



By Thornton W. Burgess

PETER'S ESCAPE

The moment that is opportune you may not have repeated soon. —Old Mother Nature.

Peter Rabbit had done a lot of useless wishing, and useless wishing is foolish wishing. He had been trapped in the underground house of Prickly Porky the Porcupine over in the Green Forest. Hooty the big Owl that lives over there had chased him into that house. Peter hadn't known who lived there until he got inside. Then he had discovered that Prickly Porky was at home down in his bedroom. It was then that Peter had done some useless wishing. He wished that he had stayed at home in the dear Old Briar-patch, as he should

have done, and as Mrs. Peter so often tried to make him do. Peter knew that Hooty was waiting outside, and he knew that if Prickly Porky should take a notion to want to go out, he, Peter, would be in a dreadful fix. That very thing happened. It sharpened Peter's wits. He looked for a back hall and back door, and he found them. The back door was closed with dirt and leaves, because it had not been used for a long time. Hurriedly, Peter dug it open. He poked his head outside, looking carefully all around for Hooty the Owl. He caught a glimpse of Hooty flying back toward the lonesome place where Mrs. Hooty was sitting on eggs in their nest. Prickly Porky, grunting and whining, was shuffling toward a tree in which



He poked his head outside.

he would very likely stay for a day or two.

Peter took to his long heels and away he went lipperty lip, lipperty lip, lipperty lip. Now and then he rolled his eyes back so as to look behind him and see if he was being followed. He expected every minute to have Hooty the Owl after him. You see, he didn't know that Hooty the Owl was in trouble, that when Prickly Porky had come outside, Hooty had mistaken him for Peter, and before he had discovered his mistake had brushed one foot against Prickly Porky with the result that two of Prickly Porky's little spears had entered that foot, making it very sore.

"I'll never come over here again," thought Peter. "No sir. I'll never come over to this part of the Green Forest again. Anyway, I found out what I wanted to know." Peter was well on his way to the edge of the Green Forest when he met his big cousin, Jumper the Hare. Jumper was dressed all in white, as he always is in winter. "It is so!" cried Peter, as soon as he was near enough. "What is so?" asked Jumper. "Mrs. Hooty is sitting on eggs!" cried Peter. "I heard that some time ago," replied Jumper. "But you didn't know it was so," cried Peter, "you said so yourself." "No," agreed Jumper, "I didn't know it. What is more, I didn't care whether it is so or not."

Peter was a little disappointed. He dearly loves to carry news, and it was disappointing not to have cousin interested in that news. He didn't even ask how Peter had found out that it was true that Mrs. Hooty was really sitting on eggs. Of course, Peter had to tell him. "I saw Mrs. Hooty come back from a hunting trip and settle down on her nest the way all birds do when they have eggs under them," said Peter. "You were lucky that she didn't see you. If you had any sense at all, you would keep away from that part of the Green Forest as I do," replied Jumper. "I will from now on," said Peter. "Believe me, I never want to go over there again."

"But you will," replied Jumper. "You'll get curious about what's going on over there, and you'll go to see for yourself."

"No, I won't," said Peter. "I won't do anything of the kind." Peter really meant it when he said it but later when at last he was safely home in the dear old Briar-patch, he began to wonder how soon those eggs would hatch, and

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

A POOR PERFORMANCE

East's bidding in the following deal was bad from start to finish

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

♠ K 10 4 2 ♠ J 9 8 5 3 ♠ 7 6 2 ♠ 8 5 3 ♠ J 9 4 ♠ A K J 9 4 ♠ A 6 ♠ A Q 5 3 2

The bidding:

West North East South 1♠ Pass 1♠ 1♥ Pass Pass 1♠ 2♥ Dble. Pass Pass (1) Pass

East's first error was in responding to his partner's club opening with one diamond. Having equal length in the spade and diamond suits, East should have named the higher-ranking spades, so that he could bid diamonds in normal order. East's actual bidding, indicating a four-card spade suit, virtually ruled out the chance of landing at a spade contract, since West would not support East with only three spades in his hand.

East's second and far more costly mistake was in "standing" the double of two hearts. It is true that West's double itself was a spade optimistic, but surely he had the right to count on better cooperation from his partner. Presumably East had only four spades and so there was no sure "future" at that denomination for East-West; and if East had a weak hand with five diamonds, four spades, three clubs and only one heart, he could and should take out the double to three clubs. Then West could safely bid three diamonds.

It is obvious, however, that quite apart from his own faulty responding, East failed to appreciate the significance of the bidding around the table. Specifically he overlooked the significance of West's pass over one heart! It was inconceivable that West was making a trap pass, because, with South bidding only one heart, West could not reasonably expect the enemy to get up any higher. Thus, the pass over one heart must have meant simply that West too weak to bid, and if that was so, how could two hearts be beaten?

Perhaps it is anti-climactic to say that the doubled two-heart contract was not beaten! In fact, South made an extra trick.

how Mrs. Hooty would keep the babies warm on the cold days and nights that were sure to follow. Already he had forgotten the narrow escape he had had over there. The Great World is full of people like Peter.

KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED



JOE PALOOKA



HENRY



DOTTY DIPPLE



TIPPY AND "CAP" STUBS



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FARMERS' MEETING The annual meetings of Farmers Organizations will be held at the Legion Hall, Grafton Street, as follows: P. E. I. Sheep Breeders' Association—TUESDAY, MARCH 18th—1:30 P.M. P. E. I. Swine Breeders' Association—TUESDAY, MARCH 18th—7:30 P.M. P. E. I. Dairymen's Association—WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19th—Sessions 1:30 P. M. and 7:30 P.M. Central Farmers' Institutes—THURSDAY, MARCH 20th—1:30 P.M. Special General Meeting Federation of Agriculture—THURSDAY, MARCH 20th—7:30 P.M.

POGO comic strip panels with dialogue about American and European chickens.

Kew Koog comic strip panels with dialogue about a European power.

JOE PALOOKA comic strip panels with dialogue about a speech.

HENRY comic strip panels with dialogue about Elm Street.

DOTTY DIPPLE comic strip panels with dialogue about a double socket.

Napoleon and Uncle Elby comic strip panels with dialogue about a mackerel.

BRINGING UP FATHER comic strip panels with dialogue about a job.

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LIL' ABNER comic strip panels with dialogue about a candidate.

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