

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By Thornton W. Burgess

SAMMY JAY PLAYS A JOKE
In jokes to cause another fright, The would-be smart take keen delight.

—Peter Rabbit.
Peter Rabbit and Mrs. Peter.

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson
CLEAR CASE FOR THROW-IN
South lost his game contract in the hand below by overlooking the marked opportunity for a throw-in play.

West dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

♠ 854	♠ 93
♥ 62	♥ 5
♦ J43	♦ AKQ
♣ 9852	♣ 10875
	♣ 643

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The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass 2 4
Dble. Pass Pass Pass

It isn't often that a vulnerable player can afford to preempt against non-vulnerable opponents, but East acted correctly in doing just that, with his long diamonds and general defensive weakness.

West, opening against the four-heart contract, naturally selected his top diamond, and East continued the suit. As it happened, a shift to clubs at Trick 2 would have been a very good defensive idea, but it was difficult for East to know exactly what line the defense should take.

South ruffed the second diamond and laid down the ace and king of trumps. He was disappointed but not surprised when East showed out, and, seeing no reason to let West keep two trumps, South went ahead with the trump queen and then led the king of spades. West won, cashed the high trump and exited with a spade, and South eventually had to concede a club trick to West, for down one.

Under most circumstances South would have been right to cash his three top trumps, leaving West with only the master trump, but in this case that move was very wrong. Observing the vast difference in, after leading only two high trumps, South had a knocked out the spade ace. West would exit with a spade, but his safety would be short-lived, for South would cash his trump queen, then lead spades until West ruffed in. If West declined to ruff a spade, South would finally throw him in with the trump and force a club return up to the major tenace.

South's actual method of play gave West an easy and safe exit whereas the suggested method would have "locked him in." And if South wanted to make doubly sure of the end-play, he could ruff another diamond before throwing West on lead.

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tempted, and the temptation was more than he could resist. Sammy is quite clever in imitating some of his feathered neighbors. He is especially good at imitating the scream of Redtail the Hawk. He did this now. It was startling. Peter and Mrs. Peter seemed to almost jump out of their skins. That scream had sounded so near that they were sure Redtail was close at hand. Peter ran one way. Mrs. Peter ran another way. Then both dodged into the dear Old Briar-patch.

MARINE MEASURE

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were sitting just outside the dear Old Briar-patch. It was a lovely morning. Gentle Sister South Wind was blowing across the Green Meadows, and jolly, round, bright Mr. Sun was looking down from the blue, blue sky.

"Sweet Mistress Spring is surely here," said Peter.

"You seem to be very sure," said Mrs. Peter.

"I am," replied Peter. "All the signs point to it."

"I thought you didn't believe in signs," Mrs. Peter reminded him.

"My dear, there are signs and signs. There are some things that pretend to be signs, and other things that really are signs. The thing is to know which is which," said Peter.



"Sweet Mistress Spring is surely here," said Peter.

"And you think you know, do you?" asked Mrs. Peter. "I know that when I find flowers in bloom, and when the sap is running in the trees, and the buds are beginning to swell, and the ice has gone and the snow has gone, and the grass is coming up green, and Peep the Hyler is singing in the Smiling Pool, and Redwing the Blackbird is back singing in the evening, and Gentle Sister South Wind has taken the place of rough Brother North Wind, and a few other things I might mention, Mistress Spring must be here. It is good to be alive, isn't it?" concluded Peter.

Mrs. Peter agreed it was good to be alive. "But it always good to be alive," said she. "Even when things are hardest, it is still good to be alive."

"I hear that Redtail the Hawk and Mrs. Redtail were quite upset when they found that those big Owls, Hooty and Mrs. Hooty, had taken their old nest. It means they have got to build a new one. I hear they have already started one," said Peter, changing the subject or trying to.

"That must be another sign that Mistress Spring is here," said Mrs. Peter dryly.

Now, unseen by either of them, Sammy Jay had flown over from the Green Forest to the dear Old Briar-patch. He had come in from behind them, and had lighted in a small tree just behind Peter and Mrs. Peter. He had been near enough to hear what they were saying. He chuckled. It was an inside chuckle, the kind of a chuckle that can't be heard outside. Sammy Jay is full of mischief. He likes to tease others and to play jokes. For this reason some folks do not like Sammy. They remember only his mischief, and forget the many good things he has done. He has saved the lives of many of his neighbors by giving timely warning of danger he has discovered.

Looking down at the two Rabbits sitting side by side, Sammy was tempted. Yes, sir, he was

MORE VISITORS
OTTAWA (CP)—Highway traffic corresponding month last year. The bureau of statistics reported between Canada and the United States increased nine per cent during January compared with the corresponding month last year. The bureau reported that 728,500 vehicles crossed the border this year compared with 669,500 last year.

TONIGHT

The Prince of Wales Ensemble with pianists Patricia MacDonald and Gordon White; vocalists, Maicia Rogerson, Ian MacLean, Donald Wood; clarinetist, Alan MacKenzie.

Time: 8:30

Adults 75¢; Students 25¢

NOTICE

BRICKLAYERS - PLASTERERS
Regular meeting 3rd floor Co-op Building
Initiation of new members
MARCH 31—8 P. M.

ANNUAL MEETING Prince Edward Island Hospital

The adjourned Annual Meeting of the Prince Edward Island Hospital will be held in the classroom of the new nurses residence on Tuesday, April 12th, 1955 at 8:30 P. M. for the purpose of electing Trustees and reviewing the By-Laws of the Hospital.

Each member of the Prince Edward Island Hospital is entitled to one vote. A member is one who has paid \$1.00 for membership on or before March 31st, 1955 payable to either the Secretary or Hospital office.

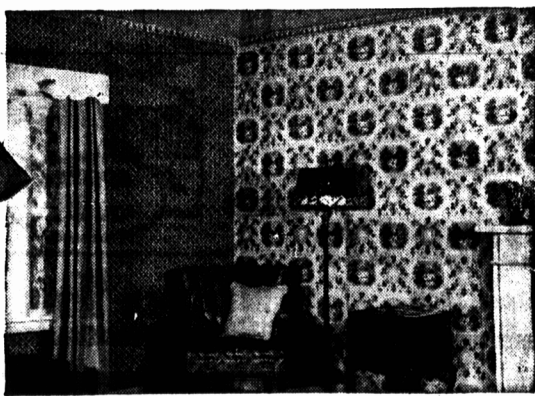
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Board of Trustees.

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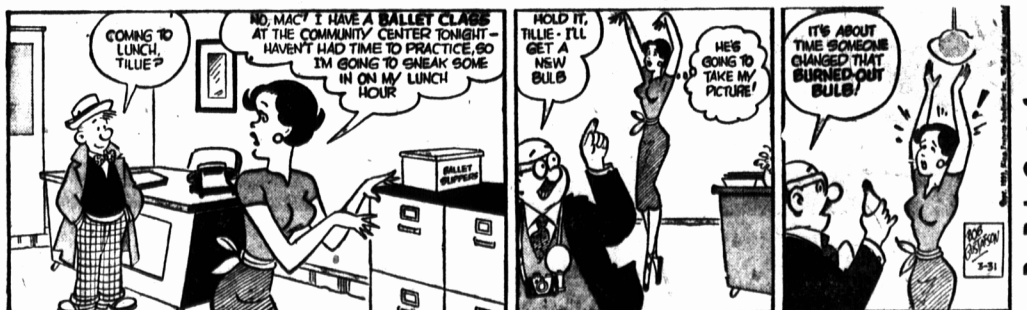
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