

# BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

## YOUNG TOO-SMART'S COURAGE FAILS

Who dares to try and does his best. Though he may fail, he has passed the test. —Old Mother Nature.

Young Too-Smart, who really didn't deserve that name (but should have been called Truly Smart) had been learning by watching his father, Reddy Fox, everything he saw Reddy do, he tucked away in his memory. When he had a chance, he tried doing these things himself. Learning by doing is the very best way of learning.

Once he had seen Reddy Fox taken for a ride on the back of a sheep. He wouldn't have believed it could have been done had he not seen it with his very own eyes. Reddy had been running ahead of the dog. Just before the dog reached the pasture, the sheep had started to run. Reddy had leaped on the back of one, and so had broken his trail. The dog had had to stop when he reached the place where there was no longer any scent.

It was some time later that the young fox had a chance to try this trick. A dog trained to hunt foxes had picked up the trail of the young fox not far from the sheep pasture. Right away the young fox thought of that trick he had seen Reddy play.

"I'll just try being taken for a ride myself," thought he, and headed straight for the pasture where the sheep were. He did just as he had seen Reddy do. He waited until the barking of the approaching dog started the sheep to running in a panic. The young fox picked out one of the biggest of the running sheep and raced after him. Then, just as he reached the point from which to jump, his courage failed him. All he could do was to keep right on running at the heels of that frightened sheep. Two or three times he almost made up his mind to leap, but each time he was afraid he couldn't make it. Anyway, the sheep was running so fast by this time that he probably would have had trouble holding on.

Before he reached the end of the pasture, the young fox had a chance to slip out from among the running sheep, and did so. He was quite upset. He had failed to do what he started to do because when he needed courage most it had failed him. "Why didn't I jump? Why didn't I jump?" he kept saying over and over to himself.

Now, while he had failed to do the thing he had planned to do in the way he had planned to do it, he really hadn't failed at all. His trail had been broken by the running feet of those sheep. It had been broken as completely as it



"Did you have a good ride?" he asked.

would have been had he been carried out of danger on the back of that sheep. "I'll do it next time; yes, sir, I'll do it next time," the young fox kept saying over and over to himself. He didn't stop to think how fortunate he was that the dog was no longer chasing him. He had gone only a little way when he met Reddy Fox. Reddy had seen just what had happened. "Did you have a good ride?" he asked. The young fox hung his head. "I didn't try it," said he. Reddy grinned. "It was the same way with me the first time I had a chance," said he. "The next time you have a chance, you'll do it."

## KELLY'S CROSS SCHOOL

Following is the report of Kelly's Cross School for November:

Grade IX: 1, Ralph McQuaid; 2, Wendell McDonald; 3, Monica McQuaid.  
Grade VIII: 1, Earl Molyneux; 2, Joseph Kelly.  
Grade VII: 1, Clifford McDonald; 2, Margaret Roberts; 3, Jerome Monaghan.

Grade V: 1, Theresa Monaghan; Kenneth Curley (equal); 2, William McQuaid; 3, Emmett Murphy.  
Grade IV: 1, Jimmy Nantes; 2, Patricia Kelly.  
Grade III (a): 1, Janet Waddell; 2, Leonard Smith; (b) Gemma Murphy.

Grade II: 1, Ann Curley; 2, Louis Bradley; 3, Paula Nantes; Donnie Waddell.  
Highest average in Senior Grades—Desmond Curley 89%.  
Highest average in Junior Grades—Janet Waddell; Desmond Nantes 96%.

Perfect attendance for month: Margaret Roberts; Theresa Monaghan; Patricia Kelly; Janet Waddell; Donnie Waddell.

Teacher: Colette Matters.

**DEMANDS COMFORTS**  
WINNIPEG, (CP)—The modern tourist doesn't want to rough it, the Manitoba Tourist Association was told by W. L. Crawford of St. Paul, Minn., President of a Minnesota tourist group, he said tourists want the kind of accommodation they are accustomed to at home.

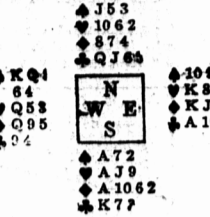
## Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

### A MATTER OF ENTRIES

South lost out in the following hand by not making full use of entries which good fortune had provided.

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
North-South 80 on score.



The bidding:  
South West North East  
1NT Pass Pass Pass  
West opened his fourth-highest spade, and when South properly played dummy's jack, he was extremely fortunate to have that card hold the trick. (The jack was the correct play because even if East had one of the high honors, he would scarcely put it up if dummy played a low card. Thus, the only good chance to win two spade tricks was that West had led away from king-queen.)

At the second trick South started on the suit which was strongest in the combined hands, namely clubs. On his lead of the five toward the closed hand, East naturally ducked, and the king won. Now a club was returned to the jack. East won and led his remaining spade. South ducked, but West overtook and knocked out the spade ace.

