

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

THE IMPS HAVE A DREADFUL TIME

The worst is often in your mind. Or may perhaps be left behind. — Old Mother Nature.

Two little black imps were up an apple tree in an orchard. They were Taddy Bear and Totty Bear. Mother Bear didn't know they were there. Had she known she would have been badly upset, for of course that orchard was just outside the Green Forest. Outside the Green Forest was no place for little Bears to be.

The truth is, those little Bears were lost. They had disobeyed mother, and instead of following close at her heels had wandered off to one side. Mother had not known this. When she discovered it, they were completely lost. Finally, they had come to the edge of the Green Forest on a farm with a small apple orchard, and a Dog had chased them up a tree. He was jumping up against the tree and barking as if he would bark his head off.

"He can't climb," said Taddy Bear to Totty Bear, as they looked down from their perch half way up a tree.

"If he can't climb, there's nothing to be afraid of," cried Totty Bear happily.

At the foot of the tree the Dog continued to bark and bark and bark. He was an excited small Dog. Out from the barn came two boys to find out what all the fuss

was about. When they saw the two little Bears, they were almost as excited as the Dog. One of the boys started to climb into the tree. The Cubs were frightened then. Never in all their short lives had they been so frightened. In the first place they didn't know how to make these strange folks who walked on two legs, and who could climb trees.

Whimpering the black imps climbed higher and higher. The boy climbed higher and higher too. Of course the higher they got, the smaller the trunk and limbs became. It was becoming more difficult to hang on.

The boy tried to shake them off, but he couldn't. They hung on so tightly that not a single claw would be shaken loose. The other boy tried, and he failed. The imps simply wouldn't be shaken off. They climbed a little higher until they were as high as there was anything big enough to cling to.

Word that two little Bears were up in that apple tree reached the village. Soon there were many boys and girls, and some other folks, too, at the foot of that tree, as excited as the barking Dog. There was a great deal of shouting. The two little Bears, looking down on this crowd of strange two-legged folk, were terrified. Yes, sir, they were terrified. They couldn't have been more frightened.

By and by a ladder was brought. A man who lived on the edge of the village said he wasn't afraid of Bears, and climbed



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the ladder. He had with him a big grain bag. He pulled the two little Bears loose and into that bag. Such a shouting as there was then! He put the bag down on the ground. Inside, the little Bears could see nothing, for of course it was dark in there. But there was nothing wrong with their small ears, and they could hear plenty. That Dog was still barking, and it seemed to them as if he was barking right in their very ears. Then they heard him sniffing that bag all over. It was a most unpleasant sound. It was the most unpleasant sound they ever had heard.

Finally they were picked up by the man who had climbed up and caught them. Because he knew something about Bears, it was agreed that he should take them home with him. Whimpering, clinging together, unable to see anything at all, they were taken for a ride.

Even the most dreadful things must end. The bag with two little Bears inside was lifted from the car. It was taken over to a shed, and there the bag was opened, and the little Bears were turned loose inside the shed. For the time being it was to be their home. It was also a prison. They were prisoners, but prisoners of kindness.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Cluvertson

A BAD CHOICE

South's choice of plays, below, went against "probabilities."

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

AKQ5	108
42	J983
AJ108	Q7642
Q105	83
N E	
W S	
J972	643
Q1065	AK7
K	953
AJ97	K643

The bidding:		North	East	South	West
1	Pass	1	Pass	1	Pass
1	Pass	1	NT	1	Pass
2	NT	Pass	3	NT	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

South's one-heart response was decidedly unconventional, but the final contract was good.

West decided against leading the unbid club suit (fortunately for himself); he preferred a low heart lead in the face of South's bid. Declarer let the jack hold, and East, to disguise his heart length, continued with the nine rather than his original fourth-highest (the conventional return.)

South, winning the heart trick, led a diamond. The ace smothered West's lone king, and East accepted the following diamond lead, then returned the heart eight.

South now had three tricks home and could count five more in top diamonds and spades. The fulfilling trick could come from either the last spade in dummy, or from the club suit. After long thought, South decided that it would be dangerous to go out for a club trick — he feared that West had started with a five-card heart suit, and if he got in with the club ace, he could defeat the contract. So South tried to break the spades, but that didn't turn out well. West, with a spade

trick set up for him, could now defeat the contract with one more heart, the club ace and the spade.

South chose the course with the far greater danger. The odds against the needed 3-3 spade break were roughly two to one, whereas going out for a club trick would succeed if either of two conditions existed: if the opposing hearts were 4-4, or if the defender holding the club ace had no more hearts.

