

Contract Bridge

By Josephine Culbertson

NO MEDALS FOR EAST-WEST

The defense in the following hand scarcely could have been weaker!

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

Q 10 9
A 7 5
K 10 9 4
J 10 9 4

K S 4
Q J 10
A K J 7
6 2

N
W
E
S

A 7 3
K 9 6
10
A K Q 7 5 2

The bidding:
East South West North
1♣ Dble Pass 1NT
Pass 3♣ Pass 4♣
Pass 5♣ Pass Pass

North was on the light track when he proposed the notrump contract, but he apparently became nervous about his apparently holding and decided to support South's clubs. As a result, South landed at an unsound five-club contract, whereas North would have been unbeatable at three trumps.

However, the defenders were kind, so the minor-suit contract turned out all right. West opened his top card in partner's bid suit — the diamond nine. East won with the jack, then laid down the diamond king. South ruffed, led a trump to dummy and ruffed away the last diamond, then drew the still-outstanding trump.

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES



By Thornton W. Burgess

THE PERFECT BACK DOOR

That which you do today may be the future's most important key. —Old Mother Nature.

Johnny Chuck was house building. Perhaps we should call it home building rather than house building. You see, Johnny's house is not a house built on the ground. He digs his home in the ground.

The first important thing in home building is choosing the

place where that home is to be, is choosing what is called the building site. The loveliest looking house in the world can be utterly spoiled by building it in the wrong place. Johnny Chuck seldom makes that mistake. He does some careful looking around before he starts a new home.

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So having dug his long hall with a bedroom at the end, Johnny was now outside looking around to see where a perfect back door could be made. He poked about among the bushes, looking here and looking there. Had you been there to see him, you might have thought he was looking for something to eat. He was hard to satisfy. Johnny believes in perfection. Anything less is not good enough. What a pity it is there are not more folks like Johnny Chuck.

Johnny found two or three places almost good enough. They might have been quite good enough for someone else, but were not for Johnny. So he kept on looking around. After awhile he found what he was looking for. It was a stump. At some time or other a tree had been cut there. On one side were

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two quite large spreading roots. They were spreading just enough and not too much. Growing close to them was a big fern that overhung them. If his back door could be opened between those roots, only the sharpest eyes looking for it could ever find it.

Johnny went back inside and began to dig. How did he know exactly where to dig? You will have to ask Johnny himself. That is one of his secrets. He was digging a branch hall. He dug that sand out into the main hall, and pushed it all the way up that long hall to his front door and out on the doorstep. It was work. Of course, it was hard work. Had that been Peter Rabbit's home he wouldn't even have considered doing all that work. He would have gone without a back door. But not Johnny Chuck! No, sir, not Johnny Chuck! He dug and dug. If there were roots in the way he cut them off. At long last, something happened. What do you think it was? He popped his head right outside, right between the two roots of that stump! He had his perfect back door. There was not even a grain of sand around it, as there would have been if he had started his digging from the outside.

For a while Johnny sat there with his head out between the two roots. The big fern hung over him. He pushed his way out at last. No one any bigger than he would be a little later could, possibly, squeeze between these two roots. He turned around and went back in. He wouldn't use that back door at all unless he had to. Then there would be no tell-tale footprints around it. Johnny sighed happily. "It's perfect," said he.

MT. MELLICK GIRLS' CLOTHING CLUB

The monthly social meeting of the "Busy Bees" was held on Saturday, May 24th, at the home of Elda and Elaine Boswall, with eight members and three visitors present.

The meeting opened by singing "The More We Get Together". Members answered roll call with "My favorite radio program." Supervised by the club leader, an hour's work on the samplers was completed.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. A concert was then conducted, and singing of "God Save The Queen" brought to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

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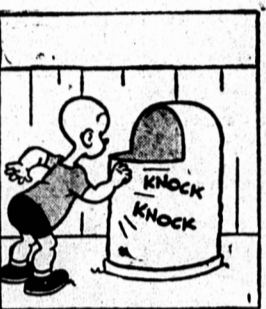
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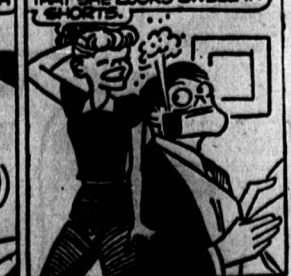
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