Now declarer tried for a break in the suit, leading to dummy's queen, but West discarded a heart, proving that East had another stopper. So, South switched to the heart suit, letting the ten-spot ride. West won and collected his spade tricks, then shifted to the diamond five. Meanwhile, East held tightly to his K-8 of hearts, and the result was that South ended up with exactly two spade tricks, one heart, one diamond and three clubs — just one tantalizing trick short of the contract.

South overlooked an excellent chance. At the second trick he should have returned a heart for a finesse, so that he could use a club entry in dummy for another heart finesse. This would have given him the fulfilling trick.

## NINE HOMELESS

MONTREAL, (CP)—A family of nine was left homeless Tuesday when fire of unknown origin destroyed a two-story home at nearby Mackayville. No one was injured. Everett Ridley, his wife, Ruth, and seven children lost all but the clothes they wore.

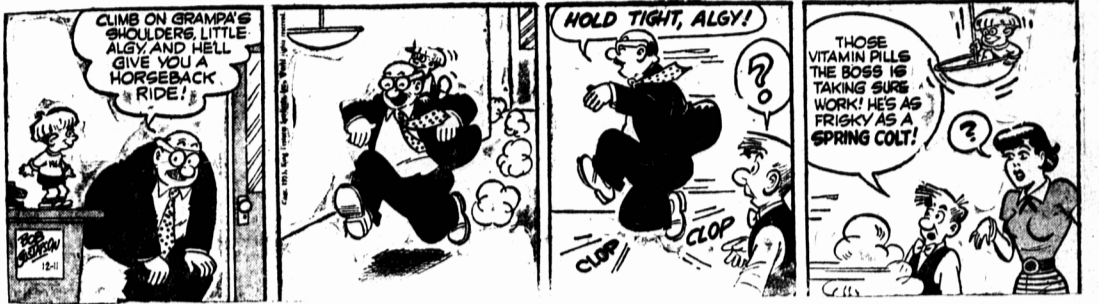
## Rudolph—and the Blue Nosed Reindeer

By Robert L. May



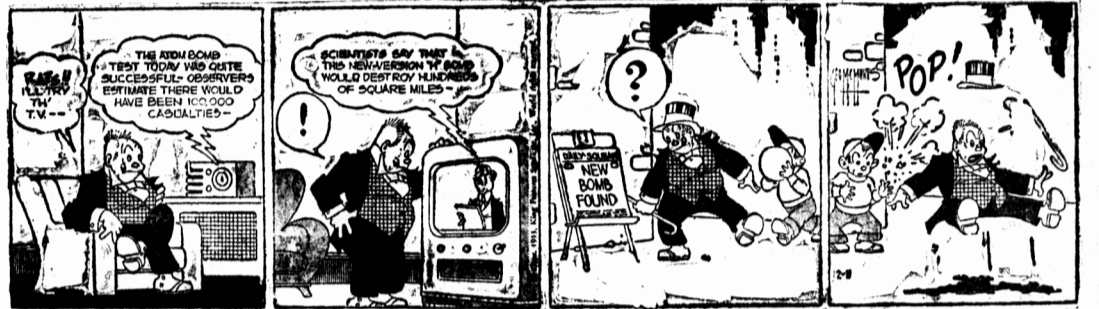
## Tilly The Toiler

By Bob Gustafson



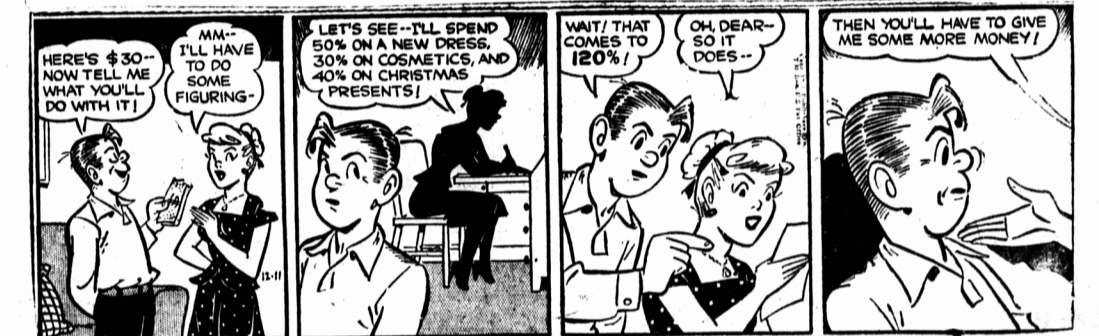
## Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



## Dotty Dripple

By Buford



## Tippy and "Cap" Stubs

By Edwina



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## Napoleon and Uncle Elby

By Clifford McBride



## RENNY

By Harry Haenigsen

