AT THAT, ELSA.

YOU KNOW HOW SHE DETESTS HAVING TO TAKE PIANO LESSONS?

WELL, NOW SHE'S CIRCULATING A PETITION ALL AROUND HER NEIGHBORHOOD AND I'D SIGNER...

...TO STOP HER FROM ANNOYING NEIGHBORS WITH HER PIANO PRACTICING.