- Grade VI — 1. Winston McPhee, 2. Fred Gallant.
- Grade V — 1. Louise McInnis, 2. Wreatha Kenney.
- Grade IV — 1. Francis McPhee, 2. Walter Kenney; 3. Mae Gallant.
- Grade III (a) — 1. Billy McPhee; (b) — 1. John McDonald.
- Grade II — 1. Jimmie Kenney.
- Grade I — 1. David Kenney.
- Teacher: Lauretta Leslie

BELLE RIVER SCHOOL

The following is the honour roll for the month of April for the Senior Department of Belle River School:

- Grade X — 1. Cyril Singleton; 2. Billy Caperton.
- Grade IX — 1. Teddy Mann; 2. Cliver Caperton.
- Grade VIII — 1. Donna Cameron; 2. Ruth Singleton; 3. Seton Hutchinson.
- Grade VII — 1. Walden Hutchinson; 2. Patsy Kunz; 3. John Beaton.
- Grade VI — 1. Florida Hall; 2. Eleanor Stewart; 3. Keith Bell.
- Principal—Flora Morrison.

ARMADALE SCHOOL

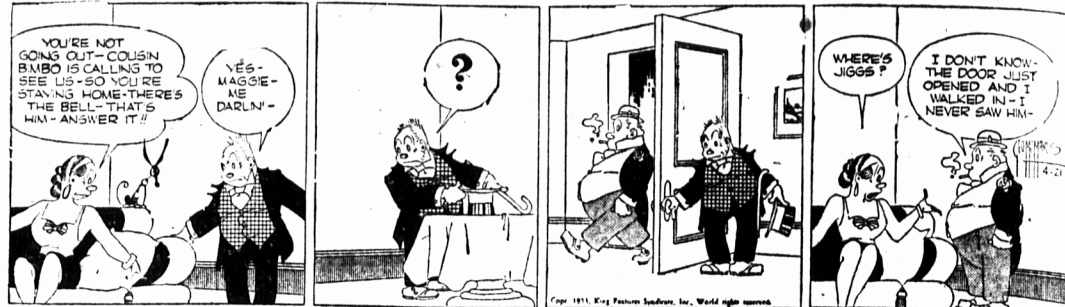
Armadale School report for the month of March:

Grade IX (a) — 1. Mary McKinnon; (b) — 1. Leonard McDonald.

Grade VII — 1. Budge McPhee; 2. Louis McKinnon; 3. Junior McKinnon.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



Dotty Dripple

By Ruford



Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



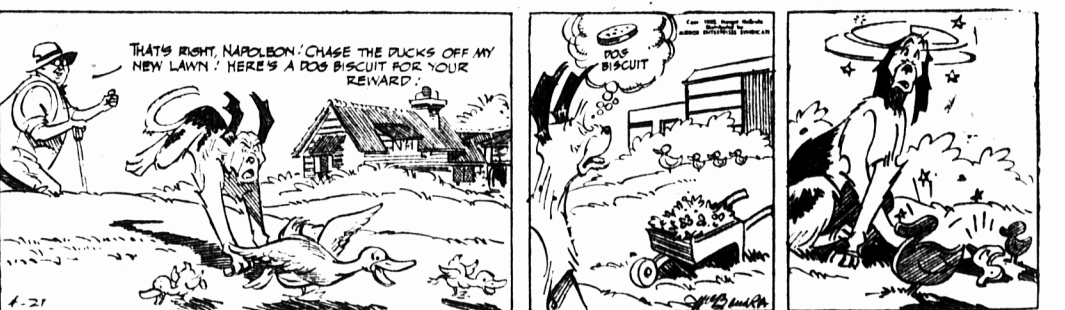
Tippy and "Cap" Strubs

By Edwin



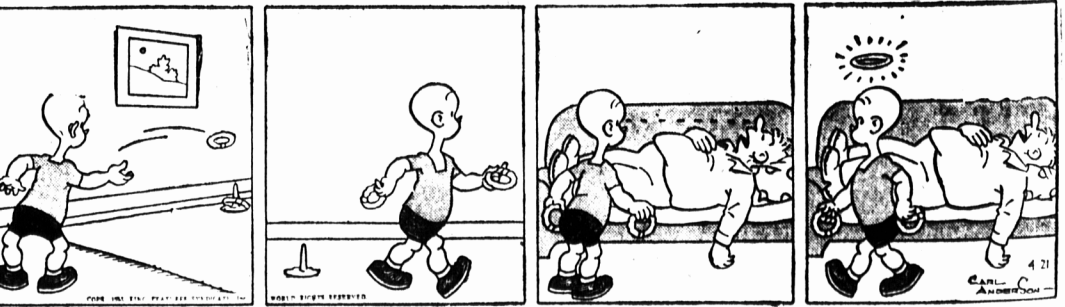
Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



Henry

By Carl Anderson



Pogo

By Walt Kelly



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By Alex Raymond



King Of The Royal Mounted

By Zane Gray



Li'l Abner

By Al Capp



PENNY

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